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## MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in preserving family and community records is invited to become a member. Dues are $10.00 per calendar year per family unit. Members receive the current year's issues of Kansas Kin. Genealogists are on hand each Tuesday and Thursday morning to help with genealogical problems. Free classes are held periodically. An hour's free research is provided for out-of-town members. Members can buy books approved by the Acquisition Committee as gifts to the Society. The Society will pay one-half the cost of such books.

## PROGRAM MEETINGS

During 1990 regular RCGS meetings will be held on the following dates: January 29, March 26, May 21, September 24, and November 26. Meetings are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Manhattan Public Library, unless otherwise announced.

## KANSAS KIN

The RCGS quarterly is published in February, May, August, and November. The staff welcomes receiving Bible and church records, wills, school and court records, and family records and stories. Ancestor tables are limited to 68 lines. Material concerned with people or events in counties adjacent to Riley County as well as Riley County are solicited. If requested, family history books given to RCGS will be reviewed in Kansas Kin.

## TAX EXEMPT GIFTS

All donations to RCGS may be deductible on federal income tax returns. The IRS has ruled the Society a tax exempt educational and scientific organization within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

All monies received in memory of a deceased member or non-member are used for acquisitions. The deceased's family is notified that the donation has been received by RCGS.

## 1990 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

March 26, Regular RCGS Meeting, Public Library, Mrs. Jo Eslinger, "Research--the Usual and Unusual." Mrs. Eslinger is a genealogical researcher from Wichita.

May 21, Regular RCGS Monthly Meeting, Program to be announced.

June 30, The annual RCGS Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies annual meeting. Janet Luebking, Speaker, RCGS host, Manhattan. Darlene Hagan, Chairman, Donna Kleiner, Vice-Chairman.



# The President presents

This is the begining of a new year and you have a new president for Riley County Genealogical Society. I have accepted the job knowing that following a president as capable as Evelyn Brown will not be easy. Our thanks go to Evelyn for leading the Society so efficiently thru two years.

My personal appreciation goes to the Board of Directors that have accepted the various offices: Miriam Field, Vice President; Pauline Norby, Recording Secretary; Libby Wolffing, Corresponding Secretary; Robert Littrell, Treasurer; Phyllis Eyestone, Membership Chm.; Sherry Butler, Library Chm.; Darlene Hagen, Historian; Harvey Littrell, Editor KANSAS KIN; Rosemary Crist, Publicity Chm.; Cecil Eyestone, Building & Grounds; and Evelyn Brown, Past President.

You will note (on inside cover of KANSAS KIN) the many volunteers that serve on the LIBRARY COMMITTEE, the LIBRARIANS and the KANSAS KIN STAFF. All volunteers keep the Library operating smoothly. Our thanks to all who so willingly serve in any capacity.

We cannot adequately express our appreciation to Cecil Eyestone for all the work involved in keeping the building and grounds. To Cecil we say thank you.

The Society Board has been concerned about how and where to store all the library materials. Cecil secured the services of Mr. Charles Bissey, an architectural engineer, to study the building construction. Mr. Bissey has presented a preliminary report to the Board. The fact is the building was constructed as a residence, not a library. The fact is books and papers are very weighty. It is evident from the report that it will be necessary to do some structure maintenance in order to continue to add printed materials. The building belongs to Riley County and it is on the State Historical Register. The study of this matter is continuing.

Your membership is the main financial support for the Society. Membership notices have been mailed. Phyllis Eyestone works very hard to keep the membership lists current. It is most helpful if you would please return your membership dues NOW with the correct address. It costs the Society as much as $1.80 for each KANSAS KIN returned because it could not be delivered at the address given.

Encourage others to become a member.

Be sure to check the dates for meetings, workshops and other activities in your KANSAS KIN.

Della Wray



# Society News

**KCGS WORKSHOP--RCGS WORKSHOP**
JUNE 30, 1990
AMERICAN LEGION HALL

The Riley County Genealogical Society is combining with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies for a Workshop this year. This workshop will replace the one regularly held by RCGS in October. The speaker for the workshop will be Sandra Hargreaves Luebking from Western Springs, Illinois. Mrs. Luebking is a Trustee for the Association of Professional Genealogists and a Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She is an author and lecturer.

Mrs. Luebking is currently teaching classes for DuPage Genealogical Society. She is a Training and Development Specialist for Amoco Oil, Research Enterprises, Illinois Bell, and 3M Business Products.

The topic for the Workshop will be announced in the May issue of Kansas Kin.

**VOLUNTEERS--BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

Our Library Chairman, Sherry Butler, reports that not only do many of our RCGS members contribute their time and talents to the Society, but visitors do also. Sherry wrote:

"Recently, Billie Norris from Vermont, volunteered to help us in any way she could. Now retired and visiting a daughter for several weeks each year, she wanted to work on a research project. I asked her to compile a questionnaire and mail it to all area churches. Soon we will all be able to utilize the materials she gathered for our Church Records Survey of Riley County.

"So if we don't happen to ask you, please ask us if you'd enjoy working on a project, big or small. We will all benefit from your talents too."

**BUILDING STRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE**

Note in the President's letter the statement about our building. Information from the consultant's report will be given the society when it has been completely submitted.

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IN MEMORIAM

**E. J. Whitney**

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# EARLY DAY RILEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (1857-1900)

*In the November issue of Kansas Kin Part I of a series of articles concerning early day Riley County Commissioners appeared. Part I told about men who were Commissioners during the time that Kansas was a Territory. In this issue we continue the series with Part II. The period of time covered for this part was from 1862-1874. During this period of time the County Commissioners were elected at large in the county. The men researched for this series of articles are those who were not included in the book, Pioneers of the Blue Stem Prairie. Commisioners of this period who were in that book and, therefore, are not included here were: J. P. Fyan, 1862-63; Ambrose Todd, 1862-63; S. J. Childs, 1864-67; Ed Secrest, 1868-69; R. Allingham, 1868-69; and W. J. Hunter, 1870-73.*

## PART II: RILEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE PERIOD FOLLOWING TERRITORIAL STATUS; COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED AT LARGE

### Ephraim Warner
(Early Day Ogden Resident)

E. H. Warner was recorded on the Riley County 1857 census, with four males and no females. On the 1860 census he was listed as a farmer, aged 38, and from New York. With him on the census were listed other males--M. M., 14; Josephus, 42; Addison, 29; Thomas 14, and J. E. 6. All were from New York. Two females were also on this census. G., 16, from New York; and Cordelia, 4, Kansas. Ephraim Warner did not appear on any later census for Riley County; therefore it was impossible to determine the relationship of the other individuals to Ephraim.

