

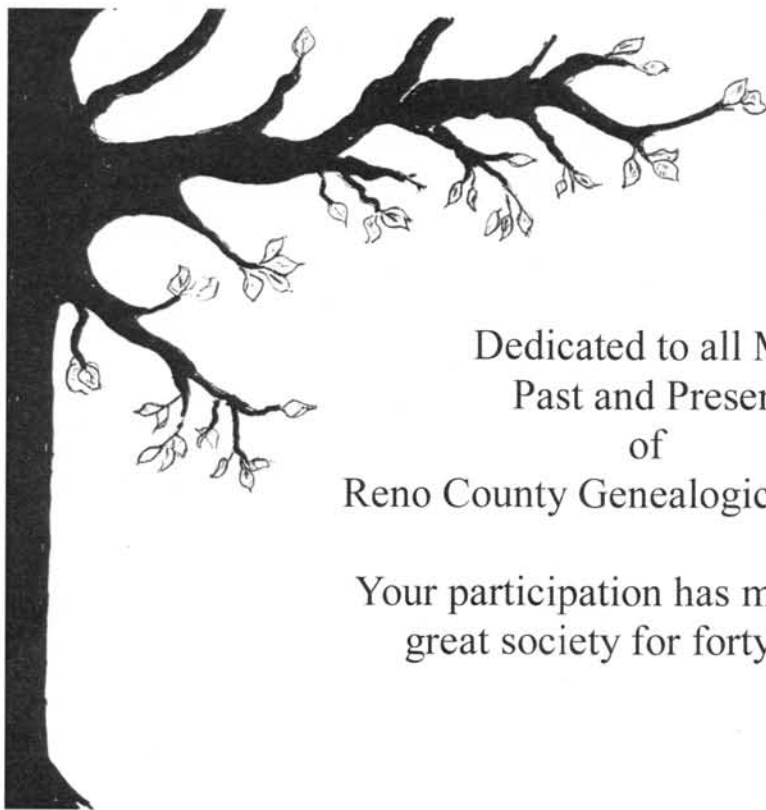


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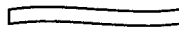
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Dedicated to all Members
Past and Present
of
Reno County Genealogical Society.

Your participation has made this a
great society for forty years.

The Reno County Genealogical Society of Hutchinson, Kansas was founded in 1978 for the purpose of fostering genealogical research, promoting the exchange of information and encouraging the deposit of genealogical and historical materials in established libraries and archives. Membership in the Reno County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in genealogy of local history.



Dedication to our Members Past and Present

This issue of *The Sunflower*, is dedicated to those early members who started with an idea in 1977 and proceeded to form the Reno County Genealogical Society in early days of 1978. They had great ideas on how to promote, record and share the genealogical information from Reno County. It is also dedicated to the present members and all of those who have been members throughout the years. Without all, the society would not have succeeded. Hours of data extractions from microfilm, county records, local area newspapers and the recording of names and dates from tombstones were necessary for the published books our society printed. And, all of this labor was accomplished by our members. In the days before computers there was typing and retyping, editing and organizing sheets of papers just to get a book ready for the printers. So, to all of who served on the boards, committees, volunteered for projects, no matter how big or small, or just came to meetings, this special edition of the *The Sunflower* is for you.

Thank you

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1987 TO 2018

HISTORY OF RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

From the beginning of the society, a historian has recorded events. The present historian, Rita Lingg, was very helpful for the gathering of information used in this edition.

Reno County Genealogical Society From an Idea to a Society

Any Society or Club does not start overnight. Its begins with an idea, then sharing of that idea, planning of what the goals are for the society, then more planning. It's takes months of dedicated work; we are so grateful that there were those in 1977 with the idea to form this society.

Hutchinson News - March 3, 1977 Pg 3, Col. 5

Formation of a genealogical society will be discussed at a meeting of interest persons at the Hutchinson Public Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Garland Henson, 510 East 14th, has organize the Monday meeting. Genealogical formation could be exchanged among members, Henson said, and perhaps outside experts could be brought to Hutchinson. New genealogical material available at the library and more can be secured through interlibrary loans.

Hutchinson News - March 27, 1977 Pg 16, Col. 8

Genealogy group meeting planned

The Second meeting of a genealogical interest group will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Conference Room in Hutchinson Public Library.

Mrs. Melvin Emig, in charge of publicity for the group, said the meeting is open to anyone interest in tracing family history.

Hutchinson News - September 19, 1977 Page 24, Columns 4&5

Trace Family with Genealogy Group

Meetings of the Genealogy Group are planned for the third Monday of each month. They will meet at 7:00pm in Harris Kansas Room at the Hutchinson Public Library, according to Lurye Emig. The Meetings are open to anyone

Editor Note: Informal meetings of this group took place during 1977, and a questionnaire was sent out to interested people, and then in March of 1978 the first formal meeting took place.

Operational needs, ideas and thoughts of by the original four members of the 1977 committee and answers from the questionnaire were combined to form the basis of the new genealogy club. The following is the first saved "record" of this group. There was no date listed, but we assume it was in early 1978.

It is an interesting and entertaining read. Keep in mind, this was 40 years ago.

Transcribed as written

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The voice of opinion from the questionnaire was the number three.

A President, Vice President and a combined Club Secretary-Treasurer. Thus, this small number could limit the business meeting to no more than ten or twelve minutes.

To the above three elected Offices, could be added a Co-Chaired 'Special Events Committee' who, when setting with the Officers would be known as the Club's 'Steering Committee.' This combined group would have the responsibility of all functions of the Club.

Monthly program planning: Workshop, Guest Speaker, Club Member telling of the steps taken to secure a copy of that not in existence document. Reports from a special club project function that has a bottle-neck needing the help of the entire club.

"The Special Events Committee' would then handle the News Media, out of town Library flyers on Guest Speakers, meeting arrangements, needs for tickets of offering, etc. Thus, all members of the Steering Committee would be informed of next month's activities.

To this, the Steering Committee, should appoint a short term Committee to meet and provide the Membership a simple set of By-Laws, Club Name or names to select from;, plus a yearly amount for dues that would maintain a balance large enough to purchase all supplies with a member using out of pocket monies. The dues could be flexible payments, as well as lump sum. When these items are completed, the committee could be adjourned, so when a short term committee is needed again, they may be recalled.

We feel all members used above, should be selected from that group of Club Members who work full or part time. This would leave those with time on their hands to serve on the Committees and Projects where we can only search during business hours, or 'Tween dawn and dusk'.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The requirements of this most important position should be fully explained to the membership and only awarded to one or two people who volunteer and are not employed. The requirements are:

An excellent typist

Five Years experience in Genealogy

One who will correspond with the out of town people who signed our Guest Register; requesting given names, dates, townships, States or Counties.

One who can compile a field searchers notes of a case like above and return the information.

One who would train a newcomer (who wants to help), how to compile the notes of a project researcher.

More items can be added, but lets not scare anyone.

All projects and committees should be Co-Chaired. We are blessed with people willing to help and all with experience. Pick two with difference experiences on the same subject, and we would be able to find all the answers.

LEGAL AND LIASON COMMITTEE:

The work of this committee would be to stay in advance of all projects; seeking written permission for our Project Members to be on City, County, Township, Church or private property of all old cemeteries.

This means having friends in the Courthouse and City Hall.

This same committee should be able to provide our Projects Workers with written permission to examine or copy all old City, County or Township records.

The small County Churches (with Cemeteries of their own), would require special permission.

The list grows endless.

For the above Committee, I would suggest Garland Henson, Art Graves, Jesse E. King, Steve Shorter and Everett Wells.

Lurye Emig

Lurye Emig
Malinda Peterson
Garland Henson
Jim Arterburn

The earliest executive meetings were busy, with actions taken to organize Board and Committees, set standard meeting dates, membership dues and future projects.

The first recorded minutes for the Hutchinson Genealogy Group were on Sunday, March 12, 1978.

The Nomination Committee of the Hutchinson Genealogy Group held a meeting on Sunday, March 12, 1978 at the Hutchinson Public Library to nominate officers. It was moved by Mr. Rudicel and seconded by Mr. Shorter that for

President: Mrs. Betty Morgan

Vice President: Mr. Jessie King

Secretary Treasurer: Wanda Lindbloom

The Motion carried.

It was moved by Ruth Martin and seconded by Pat Hoffman that for

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Purcell. The motion carried.

Mr. Rudicel moved we adjourn and Mr. Shorter seconded. The motion carried.

From this, it was decided that there should be three board members, a President, Vice President and a combine club secretary-Treasurer. And that this small number could limit the business meeting to no more than ten or twelve minutes.

The second Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen met at the home of President, Betty Morgan on March 21, 1978 at 8:00 pm

Editor Note: The importance of this meeting cannot be understated. Members decided on club name change, future projects, etc. Editor has chosen to underlined these decisions.

