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

WHAT DOES THE JUDGE LOOK FOR AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR COMPETITION?

By Keith Burgess

First, read the rules! Again, READ THE RULES!!

The most common mistake is entering your genealogy in the wrong class.

A genealogy in a ring binder is **NOT** a published genealogy. The published genealogy would be printed by a professional and bound using a standard binding or even the spiral-type binding, again, **NOT** a three-ring binder. The unpublished could be exhibited in a three-ring binder or such but would not qualify for the published category.

The line farthest back in time is calculated only to the point that the fact or data has been documented. IF your documentation goes back into Europe and in a foreign language, the fact is considered to the point where it can be verified (such as a date). A translation from the original language into English would help to advance the date back. Both must be shown in the document on the same page of the genealogy for comparison.

Some things to consider:

Other than census and other official records, the information found on Ancestry.com should NOT be considered as factual. These should be considered a starting point to verify the documentation.

Even with the Family History Center, consider the data as a starting point. Verify the original document, get a copy and use as primary documentation. They do have data that is incorrect! **VERIFY!!**

Differentiate from family legion-lore and that of fact. "Aunt Tilly said," is not a fact, it is lore. IF it can't be documented and verified, it is probably lore or family legion.

Hopefully this has given you an insight into what the judge is looking for.

Good Luck and make the judge earn his pay! Enter a genealogy in the Kansas State Fair!!

Editor's note: Keith mentioned at a recent meeting that a newspaper citation should include the name of the newspaper, city of publication, date published, page number, & column number of the cited article.

KANSAS STATE FAIR AWARD

FINE ARTS – GENEALOGY

Remember that the Kansas State Fair has a class for genealogy in the Fine Arts Division. **The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies and The Reno County Genealogical Society** are sponsoring awards this year. It is not too late to prepare YOUR entry for this year's fair.

Listed below are the guidelines for judging and the categories. Each year there are more entries. Will yours be one of them?

Entry forms must be received at the State Fair Administration Office by August 15, 2005. They can be obtained by writing to the Kansas State Fair Administration Office, 2000 North Popular, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

Entries can be brought to the State Fair, Monday, September 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, September 2, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Entries may be mailed to the State Fair (above address) to arrive by Tuesday, September 6. No late entries will be accepted.

Criteria:

1. Evaluation of entry will include organization of material, sequence, bibliography, documentation, explanation of numbering system, etc.
2. Facts must be primary documentation done by exhibitor. Entries NOT documented will not be considered for placing. Class #887 will only be considered back as far as documented.
3. Photos, maps and other special items MAY BE included to add interest.
4. Appropriate "distinction" between fact and family tradition of hearsay must be noted.

Classes:

885 Genealogy – unpublished

886 Genealogy Published (bound Book)

887 Genealogy farthest back in time on any bloodline. The specific line must be indicated

888 Computer Generated Narrative (include family group sheets)

889 Junior Division Genealogy – unpublished

\$7.00; \$5.00; Ribbon

\$7.00; \$5.00; Ribbon

\$7.00; \$5.00; Ribbon

\$7.00; \$5.00; Ribbon

\$35.00; \$5.00; Ribbon

Junior Division Entrant must be under 19 years of age as of September 1 of this year

890 Best Documented Genealogy Exhibit of ALL ENTRIES \$25.00 and Rosette

The \$35.00 first prize award in the Junior Division Genealogy – unpublished class includes a \$25.00 cash award from The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc.

The Reno County Genealogical Society is sponsoring the \$25.00 cash award to the entry that exhibits the best documentation.

The following is an article that appeared in *The Hutchinson News*, Hutchinson, Kansas, Wednesday, May 7, 2014, Page 1, Columns 1, 2, 3, 4 & Page A11, Columns 5 & 6.

Rexroad: Relentless

He's recalled as Hutch historian, family devotee. Father, author, and a man of zeal when it came to genealogy dies at 81 following accident.

By **Kathy Hanks** *The Hutchinson News*
khanks@hutchnews.com

Family ties are everything in William Rexroad family.

So much so, when the 81-year old historian and genealogist was critically injured Monday night in a one-vehicle crash north of Hutchinson, his four adult children who live across Kansas and Colorado rushed through the night to be with him.

Three of them made it before he died at Wichita's Via Christi Regional Medical Center at St. Francis.

Many in the community knew Rexroad as an avid historian, genealogist and author. Over the years, Rexroad's passion for both family history and the history of Hutchinson grew. He didn't just do the research, but traveled with family members to Pendleton County, W. Va., where the first Rexroad in America eked out an existence, to dig ever deeper into their past.

He taught his family, "Where you come from is important," said his son, Gary Rexroad.

He was a father who put passion into the things he cared about, Gary said.