In 1861 Ephraim Warner served on the Grand Jury for the fall term and in 1868 he was an Ogden Township Trustee. In 1864 he was a County Commissioner, but he was replaced in 1866 by J. M. Meyers. No further information concerning this early day County Commissioner was available.

### Mincher Condray
(A Civil War Officer and Civic Leader)

Mincher Condray was born in Jackson County, Indiana, 13 December 1832 and lived there until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1855 Mincher came to Kansas with his father, Henry Condray, and other members of the family, including half-brothers, William and John. They settled near the mouth of Mill Creek. On the 1860 census, Mincher was 25 years of age, living with his father, and farming. He owned real property worth $900 and personal property worth $100. Five years later, he was living with his sister, Catherine, and her husband, William Frakes. In that year his worth was $3000 and $1200.

#### Mincher's War Experience

At the time of the Civil War he first received a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Company C, 17th Kansas Infantry. In March of 1864 he received a commission as Captain from Thomas Carney, Governor of the State. This certificate is in the possession of his granddaughter, Letha Condray, Riley, Kansas.

At the time he was a Second Lieutenant one of the men in his company wrote a letter to the editor of The Manhattan Standard. The letter read:

"Council Groves, Aug. 21, 1864."

"Mr. Editor.--I thought I would pen a few lines to you respecting Co. C of the 17th Reg. K. V. of hundred days men. The boys from the 14th Reg. of K. S. M. united wih those of Morris and Lyon Counties, and formed Co. C. they chose their officers; S. N. Wood for Captain, Asa R. Bancroft first Lieut. and M. Condray second Lieut. All mustered but Wood; he refused to muster, but said he would. I don't believe it.

Well we started from Leavenworth by way of Lawrence and there we took two S. M. Howitzers of 12 lbs calabre (sic), and arrived here the 5th of this month. On the 15th inst. we had an order for 40 of this Co. with one peace (sic) of cannon, to go to Cottonwood Crossing. They left on Tuesday and arrived there all well on Friday noon. They were in command of Lieut. Condray. All of the Manhattan boys, except myself went with this party. Hope the boys will be successful in catching the red skins. We feel confident that they will not stand by and see men shot down like dogs and not go to their assistance. The ballance (sic) of the Co. are here, camped out of doors without tents, and with no shelter but blankets. All well. The other soldiers that were stationed here have been sent away.

Yours with Respect.

Levi E. Woodman

Following the War Mincher served as a County Commissioner from 1864 through 1867.

Letha Condray has in her possession memorabilia related to Mincher Condray. She has receipts for the school taxes he and his father paid in April 1863 for School District No. 8 in Jackson Township. These were for $2.25 and $3.25, respectively. These receipts were signed by Jonas Kress, an individual discussed in Part I of this series. Letha also has records of the amounts paid to Mincher by the railroad for land he sold in 1883-1887. The total of these receipts is approximately $200.

#### Mincher Condray's Family

At the age of 34, Mincher was married on 29 August 1867 to Mary E. Tatlock. At the time, Mary was seventeen years old. She had been born in Seymour, Indiana, on 22 February 1850. They were both listed in the Riley County Marriage Book One as being from Henryville. The Rev. T. B. Lewis officiated at their marriage.



**Mincher Condray Stone House South of Stockdale**
Picture Taken in 1960, Used by Permission of Letha Condray

The names of the children of this couple were determined by using census records from 1870 through 1900. Information supplied by Letha Condray made it possible to secure vital statistics concerning the children. These children, in order of age were: Effie (Cora Effie), b. 22 July 1867, m. Isaac J. Vernon, 4 February 1887; Beatrice (Anna B.), b. 26 January 1869, m. Jesse Nichols, 9 November 1899; Unity Bell, b. 1872, d. 1894, age 22 y. 4 m. 26 d.; Henry Franklin, b. 30 July 1873, m/1. 27 April 1896 to Ada Belle Whistler (b. 20 March 1879, d. 10 April 1910), m/2 6 March 1912 to Luella Bork, d. 10 December 1962; E. Erastus, B. 15 October 1875; William Ora, b. January 1878, m. 6 September 1905 to Ruth E. Elliott; Guy Stanford, b. 9 July 1881, m. 5 February 1903 to Kate I. Allen, d. 25 September 1931; Mincher, b. November 1883, m. 3 June 1911 to Tillie Hohman (b. 27 February 1888, d. 23 January 1983), d. 23 November 1959; Ruth Lucinda, b. 1 May 1886, m. 17 November 1909 to John F. Stone (b. 24 September 1874, d. 6 August 1962), d. 18 November 1959; Roy, b. 22 November 1888; and Floyd, b. 24 October 1890, m. 14 April 1919 to Pearl Curtis (b. 1890), d. 3 February 1944.

Mincher served as a Road Overseer, School Board member, and delegate to Republican county and Congressional conventions. He was a member of A.F. & A. M. and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the age of sixty-nine on 7 March 1901, Mincher Condray died suddenly of a heart failure. He was driving home from Manhattan to his farm near Stockdale at the time. He had fallen over in the seat of his buggy. His obituary described him as a kind father and good neighbor.

Mary Condray outlived her husband thirty-eight years. She died at the home of her son, Floyd Condray, on 26 January 1939. Both Mincher and Mary are buried in the Grandview Cemetery.

## J. M. Myers
(A Radical Republican)

Difficulty was experienced in researching this particular county commissioner. He was from Ogden but an individual named Joseph M. Myers also lived there at the same time. In some census records the latter is also listed as J. M. Myers.

The J. M. Myers who was the county commissioner was in Ogden by 1859. In that year he served on the Executive Committee of the Ogden Republican Club. The next year on 1 May 1860 he and A. Elizabeth Brigham were married by Wallace Wilson, J. P. In June of that year they appeared on the census living with a D. Mitchell family. At the time J. M. Myers, a farmer, was 30 years of age. He had emigrated from Ohio. His bride, "E. B. Myers" was 28, a teacher, and had emigrated from Massachusetts.