Jesse King reported that HPL would let group use Kansas Room or Auditorium on 3rd Monday of each month.

Obituary file was discussed, with library furnishing a file cabinet. Obituaries were limited to Reno County and on 1" X 6" cards.

The group is having 2,000 family charts and 500 ancestral charts printed and to be sold at meetings, \$1.00 for 33 family charts and ancestral charges 3 for 25cents.

- Recommended and made a motion by Jesse King that the name of the organization be **“Reno County Genealogy Society”**.
Seconded by Art Graves – motion carried.
- Everett Wells had a map of the county with different cemeteries listed, needs a list of willing workers to work and record graves in designated areas.
- Jayne Purcell reported that the by-laws committee would meet April 4.
- Motion made by Lurye Emig that the dues would be \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family – Art Graves 2nd motion – motion carried.
- Tentative Committees:
 - a. Program – Melina Peterson
 - b. Cemetery Listings – Everett Wells and Arthur Graves
 - c. Marriage Certificates – Jim Arterburn
 - d. Obituaries – Wilma Logan and Doris Dale
 - e. Education – Lurye Emig
 - f. Membership – Garland Hensen
 - g. By-Laws – Maxine Lindburg
- Discussion concerning out-of-town speakers – mileage and a small gratuity, to be given to speakers. The money to come from dues or contribution.
- It was discussed that we should try to encourage young people to join our organization.

Hutchinson News April 12, 1978

Searching for your roots?

Research planned by the newly formed Reno County Genealogy Society will make it easier.

Members of the society plan to document cemetery records from all burial plots in the county, with Everett Wells and Arthur Graves in charge of the project.

Jim Aterburn will put Reno County marriage records on card files for easy research.

Mina Miller is cataloging all county obituaries.

Mrs. Lurye Emig, education chairman, will be give people advice on how to research their family trees.

While the group has been meeting informally for the past year, officers were elected at an organizational meeting in March. They are Betty Morgan, 221 Countryside, president; Jesse E. King, 1228 North Jackson, vice president; Anita Goldberg 225 Countryside, secretary-treasurer; and Jayne Purcell, 323 East 9th, corresponding secretary.

Garland Henson is member chairman and Marie Lackey, program chairman.

Anyone interest in becoming a charter member should attend the society meeting at

May 1, 1978 Executive Meeting highlights

Jayne Purcell made motion that the society should belong to the Kansas Council of Genealogy Society for \$5.00 a month. Motion carried.

Marriage Records extractions - Forms needed were discussed. Melina Peterson and Lurye Emig will help Jim Arterburn design the form to be used.

June 5, 1978 Executive Meeting highlights

Society Post Office Box was set up at local Post Office, RCGS paid \$18.00 for post office box.

July 10, 1978 Executive Minutes Highlights

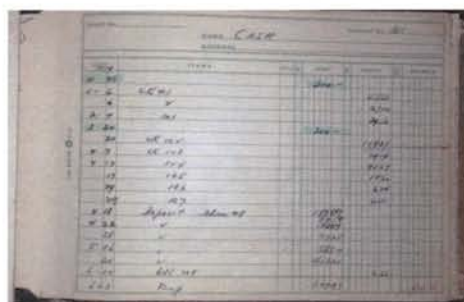
A fee of \$3.00 per hour plus any expense incurred in copying and mailing for research requests sent to RCGS. There will be a minimum charge of \$3.00. Committee members doing research shall be reimbursed by the society for any out of pocket expenses.

September 5, 1978 Executive Meeting Highlights

Jayne Purcell reported that she had contacted the Secretary of State with regard to incorporation the society – it would cost \$50.00. The society is automatically tax exempt until we make over \$5000.00 in one year. Discussion followed – it was decided to look into the matter further.

President, Betty Morgan discussed the possibilities of a newsletter. It was decided to gather ideas for possible items and discuss the item later.

RCGS First Financial Ledger



List of Reno County Genealogy Society — Charter Members May 1978

Mrs. Donna Johnson	Mr. & Mrs. Earl Logan
Virginia Armstrong	Mrs. Garland (Jo) Longhofer
James Arterburn	Zola Fern Belden McGonigle
Maureen Helmer Bellizio	James and Winona Maining
Haxel Brawner	Ruth Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Caldwell	Carla Miller
Virginia Canfield	Mina Miller
Mrs. Frances Cilek	Delores Leona Ehly Moore
Anabel Collins	Mrs. Nelson (Betty) Morgan
Jolene Cook	Mr. & Mrs. Leland Morley
Doris Dale	Mrs. John Moulds
Lurye Root Emig	Nancy Moulds
Harold Fay Evans	Barbara Murphy
Naomi Pearl Davisson Evans	Mrs. William Murray
Mrs. Marson (Lillian Crotts) French	Mrs. Leonard (Vivian) Nichols
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gardner	Dorothy & Orval Nillen
Mrs. Leon (Anita) Goldberg	Virginia Norton
W.A. Graves	Mr. & Mrs. W.C. O'Rorke
Jim Griffin	Gertrude Oswald
Esther Griswold	Virginia Parnell
Bonnie Haile	Norm Partridge
Garland Henson	Mrs. William F. (Malinda) Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. Dorris Herriman	Mr. & Mrs. Joe C (Jayne) Purcell
Inez Howard	Margaret Ramsdale
Edith Jones	Mrs. Janet Ritche
Vivian Kessler	Mrs. Mildred Roots
Jesse & Edith King	Mrs. Vaeta Schroeder
Janice Klein	Robert E. & Lois June Spence
Mrs. Walter Kloxin	Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Stansel
Marie Lackey	Raymond & Anne Geneieva Stewart
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Lee	Lydia Streeter
Maxine Lindburg	Ivan Tompkins
Wanda Lindbloom	William G. Tucker
	Everett H. Wells



Betty Morgan took on the responsibility to become the first President of the newly formed genealogy club.

RCGS Members in the Early Years



Everett Wells



Jess King, ? , Betty Morgan, Jayned Purcell



Jim Purcell, Arthur Graves & Raymond Stewart



Everett Wells & Carolyn Miller



Ruth Filbert



Barbara Murphy



Danny Miller



Delores Moore, Jayne Purcell, Edith Jones
(?), & Lydia Streeter

There were many charter members who retained their membership until their passing, and the support of those members to the society was always appreciated.

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Pam and Lynn Stansel, Charter Members Still Today



About 1985



Today

Pam and Lynn Stansel are the only living charter members who have maintained membership throughout the forty years of our society's existence.

**Thank You, Pam and Lynn for your service and dedication to our society.**

## Extracting names, dates and information from tombstones at Eastside Cemetery Genealogists Everett Wells (left) and Arthur Graves



This article is taken  
from the  
Hutchinson News,  
May 19, 1980  
Page 3, columns 1-4

*Genealogists Everett Wells (left) and Arthur Graves gather information at Eastside Cemetery.*

# Graveyards are paths to past

By Kim Moore  
Staff writer

To many, a graveyard is a solemn place.

It's a symbol of death, a reminder of the mortality of the human race.

But for Arthur Graves, Everett Wells and other genealogists, the cemetery represents life. It's the final step in the lives of ancestors, the final resting place beneath the now topped gravestones under the tree or at the top of the hill of area cemeteries.

Graves and Wells have spent more than three years tromping through about 70 Reno County cemeteries, prodding tall grasses of forgotten plots or combing cemetery records with an entourage of about 65 helpers.

The men are members of the Reno County Genealogical Society. The Society will publish a book, "Cemetery Records of Reno County, Kansas - 1865-1978," this year.

The Society must have orders for the book by June 1 before it can be taken to the printer.

The book isn't just for Reno County residents, said Graves, 1512 West Blanchard. Many people migrated to the Midwest from the

East and their descendants now are trying to find out where they died and where they were buried.

"You'd be surprised at the number of letters that come into the county at the cemeteries, mortuaries or the courthouse requesting information on burials," said Wells, 608 East 8th. "Usually the letters are funneled to our society."

"In the past, we (the society) have written these people back with any information we could dig up. Now we can tell them about the book and they can do their own digging," Wells said.

The 425-page book will contain the names of about 44,000 persons buried in Reno County cemeteries and a map of the county showing the location of each cemetery. All names are listed alphabetically with a key to the burial place.

The workers went to cemeteries armed with clipboards and paper. In smaller cemeteries which had no records, the compilers went from stone to stone writing down name, birth date and date of death. If possible, the name of the spouse was listed. If the grave was for a young person, they were recorded as the "son or daughter of so and so," Wells said.

At the larger cemeteries, re-

ords of burials are kept and the workers recorded the same information. They recorded war records or lodge affiliations when possible. Other society members and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) members helped in the larger cemeteries.

The publication of Alex Haley's book, "Roots," is credited for the increased interest in digging for family tree information. But Wells said many persons already were interested in genealogy and the book just brought them out of the woodwork.