On his tireless mission to track down ancestor's in West Virginia, he would charge up to strangers' door and knock.

"He had a drive and would no let go until he got answers," said another son, Dave Rexroad.

He cherished those trips with his family and connected to the past. He was scheduled to go back Monday and give a talk in Pendleton County on his most recent book, "The Black People of Pendleton

County, West Virginia: A History." There were also plans to return in the future to work on restoring an old family mill.

Along with the family histories, he wrote a history of the Hutchinson Symphony, as well as articles for the Reno County Historical Society.

He was a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He brought his family to Hutchinson from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he worked with Collins Radio. In Hutchinson, he was a plant manager at Carey Salt. He ended his career working for Electrex, a company he and his wife, Virginia, and son Gary began in the basement of their Hutchinson home. They produced electrical wiring harnesses and control boxes for off road equipment. Though they sold the business, it continues today on North Walnut Street.

During the development phases of the Kansas Underground Museum, Rexroad videoed past and present miners about their experiences working in the Carey Salt Mine to preserve their stories for posterity, said Linda Schmitt, executive director of the Reno County Historical Society.

"His work helped to inspire the development of the Miner's Life exhibit now underground at Strataca. He also gave us old video footage of the Cary Brine evaporation mine," Schmitt said.

Jay Smith, former Reno County Historical Society director who is the current director of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society, who worked closely with Rexroad during the early stages of the museum. He remembered Rexroad as a constant cheerleader for the salt museum.

"He was a guy, whenever I was down about it, he would just know to give me a call," Smith said. Bill was the type of guy when he was excited about something, he was indefatigable. He was never tired. He would continue to work and work and work to make something happen. When he believed in something, he believed it all the way."

Among his many civic duties, Rexroad served on the recent Reno County jail study committee.

“Bill was very focused on the timeline required to complete the design of the jail,” said Reno County Commissioner Brad Dillon. “He was very helpful to all of us in the forward thinking he brought to come up with the deadlines we needed internally to put the issue on the ballot. I admired his very business-like approach, and he added a lot to the success of the project. He was good with the overall big picture, even though it was full of details.”

His wife, Virginia, remembers Rexroad as a man of great integrity. Daughter Susan Byler said he was also loyal, passionate and a protective father.

“He was the ultimate patriarch,” said his daughter-in-law, Chris Rexroad.

So inspired by his father’s genealogy, Joe Rexroad went to Germany and researched the family back to the 1200s.

Monday night, like all her neighbors of the Wesley Towers Campus on Aldersgate Drive, Virginia came outside of her house wondering why the electricity had gone out. In the distance, they could see flashing emergency vehicles and the medical helicopter land in a field. She said a prayer for the injured, not knowing it her husband of 61 years.

A musician who played several instruments, including the stand-up bass, Rexroad had been performing at Dillon Living Center with some friends that night. He was on his way home when he had the accident, which caused the electricity to go out in the area.

Earlier on Monday, he had attended the Wesley Towers resident council meeting.

“I had just talked to Bill that morning,” said Mark Mains, executive director.

Mains had only been on the job three months and had 400-plus residents to meet on the campus, but he already knew Rexroad.

“Bill was going to be our vice president on the resident council,” Mains said.

During the council meeting, Rexroad stood up and talked to those in attendance about an estate planner who come once a month to Wesley Towers. Rexroad told the group about the benefit of getting one’s final

affairs in order.

William D. “Bill” Rexroad

William D. “Bill” Rexroad, 81, passed away May 6, 2014, at Via Christi Hospital on St. Francis, Wichita. He was born in Winfield on February 11, 1933, the son of Max and Vivian Rexroad.

He married Virginia Guild at Winfield on February 22, 1953. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, their children and spouses, Susan Byler and husband Roger, David and wife Christina, Gary and wife Angie and Joe and wife Barbara; eight grandchildren, one great grandchild; and a sister, Phyllis Parker. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Judy Beavers.

Bill joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from Winfield High School in 1951. He was a radar and radio operator in a patrol squadron during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged in 1956, he attended Kansas State University graduating in 1959, with a degree in electrical engineering.

After college, Bill worked for Collins Radio Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he obtained a patent for a unique circuit design. In 1965, Bill and his family moved to Hutchinson, where he took the position of plant manager for the Carey salt Company. In 1974, he went to work for Excel Industries in Hesston, as quality control manager. Then in 1978, Bill, his wife, Virginia, and their son Gary, established the company Electrex Incorporated, in Hutchinson. Bill served as president of Electrex until his retirement in 1995.

Music was Bill’s pastime throughout his life. He played in symphony orchestras for 50 years, including 33 years in the Hutchinson Symphony. He played in bluegrass bands old-time bands and was a performing artist with the Kansas Arts Commission. In addition to his music, he toured the central United States for several years as a storyteller; and was a stage manager; emcee, and workshop presenter at national festivals. Bill was also an author, with 13 books published and numerous magazine articles to his credit, some with international circulation.

**IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM DEAN "BILL" REXROAD**

BORN

February 11, 1933

DIED

May 6, 2014

FUNERAL SERVICE

Elliott Chapel

May 12, 2014

1:30 p.m.

OFFICIATING

Reverend Michael McGuire

MUSIC

"Adagio For Strings" — 8:45

Composer Samuel Barber

"O Death" — 1:37

by Ralph Stanley

"Angel Band" — 2:15

by The Stanley Brothers

"I'll Fly Away" — 3:57

by Alison Krause & Gilliam Welch

CASKET BEARERS

David Rexroad

Gary Rexroad

Joseph Rexroad

Andrew Rexroad

Christopher Rexroad

Christian Rexroad

Roger Byler

INTERMENT

Fairlawn Burial Park

Hutchinson, Kansas

**There is a line in a song I heard on
the radio years ago that has stuck
in my head all this time since.**

"You can't have too much fun"

Well, I came pretty close.

WDR

**SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT
KANSAS, STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
1887-1888**

RENO COUNTY

Was organized in 1872, and has an area of 1,260 square miles. It is a south-central county, lying in the third tier of counties north from the Indian Territory, and ranks as the seventh in number of inhabitants. It has a population of 24.71 people to each square mile. The city of Hutchinson, lying on the north bank of the Arkansas river, with a population of 13,451, is the county seat, and ranks as the seventh city in size in the State. The city of Nickerson, in the north-central portion, ranks as the fifty-first city in size in the State, and has a population of 2,197. There are several small towns in the county having a large local trade. The repair shops of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad are located at Nickerson, affording employment to many operatives.

The general surface is a gently undulating prairie, some portions being nearly level. The valley of the Arkansas has an average width of five miles, in some places spreading out to the width of ten miles. On the Ninnescah and smaller streams, bottom lands average one-half mile in width.

POPULATION — TOWNSHIPS

Albion township		623
Arlington city	430}	
Arlington township	349}	770
Bell township		478
Castleton township		385
Center township		552
Clay township		451
Enterprise township		386
Grant township		474
Grove township		872
Haven city	173}	
Haven township	1,280}	1,453
Hayes township		461

Huntsville township		402
Langdon township		387
Lincoln township		827
Little River township		959
Loda township		516
Medford township		522
Plevna township		306
S. Hutchinson city	280}	
Reno township	464}	744
Roscoe township		213
Salt Creek township		727
Sumner township		637
Sylvia city	153}	
Sylvia township	263}	416
Troy township		266
Valley township		803
Walnut township		502
Westminster township		347
Nickerson city		2,197
Hutchinson city		13,451

Small fringes of timber, composed principally of cottonwood and box-elder, occur on the Arkansas and Ninnescah.

Limestone is found in the northeastern and southeastern portions, and an inferior quality of red sandstone in the northeastern and on the North Fork of the Ninnescah river, between Arlington and Castleton. Mineral paint is also found on the Ninnescah.

Manufacturing and Mechanical industries include one Bakery, one Candy factory, 3 Flour mills, and one Foundry.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

No. of organized districts, 145; school population for 1888, 8918. Average Monthly wages paid teachers; Males, \$44.72; females, \$44.08. Total value of school property in the county, \$192,025.

CHURCHES

Table showing the number of church organizations, aggregate membership, number of church edifices, and the value of church property in the county, belong to the denominations named, for 1886.

Denominations	No. of church organizations	Aggregate Membership	No. of church edifices	Value of church property
African Methodist Episcopal	1	40	1	\$ 3,000
Baptist	9	335	4	10,570
Christian	4	890	2	9,500
Congregational	6	116	2	6,500
Dunkard	2	84		2,500
Episcopal	2	32	1	7,500
Lutheran	2	100		2,000
Methodist Episcopal	8	1,123	8	25,500
Presbyterian	4	328	2	37,000
Roman Catholic	3	660	3	18,500
Swedish Lutheran	1	55	1	1,000
Universalist	1	83	1	6,000
Total	43	3,846	25	\$139,570

NEWSPAPERS

Hutchinson News, daily and weekly (Republican). Ralph M. Easley, president and managing editor; Hutchinson News Company, publishers, Hutchinson.

Weekly Interior Herald. (Republican), Fletcher Meridith, editor and proprietor, Hutchinson.

The *Weekly Democrat* (Democratic). M. J. Keys editor and publisher, Hutchinson.

The *Saturday Review* (Democratic). Y. A. Hartman, editor South Hutchinson.