Five years later on the 1865 census Myers had real property valued at $2000 and personal property worth $2200. He was still listed as a farmer, but his wife was no longer teaching. They had a son, C. H., age 1 who was born in Kansas. With the family there was a minister, John M. Morris, age 40, also from Ohio.

During the years he was in Ogden, Myers served on the Riley County Republican Committee, and was a representative of that party to his precinct. He was also involved in the Radical Republican movement--a movement in which the members desired harsher punishment for the South and its leaders.

In 1866 J. M. Myers was elected to take the place of E. Warner on the County Commission, and in 1871, William K. Rich was elected to take the place of J. M. Myers. Myers did not appear on any Riley County census after 1865, so it is presumed that he and his wife moved elsewhere.

## Frederick Crafts
(A Politician, Druggist, Postmaster)

Frederick Crafts was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1835 (or 1833). He graduated from Boston High School and spent eight years of his early life at sea. He came to Kansas in 1858 with his father and located in Wabaunsee County for a short time. Actually he and his father were claim jumpers. His father had to pay the owner of the property where he lived a sum of fifty dollars when he vacated the property.

Frederick Crafts came to Ogden prior to 1860, for he appears that year on the census as a single man age 25, a farmer with real property valued at $300 and personal property, $350. The next year he enlisted at Leavenworth and served for thirteen months in Company G, Fourth Kansas Regiment. He then resigned and accepted a commission as a First Lieutenant in the 1st Indian Brigade. He was subsequently promoted to Captain and served with distinction in that capacity.

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That he had some ability or was politically astute is reflected in the fact that shortly after moving to Ogden he was chosen Justice of the Peace in Ogden Township. In 1865 he was still a single farmer living with the Ferdinand Reiner family. On 3 January 1869 at the age of 33 he married Elizabeth Jane Myers, 26. In May of that same year he was appointed postmaster in Ogden and retained that position until 1874. In 1870 he was elected to the position of county commissioner. That his election was not entirely popular with the editor of The Manhattan Standard was evidenced by a comment made in the paper 9 April 1870. After announcing the election, the editor added, "We suppose the vote on Commissioner was only indicate (sic) the choice of the people."

The last Riley County census on which Fred Crafts appeared was in 1875. At that time he was listed as a merchant with real property worth $500 and personal property, $1000. From this census we learned that his wife was from Ohio. They had twin sons, John and H. W., age 5. Both were born in Kansas.

### Crafts' Life in Alma

In June 1875 he moved with his family to Alma in Wabaunsee County. Here he continued with stock raising, opened a drug store, and served as postmaster beginning in 1879. He opened his drug store in a frame building which had once been used as the Wabaunsee County Courthouse, but later in 1890 he built a stone building for his business.

While in Alma he ran as an Independent for the State Representative seat for the County, but lost the election. In 1899 he ran as a Republican for the nomination as County Treasurer, but also lost that election.

On the 1880 census for Wabaunsee County, Fred Crafts, age 45, is listed as the postmaster. The census revealed that Fred and both of his parents were born in Massachusetts. His wife, Elisabeth (sic), age 36, was born in Ohio, as were her parents. Evidently one of the twin sons died, for only John, age ten, is listed. There was also a daughter, age 5, named Hannah. With the family was Mrs. Crafts' sister, Ella Myers, age 20.

Hannah Crafts married in Alma on 18 June 1896 to James R. Henderson. Fred Crafts died in Alma in 1910 and is buried in the Alma Cemetery, as is his wife, who died in 1915, and John, who died in 1916.

### William W. Taylor
### (Victim of a Buggy Accident)

W. W. Taylor was an early day settler of the area served by Seven Mile Township School in Ogden Township. He appeared on the 1860 census with his family. At the time he was thirty-two. Taylor was born in Connecticut on 24 February 1828. On the census was his wife, S. A, 28, a native of New Jersey, born 17 January 1832.

Evidently they had come to Kansas via Indiana. The children listed on the census were born in that state. These children were: George, 8; Emily, 6; Mary, 4; and Joseph, 2.

On the 1865 census they had two more children, born in Kansas--Charles, 5; and Henry, 1. We also learn on the 1865 census that William Taylor's wife was named Sarah. By 1870, two more children had been born. On that census, Lewis was 5 and Willie, 3.

In 1870-71 Taylor served as a County Commissioner. On the 1880 census he was listed in Wild Cat; and in 1882 he was a trustee of Wild Cat township when that township was organized.. The Taylor family was not on the 1875 nor the 1880 census. Had they moved, or were they just missed by the census taker?

On the 1885 census we learn that although on earlier census records, William W. Taylor was always listed as a farmer, he was also a tinner. Later censuses also list him as a tinner. In his obituary it was stated that he was a tinner by trade.

On the 1900 census we learn that Sarah's parents had both been born in Ireland; William's parents were both from Connecticut. We also are given the month and year of William and Sarah's births. He was born on February 1829 and she, June 1836.

From early Riley County marriage records we learn about the marriages of several of the Taylor children: Charles A. m. Mrs. Mary E. Waters on 30 November 1892; Joseph Taylor, b. 30 October 1857, m. Tillie Good, 7 November 1894. Tillie was b. 3 May 1867; Joseph d. 17 October 1921; Lewis Taylor m. Susie L. Syxbie, 27 November 1894; and Mary Taylor m. G. F. Siegle, Jr., 25 December 1891.

### Taylor's Fatal Accident

On 13 June 1907 The Manhattan Nationalist had the following story concerning the death of William W. Taylor on 12 June 1907.

"W. W. Taylor of Keats was thrown from his buggy and instantly killed. He was driving along a road south of Keats with three grandchildren. Heavy rains had washed out a culvert, so that it was unsafe, and, in crossing it, the vehicle suddenly tipped over. He was pitched headlong from the buggy and fell on his head cutting a deep gash and breaking his neck. The children were not injured.

"He was about seventy-five years old, a county commissioner, and a resident of Keats. He was a tinner by trade and formerly employed by Mr. Whitford in the hardware store. Burial will be in the Ogden Cemetery." On Mr. Taylor's grave in the Ogden Protestant Cemetery are both G.A.R. and Masonic markers. His tombstone gave his date of birth as 24 February 1828 and his death, 12 June 1907.

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Mrs. Taylor had preceded her husband in death. She died on 28 August 1902 and is buried in the Ogden Catholic Cemetery.

