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Reno County Genealogical Society Programs—2013

6/17:	Frontier Kansas Cattle Towns Jim Grey, Ellsworth KS. KS Humanities Program
7/15:	"Research on the Plains" What I learned at the KCGS Annual Meeting Karen Burges
8/19:	Help / Problem Session & R&R
9/16:	"Ellis Island & Castle Garden, Refresher" & R&R Rita Lingg
10/21:	Show and Tell October Pot Luck Dinner at DeLos Smith Senior Center Celebrating Family Month, Show & Tell, Show us what you have been working on, discovered, received or created.
11/18:	"My One and Only Reno County Ancestor" Vivian Gobin
12/16:	No Meeting

PASSWORD PROBLEMS?

Technology Tips by Lisa Quinn

Computer Passwords while not strictly part of genealogical research are a reality that we must deal with when working with on-line services. It seems that daily we are asked to create a new password for access and rules that are required continually become more complex. How to keep them all straight is often a challenge. Here are some simple rules to help you create a unique password that is complex enough to make it acceptable and secure for most services but not so complex that you cannot remember it.

Basic rules”

Password should contain both upper and lower case letters and numbers.

Passwords should be at least 8 letters/numbers/symbols long.

Change the passwords from time to time.

Do not use the same password for all accounts.

To help remember your passwords, group them according to what they access. If you have several accounts for genealogical services, make them all similar, but do not make them like the passwords for your banking records. If someone figures out and hacks your Ancestry account, you don't want them to try the same number for your on-line banking.

Methods of making a good password:

Do **not** pick your name, family member, pet, city, favorite vacation spot or sports team etc.

Do substitute numbers for letters in a key word that will help you remember; 1 for I, 0 (zero) for O , 3 for E.

Don't limit your choices to words; you can use the first initials of a phrase to help you remember what it is.

Do start the password with a capital letter and end it with a symbol when you can; some systems have restrictions on which symbols can be used.

Do include foreign words.

Do join two words that do not go together but you can remember.

Examples:

T4224t!!! (Tea for two, two for tea)

Ad10\$ AmigO (Adios Amigo)

Chewing!Gum\$

Z1pcOde\$

Goldbarz#

Irv1ngGarb! (Author's name Irving and word from the title of one of his books)

Use your imagination on your choices, and like so many things, it will become second nature and help your data and access stay secure

(From *The Ark Valley Crossroads*, Vol. 22, No. 2, April 2011.)

GRAVE WEBSITES

by Karen Robertson

findagrave.com — was founded in 1995 by a man named Jim Tipton because of his interest in the graves of famous or notorious people. Now the site is used extensively by genealogists. You can search the database without registering but you must create a profile to add anything.

If you would like to create an online memorial for a family member, you can include photos and genealogical information, leave virtual flowers at the site, etc. The website includes many success stories of family members locating each other or long lost relatives through the information left on findagrave.

billiongraves.com — If you want to contribute to this site, at this time it only supports taking photos of graves and uploading them with GPS-enabled Smartphones not computers.

gravelocator.cem.va.gov — gives grave locations for US veterans and their family members in national and state veterans' cemeteries and in private cemeteries when the grave is marked with a government grave marker.

(editor's comment: I entered my husband's name and I did find his full name, service rank, birth and death dates, name of cemetery, location of cemetery and phone number for, I presume, the funeral home, but it could be the sexton's phone number).

Other sites are interment.net which seems to include entries from more international cemeteries, and namesinstone.com. and of course, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch and other genealogy sites include cemetery information.

Give these sites a try— you might stumble onto much more than a gravestone photo.

DIGITIZED BOOKS ARE VALUABLE ONLINE RESOURCE

A little known resource for genealogists is the more than 40,000 digitized genealogy and family history books that are available free of charge on *Familysearch.org*. The books are from seven important family history libraries and every word in every book is searchable.

You can perform a search at

<http://books.familysearch.org> or click on the links to the individual libraries themselves. They are Allen County (Indiana) Public Library, Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library, Church History Library, Family History Library, Houston Public Library's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical research, and the Mid-Continent Public Library's Midwest Genealogy Center.