The *Nickerson Argosy* (Republican). W. F. Hendry, editor; R. R. Hendry and J. E. Humphrey, publishers, Nickerson.

The *Nickerson Register* (Republican). Harry W. Brown and Horace Brightman, editors and publishers; Richard Dallam, Proprietor, Nickerson.

The *Arlington Enterprise* (Republican). John L. Sponsler, editor, publisher and proprietor, Arlington.

Sylvia Telephone (Republican). Chas. A. Payton, editor and proprietor, Sylvia.

The *Haven Dispatch* (Republican). Geo. S. Astle and Geo. S. Walker, editors and proprietors, Haven.

The *Turon Rustler* (Republican). M. A. Smedley and ____ Smedley, editors and publishers, Turon.

The *Journal* (Republican). R. H. Chittenden, editor; H. T. Chittenden, Jr., publisher, South Hutchinson.

Lerado Weekly Ledger (Republican) Leslie Niblack, editor and manager; Frank A. and Leslie Niblack, publishers and proprietors, Lerado.

The *Weekly Press* (Independent). Willis J. Pegg, editor and proprietor, Partridge.

The *Torch Light* (Prohibition). L. D. Abbott, editor and proprietor; R. M. Blair, publisher, Plevna.

BANKS IN COUNTY

Name of Bank	President	Cashier	Post-office Address	Paid up capital	Surplus
Arlington State Bank	A. B. Crabbs	Chas. E. Ford	Arlington	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,000
Citizens' Bk of Arlington	F. B. Babbitt	W. R. Compton	Arlington	25,000	.....
Citizens' Bk of Haven	L. O. Smith	J. E. Lang	Haven	25,000	.....
Citizens' Bank	(J. B. Mackay)	.....	Hutchinson	20,000	.....
First National Bank	S. W. Campbell	E. L. Meyer	Hutchinson	50,000	10,000
Hutchinson National Bk.	J. F. Greenlee	A. J. Lusk	Hutchinson	50,000	27,500
National Bk of Commerce	G. W. Hardy	F. E. Carr	Hutchinson	100,000	2,000.....
People's Savings Bank	E. S. Handy	F. R. Chrisman	Hutchinson	63,875	.....
The Western Banking Co.	Edward S. Barton	Wm F. Barton	Hutchinson	50,000	
Valley State Bank	W E. Burns	J. M. Milkey	Hutchinson	100,000	10,000
James F. Redhead & Co.	.....	.....	Hutchinson	15,000	15,000
Bank of Lerado	Jno, A. Brady	Frank A. Niblack	Lerado	10,000	.....
Bank of Nickerson	A. D. Butt	L. C. Brown	Nickerson	25,000	.....
Bank of South Hutchinson	C. A. Donaghoe	Wm. A. Hall	So. Hutchinson	.....	.....
Bank of Sylvia	W. O Van Arsdale	A. N. Bontz	Sylvia	25,000	10,000
Bank of Turon	.....	M. H. Potter	Turon	15,000	.....

LIST OF COUNTY OFFICES FOR 1888, WITH POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF EACH.

Officer	Name	Post-office address
County Clerk	S. J. Morris	Hutchinson
Treasurer	J. M. Anderson	Hutchinson
Sheriff	Dean E. Miller	Hutchinson
Clerk of District Court	John B. Vincent	Hutchinson
Probate Judge	S. A. Atwood	Hutchinson
Register of Deeds	I. N. Wooddell	Hutchinson
Attorney	William H. Lewis	Hutchinson
Superintendent of Schools	C. P. White	Hutchinson
Surveyor	F. H. Carpenter	Hutchinson
Coroner	Dr. W. A. McKinney	Hutchinson
Commissioners	{ W. P. D. Fleming	Hutchinson
	{ G. M. Zimmerman	Castleton
	{ Wm. Potter	Arlington
Auditor	J. H. Lamson	Hutchinson

POST OFFICES

Abbyville,	HUTCHINSON (C. H.),	Peace Creek,
Arlington,	Kent,	Plevna,
Avery,	Langdon,	Pretty Prairie
Bernal,	Lerado	Purity,
Bone Springs,	Medora,	Riverton,
Castleton,	Mona,	Sego,
Christopher,	Nickerson,	South Hutchinson
Hamburg,	Olcott,	Sylvia,
Haven,	Ost,	Turon,
Huntsville,	Partridge.	

LOCATION OF UNKNOWN PLACES IN RENO COUNTY

Locations by Name of Township, Section No. Township No. and Range No.