### William K. Rich
(Temperance Leader)

The first reference found about William K. Rich concerned his election as Clerk of Ogden Township in 1868. In 1869 the marriage records show that he married a Mrs. Annie E. Parsons in Ogden on 11 March. Mrs. Parsons had previously been married to John W. Parsons. The date of her first marriage was 15 May 1860. From her obituary we learn that William K. Rich was born in 1841 and that she was born in 1840 the daughter of Tapley and Martha (Milner) Kent.

The 1870 census listed William Rich, 29, a farmer, with real property worth $3800 and personal property valued at $500. He was born in Maine. His wife, Annie, age 30, was born in Ohio. With them on the census was a male, Frank, age 9, born in Kansas and a girl, Helen, 7/12, born in Kansas. Whether Frank was a child by a previous marriage of either William or of Annie is not known. No surname was given, indicating his name was Rich. This child does not appear on any subsequent census.

#### Political and Temperance Activity

In 1870 William Rich was the Justice of the Peace in Ogden township. Then he was sworn in as a member of the County Commission on 2 January 1871. He served through 1872. In 1873, he was the Treasurer of Ogden township. From 1874-1876 he served as the Ogden postmaster.

At the time Rich was in Ogden the temperance movement was in full swing. There was an organization called the Sons of Temperance that held many meetings in Riley County. William K. Rich was the Worthy Patriarch of the Ogden Division.

On the 1875 census William K, 39, was in the post office. In addition to Helen, who was on the 1870 census, there were three more children. They were: Maria, 3; J. J., 1, a male; and an infant, 1/12, a female. We learn their names on the 1880 census--Helen was called Nellie; Maria, Maryean and later Marian; John J., and Cynthia. The Rich family is thought to have moved to Wabaunsee County and then to Jewell County. In 1878 the death of Mrs. Annie Rich, wife of Wm. K. Rich was reported in the Manhattan Nationalist. The obituary stated that she died in Ogden. It also stated that she had been very active in the temperance movement. Annie was buried in the Ogden Protestant Cemetery on 12 October 1878.

After their mother's death the children evidently went to live with Jonathan Glover Family. They appear on the 1880 census with Jonathan and Ida Rich Glover. Ida was evidently the sister of William K., because the children are listed as nieces and a nephew. These same children were with the Glover family as late as 1895. Marian and Cynthia were teaching at that time.

William purchased a lot in the Ogden Catholic Cemetery on 1 July 1878, but no evidence could be found that he was buried in that cemetery in Ogden.

### George Pickett
(A Democrat Liked by Republicans)

George Pickett, who served as a County Commissioner from 1872-1874, was born in Knox County, Ohio, on 8 November 1826. At the age of four he moved with his parents to Vermillion County, Indiana, and then to Coles County, Illinois. In Coles County he married Harriet Norris in 1849. She was born 17 December 1832. From the 1880 census we learn that George's father and mother were born in Virginia and Ohio, respectively; Harriet's father was born in Maryland and her mother in New Jersey. Harriet and George first moved to Tama County, Iowa, and then in 1859 to Kansas. They settled on a farm on upper Fancy Creek about nine miles west of Randolph.

In 1864 he enlisted in the Eleventh Kansas Regiment and served twenty months in campaigns against the Indians. Pickett was a Democrat, but it is said that his Republican friends were so impressed with his honesty that he was elected to the County Commission and then to the State Legislature. Upon his return from that office, he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace.

#### Family Information

On the 1860 census George was 33 years of age and his wife, Harriet was 26. They had two children who were born in Illinois--Martha, 10, and Marcus, 5. Also there were two children who had been born in Iowa--Oziaz, 3, and Lewis, 1. On the 1865 census, Oziaz was no longer listed but two sons born in Kansas were--George C, 3, and Albert El, 1. Later census returns showed no additional children. There were, however, two children named Dora and Ida Donald living with them in 1885. Dora, age 9, was born in Florida and Ida, age 8, was born in Kansas. Who these children were is not known.

Information about the marriage of two of the children was found in early Riley County marriage records. Martha, age 20, m. George H. Dean on 11 February 1872; Albert Ellsworth Pickett, b. 24 February 1864, m. 6 September 1866 to Quentella Priest (b. 28 June 1868, d. 28 August 1904 in Linn, Kansas. Albert Ellsworth d. 16 September 1934 in Worland WY.

#### Deaths of Harriet and George Pickett

Harriet Pickett died at the age of 70 on 19 June 1903 of catarrh of the stomach. She is buried in the Randolph Cemetery.

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George died on 18 December 1905 at the home of his daughter Mrs. George Dean in Randolph. He died of heart and liver trouble. He was buried in the Randolph Cemetery. At the time of his death Bert was living in Linn, KS; Lew F., Chandler, OK; George C., Clifton, Ks; and Martha Dean, Randolph, KS.

**Sources of Information for Part II**

Newspapers: Manhattan Nationalist, Manhattan Mercury, Manhattan Republic, Riley Countian. Books: Collection of the State Historical Society, 1909-1919; Andreas, History of Kansas, Vol. II; Riley County Marriage Book I; The Portrait and Biographical Album for Washington, Clay, and Riley Counties; Thompson, Early History of Wabaunsee County; Wabaunsee County Historical Society, New Branches from Old Trees; Randolph Funeral Home Records; Historical Plat Book of Riley County; Ogden Pride Committee, Bushwackers, Breweries, Bullwhackers, and Boomtown; RCGS, Pioneers of the Blue Stem Prairie; Cemeteries of Riley County; and Sunset Cemetery. Census Records: Riley County, 1867-1910 and Wabaunsee County Census, 1880; Interview with Letha Condray, Granddaughter of Mincher Condray.




Some of Mincher Condray's Family
Picture taken on 30 October 1949

l. to r. Daughter: Ruth Stone; Sons: Roy, Mincher, Frank, Ora; Relative: Mort Tatlock

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## TELEPHONE BOOKS TO THE RESCUE
by Martha Streeter

If you can't find one of the descendants of your grandmother with whom you have lost touch, try the telephone books!

Telephone books have helped me out with the two biggest problems I had in finding my family. Since my mother died (she was the member in the family who kept in touch with everyone) I had lost track of descendants of my mother' s oldest sister's and oldest brother's families. Now, thanks to the directories, I have found them both.