The materials in the collections include family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines, how-to-books, gazetteers, medieval histories and pedigrees. Not all the books in all libraries have been digitized just yet. It is an on-going effort. If you don't find what you want to search today, come back in a few months and try again. The book you seek may have been added by that time. Using the Advanced Search will usually result in "hits" that are closer to your exact area(s) of interest.

Editor's Note:**DEATH OF RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CHARTER MEMBER**

Doris Dale died Tuesday, March 12, 2013. She was born August 17, 1929, in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. Her parents were Ernest Olen and Lena Mae Harvey Raymond. She married Ira Lee Dale, August 21, 1947, in Hutchinson. He died July 4, 2004, in Hutchinson.

She was a charter member of the Countryside Baptist Church and the Reno County Genealogical Society. Doris was instrumental in opening the Family History Center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a librarian at the Family History Center, she encouraged many family historians by assisting in their family research.

Doris will be missed by many genealogists in Reno County and the surrounding areas.

LENORA JEAN "JEANNIE" MOORE

Lenora was born on August 6, 1941 in Newton, KS, the daughter of Frederick Amos and Martha Lucille Zamowski Shultz and passed away on Monday, May 27, 2013.

Jeannie graduated from Mount Carmel in 1959. On June 10, 1967 she married Jay Leon Moore in Newton, KS. She was a resident of Hutchinson, Kansas at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband Jay of Hutchinson; two sons, Sean Moore and wife, Michele of Carbondale, Kan., Mark Moore of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren, Patrick, Katherine, Matthew, Stephen, Thomas and Daniel Moore, all of Carbondale, Kan., and Faith Moore of Hutchinson, Kan. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Betty Miller; and two brothers, Vernon and Jim Shultz.

Burial will be 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Newton, KS.

Jeannie accompanied Gale Wall, Dwayne and Vivian Gobin and her husband, Jay when many of the cemetery signs were installed at Reno County cemeteries.

**TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS
WE APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENDANCE
AT OUR MEETINGS**

WELCOME

Chronological History of Reno County for 1885 From News Files

(The following history of Reno County for the year 1885 was prepared from News filed by Ed M. Moore)

JANUARY

Jan. 1. The ladies of Hutchinson society held open house for their gentlemen friends.

Jan. 2. There had been three or four small fires and The News was calling attention of Its readers to the need of fire protection. Fire, Insurance rates had been raised fifteen percent.

Jan. 5. George P. Stitt, late of El Paso, Ill. was the bookkeeper at Woodnut & Thomas lumber yard.

Jan. 8. Fletcher Meridith (sic) purchased The Interior and in the future published the two papers as one with the hyphenated head Interior-Herald. the politics of the paper was to be Prohibition Republican and any time a candidate for office on the Republican ticket was not a prohibitionist and his Democratic opponent was Meridith was for the Democrat.

Jan. 8. Sims Ely and Jas. Caskey were again publishers of the Democrat.

Jan. 13. the following officers were elected by the stockholders of the Hutchinson National Bank: President, W. E. Burns; Vice President, George Hardy; Cashier, J. F. Greenlee; Directors, C. B. Winslow, Thos. Anderson, Frank Vincent, W. E. Burns, G. W. Hardy, Geo. C. Updegraff, F. R. Chrisman, S. B. Zimmerman and Geo. T. Empey.

Jan. 16. Walter Payne was elected principal of the Nickerson schools.

Jan. 17. Six of our citizens were hold up at the point of a gun. Those were the first cases of this kind that had happened in Hutchinson

Jan. 19. Dr. Brown, late of Kentucky, had opened an office in Hutchinson.

Jan. 26. A. B. Caldwell introduced a bill in the legislature dividing Reno county. the west half of the County to be called Martin county. Mr. Caldwell let it be known that he would not push the bill if the majority of the people in the west part of the county did not want the division. Mr. Caldwell, after hearing from the people living in the west side of Reno on Feb. 18th

withdrew the bill.