Both men said it's never too late to get started in genealogy, but the sooner you start, the easier it is because sometimes the only record of events and transactions is in a person's memory. If the information isn't recorded, it's lost after the person dies.

"I don't know any genealogist who doesn't say 'I wish I'd started this when Grandmother was alive,'" Wells said.

The number of publications and books available to help the researcher has increased in the past several years, Graves said. New genealogical societies are being formed all the time and membership grows every year.

A society member has started clipping obituaries from the paper and placing them in a file in the Hutchinson Public Library as a continuation of the book. There also is a surname file available in the Harris Room of the library.

Wells is working on a book of Reno County marriage records.

"You're either really interested in genealogy or you're not at all," Wells said. "We're hoping our book will interest other counties and genealogical societies in making books of their own."

Once people get started in genealogy, their whole lifestyle changes, Graves said.

"We plan our vacation so we can go to libraries, courthouses or cemeteries which might have some information about some of our ancestors," Graves said. "And now cemeteries have a different meaning for me. We'll be driving along and my wife will say, 'Now there's a nice, big cemetery for you to catalog.'"

The Reno County Genealogical Society meets from 7-9 p.m. the third Monday of each month in the Harris Room of the library. Anyone wanting more information about the Society or the book, can contact Graves at 862-8542.



## RCGS PUBLICATIONS

1980

### RCGS First Book Published *Cemetery Records of Reno County, Kansas*

The March 21, 1978 minutes listed the tentative committees to be formed. One of them was Cemetery Listings – with Everett Wells and Arthur Graves as co-chairmen. This was a big undertaking that lasted for a couple of years.

Timeline of cemeteries reports, taken from minutes.

May 1, 1978 – cemetery Records – Out of the 40 cemeteries – 28 have been assigned to different people.

June 5, 1978 – Out of 64 cemeteries – 19 cemeteries (4000 names) completed we will need help when it comes time to record the Hutchinson cemeteries. Forms to be used are being discussed with Lillian French and Melina Peterson who have compiled a book on a cemetery.

July 10, 1978 – Art Graves reports that the Cemetery Records Committee now has about 6000 names in their file.

September 5, 1978 - Arthur Graves and Everett Wells reported that it was too hot to continue with the cemetery records.

November 6, 1978 – Everett Wells and Arthur Graves reported that people were working 4 hours a day four days a week at the cemetery and that they really need to double the worker or it would drag into the summer.

February 6, 1979 – Cemetery records for Eastside cemetery are complete.

November 5, 1979 – Art Graves reported that the Cemetery Records were being typed now.

December 10, 1979 – Cemetery records are being proof-read.

February 4, 1980 – Art Graves said there were 2 boxes left to type and that we need proof-readers.

May 1980 – the “Cemetery Records of Reno County” book is scheduled to go to press the first week in June 1980. The orders are coming in. Many people have done much work on this project and it’s a job well done. We are proud of our first attempt at publishing

**The RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of Hutchinson, Kansas  
proudly announces the publication of  
“CEMETERY RECORDS OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS...”**

425 page volume contains the names of some 44,000 persons buried in the 70 odd cemeteries, a map of the county showing the location of each cemetery, and complete description of each cemetery.

Burials began in the 1860’s and continue through 1978.

**1982**  
**RCGS Second Book Published**  
*Early Marriage Records of Reno County, Kansas*  
**1872 – 1913**

**From RCGS August 1982 Newsletter**

The idea for a “Marriage Records of Reno County” book was first conceived in the spring of 1978, but it was in limbo until completion of the cemetery records book in March of 1980.

Hopefully it will be completed in the fall of 1982.

A check of the work book showed that more than 50 person donated valuable time to this project. There is no way to tell how many hours were spent copying, alphabetizing, checking, typing and checking some more. It was my responsibility to ask people to donate their time and with hardly an exception everyone did so and willingly. I would like to list each name, but with fear that I would miss one person, I will extend to each person that helped my heartfelt thanks for accepting so willingly the challenge of helping with this worthy project. I am sure that each one of you will be proud to have had a

April 9, 1979 – Jim Arterburn said work on the Marriage record would begin later this summer after the work on the cemeteries was finished.

February 1980 – Jim Arterburn will welcome your help with the marriage records project. The information is being recorded from the microfilm. If you have a couple of hours to spare, call Jim at 663-2470 and volunteer to help.

March 1980 – Jim Arturburn resigned as Chairman of the marriage records project.

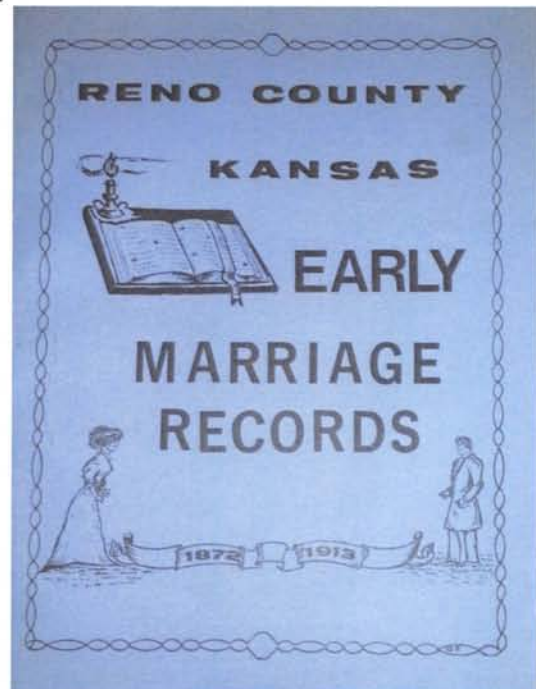
April 1980 - Everett Wells has been appointed chairman of the Marriage Records Committee. 1000 records have been copied. There are still 5000 records to be copied.

May 1980 – Everett Wells reports that the Marriage Records are 35% complete. He reports that he has a diligent committee hard at work recording the marriage records from microfilm. He says he has enough help for now, but if you want to work on this project, he will be glad to put you on his waiting list. Call Everett at 662-7852

July, August 1980 – Everett Wells declared a holiday from copying the marriage records during the hot weather.

October 1980 – the copying of the marriage records is about 70 % complete.

February 1981 – the marriage records have all been copied. They are being alphabetized and ready for typing



In 1982, a committee was set up by Lydia Streeter to extract marriage records from the this microfilm and put on 3X5 index cards.

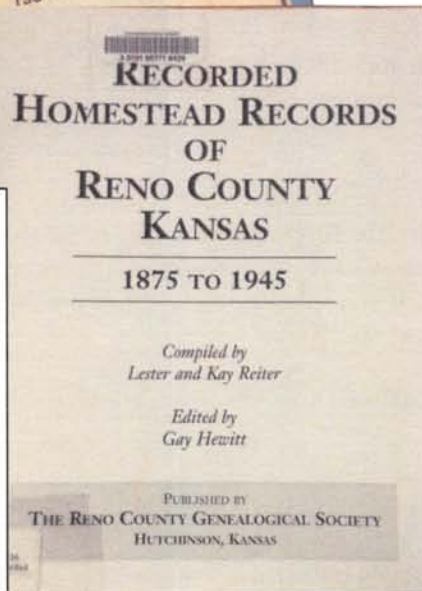
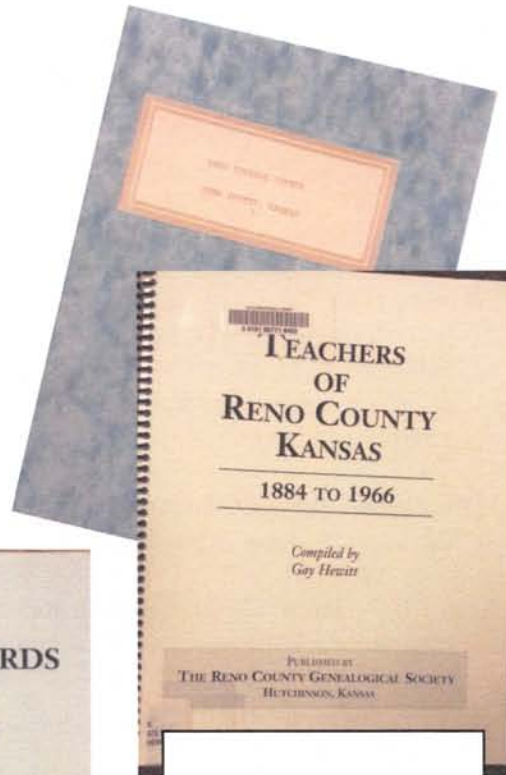
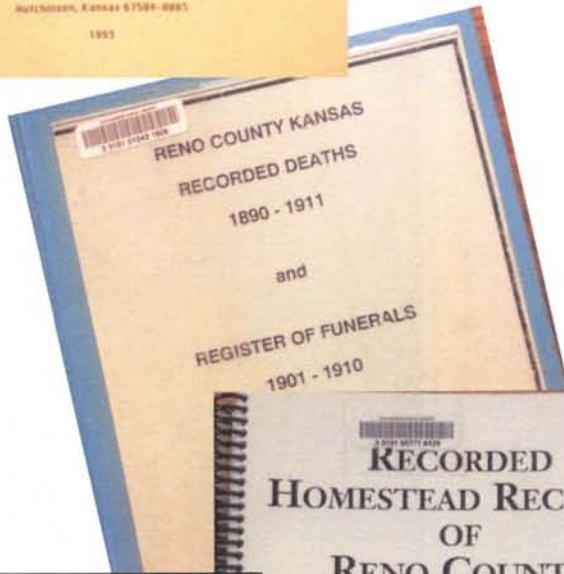
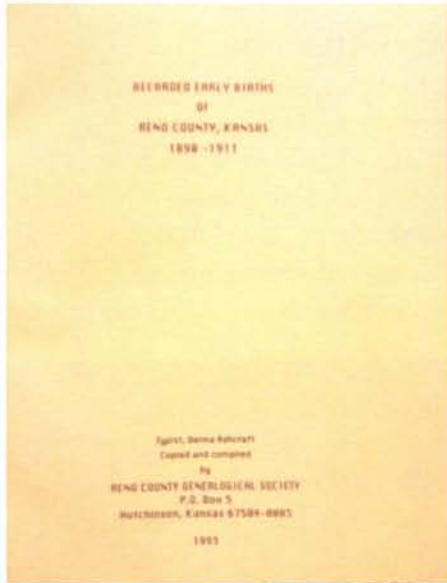
1983 – Birth records published