I was in Washington DC in June, visiting Alma Deane Fuller MacConomy, whom some may remember as the A. D. of Catherine Marshall's book A Man Called Peter, and who grew up in Republic County, KS. We sat down at the kitchen table with four huge telephone books of the VA, MD, and DC areas. By that time I had finally found in my mother's papers the married names of the female descendants. We started looking up names in the books and writing down numbers. On the tenth call, I said, "A. D., it's just no use, We are wasting our time. We are NOT going to find them." But I and already dialed the number, and when the young man answered, I could hardly believe it when I learned he was the great-grandson of my aunt. The next day we visited with his mother and another cousin, who had lots of pictures.

Prior to the above episode, I had used all the ways people suggested to me. I needed first to find the married names of daughters of my aunt. I put queries in papers. I went to the house in Washington DC area where my cousin had lived and talked to neighbors. We looked at directories in libraries. We went to city clerks and checked records, trying in vain to find names. Finally, telephone books came through.

The problem with the one descendant of my uncle seemed more insurmountable, as there had been no contact for over forty years, and there was only one granddaughter, whose married name I knew. I wrote the Social Security agency with a letter addressed to my cousin. I had learned that they would not give an address, but they might forward a letter if they could find her. I went to Salem OR, where my uncle had been a very successful contractor. The helpful ladies at the Museum could show me much information about him, but nothing about his descendants.

After the lady at the Salt Lake Library suggested that she might be dead, I even searched the death records of CA where she had lived when I knew her. They are indexed by year and county. I found a Patirica DuBois, and wrote to Sacremento for the death certificate. Answer: "No person by that name. Write to the town where she lived." Several telephone calls and two $7.00 checks later, a death certificate came from Los Angeles. She was not my cousin.

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## COMPUTING BIRTH DATES

### Given the Date of Death and the Age of the Individual in Years, Months, Days at the Time of Death

At the October meeting of RCGS the members were challenged by the speaker, Elaine Olney, to compute the birth date of an individual given the death date and the age of the person in years, months, and days. Several answers to her problem were given by members. One member stated that an article conerning this problem of determining birth dates had appeared in a recent publication. Below is a reprint of that article. It was published in the Illiana Genealogists, Vol 20:3., and reprinted by the Clermont County Ohio, Genealogical Society.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find the DAY of death in the left column. Treating this as day 0, the day before as 1, the day before that as 2, etc., count up the column the number of days of life given. If you reach the top of the column before you have finished counting, continue at the bottom of the column. If the month preceding that of death has less than 31 days, be sure to skip the unneeded days in the column. *You now have the day of birth.

2. Find the MONTH of death in the lower month column at the right. If you went past the 1st while counting days, go back one month. Just like with days, count this month as 0 and count the number of months of life. This gives you the month of birth.

3. Take the YEAR of death. If you went past January when counting months, subtract 1 from the year of death. Now subtract the number of years of life from the year you have to get the year of birth.

4. LEAP YEARS: Any years evenly divisible by 4, except the century years, unless they are divisible by 400 (1600 was a leap year; 2000 will be the next one.). Remember that when you count back the days, you skip only 31 and 30, instead of 31, 30, and 29, to correct the number of days in the month. The rule to remember: Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November.

Note: To check the birth date you have arrived at, start with that date and count forward to the date of death.

EXAMPLE I: Subject died 31 May 1966, aged 94y 11m 7d.

1. Starting with 31, treat this as day 0 and count back 7 days. This bring us to 24.

2. We did not go past the 1st, so starting with May in the month column, count up 11 months. This takes us to June.

3. We did go past January, so 1966 becomes 1965. Subtracting 94 from 65 gives 1871. THE DATE OF BIRTH: 24 June 1871.

EXAMPLE II: Subject died 1 March 1896, aged 35y 7m 2d.

1. Starting with 1, treat this day as 0 and count back 2. The month preceding March is February and 1896 was a Leap Year so we skip only 30 and 31. The before March 1 was February 29. Treat the 29th as 1, etc. This lands us on 29.

2. We did go past the 1st; so starting with February in the month column, count up 7 months. This takes us to July.

3. We did go past January; so 1896 becomes 1895. Subtracting 35 from 1895 gives us 1860. THE DATE OF BIRTH: 28 July 1860.

January
February
March
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December

Editor's Note: Good luck is wished to all of the readers who follow the above instructions. You may wish to recheck some of the birth dates that you have previously calculated by some other means.



# Bible ~ Records

## HOOK, VAN REEN, and SMITH FAMILIES

The Bible records which follow were contributed by RCGS member, Pat Hook. The records concern individuals who are related by birth or marriage to Zadock Randolph (Rant) Hook. He worked for the Union Pacific railroad in Manhattan, Kansas, from 1903 until his death in 1957. The Bibles were owned by his grandfather, his parents, his step-grand-mother, and his mother-in-law. The notes in brackets were written by Pat Hook.

[Bible #1 was owned by Zadock Hook Sr. (1819-1877) of Callaway Co., Missouri.]

Births

Zadok Hook was born in Nicholas County Ky. on the 5th [19th is crossed out] day of August 1819.

Mary Elizabeth West was born in Bourbon County, Ky. on the 8th day of February 1825.

Elizabeth Ann Hook, daughter of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 30th day of August 1843.

John Duvall West Hook, son of Zadok and Mary E. Hood was born on the 24th day of September 1845.

Margery Hook daughter of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 5th day of March 1847.

Zachary Taylor Hook son of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 8th day of February 1849.

Zadok Hook Jr. son of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 3rd day of May 1850. [This man used the name Zadok Walter Hook and was almost always called "Zed". This Bible record is the only place I have seen him called Zadok Hook Jr.]

James William Hook son of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 20th day of July 1852.

Mary Louisa Frances Hood daughter of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 4th day of May 1854.

America Jane Hook daughter of Zadok and Mary E. Hook was born on the 31st day of January 1856.

[All of the before named were born in Callaway County, Missouri, five miles west of Fulton.]

Isabella Patten Christian was born in Haywood County, Tennessee on the 4th day of Oct. 1835.

Mary Elizabeth Barker was born on the 9th day of February 1852 in Newton County, Missouri. [Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of Isabella and her first husband.]

Marriages

Zadok and Mary E. Hook were married on the 20th day of August 1842.

William Shortridge Austin and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Z. and M. E. Hook were married on the 11th day of March 1862.