Avery	Walnut	10	22s	9w
Bernal	Lincoln	14	24s	6w
Bone Springs	Loda	4	26s	8w
Castleton	Castleton	22	25s	6w
Christopher	Roscoe	36	26s	7w

Hamburg	Little River	16	22s	4w	Name changed to Buhler
Huntsville	Huntsville	5	23s	9w	
Kent	Valley	19	23s	4w	
Lerado	Bell	15-15, 22-23	26s	9w	Original name-Netherland
Mona	Sumner	25	26s	5w	
Olcott	Miami	26	26s	10w	Iuka Junction, Dresdan
Olcott Station	(Not in existence in 1888)				
	Miami	26	26s	10w	Dresdan
Ost	Sumner	26	26s	4w	
Peace Creek	Hayes	6	23w	10w	
Purity	Albion	27	26w	6w	
Riverton	Troy	10	25s	7w	
Sego	Bell	12	26w	8w	

RENO COUNTY IN 2004

The following cities were Incorporated in Reno County.

Hutchinson, South Hutchinson, Buhler, Haven, Nickerson, Pretty Prairie, Arlington, Turon, Sylvia, Partridge, Abbyville, Plevna, Willowbrook and Langdon.

The unincorporated cities were: Castleton, Darlow, Medora, Pleasantview, St. Joe (Ost), and Yoder.

Townships

Reno County is divided into thirty-one townships. The cities of Hutchinson and Nickerson are considered *governmentally independent* and are excluded from the census figures for the townships. In the following table, the population center is the largest city (or cities) included in that township's population total, if it is of a significant size.