Jan. 29. Mrs. Jennie B. Switzer, wife of County Commissioner A. M. Switzer died at her home in Lincoln township.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2. Mrs. Dora Richardson returned from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she had been attending the Conservatory of Music.

Feb. 3. Reno township election was a three cornered fight for trustee. S. A. Atwood was the successful candidate beating Messers Shafer and Williams.

Feb. 14 (sic). Easley in The News was building another railroad. This time the Leavenworth, Topeka and Mexican railroad. Gen. T. T. Taylor was one of the directors.

Feb. 9. H. P. Myton, register of the Garden City land office, married Miss May Evans, a popular young lady of Hutchinson.

Feb. 12. Miss Bianca Richardson and Frank St. John were married by Rev. D. M. Stewart of the Presbyterian church.

Feb. 17. A bill was introduced in the legislature to allow Reno county to issue \$50,000 in bonds to build a bridge over the Arkansas at Hutchinson, and to take up the Medford, Hayes and Enterprise township bond that had been issued to build the bridge at Nickerson.

Feb. 26. the governor refused to sign the \$50,000 bond bill for Reno county bridges and a substitute bill was introduced authorizing \$15,000 for the Hutchinson bridge.

MARCH

Mar. 3. The following gentlemen were made directors of The Arkansas Valley Fair Association: J. B. Brown, Henry Hartford, J. T. Ewing, A. L. Forsha, S. W. Campbell, E. C. Marks, Wm. Brown, Robert Stewart, W. A. Walkins, Wm. Astle, Joseph Hughes and Zeno Tharp. Fred Forsha was elected secretary.

Mar. 11. A colony of 100 Dunkards arrived and purchased farms in Reno county.

Mar. 19. The citizens of Hutchinson led by the News started work to secure the state reformatory.

Mar. 22. Mrs. Maria Oswald, wife of Anthony Oswald, died at her residence on East Sherman street. funeral was held at the Methodist church of which she was a member and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Steward of the Presbyterian church.

Mar. 24. For the first time in ten yers the Reno House changed hands, N. Woodell being the new proprietor.

Mar. 25. The sugar mill had closed down again. Mr. Converse, the manager, claimed that when it started again a starch factory would be added to the sugar mill.

Mar. 25. Miss Marietta Shafer and Frank Candy of Grant township were married by Rev. Mize of Hutchinson.

Mar. 31. A committee was appointed with H. Raff as chairman to secure for Hutchinson the south Kansas Methodist college. Mr. Raff reported that three men agreed to give \$3,000 and none of them were members of any church, and it was the opinion if the members of the church here would do as well Hutchinson could capture the college.

Mar. 31. Miss Frances M. Teter was married to G. T. Pate, a leading farmer of Grant township, by Rev. Mead.

APRIL

April 4. The Hutchinson National Bank moved into its new bank building on the corner of First and Main.

April 4. There were two tickets at the spring election, The Prohibition and the Progressive. The Progressive ticket was successful. S. W. Campbell was elected mayor over Dr. Robertson by a vote of 394 to 246. El Wilcox, L. A. Bigger, J. M. Mulltey, Robert Lacy and Dr. McKee were elected councilmen and George Barclay, police judge.

April 11. A new brass band had been organized with Marion Watson, late of Indiana, as leader.

April 13. The new city council made the following appointments: Geo. Hern, marshal; E. L Meyer, treasurer; J. P. Dillon, clerk; W. E. Hutchinson, attorney; T. F. Eaton, weigher.

April 20. A terrible wind and rain storm in western Reno county, Rice and Kingman. Reno escaped with nothing but the rain but wind did big damage in the other two counties, several buildings being demolished at Sterling.

April 20. The following citizens appeared before the city council and asked for a franchise for a street railway in Hutchinson: W. E. Burns, E. B. Wilcox, J. S. May, G. V. Rickseeker, F. H. Carpenter, J. F. Vincent and N. I. Heard.

April 28. The bonds to build an iron bridge over the Arkansas River at Hutchinson carried by a majority of 483, all the county precincts voting against the bonds except Reno township, which voted 736 for and nothing against.