**1984? - *Recorded Early Births of Reno Co., 1890 – 1911 & Index***

**1989 – *Death Records of Reno County, 4 Volumes, 1890 – 1911 & Index***

**1989 - *Published 1880 Federal Census of Reno County, Kansas***


Extractions of names from 1880 Federal Census of Reno County from microfilm, started in 1987 and book was completed in 1989. At the time this was published there was no printed index of this record. It was a very valuable asset to Reno county researchers.



**Index to Naturalization  
Records of Reno County,  
Kansas  
1875-1955**

**Cemetery Records of  
North Inman  
Cemetery  
Inman, KS**





Soon To Be  
*Hot Off the Press*

The  
**Reno County Genealogical Society**  
Hutchinson, Kansas

is offering the following new books  
at pre-publication prices.

**Index to Naturalization Records of Reno County, Kansas 1875-1955**  
66 pages. This index list names of citizens who filed at the Reno County Court House for Naturalization Papers. List applicant names and dates documents were filed. Compiled by Jolene (Mitzner) Cook.  
Pre-Publication Price (includes postage & handling) \$10.00 ea.

**Recorded Homestead Records of Reno County, Kansas 1875-1945**  
170 pages. List names of those who filed homestead claims in Reno County, Kansas. Gives location of homestead and dates filed. 5 Volumes of records are alphabetized by book. Compiled by Lester & Kay Reiter, Edited by Gay Hewitt  
Pre-Publication Price (includes postage & handling) \$19.00 ea.

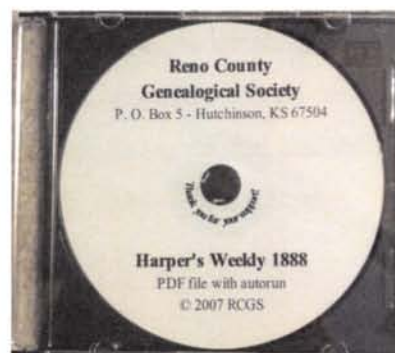
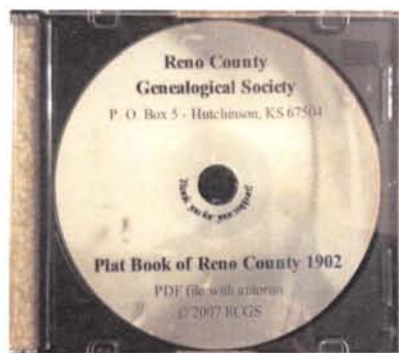
**Teachers of Reno County, Kansas 1884 to 1966**  
140 pages. List early teachers of Reno County, Kansas, gives dates of service and at which school they taught. Color map of school districts of Reno County, included. Compiled by Gay Hewitt  
Pre-Publication Price (includes postage & handling) \$25.00 ea.

One of our  
advertisements  
for our books

Publication Date  
2002

**Plat Book of Reno Co. 1902**  
– PDF on CD

**Harper's Weekly 1888 –**  
**City of Hutchinson –**  
**Featured supplement PDF on CD**



Our Society has accomplished a lot during the previous 40 years. All of the publications took volunteers many hours and in some cases years to accomplish and get to publication. Until the internet came into being, one of the most common ways to find research sources was from books, books published by societies concerning information about past citizens of their counties.

Our books were ordered from all over America, and are in all of the largest genealogy libraries.

The RCGS no longer sells any books. Over the last year, 2017, we donated all of our remaining books to local libraries and libraries in surrounding counties.

Thanks to Rita Lingg, Sandy Wedman and Rebecca Head for their work in distributing the remaining books around Reno County and neighboring counties.

How was the printing of the RCGS publications possible for the newly formed society? It was because of a loan that was later forgiven by one of the early founders of the society,

**Malinda Peterson.**

This money gave the society a reserve to establish the publication fund used for printing.

DECLARATION OF GIFT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, Malinda Peterson has heretofore and from time to time loaned monies to the Reno County Genealogical Society, Hutchinson, Kansas, for the purpose of assisting in its operations, the total balance owing on said loans currently being the sum of \$2,789, the obligation for repayment whereof she now desires to forgive with the intention of making a gift thereof to said society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Malinda Peterson, do by these presents do hereby forgive the Reno County Genealogical Society from repayment of the said balance of \$2,789 owing to me as of January 25, 1984, and do hereby make a gift of said amount to said society. /

DATED this 25th day of January, 1984.

Malinda Peterson  
Malinda Peterson



Everett Wells, Malinda Peterson & ?

**Various Subjects & Events of RCGS from Minutes  
1977 - 1992****RCGS Brochure**

January 1987 – Maxine Lindburg has requested a brochure on the RCGS be pass out at seminars.  
Feb 13, 1989 - Motion made by Roy Gardner to design a Society promotional brochure.

**By-laws**

October 20, 1980 – The finished by-laws were presented to the genealogy society.

**1880 Federal Census extractions –**

June 8, 1987 – Lydia Streeter reported the 1880 census work is progressing.  
April 10, 1989 – the 1880 Federal Census has been finished.

**Vital Records of Reno County–**

October 1, 1979 – Jim Arterburn said that we now have copies of the Marriage Records from September 1872 to May 1919 on microfilm.  
March 1982 – Lydia Streeter, Vital Records, reported the committee which includes Debbie Snyder, Jolene Cook, Delma Ashcraft, Leta Bechtel, Everett Wells, Carolyn Miller and I have finished copying the birth record of Reno County 1872 – 1910 on 3X5 cards. They are now being proof read and the 1890 have been published in the quarterly.  
July 1987 – Lydia Streeter presented the completed copy of “Deaths of Reno County, Book 1 and 2, to be placed on our shelves in the Kansas Room.  
Dec. 11, 1989- Lydia Streeter suggested that the society have the Death Records printed into booklets, Vol. 1, 2, 3 & Index. Moved and passed.  
Feb. 12, 1990 – the Reno Co. Death Records have been printed.

**Purchase of Census on microfilm**

June 12, 1989 – It was moved and approved to purchase the 1890 Federal Censuses of surrounding counties.  
Aug 14, 1989 – Society paid for and donated the 1890 Fed. Census microfilm for surrounding counties to Hutchinson Public Library

**Publication Sells at meetings**

April 1986 – Pam Stansel, sold \$188.90 of charts, pencils, note pads in past year.  
March 1986 – Pam Stansel reported that she and Lynn has sold approx. \$450.00 in forms this year.

**Honorary members**

July 1989 – Marilyn Mitchell and Becky Hatton were given a honorary membership for all the help they have given to the society.

**North Inman Cemetery**

March 1986 – Debbie Snyder has canvassed the North Inman cemetery and typed a list of the names.

**Volunteer Program in Kansas Room**

March 1984 – We have started the volunteer program in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library in May 1983 with volunteers to assist people with their genealogy research on Tuesday and “Thursday afternoon and evening. We have increased our number of volunteer days to Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 and Tuesday evening 7-9.

**Malinda Peterson's gift**

August 2, 1982 – Malinda Peterson state that an instrument is being drawn up to the effect that all monies need not be repaid in the event of her death.  
February 13, 1984 – Art Graves has reported Malinda Peterson has forgiven our debt of \$2789.00. He stated Malinda wanted us to keep the newsletter going, not to make it any larger, around 12 pages, about what it is now. She feels this ia a must. She does not want the money put in general fund. Use our judgment. Use money for something special.