Education Unified school districts

USD 308 Hutchinson

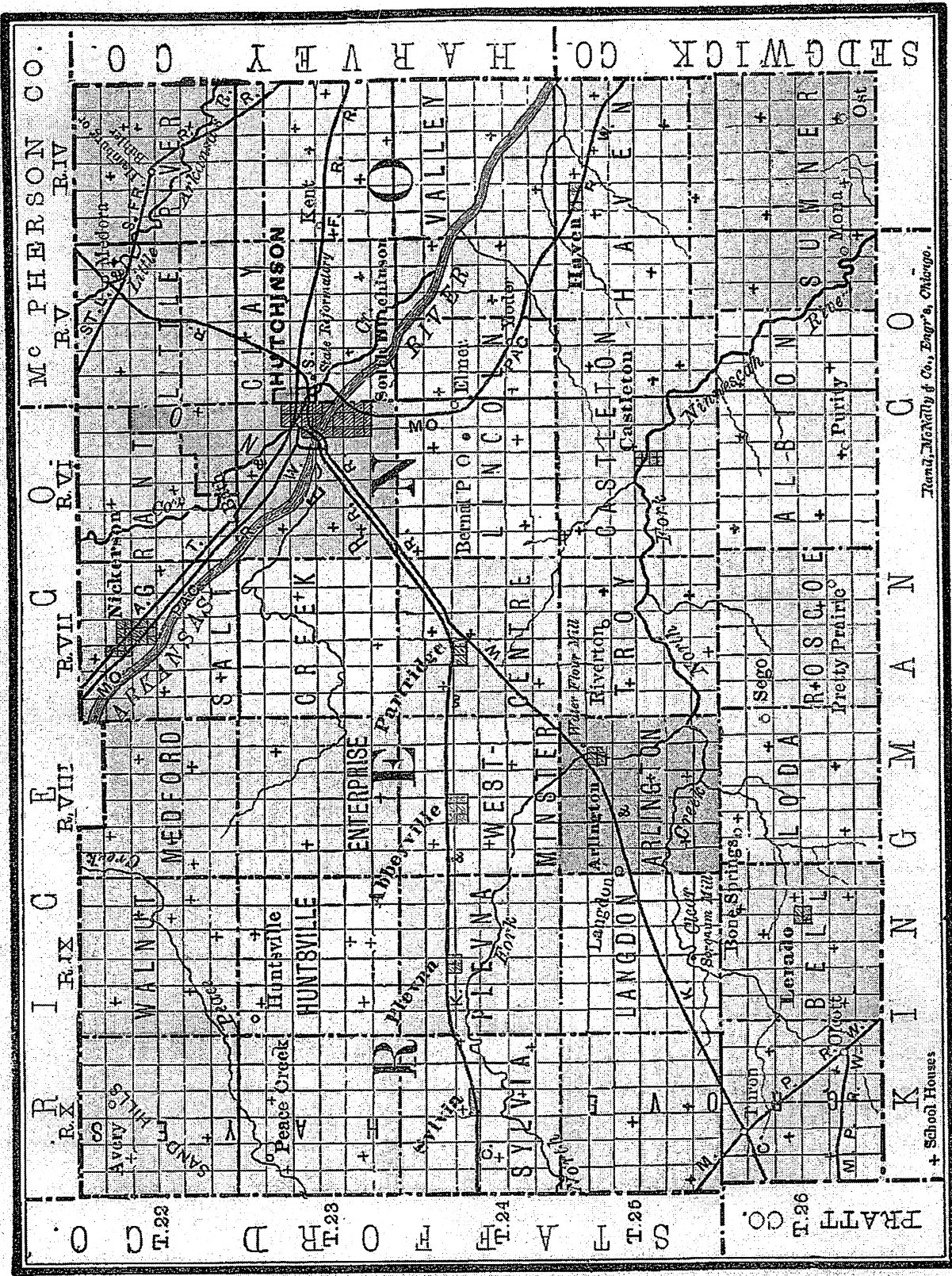
USD 309 Nickerson - South Hutchinson

USD 310 Fairfield

USD 311 Pretty Prairie

USD 312 Haven

USD 313 Buhler



Trans. Merrett & Co., Eng'rs, Chicago.

+ School Houses

Upload it

This article was printed in the *Johnson County, Kansas Genealogist*, Vol. 41, No.4, December 2013, page 38.

5 Minute Tech Tip

Dropbox—Never Lose Another Document!

by Karen Bellmer

What should I upload to Dropbox

- Birth certificates
- Tombstone photos
- Death certificates
- Census records
- Research notes
- Research trip planning info
- Audio notes
- Interview videos

Help! How should I store it so I can find it again?

Set up folder and file names for:

- Surnames
- Geographic Regions
- General research topics
- Brick walls
- Contacts

More info, please!

www.dropbox.com/gs

<https://blog.dropbox.com>

<https://tech.dropbox.com>

What is Dropbox?

- Dropbox is a cloud storage solution for all your family history photos, documents and videos. Whatever you save to Dropbox is available across all your devices, such as your smartphone, computer, and tablet.
- Dropbox makes it easy to share files, folders, and photos with others.

- Scan your family history photos and documents, then upload them to a Dropbox folder.
- During your next cemetery visit, take tombstone photos with your smartphone camera, and automatically upload them to Dropbox.
- Dropbox integrates with other productivity applications such as Scanner Pro, Penultimate, and Notability to make uploading easy!

Search it

- Dropbox has a simple word search that allows you to search document titles for things like surnames or location names across all your folders. Use the advanced search function for more targeted results
- Organize your documents, photos and videos into folders to make searching easy.
- Photo search makes viewing images and sharing with other a breeze!

Share it

- Maybe you want to share Grandpa's death certificate or tombstone photo with your cousin in New Jersey. It's as easy as sending her a link to the Dropbox file, folder, or photo.

How do I get started?

- Sign up for a free account at www.dropbox.com. (Premium services, such as additional storage space and "time machine" capabilities, are available for a monthly fee).
- Download the Dropbox app to your smartphone, tablet, and computer.

What Equipment Do I Need?

To become a lean, mean organizing machine, all you need is a free Dropbox download account, a device such as a smartphone, computer or tablet, and an internet connection. Download Dropbox to your devices, set up your folders, and start uploading! It's that easy!

Continuing information from *The Johnson County, Kansas Genealogist*

From the President's Corner:

June is Men's Health Month: Established in 1994 by a congressional resolution thanks to Sen. Bob Dole

In 2004, the Surgeon General declared Thanksgiving as national Family [Health] History Day within Family History Month. He encouraged Americans to talk about and write down the health problems that run in their family. As genealogists we are family historians and are uniquely qualified to encourage our family to research, gather and record this important information.

Our ancestor's health history adds additional brush strokes to their lives that blend into our own and our current family's lives. It has been known for a long time that many illness and common diseases an run in families. Tracing these illnesses suffered by your ancestors may help your doctor predict the same disorders that your living family may be at risk of.

To help in this effort the Surgeon General has created a computerized tool to create a portrait of your family's health history. Similar to your genealogy software, this web based tool helps organize our health information, allowing you to print a copy tp take to your doctor. The information can be saved to your computer and shared with other family members. Access the "My Family Health Portrait Web" tool at <http://familyhistory.hhs.gov/>.

Char Mitts

QUAKER RESOURCES:

The Wichita Public Library has seven volumes of William Wade Hinshaw's *American Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy*. the catalogue also lists 26 other books on Quaker Genealogy.

Here are some website that may also help you in your research:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~quakers/index.htm (The Quaker Corner)

www.quakerinfo.org/resources/genealogy.html

www.quakersurnames.net

www.cyndislist.com/quaker.htm

www.olivetreegenealogy.com/quakers/

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/quaker/>

(Notes from the editor: Judy Hall. *The Ark Valley Crossroads*, Vol. 21, No 3, July 2010, Page 15.

Genealogy Files (June 1, 2014)

It is the first day of the month. It's the time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups!

Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule.

The first day of the

month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first day of every month, if not more often.