MAY

May 1. The jury in the case of A. J. Higley vs. R. M Easley for libel and damages returned a verdict in favor of Easley.

May 10. The new Christian church on North Main street was dedicated.

May 10. A man named R. L. Steward of Wichita was killed while trying to break into John Shuhan's (sic) store.

May 12. The First National bank in its statement showed deposits of over \$125,000 and the new bank, The Hutchinson National, over \$50,000. Reno county was not so por even in this day and date.

May 15. The Arlington enterprise made its appearance. It was published by Eaton and Warner.

May 20. The county commissioners let the contract for the new iron bridge over the Arkansas. It was to cost \$24,000.

May 21. The committee to locate the state reformatory was composed of J. E. Bonebrake, Ed. Smith and John Severence. Besides Hutchinson the following towns were asking for the state institution: Concordia, Beloit, Salina, Manhattan, McPherson, Newton, Halstead, Nickerson, Great Bend, Wellington and Wichita. Hutchinson was selected.

May 23. A. McInturff secured a verdict against the Hutchinson National bank of \$800 damages for being deprived of his lease by the building of the new bank building;

May 26. Reno Commandery No. 26 Knights Templar Masons was constituted, Right E. Sir Knight Samuel Saylor, of Newton, being present as representative of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

May 29. The graduating exercises of the Hutchinson high school was held at the opera house. In the graduating class were the Misses May, Jones, Puterbaugh, Hill, Burlingame, McFarland and Charles Oswald. Joe Jacobs belonged to the class but failed to appear at the closing exercises. At the north side grade school the closing exercises put on a novel stunt and instead of a member of the school board or teacher acting in the capacity of chairman it was turned over to one of the scholars and Master Roy Campbell filled the bill like a veteran.

May 30. Decoration Day was observed. Commander Sidlinger resided and Rep. T. S. Hodson of Wichita made the address. The music was furnished by the Ringold Band led by Marion Watson.

JUNE

June 1. F. F. Prigg opened a saw office in Hutchinson. Prigg and Swain was the way the new law firm read.

June 2. Leigh and Taylor was the name of a new job printing firm. It was composed of O. K. Leigh and Miles Taylor.

June 12. J. R. Price the railway contractor had moved from Topeka to Hutchinson.

June 16. Miss May Williamson and George Hill were married by Rev. Stewart of the Presbyterian church.

June 17. Dr. C. Klippel, a graduate of Rush Medical College had located in Hutchinson.

June 22. Sims Ely sold the Democrat to John Blackburn. this sale virtually settled the matter as to who President Cleveland would appoint as postmaster in Hutchinson as Sims withdrew his application for the office.

SYLVIA SUN

The Sylvania Sun, March 13, 1919

FLU STOPPED EVERYTHING AGAIN

In the early part of last week several new cases of flu broke out and every day many new cases were reported until Friday morning there were perhaps seventy-five cases in all in and around Sylvania. The health officer then notified the City Council that the closing order should be made effective at once. Action was taken immediately and the schools, churches, lodges and all other public places ordered closed.

Dr. W. H. Bauer, one of our physicians, is a victim of the disease this time. He was taken sick last Saturday morning. All of the cases up to the present time do not seem to be quite as serious as last fall, at least there have been no serious developments as yet, and we are hoping that the patients will soon recover from the attacks of the disease. It is a difficult matter to enumerate all the persons who have the flu at this time.

CLOSING BAN TO BE LIFTED

The Sylvania Sun, March 27, 1919

The Sun is authorized to make the announcement that the closing ban on account of the flu will be lifted at 12 o'clock Saturday night, March 29th, unless new developments should occur. At this writing (Wednesday) conditions are improving rapidly and it is thought that there will be no further danger.

Therefore, unless there is a notice given to the contrary the churches may open for services next Sunday and school will open Monday.

Blogging – Gale Wall, advice and information on creating a Blog

Gale demonstrated online how to create a blog. She gave us hints on what to do and not to do. Gale has several blogs all using Google Blogspot. This is a free way to have a blog. With many templates to use to get you started.