**RCGS Newsletter**

June 13, 1983 – Garland Henson reported the R.C.G.S. Newsletter was chosen on the top five newsletters in the United States. A Special Thank You to Jane Purcell and staff.  
June 11, 1984 – Jayne Purcell reported 250 copies (12 pages) of the newsletter were printed at a cost of \$138.69. 2017 copies were mailed at a cost of \$11.28.

**Our Postal Box Zip Code changed to 67504**

July 13, 1983 – From Bruce W. Bryn Postmaster, US Post Office, Hutchinson,  
In order to improve delivery service in our area, effective July 1, 1983, the box section at the Hutchinson Main Office has been assigned the ZIP Code 67504.  
July 11, 1983 – Winnie Hendershot reported the new zip code for our Post Office Box is 67504-0005.

**Surname File**

May 3, 1982 – Surname File was first discuss.  
January 23, 1985 – Carolyn Miller reports her job description – She sends a letter with two ancestor charts to each new member. Also the new member's name and number are filed in my card index. When ancestor charts are returned to me, I fill out an index card for each person on the chart (up to ten generations). The cards are added to the Surname File in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Library at Hutchinson, Kansas.

**Reno County Guide for Genealogy Research**

August 2, 1982 – Danny Miller suggested a booklet on Reno County Genealogy sources would be a way to bring in more revenue.  
April 5, 1983 – Danny Miller presented 100 copies of “Guides to Reno County Records” to the board. Printing and paper were donated to the society. Earl Green donated paper & Rick Miller donated the printing . Carolyn Miller, moved to sell the guides for \$1.50 each. Motion passed.

## Volunteers in Kansas Room.

Member of our society volunteered their time to spend mornings, afternoons or evenings at the HPL Kansas Room, to help patrons with their genealogy research. Because of lack of volunteers this was phased out in the early years of 2000.



Margaret Childs & Lydia Streeter



Alta Proctor and RCGS volunteers  
In Kansas Room of Hutchinson Public Library

## Obituary Index



The obituary file index was one of the earliest projects of the newly formed society.

The idea was to cut out and secure obituaries from the Hutchinson News on 3”X5” cards, and then file them alphabetically and according to years.

According to early minutes, only those persons having been born, married, lived or have died in Hutchinson was to be saved.

A committee was set up, headed by the obituary chairperson. The obituaries begin with May 1977.

This project took a lot of dedication and time to do. As the years passed, there was less volunteers and added cost for maintaining the project. As of 2008 the file cabinet have added no new obituaries. However, the present obituary coordinator, Dwayne Gobin, still extract names and dates from the obituaries in the Hutchinson News. This list is then listed on the RCGS website

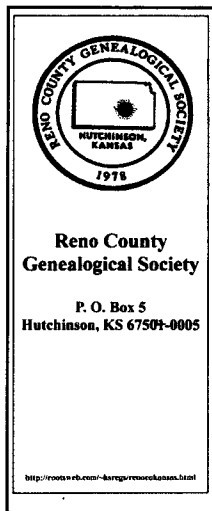
### Black File Contents

1978 – 20004 Obits clipped  
 2005 – 2006 Obits partially clipped  
 2007 Obits clipped  
 2008 Obits partially clipped

### Brown File Contents

Pre 1978 obits indexed  
 from various microfilmed  
 newspapers.





## Mission Statement - Workshops - Programs

Our society's membership brochure has changed its look through the years. . . When RCGS started there was "goals" that were established, later that longer version was reduced to this Mission Statement.

The Reno County Genealogical Society of Hutchinson, Kansas was founded in 1978 for the purpose of fostering genealogical research, promoting the exchange of information and encouraging the deposit of genealogical and historical materials in established libraries and archives.

### Extracted from "Highlights of RCGS May 1988" issue of the quarterly Education

The next highlight is composed of educational events. These were the many workshops that were provided for the members and guests. Possibly the greatest boon to RCGS's workshops was Becky Hatton. For several years, she was the speaker/teacher for many large and small workshops on both the beginning and advanced levels. Carla Miller, also, presented a number of workshops of different subjects. Another educator was Delma Ashcraft. She not only organized groups to view the records in the Reno County Courthouse and the funeral homes, but she also was in charge of the volunteers who gave genealogical assistance in the Kansas Room of the Library.

The many educational workshops, presented by members and by a few out-of-town speakers, have made the RCGS members more knowledgeable and have attracted new members. In summary, after 10 years the tiny spark of any that brought the RCGS into being has developed into a bright burning flame. That flame has grown because of the members willingness to work and to accept responsibility in the society. With continued stewardship the RCGS should flourish.— by Betty Morgan

The following years after 1988 to the present, the society has followed through with genealogical programs to benefit our members. Many of the programs were presented by members, who studied their program subject then shared that knowledge with others. Programs covered everything from beginning and advance genealogy, to local research resources and state resources. Just about anything genealogy.

There were also speakers brought in from outside of our society. Lectures from teachers and professors of the local and from other colleges provided us with numerous specialized programs. Such as from Bethel College, several program about the Mennonite migration across Europe and then to America.

We got many programs from the Speaker Guild of Kansas Council of Humanities.

And the society was fortunate to have local citizens of Hutchinson willing to share their knowledge and interest with us.

Pat Mitchell gave many programs on early Hutchinson.

Tom Elliott, almost gave yearly programs on cemeteries in Hutchinson, and covered all things concerning the mortuary business.

Steve Conard and Steve Harmon entertained us often on their post cards and pictures of Reno Co. Several Reno County Court House personal gave information on court records.

Our members, kept attendees up to date on genealogy information available when volunteering to give programs.

### Genealogy Workshops offered by RCGS

During the years the RCGS offered many beginning genealogy workshops. Some were spread over several months, other were just one day workshops.

The society has years of giving beginning lessons at the Kansas State Fair. The attendance was always very good at these lessons. However, what the presenters remember most was the heat and trying to speak above the noise.

#### Genealogy workshop

The Hutchinson Public Library and Reno County Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring a Genealogy Workshop April 5 in the auditorium of the Library.

The program, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., will be limited to the first 75 people to register. Registration must be in before March 21. Forms may be picked up at the Library.

This workshop is designed for the beginner who has never attempted a genealogy study but wishes to learn. The program will explain seven steps to start a genealogy, organization of materials, illustrated family history and other useful knowledge the beginner should know.

A packet will be available and will include of list of genealogy forms and examples of these forms, a list of genealogy publishers and supplies, how to record information, key items for a rewarding search and other basic tips.

Betty Morgan will speak about the Reno County Genealogical Society and what it can offer the individual. Everett Wells will explain the work he has done with cemetery and marriage records. Future goals and projects of the society will be discussed.

There is no charge for the workshop.

### Just a few of the many Workshops the society gave.

#### Library to host genealogy classes

Four hour-long workshops on genealogical forms will be held Sunday at Hutchinson Public Library. The workshops, co-sponsored by the Reno County Genealogical Society, will be directed by Rebecca Sue Hatton of the library staff.

The workshops will begin at 1 p.m. and continue on the hour through 5. Openings still are available in each section. Registration fee at the door is \$3.50.

More than 100 laminated forms used in genealogical work will be displayed; 50 will be available for purchase. Browsers also will find ancestor charts suitable for framing and gift giving, said Ms. Hatton.

1983

Contestants are judged primarily in three categories: personality, swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

Kansas wives and homemakers wishing to be considered are asked to contact Ms. Wilcoxon, 5900 Norman Road, Lincoln, Neb. 68512 or call (402) 423-7852.

#### Genealogist to speak

The Reno County Genealogical Society is having a German seminar at 1 p.m. May 7 at the First United Methodist Church, 101 East 1st. Friedrich R. Wollmershauser, a West German genealogist, will lead

the seminar.

The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Make reservations no later than April 20 with the Reno County Genealogical Society, Lydia Streeter, 407 East 16th, Hutchinson, 67501.

#### 'Dairy Walk' sets trek

This year's Mennonite Central Committee Dairy-A-Thon, a worship service and walk, will originate from Tabor College in Hillsboro.

At 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, the "dairy walk" will be dedicated in a

1987

1981 Workshop

#### Interesting Tidbit

Throughout the years that our Society had paid membership, over 713 people joined. Some stayed just a few years, some remained until the present time.

Genealogy has become a fantastic hobby, should I say life time hobby.

#### Who Are Your Ancestors?

Join us to find out!