Of course, you might want to back up more than your genealogy files. Family photographs, your checkbook register, all sorts

of word processing documents, email messages, and much more need to be backed up regularly. Why not do that on the first of each month?

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Use D/2 Biological Solution to Clean Gravestones

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Genealogists and anyone else interested in preserving cemetery tombstones and other objects exposed to the weather should become familiar with D/2 Biological Solution. It is useful for cleaning tombstones without causing any damage to the stone.

The solution is safe for use and does not harm the tombstone. Even the highly-respected Association for Gravestone Studies recommends the product in the organization's FAQs (Frequently-Asked Questions) at <https://www.gravestonestudies.org/knowledge-center/faq-s#faqnoanchor>:

"Treat a wet gravestone with D/2 Biological Solution, scrub into a lather using a plastic bristle brush, and smooth the lather into the inscription to make the letters more readable. Afterward, rinse the stone thoroughly."

Brightsolid Launches Family History Game

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The following announcement was written by the folks at brightsolid:

Brightsolid has launched new game, Family House. Designed to engage with a family audience, it is free on iPhone, iPad and Facebook.

The innovative new gaming product offers a virtual alternative for creating a family tree by asking players to build up and restore their 'family' house. Over 100,000 people have already moved into their own Family House on their PCs, and now Family House is available to play for the first time on iPhone and iPad. Players are encouraged to explore their family history by moving in more and more family members as their house grows.

Brightsolid's Family House Project Manager Robbie Graham explains, "The game has been designed to encourage families to create a virtual family tree and the avatar editor is central to the proposition. Users can recreate family member likenesses with a wide array of options. We've even created a range of clothing that goes right back to the 17th Century."

Robbie added, "We wanted to create a fun app that's rich in learning and sharing. Family House has been created with interactivity in mind and allows on-line play with friends and family. Users can assemble virtual streets and pop round to their friends and neighbours houses to meet their families."

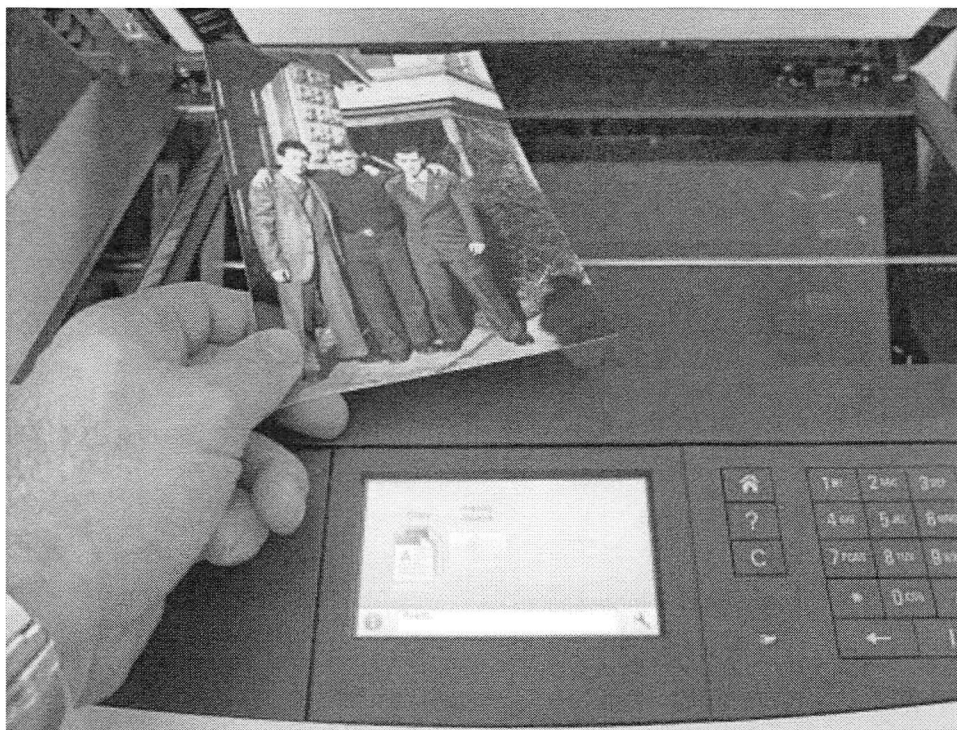
Brightsolid Chief Executive Officer, Richard Higgs said, "Family House enables everyone aged from four to one hundred and four to share their family history. The game is great fun in its own right and provides an ability to bring generations together."

Family House is available as a free download from the [iTunes App Store](#) or to play via [Facebook](#).

Editor's Note: Is this a way to involve the younger generation in learning about their family history? If anyone tries this game will they write a review of the game.