Zadok Hook and Mary E. Steenbergen were married on the 15th day of Sept. 1863. Separated by written agreement 1st day of Sept. 1865 and were legally divorced by decree of court on the 4th day of April 1867.

Zadok Hook and Isabella Patten Barker were married on the 2nd day of Sept. 1867 near Cassville, Barry County, Mo. [This 3rd wife, Isabella, is said to have been an excellent stepmother to the Hook children.]

Deaths

Mary Elizabeth Hook consort of Zadok Hook departed this life on the 21st day of Nov. 1862 at 6 o'clock A. M.

James William Hook died on the 12th day of Oct. 1863 about 10 o'clock A. M.

Zadok Hook departed this life on the 30th [Someone changed this to the 31st.] day of Oct. 1877 at 6 o'clock P. M.

Elizabeth Ann Austin nee Hook died March 25, 1897 at 12 o'clock A. M.

Margery Hook died at 1 o'clock on the 14th day of Jan. 1923.

America Jane Hook departed this life Aug. 16th 1927.

[Bible #2 was owned by Zadok Walter Hook (1850-1923). He was editor of the Auxvasse Review in Auxvasse, Callaway Co., Missouri. The inscription on the front says, "Presented to Fannie Hook by her husband Zadok W. Hook, January 20, 1882."]

Marriages

Zadok W. Hook and Fannie Durr were married on October 23rd, 1879, by Rev. W. B. Walthall, in Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri

Z. Rant Hook and Edna May Smith were married Wednesday, July 18, 1906 in Manhattan, Kansas by Rev. --- of the Christian Church.

Glen E. Toalson and Grace Armyne Hook were married November 26, 1914 in Auxvasse, Callaway Co., Mo. by Rev. Charles H. Swift of Centralia, Mo. Pastor of Christian Church.

Births

Zadok W. Hook was born in Callaway County on the 3rd day of May, 1850 [Son of Zadok and Mary E. Hook.]

Fannie Durr, daughter of George and Barbara Durr, was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, on the 4th day of August 1860.

Carl F. and Z. Rant Hook, sons of Z. W. Hook and Fannie Hook, were born in Fulton, Callaway County, Mo., on the 9th day of January A. D. 1885.

Grace Armyne, daughter of Z. W. and Fannie Hook, was born in Fulton, Callaway Co., Mo., September 11th, 1891.

Clayton Hart Hook, son of Z. W. and Fannie Hook was born in Fulton, Callaway Co., Mo., Sept. 13th, 1895.

Deaths

Carl Franklin Hook died on July 17th 1885, of cholera infantum, aged 6 mo.

[Bible #3.I. This Bible belonged to Gertrude (Lamers) Van Reen (1847-1935) who became the second wife of George Durr (1829-1899) following the death of Barbara (Hart) Durr. (1836-1886)

*(Bible Records Cont. from p. 9)*

Although she lived in Fulton, Missouri, from 1881-1935, Gertrude was born in Germany and kept her Bible records in old German Script. It has been translated as follows:]

Henri v Reen, Gertrude Lamers married 16 November 1869.
Henri v Reen born 4 (Aug.?) 182-. Died 20 Aug. 1884
Gertrude Lamers born 8 March 1847.
George Durr, Gertrude v. Reen married 13 November 1886.
George Durr died 18 November 1899.
Bernard (Lambert?) van Reen was born 27 June 1872 and died 1 August 1872.
Maria Kristina van Reen was born 27 April 1875 and died 2 November 1875.
Johan Heinrich van Reen was born 1 July 1876. [Another page says Henri was born 1 July 1876.]
Fridrich Wilhelm van Reen was born 5 July 1878 and died 17 December 1878. [Another page said Fritz d. 17 December 1878.]
Reinold Adolf van Reen was born 17 June 1880.
Wilhelm Jakob Durr born 2 July 1889 died 19 July 1899.

[Bible #4. Belonged to Clara (Fowler) Smith, the wife of John Wareham Smith. She lived in the Flush or Myers Valley area of Pottawatomie County, Kansas, and later in life lived in Manhattan and rural Riley Co., Kansas.]

Births
John W. Smith born May 27 1827
Clara Fowler Smith born June 27 1845
Etta Smith born December 1871
Valdo Smith born July 18 1873
Roscoe Smith born Oct. 8, 1875
Sylvester Smith born January 14th 1878
Raymond Smith born February 9th 1880
Althea Smith born April 22nd 1882
Edna Smith born July 2nd 1884
Edna Smith married Zadok Randolph (Rant) Hook 18 Jul 1906.]

Marriages
John W. Smith and Clara F. Smith Oct 24th 1870.

Deaths
Etta Smith died November 17, 1875
Raymond Smith died June 11, 1884
Sylvester Smith died October 12, 1898
John W. Smith died January 15, 1905
Clara Fowler Smith died Dec. 31, 1929
Roscoe L. Smith died New York Oct. 3, 1936
Edna Smith Hook - 1958
Z. R. Hook - 1957
Z. Wayne Hook - 1972
[Zadok Wayne Hook (1908-1972) was the son of Z. R. and Edna Hook and the husband of Violet Marie (Sullivan) Hook (1901-1987). They were the parents of Patricia Waynette Hook (1941- ) --Pat Hook]

HIGGINBOTHAM FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

*The following information was taken from "The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, translated out of the original Greek: and with the former translations" published and sold by Edmund Cushing, Lunenburg, Mass., (page is torn so date not there).*

*The Bible was purchased at an auction at Rossville, Kansas by Tom & Garnett Worrel of Zeandale, Kansas. It is in the possession of Diane Hoobler, 1239 Sandy Land Rd, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. She is willing to give the Bible (which is in poor condition) to any family member who wishes it.*

MARRIAGES

Aaron Higginbotham and Elizabeath S. his wife was married the 22nd day of May 1817, and Elizabeath S. Higginbotham departed this life the 7th of January 1850 - and Aaron Higginbotham departed this life March the 8 1852 Aged 63y Years and 15 days
Alexander Brown Higginbotham and Eliza F His Wife Was Maried the 10th December 1840
Her Maiden name was Eliza F Plunket
John I. and Susan Megan was Married