Just goggle "Create a blog". To create a blog, you will have to have an account (Gmail with Google, you do not have to use it as your normal e-mail), it is free, of course. Blogspot makes it easy to create a blog.

You can have as many blogs as you wish, but, remember

you will have to write on them to keep them fresh. So create only what you have time for. If your blog is of genealogical nature, publicize it at Geneabloggers, (use the "Suggest A Blog" link to request that yours be added). <http://geneabloggers.com>.

Need ideas on what to post? Biographies, Photographs: of people and family items, Documents, Timelines.

Or, use a daily prompt from the list at Geneabloggers.

Want to see if there is already a blog out there with your interest. Go to Geneabloggers and use the "Search Blogs".

Follow up news!!

Congratulations to Gale. Just a couple days after the program, she received her issue of Family Tree Magazine that named her blog, *Digital Cemetery Walk*, one of the top 40 best genealogy blogs for 2013!!

This is the second time that she has received this honor. Our society is very proud of her hard work.

Reno County Genealogical Society Program – April 15, 2013

SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR

1863

This is the sesquicentennial year of the:

Civil War

Homestead Act

The Transcontinental Railroad was at the height of its construction and the U. S. Congress was trying to pay for a railroad while financing this huge Civil War.

President Lincoln signed a bill establishing the standard gauge for Railroad trackage at 4'8 1/2" and this has been the established width of all railroad tracks since then.

Courtesy of the Harper County Connections, Vol. XIX, Issue No. 1.

WEIGHER

On page 28, April 13, in a listing of council members there is a mention of T. F. Eaton, weigher. Does anyone know what a weigher is?