#### Beginning Genealogy

March 28, 2009 | 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Hutchinson Public Library Auditorium  
901 N. Main Street

No cost | Limited Seating | Reserve your seat:  
620-200-5205 or RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com

How to begin | Where to look | How to record what you find  
Basic Records | Internet Genealogy



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Genealogical Society**

RCGS  
P. O. Box 5  
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0005  
RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com  
www.rcgsweb.com/rcgs

2003

## Family History Fair at Hutchinson Public Library Hosted by Reno County Genealogical Society March 25, 1995



Rita Lingg



Donald Derr



Harold Balzer



Lola Patton & Karen Burgess



Donald Derr & Ruth Filbert

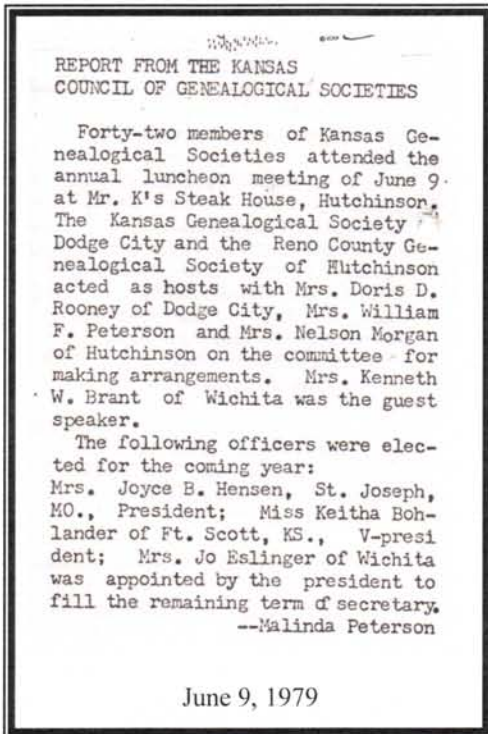


Barbara Murphy

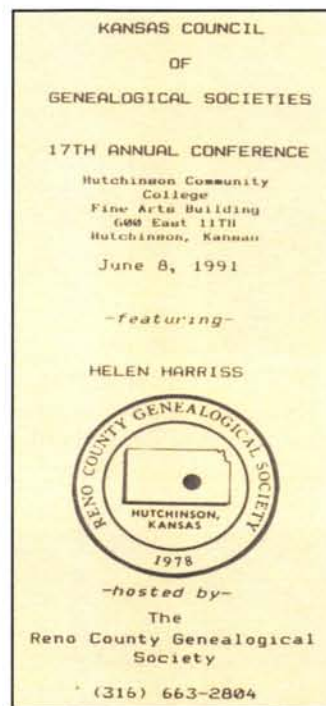


## RCGS Involvement with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies

The KCGS is an umbrella society for all of the genealogical societies in Kansas. One of the first items that we did as a society was to become a member of KCGS. The KCGS came to Hutchinson to present programs and assist our board in any way that our society needed. During the past 40 years our society co-host several of the KCGS annual meetings.



Shortly after our society was formed, the RCGS hosted the KCGS annual meeting in 1979.



**In 1991 our society again hosted the KCGS annual meeting.**

Bringing in a speaker from Pennsylvania to give lectures on Migrations Across PA, and Western Reserve of Ohio.

Attendance was close to 100. A very successful Conference.

The Kansas Council holds annual meetings. Several members of the RCGS have made it a tradition in attending these annual meetings when possible. Pictures on following pages shows a just a few of the years that was attended by our members.

**RCGS co-host KCGS annual meeting on June 18, 2005.** Speaker Henry Z. "Hank Jones" might have been best known as playing 'Ernie' on *My Three Sons* in the 1970's. As an adult he became a fellow of the American Society of Genealogist. His well known book, *Psychic Roots* featured a story about one of our chartered member, Lydia Streeter, and a serendipity experience she had while doing her family history.



Our society hosted or co-hosted the Kansas Council of Genealogical Society Annual Meeting several times during the years. The first one was RCGS co-host was on June 4, 1979, along with Kansas Genealogical Society in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Our Society hosted the KCGS Annual Meeting for the second time on

Many of our members also attend the KCGS Annual Meetings throughout the years.



2006 KCGS Annual Meeting - Emporia, Kansas

Featuring Sharon Carmack & Jim Warren

Jim Warren, Sandy Wedman, Sharon Carmack, Carrolyn Miller, Ruth Filbert, Bill Rexroad, Edith McReynolds, Karen Burgess, Jim Stoecklein, Rita Lingg and Gale Wall



2009 KCGS Annual Meeting - Wichita, Kansas

Featuring Megan Smolenyak

Lillie Whiteman, Dwayne Gobin, Vivian Gobin, Sally Eubanks, Sandy Wedman, Karen Burgess, Rita Lingg, Ruth Filbert, and in back Carrolyn Miller & Megan Smolenyak

2012 KCGS Annual Meeting  
Emporia, Kansas  
Featuring - Julie Miller



Above  
Carrolyn Miller, Sandy  
Wedman, Rita Lingg,  
Speaker Julie Miller, and  
Karen Burgess



Kansas Council of Genealogical Society hosted several trips to Salt Lake City to research at the Genealogical Library. Attending those trips were some of our members, Ruth Filbert, Barbara Murphy, Doris Dale, Lydia Streeter just to list a few. Before computers and the internet, the research was mainly done by visiting local areas or large major libraries. These sponsored trips made it possible. The Kansas Council also brought in major known speakers for their annual meetings. Our members always found these events a learning and enjoyable time.



Our own member, Ruth Filbert has served as  
President of KCGS  
several times and presently president.

## Our Society Gifts to the Hutchinson Public Library

From the beginning of our society, it was decided that our genealogy book additions was to be shelved and maintained in our own section of the Kansas Room in the library. These books were not on the library catalog, but listed on in paper notebook, near our shelving.

In 1999 Our society decided to gift the library with all of the books that were owned by the society. This was done to make it easier for patrons to find all books

*The Hutchinson Public Library Board*

*acknowledges with genuine appreciation*

*your gift to the Library of*

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND'S PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE:  
A GUIDE FOR NORTH AMERICANS BY JUDITH PROWSE REID  
MUSTER AND PAY ROLLS OF THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION 1775-1783:  
REPRINTED FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY FOR THE YEARS 1914 AND 1915

Leroy M. Gattin  
Director

The Reno County Genealogical Society donated many books and microfilm to the Hutchinson Public

Library throughout the years. Some donations were given as a memorial for past members and some gifts were given for books, microfilm and other items that the society believed would be useful for HPL to have available for researchers. Here is a sample of the Thank You cards the Society received.

Here are a few of the Thank You cards the Society received from the Hutchinson Public Library

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MALINDA PETERSON MEMORIAL

1885 State Census-Kansas for Various Counties

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ROY GARNDER MEMORIAL

The Heritage Collection History and Biography: History of  
Washtenaw County, Michigan Volume I and Volume II

Leroy M. Gattin  
Director

Donation of money to buy all the surrounding counties of Reno County state census microfilm that is needed at HPL.

At the time of this quarterly printing, our society is making plans on donation of monies to help support the HPL yearly subscription to major genealogical websites.

# Prairie Book Festival September 25, 2010 Sponsored by Hutchinson Public Library



Shelia Sage and Rita Lingg ready to help people and sell our publications.



Karen Burgess showing a guest one of our books



## Monthly Meetings (Picture 1985 – 1990)



RCGS Meeting 1985 - 1990



**Pictures in 2015**



Gale Wall joined our society in 2006. Gale brought new ideas and promoted the society to engage with our members by using all methods including technology.

With her suggestions the society:

- Improve engagements with new members
- Updated our website
- Secured our present email address for the society
- Started connecting with members electronically by sending out monthly E-News, Facebook, etc.
- Promoted projects— including our last one [Community Connection Cemetery Sign Project] which made it possible for every known Cemetery in Reno County be identified.

Gales love for cemeteries and tombstone was a force to be reckoned with. She and Kathleen Dankanyin set about to photograph as many tombstones as possible in Reno County. She has made it possible to link those pictures through our RCGS website.



Gale Wall started Reno County E-News in 2007 and it was sent out by email through 2011.

## Keeping connected with our Members Going Electronic

Our Website previewed in the early 2005. First webmaster was Ann Lambert. In 2008 Gale Wall, updated and redesigned the website and maintained it until 2015 the duties was webmaster was given over to Earl Bonneau.