BIRTHS

Alexander Brown Higginbotham was born 23rd June 1818.
John James Higginbotham was born 16th Jany 1820.
Nancy Higginbotham was born October 27 1821.
Robert Henry Higginbotham was born 26th Sept 1823.
Sarah Elizabeth Higginbotham was born 11 Aug 1826.
Aaron Higginbotham was born 11th July 1830 1828
Benjamin Willis Higginbotham was born 15th Apl 1831
Leannah Jane Higginbotham was born 13 May 1833
Betsey Ann Higginbotham was Born December 2nd 1834
William Scirus Higginbotham was born 11 September 1836
Editha Higginbotham was Born October 1st 1838
Absalom Arthur was born the 25th of March 1840 and died the 20th of September 1840
Edetha died July 25th 1849
Aaron Higginbotham was Born the 23rd Feb 1789 Died March 8 1852
Elizabeath Stuard Landegge (?) His wife was born the 26th January 1796 and died 7th January 1850
*(Written along side the last two entries: Our Father & Mother no one ever had better)*

BIRTHS ( another page )

Negro Colored Children

Henry was Born March the 30th 1843 son of Harden (?)
David was Born the 31th December 1845 son of Easter
Charles was Born the 15th January 1848 Son of Easter
Samuel was Born 16th July 1850 Easters Son
Ann was Born February 13th 1851 Daughter of Lucy
Harrison was Born the 29th of November 1851 Son of Hardeny
Above Negroes owned by Aaron and Elizabeth Higginbotham

White Eliza and Alexanders Children by Eliza H. his wife (died Dec? 14th)
Edwin R Higginbotham Was born November 20th 1841
Margaret Elizabeth Higginbotham Was born March 14 1845
James Willis Higginbotham was born July 8th 1848

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# Church Records

## REPUBLICAN CITY CHURCH

The Republican City Church of Clay County is located three miles southwest of Clay Center. The church received its name from the village of Republican City which only a few years earlier had vied with Clay Center to become the county seat. Having lost in the competition the business men moved their businesses to Clay Center and left only a hotel and the name "Republican City" to the community.

The Republican City Church was organized on Friday, January 20, 1871, by a commission from the Western Prebytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The commission consisted of Rev. James Scott, Robert Matthews, and Samuel Purvis. Twenty-five persons appeared and were received into the church as charter members. Mr. Scott was the organizer and served the congregation as its first minister for fifteen years. Rev. Robert Blair of Coulterville, Illinois, served as stated supply for some some time. Then came Rev. D. J. White who served as minister for nearly four years. Again for a number of years the congregation was without a settled pastor and was served "more or less" by ministerial supply and seminary students.

On July 1, 1904, Rev. L. A. Benson arrived in Clay Center to serve as stated supply for the Republican City congregation. He was met at the depot by Mr. John Henry, who took him to his own home in a farm wagon. A rain storm greeted them on the way. July third, the Sabbath, was a nice day and a very fine congregation appeared. On Monday the fourth there was a heavy rain at night. For eleven days it rained each day. The Republican valley was a broad, rolling river. L. A. Benson remained during the month of July, after which he returned to Illinois, then went on to Philadelphia to conduct services there.

On November 11, 1904, the Republican City congregation formally called Rev. L. A. Benson to become their pastor. The call was accompanied with a bond. Rev. Benson arrived in Clay Center with his household effects on November 18, 1904, and stayed until his death on January 22, 1942, or nearly thirty-eight years.

Following Rev. L. A. Benson's death, the congregation disbanded. Today a granite marker stands on the site where the church building stood. The Republican City Church building was the oldest church building in Clay County, and naturally it was old fashioned in its architecture. When it was erected people were impressed with its immense size. They were looking at it and contrasting it to the small houses and sod huts then common in Kansas.

The materials for this church were hauled from Junction City. Mr. John Hanna, one of the early settlers, nearly lost a load of lumber when he forded the Republican River.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church denomination's General Synod was small and the Republican City Church was distinct for it was the only one of the denomination in Kansas. "The congregation was created out of persons who had journeyed here mostly from Iowa and Illinois. It was largely a clan of Scotch Irish. The membership never grew large, but it withstood the tendency to change and rather gloried in remaining staunch in the beliefs, habits, and practices of ages gone by. It did no seek to be popular. Its goal being rather to be true to the trust committed to it."

### Charter Members

Samuel, Jane, and Andrew Purvis; Wm. J. and Jane B. Woodside; John and Suzanne Henry; Manassah and Catherine Moyer; James M. and Mary Shaw; David John, Eliza, David, and Charity Ross; Samuel J. and Jane Coulter; D. M. and Elizabeth Gillespie; Miss Barbara Chestnut; Mrs. M. B., Lizzie, Maggie B., Agnes J., and Mary Emma Scott.

### Members Joining on 19 June 1871

John and Margaret Black; James, Thomas, Barbara, and William Chestnut; Mrs. Rosanna Wylie; John and Jennie Hanna; and Hugh Hemphill.

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I finally read for the umpteenth time my grandfather's obituary, and there it was--she had been living in Portland OR when he died, and not in CA where I had known her. I called a friend in the Portland area, Joyce Marcy. She called twelve DuBois families and ten McKeans in the Portland telephone book. One of them told her his wife had been dead for 20 years and her name was Patricia McKean. I talked to him by phone and she WAS my cousin. He sent me the name and address of his daughter, so now my book can have ALL the descendants of my Swedish grandparents.

Needless to say, I am elated to find them both. The search was interesting, but very frustrating, taking place over a period of about three years. Maybe some of you will consider using telephone books in your genealogical research.

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## MASONIC RECORDS IN ILLINOIS

The office of the Grand Secretary maintains all the Masonic records of its members. Records contain name, birthdate, place, occupation at the time of petitioning, and the dates degrees were conferred. The records of every Mason in Illinois since 1840 who received a degree is available. Write to: Office of the Grand Secretary, Box 4147, Springfield, IL, 62708. Enclose SASE. (Conejo Valley Gen Soc., Thousand Oaks, CA, Vol. 6:8, Fall 1988)

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# Cemetery Records

REPUBLICAN CITY CEMETERY

Located in Blaine Township, 1 1/2 miles south and 2 miles west of Clay Center on the northwest corner of SW 1/4-24-8-2. The cemetery was read by our Cemetery Records staff member, Dorothy Gerardy, and her husband on 25 October 1989.