Rural School Clerks of Reno County--1919

District # Name of Clerk Post Office

2 R. W. Brown Hutchinson

3 L. A. Pennington Hutchinson

5 H. D. Fossey Nickerson

6 M. E. Sabin Burrton

7 W. M. Tucker Arlington

8 E. W. Oyer Sterling

10 Spencer Graham Burrton

11 Mrs. Carrie Miller Burrton

12 Charles Horbaker Castleton

13 M. R. Skelton Hutchinson

14 John Kolhoff Hutchinson

16 Peter P Goering Pretty Prairie

17 C. E. V. Coleman Hutchinson

18 Blaine Hill Hutchinson

19 William Hedges Hutchinson

20 D. M. Yoder Haven

21 G. S. Bishop Haven

22 A. H. Epperson Hutchinson

23 J. E. Houck Hutchinson

26 R. S. Schrock Hutchinson

27 John Herriman Abbyville

28 J. O. Dix Darlow

29 K. L. Matlack Burrton

30 W. N. DeWater Hutchinson

31 J. G. O'Leary Pretty Prairie

32 H. G. Johnston Haven

33 J. M. Davies Hutchinson

34 S. A. Marteney Hutchinson

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| 36 J. W. Adams Nickerson | 69 Betnon Anderson Partridge |
| 37 P. A. Dick Mt. Hope | 71 W. J. Frederick Castleton |
| 38 Bernard Koestel Partridge | 72 E. A. Showalter Sylvia |
| 39 W. A. Nickel Buhler | 73 Mrs. Florence Lowe Turon |
| 40 Mrs. W. G. Shuyler Plevna | 74 J. W. Smith Haven |
| 41 Charles L. Dixon Hutchinson | 75 S. J. Stucky Pretty Prairie |
| 42 W. S. Williams Partridge | 77 George H. White Castleton |
| 43 L. M. Norris Abbyville | 78 N. Thimmesch Mt. Hope |
| 44 J. W. Lewis Darlow | 79 J. E. Mock Arlington |
| 45 C. L. Anderson Medora | 80 C. C. Thrasher Arlington |
| 46 William Rhoades Darlow | 81 J. J. Boyd Pretty Prairie |
| 48 J. H. Ijams Hutchinson | 82 Amos Stucky Pretty Prairie |
| 49 C. C. Trostle Nickerson | 83 W. C. Cranston Langdon |
| 50 W. G. Seck Hutchinson | 84 Mrs. J. L. Caldwell Plevna |
| 51 Mrs. Blanche Snodgrass Nickerson | 86 Mrs. Lillie Beadman Arlington |
| 52 L. A. Callais Haven | 87 W. G. Stevens Pretty Prairie |
| 53 O. W. Layman Arlington | 88 H. J. Albright Pretty Prairie |
| 55 Mrs. J. H. Dierks Haven | 89 John Gatlin Cheney |
| 56 W. W. Ellinger Abbyville | 90 Virgil Slifer Nickerson |
| 57 Claude Greer Langton | 91 O. V. Nafziger Abbyville |
| 58 W. A. Anderson Abbyville | 92 Mrs. J. D. Meador Plevna |
| 59 J. M. Brooks Arlington | 93 V. P. Lee Langdon |
| 61 C. L. Huxman Partridge | 94 Mrs. Ella Cooper Hutchinson |
| 62 C. A. Henry Langdon | 95 H. W. Foster Penalosa |
| 63 Henry Nuest Abbyville | 96 John Robinson Haven |
| 64 D. T. Ediger Buhler | 97 G. V. Wilson Hutchinson |
| 65 G. E. French Hutchinson | 98 Mrs. Maude Ray Kingman |
| 66 A. A. Brown Pretty Prairie | 99 Mrs. Lucy B. Mitchell Arlington |
| 67 W. J. Miller Partridge | 100 W. H. Amerine Turon |
| 68 J. C. Duncan Penalosa | 101 Mrs. Alma Ringer Nickerson |

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| 102 Charles G. Austin Sylvia | 137 J. O. Brazeal Abbyville |
| 103 E. P. Yust Sylvia | 138 M. J. Reynolds Partridge |
| 104 John E. Miller Partridge | 139 Harvey Hiatt Haven |
| 105 Ezra Cundith Sterling | 140 Mrs. Etta Harding Cheney |
| 106 Jesse Seedle Burrton | 141 W. I. Macklin Burrton |
| 107 J. C. Kuhns Arlington | 142 Anna Carlile Turon |
| 109 Fred Astle Haven | 143 R. French Partridge |
| 110 Mrs. B. F. Linder Sylvia | 144 W. F. Williams Yoder |
| 111 C. L. Cooper Nickerson | 145 Mrs. Hazel Brownlee Sylvia |
| 112 Edward F. Drake Sterling | 146 Mrs. Fred Moser Langdon |
| 113 Joseph Fliginger Sterling | 147 E. F. Mohs Pretty Prairie |
| 114 J. S. Gardner Arlington | 148 H. B. Lyman Darlow |
| 115 W. A. Curnutt Plevna | 149 Russell Hibbs Pretty Prairie |
| 116 G. E. Blasdel Sylvia | 150 F. H. Letkeman Buhler |
| 117 F. O. Bunyan Turon | 151 P. G. Martens Buhler |
| 118 C. W. Learned Sylvia | 152 F. H. Robertson Hutchinson |
| 119 E. H. Tope Turon | 153 Orville McVay Sterling |
| 120 E. F. Danford Hutchinson | 154 J. M. Williamson Abbyville |
| 121 Jonas A. Stucky Pretty Prairie | 155 J. Del Davis Langdon |
| 122 Charles W. McGonigle Abbyville | 156 George Nicholson Castleton |
| 126 Mrs. Agnes Withroder Plevna | 157 Joe Clark Arlington |
| 127 E. D. Glathart Hutchinson | 158 G. M. Dillard Langdon |
| 128 U. G. Helm Sylvia | 159 J. I. Horton Arlington |
| 129 M. L. Haston Raymond | 160 A. D. Dirks Buhler |
| 130 Mrs. Ella Havercroft Plevna | |
| 131 C. H. Abbott Sylvia | |
| 132 M. J. Jessue Sylvia | |
| 133 H. T. Ratzlaff Buhler | |
| 134 Clay Murphy Penalosa | |
| 135 C. A. Haddock Burrton | |
| 136 W. L. Lancaster Hutchinson | |

Genealogy Poem

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.

He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.

He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.

He avoided any man who can to take the census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.

And every twenty years or so, this rascal changed his name.