FamilySearch Announces a New, Free Family Photo and Document Scanning and Preservation Service

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FamilySearch has equipped more than 2,800 of its local family history centers in North America with new Lexmark MFP multifunction scanners and printers. Family history centers outside the U.S. will receive theirs in the near future. The Lexmark MFPs are easy to use and can digitally scan your documents and photographs quickly. Best of all, the software from Lexmark that runs on the MFP lets the user scan their documents and photos directly into a free FamilySearch.org account where the documents and photos can later be tagged, explained, shared with others, or attached to ancestors in your free FamilySearch Family Tree. You can also save the digital copies to a thumb drive and take them home with you. Available at the Family History Center at 43rd & Plum street.

Have You Used the FamilySearch Free Lookup Service?

Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter — Posted 11 Nov 2013 — (blog.eogn.com)

This must be the best-kept secret in genealogy! Well, it isn't really a secret as it is documented on several web pages on FamilySearch.org. However, in my travels, I have never met anyone who has used this valuable service. In fact, most of the genealogists I have talked with have never heard of FamilySearch's free lookup service.. This surprises me because (1.) it is a chance to easily obtain valuable genealogy information from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and (2.) because it is available free of charge.

FamilySearch provides a free lookup service for genealogy books and microfilms that are available at the renowned Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The free service does ask you to supply specific information. The folks in Salt Lake City are not prepared to answer questions of, "Please send me all the information you have about my great-grandfather (insert name here)." However, if you can specify a book and page number, or a specific image on a reel of microfilm, the personnel at the Family History Library will gladly look at that page or image and (in most cases) scan the entire page and email it to you for free.

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The Cloud and Genealogy

The Cloud is just a catch name for the "internet". The Cloud is a monstrous collection of computers and computer accessories that include routers, switches, hubs, and miles and miles of cabling. You use the cloud every day when you use your email service. Your emails and folders you keep your emails in, are not on your computer, they are kept in the cloud, on a server (computer) and chances are not on just one server, but on many servers located all over the world. You can lose your smart phone or home computer could crash, but all you have to do is get another device, log into your email service and all of your mail will still be there. That is the cloud.

In genealogy, the cloud is primarily used for two things: storage and web applications.

Cloud storage allows you to backup or sync files from your computer.

Examples of cloud storage:

- Backup storage — Backblaze, Carbonite, Crashplan, and Mozy.

Most backup services are characterized by the following—

*They are paid services

*They backup your entire computer

*If your computer ever crashes, everything can be restored by using a backup service.

*Typically, if you want to restore an individual file from the server, you will have to navigate through a program or web interface and manually restore the file.

- Syncing storage—Dropbox, SugarCync, Mozy Stash, and Skydrive.

Most have free versions with smaller amount of storage.

*They backup a small portion of your files, unless you pay for more space.

*They allow one user to sync their files to multiply you pay for more space.

*They typically allow you to share folders with other users.

*When a shared file is changed, the updated version is automatically downloaded to every machine that has a copy.

Web applications typically come with some storage and they allow you to edit documents, or perform many other functions that previously required an installed program.

Examples of web applications:

- Document Editing—Google Drive, Microsoft's Web Apps

*Google Drive provides a word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation applications very similar to Microsoft's office utilities. The difference is that in Google Drive all of the programs as well as the data, are stored in the cloud. Just open a web browser and there is your program and data.

*Microsoft now offers some similar application so you don't have to download the programs to your computer.

*These applications make it possible to do tasks on tablets and smart phones that typically have very small hard drives.

- Genealogy Wikis—First let explain what a Wiki is, it is a website which allows it uses to add, modify or delete information via a web browser. Wikis are designed to let users collaborate and share their knowledge.

Examples of Genealogy Wikis

*Ancestry's Public Member Trees, FamilySearch's Family Tree, Geni, MyHeritage

Where in the past we had to buy a genealogical program to install on your computer, now we can access our family tree by using one of these applications. We are storing our family tree in the cloud, so others can see and use. And, once you put your information in the cloud, it should be there for a long time, as with any cloud service, your data will be stored on many, many servers.

All of these applications have different capabilities, check to see which is best for you.

Karen Burgess Program at the Reno County Genealogical Society meeting.

Part of this is taken from "Genealogy in the Cloud", Randy Hoffman, FamilySearch.

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"Bill" Rexroad was an active member of the Reno County Genealogical Society.

When he gave a program at a meeting, he was also giving research ideas to his fellow members. His enthusiasm for searching for all he could find about his family history and the delight he showed when a long searched ancestor was found, gave everyone in the audience an incentive to do his best.

He enjoyed the show and tell program at the October meetings and always had an interesting object from his family research to show and he was eager to tell us what it was and where it was found.

He found an ancestors unmarked gravesite and moved the remains to join family members.

Bill always extended a helping hand when genealogy programs were given at the Kansas State Fair.

Bill will be missed by all.

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