*Note: Our website is hosted by Rootsweb. Ancestry.com bought Rootsweb and has continued to host many genealogical societies websites. At the time of the printing of this quarterly, April 2018, Ancestry has taken Rootsweb off the internet, because of security problems. Ancestry states that they will bring Rootsweb online when security risks are fixed. If this does not happen we might have to find another host.*

## Reno County E-News

Reno County Genealogical Society

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| <p><b>Reminder - November 19th Meeting</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Book Review &amp; Genealogical Magazines</b><br/>Presented by Ruth Filbert<br/>See you there!</p> </div> <p><b>Genealogy Toolkit ... by Karen Burgess</b><br/>Found an interesting or helpful site?</p> <p>Old disease names and their modern definitions:<br/><a href="http://www.prickytree.webhostmag.com/tools/index.html">http://www.prickytree.webhostmag.com/tools/index.html</a></p> <p>Create your own 2008 calendar &amp; find links for other calendar needs:<br/><a href="http://www.cyndistim.com/calendar.htm">http://www.cyndistim.com/calendar.htm</a></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p><b>Special Project Help Needed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Volunteers to index plat maps. Images sent via email in PDF format w/ instructions. We had 13 people volunteer so far, but more maps are available to index.</li> <li>2. Volunteers to index old Reno County newspapers. Issues can be taken home to index. Copies available at the November meetings.</li> </ol> <p>Email <a href="mailto:RCGS@cox.net">RCGS@cox.net</a> if you can volunteer!</p> | <p><b>Review - October Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Potluck</b></p> <p>If you did not attend you missed another good time of fellowship &amp; great food. Favorite Ancestor Story winners were announced and our volunteers [thru Oct] were recognized. Read about it in the November issue of The Sunflower that is arriving in mailboxes this week.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2008 Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/21 - Research &amp; Learning Lab<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• 2/18 - Research Pathways - by Karen Burgess</li> <li>• 3/17 - Tax Records - by Virginia Downing</li> <li>• 4/21 - Treasure Quest - by Darren McMannis</li> <li>• 5/19 - NGS Conference Highlights &amp; Recap</li> <li>• 6/16 - Through The Eyes of Young Pioneers (1)</li> <li>• 7/21 - Preserving Your Family Treasures - by Michelle Enke</li> <li>• 8/18 - Land Record Research - by Margaret Hermstein</li> <li>• 9/15 - Research &amp; Learning Lab<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• 10/20 - Celebrating Family History Month<br/>Join us at the Delos V. Smith Center, 101 W. 1st, 6:00 p.m.<br/>Potluck - bring your favorite dish to share.<br/>Bring a family item to share for "show &amp; tell"</li> <li>• 11/1 - Citing Sources - by Ruth Filbert</li> <li>• December - No program meeting<br/><sup>1</sup>In HPL lab<br/>(1) Kansas Humanities Program</li> </ul> |
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County Connections and The Sunflower Quarterly Newsletter is edited by Darren McMannis



# County Connections

Reno County Genealogical Society

April-May 2017

May 15 RCGS Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Delos Smith Senior Center in Hutchinson. Do you have something that you would like to have discussed at this meeting? If so, let us know at [RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com](mailto:RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com) - Karen Burgess

## Tips From Internet Genealogy Magazine

**How Can You Discover What A County's Boundaries Were At A Given Time?**  
Smithsonian Libraries Free Databases and Collections

There's nothing like the word FREE and this collection of free resources courtesy of the Smithsonian. This site: <http://library.sldu/free-databases-and-collections> has some research tools that normally can only be accessed at a subscribing library. Some of my favorites for genealogy include ProQuest Dissertation Express and ProQuest PQDT Open Access Dissertations for finding, and in the case of Open Access, reading dissertations that give a historical background to your genealogy. By Gena Phibbert-Ortega, *Internet Genealogy* and *Your Genealogy Today* author.

**How Can You Discover What A County's Boundaries Were At A Given Time?**

Each county will offer its own resources like historical atlases, county histories, pictorial histories and even city directories. County websites (governmental, genealogical and historical) often describe boundary changes, too. But a reliable go-to source for county boundary changes across the United States is the Newberry Library's online Atlas of Historical County Boundaries found at: <https://www.newberry.org/atlas-historical-county-boundaries>. From the home page of the Atlas, click on the state in question. That will take you to a "state homepage." This will help you sort out where to find key court and vital records for your ancestors. By Lisa Alzo, *Internet Genealogy* and *Your Genealogy Today* author.



The society appreciates Darren McMannis for editing these two newsletters. As the time change and the cost of mailing paper quarters keeps getting higher, the only alternative is to keep in touch with members by e-mail.

County Connections is sent out bi-monthly, and its purpose is to keep into touch with members on up to date events and genealogical stories.

The Sunflower is now being sent out in newsletter format. Like the previous paper quarterly it's purpose is to have interesting and informational articles.

Both are sent by e-mail to those who are in the Reno County Genealogical Society e-mail list.



## New Beginnings: January 1, 1880

**Looking Back - Looking Forward**  
Sego

I have the pleasure this week of chronicling the marriage of Miss Lucinda Loyd and John J. Layman. I extend congratulations and only regret that the arrival of unexpected guests caused the supply of cake to run short so that there was some left for the next editorial copy of the issue.

During the gale of Sunday a spark from the stove pipe of Mitchell Stevens caught in some weeds in his peach orchard and has been trying to convert the woods in his peach orchard and garden into a park for the town of Burton. The colored preacher who has been trying to convert the town to the Lord has been in his study for the occasion and all his children were there to participate in the celebration. Christmas is over and a great many folks in the valley are celebrating at the Layman school house on Christmas eve, by a turnout of capacity and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion. The girls were numerous and presented a fine appearance and was a model of taste and beauty. The girls were numerous and presented a fine appearance and was a model of taste and beauty. The girls were numerous and presented a fine appearance and was a model of taste and beauty.

**Valley Township**  
was very interesting. The Van Bess family were present and furnished music for the occasion. Burton is over and a great many folks in the valley are celebrating at the Layman school house on Christmas eve, by a turnout of capacity and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion. The girls were numerous and presented a fine appearance and was a model of taste and beauty. The girls were numerous and presented a fine appearance and was a model of taste and beauty.

## The Community Connections Cemetery Sign Project 2009—2012

This was the last major project that our Society decided to do. The editor of *The Sunflower*, at the time of this project was Gale Wall. Gale is known for her love of researching and photographing graves and tombstones. She suggested this project, and to add an additional membership [Community Connections] to fund project. It was a job well done. Gale donated the November 2012 issue of *The Sunflower* to the Cemetery Project. If you do not have that issue, the Hutchinson Public Library houses a complete set of *The Sunflower* in the Kansas Room.

All information below and on next pages concerning the Cemetery Sign Project has been extracted from that issue, with exceptions of the photos, which was supplied by Dwayne Gobin.

### From *The Sunflower*, November 2016

In early 2009 the board approved a project that would place signs in the 17 county cemeteries without one. The society received several donation toward the project and a grant from Megan Smolenyak of Honoring Our Ancestors. <http://www.honoringourancestors.com/index.html>  
The sign purchases began in late 2009 and were completed in 2012. What a wonderful way to give back our community and honor those that came before us.

Published articles on the Project:  
August 2009 *Sunflower* | First article with updates to follow in other issues  
August 2009 *The Hutchinson News*  
September 2009 *The Clarion News*  
June 2010 *The Western Front* section of *The Hutchinson News*

I would like to give a special THANK YOU to members Dwayne & Vivian Gobin and Jay & Jeanie Moore for their help in delivering and installing the signs.

Gale Wall, project manager

## List of the 17 Cemeteries in Reno County that now has identification signs from that project. All signs has name of cemetery and at bottom has Place by Reno Co. Genealogical Society

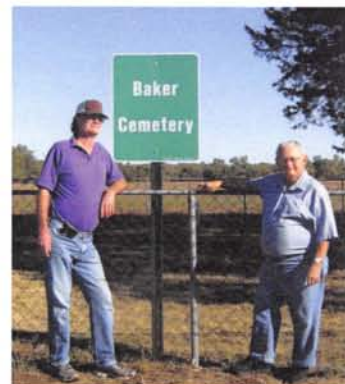
Antioch Cemetery — Our first sign placement was at Antioch. We held a special dedication ceremony with a few of the caretakers and descendents. The cemetery is located in “Sumner Township, on Rayl Road, about 1/2 mile South of Silver Lake Road. For years this was an unkempt cemetery on the east side of the road, 2 & 1/2 north of St. Joe. No name was known for it. Later it was thought to be the Weise Cemetery—based most likely on a land owners name. An obituary called it the Antioch Cemetery. The condition of the site changed when Keith Neuway started take care of it in 1950’s. Today you will find a visitor’s register in the box attached to the flag pole. Thanks to Keith and all that help him mow and maintain it.!



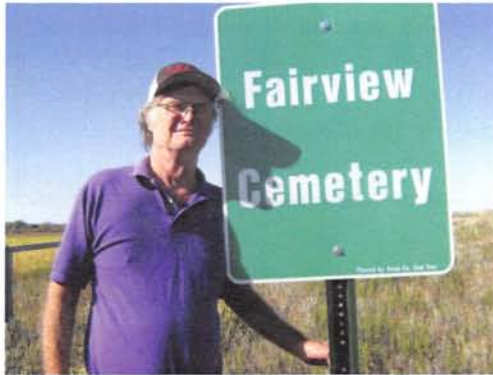
Bainum Cemetery — Cemetery is located in Langdon Twp., on Andre Road about 1/2 mile South of Irish Creek Road. Bainum Cem. Is one of a few family plots in the county. Local residents state that the ten people buried here are related to each other. In 1883, Oscar Bainum was the first person to be buried here.