His parents came from Europe. They could be on some list

Of passengers to the USA, but somehow they got missed.

And no one else anywhere is searching for this man
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.

I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed

But the weather took engraving and some vandal took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records,

No family bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.

To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,

Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl names Jones.

by Merrell Kenworthy

FAMILY STORY

Do you have a family story that you would share with the readers of *The Sunflower*? Did one of your ancestors serve in the military? Does he have a story to tell that should be recorded?

Let Robert and Barbara Bowman know what you have by writing to them in care of the Reno County Genealogical Society.

Sterling Man recalls an Earlier Spring Back in '78

This spring is early (1885). But there have been earlier. I. Gardner, of Sterling, recalls that on Easter Sunday, 1878, he pulled a head of wheat on the Eve Baird place, on Peach Creek, in northwestern Reno county. "We cut wheat that year in May", he said. "the corn was almost big enough to plow on Easter Sunday." (plow?)

Two Hutchinson golfers to Enter Driving Contest

Two and possibly more Hutchinson golfers will compete in the golf ball driving contest to be held at Lawrence next Saturday in connection with the annual Kansas University relays.

They are Emerson "June" Carey, runner up in the state tournament last year, and Rosa Wilson, Carey Lake professional. Both are crack golfers and long distance drivers.

Several other Hutchinson golfers may enter the driving contest which is being held in conjunction with the relays. It is to be staged in front of the stadium. the drives will be measured from the point where the ball strikes the turf.

FORMER PEACE OFFICER HERE FROM THE WEST

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Duckworth, of Los Angeles, arrived here yesterday to visit friend and relatives for a couple of weeks. Both are former Hutchinson residents.

Mr. Duckworth formerly served as sheriff and chief of police here. They were accompanied by two of Mr. Duckworth's sisters, Mrs. Eva Fendley and Mrs. George Tedrick, both of Anaheim, Cal.

Honor Hutchinson Boy

F. L. Schooley of Hutchinson has been elected as one of four student members of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association at Kansas State college.

Fairview Cemetery

Albion Township, Reno County, Kansas

The historical account of this cemetery was recorded in the cemetery book of the RCGS. In the early days a school was located on this land. A family traveling by covered wagon stopped and asked for help because their daughter had died. The school teacher dismissed school and sent for a minister. A funeral was held and the child buried in the corner of the school yard. No marked grave is found for this child. In 1884 W. S. Clark deeded 1 1/2 acres for burial purposes. The land legal description is the SE corner of SE 1/4 of section 19-26-6. The cemetery was neglected and overgrown with prairie grass at the time of my visit.

Rolman, Spencer 5/15/1828 - 5/1/1883

Civil War Veteran - Co D 120 Illinois Infantry Regiment.

Rolman, William S. J. 3/23/1856 - 11/22/1875

Son of Spencer and Mary A. Rolman

Tarrant, Asa B. 10/17/1818 - 10/14/1891

Asa was born on 17 Oct 1818 in Kentucky. See picture.



Tarrant, Mary Ann 4/29/1824 - 9/7/1879

Mary Ann Robertson married Asa on 6/11/1840 in White County, Illinois.

See picture



Unknown broken stone

Wilson, Elizabeth Died 12/18/1875 - 60 y, 7 m & 15 d

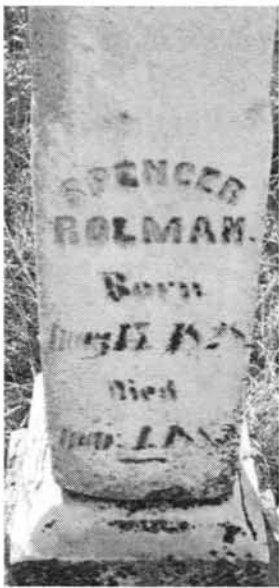
Born: 5/3/1815 Died: 12/18/1875

Wife of Samuel Philiman Wilson; died: 11/18/1863 in Hamilton County, Illinois

Wilson, Ica 2/3/1883 - 3/17/1883

Ica's parents are Lewis Riley Wilson and Livona Tarrant. Lewis is the son of Elizabeth Douglas Wilson buried at Fairview. Livona is the daughter of Asa B. and Mary Ann Tarrant buried at Fairview. Lewis & Livona married 10/22/1877 in Galesburg, Kingman County, Kansas and died in Greensburg, Kiowa County, Kansas.