Jay Moore & Dwayne Gobin

Baker Cemetery — Located in Troy Twp. , on Pleasant Valley Road about 3/4 mile East of Partridge Road. Baker Cemetery is located on a tract of two acres given by Fredrick W. Baker to Samuel Slack and trustees on April 16, 1878 for a burial plot. At the time of the survey conducted in the 1978 time-frame it was noted thee was evidence of 19 graves. There are no known cemetery records.



Buhler Municipal East Cemetery — Located in Little River Twp. , on 82nd Ave [Dutch Ave] about 3/4 mile East of Worthington Road. Sometimes called Old Ebenezer Cemetery. Purchase in 1887 by the Alta Mennonite Church. There are many unmarked graves.



Dwayne Gobin

Fairview Cemetery—Located in Albion Twp. , on the NW side of cross roads Whiteside Road and Boundary Road. Deeded for burial purposes in 1884. The cemetery is an inactive, unkempt, five marked graves

Jay Moore & Dwayne



Haven Cemetery — Located in Haven Twp., on Castleton Road 1 1/2 miles East of Haven road. William Priest deeded land to the Priest Cemetery Association for burial purposes on July 11, 1888 although there were several graves on the land before that date. The earliest person buried was Emmie Priest in 1990. Cemetery has been called Haven Priest for several decades.

Hazen Cemetery — The second sign in our project. Located in Plevna Twp., located on Jordon Springs Road about 1/2 mile South of Trail West Road.

Langdon Cemetery — Located in Langdon Twp., on Pleasant Valley Road, East of Langdon Road. Formerly called Maple Hill.



Vivian and Dwayne Gobin



Old Langdon Cemetery — Old Langdon Cemetery, located in Langdon Township, on Sterling Road, 1/2 miles south of Arlington Road. This cemetery was used by the community before Langdon was opened. The land was set aside for burial purposes by Julius Elliott on Dec. 18, 1878

Lutheran Cemetery — Located in Huntsville Township, on Clark Road, 1/2 mile West of Langdon Road. Deeded in to Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul Church in March 1902. Used by people of German descent



Several times when installing the sign post, the land owners or others asked to assist. As of this writing, their names are unknown to this editor.



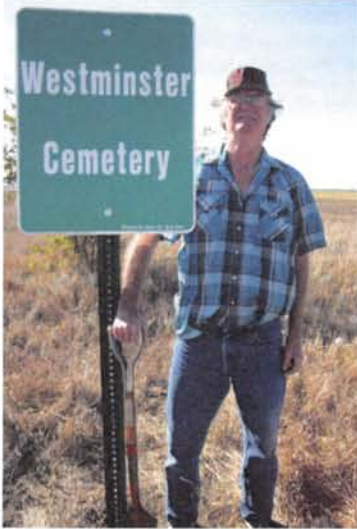
Gale Wall did the legwork to have signs made. First, Reno County Works made them, then Salina made them. Once signs and supplies were finished then, Vivian and Dwayne Gobin and Jay Moore, secured the permission of landowners to install signs. Thank You, Gale Wall, Vivian & Dwayne Gobin and Jeanie & Jay Moore. Great Job!

Pleasant Hill (Loda Twp) Cemetery — Located in Loda Twp. On Sun City Road, about 1/2 mile east of Sterling Road. Small old cemetery, transferred to trustees of Pleasant Hill Cemetery on 2 March 1886. Five grave stones on it, but thought to be many more graves.

Pleasant Hill (Ninnescah) Cemetery — Located in Ninnescah Twp. On the SW edge of Cheney Reservoir. From crossroad of Maple Grove and Yoder Roads, go North 3/4 miles. Cemetery Association purchased 9 March 1895. No Photo for this cemetery at this time.

Reformatory Cemetery — Located in Clay Twp., at the intersection of Avenue G & Hwy 61. Cemetery is a small plot of land located on the state-owned property of the Kansas Industrial Reformatory. There are several white stone crosses marking the graves of former inmates whose bodies were never claimed by relatives. Most markers have no names on them.

Thiessen Cemetery — Located in Little River Township, on Buhler Road, near Westport Avenue. About 1/4 mile South of 82nd Avenue [Dutch Avenue]. Small family burial plot believed to have been started in 1893. Holds 5 graves. Maintained through a foundation overseen by the Zoar Mennonite Church in Inman, Kansas.



Westminster Cemetery — Located in Westminster Twp., on Red Rock Road, 1/2 mile East of Highway 14. A neglected cemetery, most of the stones are lying on the ground. Only one large upright stone is probably the reason the plot has not been plowed. A neighbor has noticed that almost every Memorial Day a family comes to decorate one of the graves. Researchers found only 5 graves, could be more. In 2006 only one headstone visible.

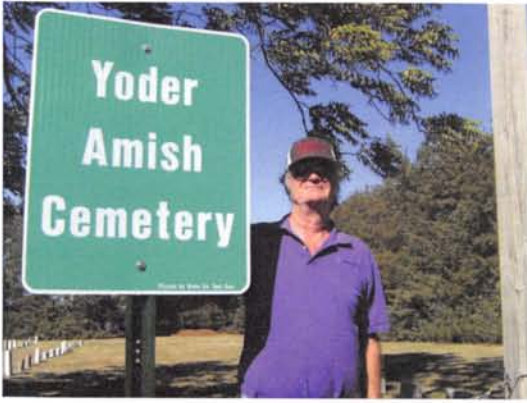
West Center Cemetery — Located on the north side of Mills Ave. [Hwy 50] on the West side of the Hwy 50 & 61 interchange. Formerly called Amish Cemetery. Deeded to Amish Church Society of Center Twp. In 1900, Most graves are marked with identical, round-topped, white flat stones.

Yoder Amish Cemetery  
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Seminars at Helen Hall residence rescheduled

Snow and blizzard disrupted the January meeting of the society. As a result the seminars at the residence of Helen Hall have been rescheduled. The first is to be Monday, February 19. Those who were assigned to the first session by the calling committee last month are to attend the Feb. 19 meeting.

The balance of the membership is to attend the February 26 session.

By way of explanation: Mrs. Hall can accommodate a maximum of 25 persons in her home at one time; so half of us go on Feb. 19, the balance on Feb. 26.

The Hall residence is at the foot of Sapi's Hill on W. 6th on the north side of the road. The place where horses and sales were raised for many years. Those not certain of the location may meet in front of the library at 6:30; library will be closed day.

In honor of, in memory of the memorial book fund

The genealogical book fund at the Public Library which consists of monies donated for the purchase of books in honor of someone or in memory of a departed relative or friend has been used to purchase a number of books this past year.


Please keep this fund in mind. It could be that you would like to contribute to it. The fund is fluid. A contribution of \$1 is most acceptable and a donation of \$100 is always welcomed.

The Hutchinson Public Library has purchased about 100 genealogical reference books since the society was founded; and the people are using them. There is no better way to show our appreciation than by using these books.

Please remember: After using a non-circulating reference

A few of our covers through the years, from a Newsletter to Quarterly.

Some of our covers celebrating special events.



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## Epilogue

The Reno County Genealogical Society Inc. will be dissolving as a non-profit Incorporation later this year, 2018. Our group will still meet quarterly, keeping the name, Reno County Genealogical Society, to learn and share from each other and have general discussions about genealogy. The society is no longer charging yearly dues. Meetings will be open to any person that is interested in genealogy. What will change is there will be no need for board and committee members, treasurer's accounts and keeping of minutes. Our quarterly, The Sunflower, will be discontinued after this issue. A volunteer has offered to print an online newsletter, The Sunflower, that will be delivered via email for the time being. The RCGS website, where Reno County reference material will be available to view, will also be maintained by a volunteer.

RCGS Inc., was in existence from 1978 to 2018, that's 40 years. It has been a successful society, creating resources for Reno County reference material that will be used for many decades in the future.

Many genealogical societies are evolving or closing down. Time does not stop and neither does the way that genealogy is now being done. The internet has become the first stop for most people doing family research. And, with major genealogical sites digitizing local and state records from all over America, it is more difficult to convince people to first start their research locally. The Kansas Room at the Hutchinson Public Library is seeing less use now than ever.

Societies survive on volunteers, and the lives of most people are now so demanding that their times to serve on committees are limited. This is totally understandable. Are there still resources that can be extracted here in Reno County? Yes, there is, and when new reference material becomes available we will try to have it available on our website.

It is safe to say that everyone involved with the Reno County Genealogical Society is very proud of what the society has achieved during those 40 years.

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