Photos provided by Jackie Wilson Goddard



Rolman, Spencer

Rolman William S. J.

Tarrant, Asa & Mary Ann



Wilson, Elizabeth

Unknown

Wilson, Ica

In the archived cemetery corrections I found a typed note from "Elmer Zerger" regarding this cemetery. It listed this burial not found in the cemetery book or with a marked grave:

Anna Rea _____

5/3/1885 - 8/21/1886

The note stated that at one time there was a school and church located here and Mrs. Sam Demoret taught school there. [Is this Ella Collingwood?] There were some unmarked graves and some of the headstones had been turned over. The 1902 plat map of Reno County has the cemetery marked but no school or church. Does anyone have any additional information on this?

Photos on by Gale Wall

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21-24 August 2013
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Home of the Allen County Public Library, the second largest genealogical library in the world, Fort Wayne will be the host city for this annual conference. "Journey through Generations" will focus on the Midwest but will also have tracks for ethnic research, technology, and many unusual record sources. There is a pre-conference day for librarians and a day for those who are involved with the inner workings of genealogical societies. Of course, there will be a large vendor area with many books, CDs, and other materials available. The convention center in Fort Wayne is directly across the street from the library, which will have extended hours for conference attendees.

Go to the conference website at <https://www.fgsconference.org>, where you can download the program, register, and find out about travel, lodging. Fort Wayne is a small city, easy to access from many places, and the FGS conference is always an exciting event.

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St. Louis Genealogical Society *News 'n Notes*. March 2013

Grandpa's Homemade Lye Soap

—Not recommended for 21st century use—

32 pounds lard

16 quarts soft water (use rain water)

8 cans lye

For cooking outside in a large iron kettle—Start by building a fire. Combine all ingredients and then boil 2 hours. Then add one more gallon of water. Stir and remove kettle from fire and pour mixture into molds.

Lye soap was not just for bathing. Here are some other early day uses:

--Laundry soap--It made white clothes whiter.

--Used to cure acne, eczema, psoriasis, poison ivy, bug bites, athlete's foot, and sunburn

--Shampoo—It made your hair shine and eliminated dandruff.

--Killed head lice

--Killed fleas on dogs and cats

--Used as a lubricant to keep hinges from squeaking

--Made good catfish bait

--Rubbed on the bottoms of drawers, it made them easier to pull open.

--Placed into an old sock and hung up, it kept bugs, spiders, snakes and roaches away from the house.

--Used the scrapings from the iron kettle to spread around the house to keep away ants and termites

--Used as a degreaser on farm equipment

--Conditioned leather

--Removed carpet stains

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A webinar is an on-line event, hosted by an individual or organization, designed to share knowledge on a particular topic.

Webinars are typically free (some do cost money), and last between an hour and two hours.

Webinars are easy to find, and easy to enroll! There are several ways to find webinars:

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2. Check the homepage of your favorite genealogical society. For example, the Illinois State Genealogical Society hosts a monthly free webinar and nationally known speakers.
3. Visit the geneawebinars blog for a comprehensive calendar of upcoming events. <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>
4. Join a subscription service such as Legacy Family Tree's new yearly service. For \$49/yr, you'll get unlimited access to a large archive of webinars (new webinars are still free until archived).

Thomas MacEntee has written a great article called "How To Attend A Genealogy Webinar."

<http://www.archives.com/experts/macentee-thomas/how-to-attend-a-genealogy-webinar.html>

What Equipment Do I Need?

To participate in a webinar, all you need is a computer, tablet, or smartphone with internet connection, speakers or headphones, and a willingness to learn something new!

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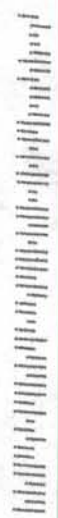
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