BENSON, Lewis A, 25 June 1864-22 Jan. 1942, 44 yrs.of service as a minister.
Jennie E., 2 Dec. 1870-28 May 1954
Wallace, 22 Jan. 1905-28 Apr. 1987
Jean, 9 June 1906-22 Oct. 1986, p/o Harvey, Arthur, Evelyn
BISHOP, Margaret H., 11 Feb. 1798-19 Feb. 1874
BLACK, John, father, 1844-1925
Margaret, mother, 1850-1934
Dau, 4 May 1883
Son & dau. 14 Sept. 1892
BORLAND, Thomas G., 1865-1911
Georgia F, 1878-1964, p/o Frances, Thomas, Margaret
William J., 20 Dec. 1854-6 Feb. 1926
Estie, 2 October 1860-19 June 1933
William, 12 May 1824-12 Dec. 1895
Margaret, 21 Nov. 1828-11 May 1905
Paul M., 1871-1948
Martha, 1876-1932
Elizabeth, 1912-1961
David, 1917-1918
Archie, father, 7 July 1858-16 April 1931
Sadie, mother, 14 Feb. 1865-18 Apr. 1943
William Henry, 1894-1978, P.F.C, U.S. Army W.W.I
Margaret B., 6 Aug. 1895-6 Dec. 1978, p/o Marion, Alice, and Greg B.
BOYLES, Hiram, 26 Sept. 1845-3 April 1915
Nancy, his wife, 5 Feb. 1845-25 Apr. 1913
BRACY, Margaret A., w/o. M. H., d. 7 June 1883, age 48 y. 9 m. 25 d.
BROWN, Rebecca, w/o Richard Wood, 15 Feb. 1825-8 Nov. 1904
James. A., 1910-1983
Stephen M., 19 Feb. 1966-18 Dec. 1988, son of Don W. & Sharon Hitsman Brown--no marker, only the record.
CARLILE, Samuel Ernest, Pvt. U. S. Army, W.W.I, 1897-1977
Millie May, 1899-1955
Samuel W., d. 2 Aug. 1902, age 22 y.
Irenia Myrtle, d/o Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Carlile, d. 9 Dec. 1902, age 1 y. 2 d.
Irena Myrtle, d/o Roy & Rosella, 6 July 1950
William A., father, 1859-1945
Nellie E., mother, 1872-1953, p/o Ernest, Millie, Hazel, Myrtle, Roy, George, Milton, Sylvia, Virgil, Carl
Milton, 1910-1985
CHESTNUT, James, 1842-1911
Elizabeth Scott, 1853-1916
Mary E., d/o J. & P.D.M. d. 13 Jan. 1877, age 1 y. 2 m. 18 d.
John A., s/o T. & A. J., d. 17 Feb. 1878, age 1 m. 15 d.
Anna Bell, 10 Feb. 1879-13 Apr. 1917
James, d. 8 Mar. 1888, age 60 y. 10 m.
Jane, d. 4 Jan. 1894, age 88 y. 6 m.
Joseph W., 3 June 1860-16 May 1941
Rosetta, 29 Sept. 1860-22 June 1944
Infant dau. of J. W. & R.--31 Jan. 1890
George G., d. 17 Nov. 1937, age 85 y.
Susan Smith, d. 18 Nov. 1910, age 60 y.
William, 17 April 1863-19 June 1950
Elizabeth "Lyde", 18 Oct. 1862-11 July 1937
J. Calvin, 26 Mar. 1892-7 June 1931
Hazel, 18 Apr. 1895-21 Feb. 1983
William Borland, 16 Mar. 1891-13 Oct. 1989
Martha, 15 May 1893-15 May 1986
Eleanor Henry, w/o Richard, 1 June 1923-25 June 1950
Phillip Warren, s/o Bruce & Lavone, 7 Oct. 1952
John, 12 June 1854-21 June 1924
Viola, 20 May 1868-6 Nov. 1968
Margie, 12 Jan. 1890-10 Jan. 1969
Helen B., 25 Jan. 1910-29 Oct. 1976
James Scott, 19 Oct. 1892-22 May 1983
Mary Frances, 1 June 1900----p/o Doris Wilbur, Robert
Herbert Leroy, 25 Nov. 1927-24 Feb. 1935
Frank Edward, 28 Febr. 1902-7 May 1981
Lilly Marsch, 15 Apr. 1906-22 Feb. 1985, p/o Neal, Lee, Kenneth
Nevin W., Cpl. U. S. Army, W.W.I, 1891-1980
William Stanley, 1899-1981
Leona Dooley, 1907---, p/o John, Lola, Merlin, Velma, Lynn, Duane
COONEY, William, Co. K. 77 N.Y, Inf., 21 Oct. 1844-23 Dec. 1916, G.A.R.
Edward, 1 Jan. 1886-31 Mar. 1956, Vet. W.W.I.
Marilda, 19 Mar. 1861-13 Oct. 1948
DUNN, William J., 1865-1956
Janet L., 1869-1952
FARRELL, George, 27 Nov. 1825-13 Nov. 1903
Margaret, 2 Feb. 1829-8 Jan. 1888
Robert H., 18 June 1856-26 Feb. 1900
George L., 25 Jan. 1864-25 Oct. 1886
Mary C., d/o B & M., d. 31 July 1896, age 1 y. 6 m. 16 d.
Arthur H., 1918--
Mary Jean, 1920-1972, p/o Bryce, Rosemary, Roger, Neal, Melissa, Maureen
GARRETT, Elizabeth A., 24 Jan. 1896-3 Nov. 1940
Robert F., 10 Dec. 1898-12 Jan. 1950
GRIFFIN, Hiram C., 24 Mar. 1896-26 Oct. 1923, Co. I. 353-89 Div. American E.F.
HAND, A. R., 3 Nov. 1841-27 Aug. 1918
Marial Reeder, w/o A. R., 5 Feb. 1845-28 June 1905
Arden E., 5 Mar. 1872-15 Dec. 1955
Anthony R., 22 Nov. 1881-19 Feb. 1961
Nancy D., 8 Feb. 1839-19 Apr. 1899
Ernst L., 16 Apr. 1870-13 Sept. 1871
Leeta L., 10 Mar. 1867-27 Apr. 1867
HENRY, Frank B, 10 Sept. 1885-3 Aug. 1913
Edwin A., s/o A. J. & B. A., 1892-1894
Robert John, 2 Jan. 1884-10 Feb. 1958
Earl A., 1894-1964
Esther, 1899---, p/o Eleanor & Charlotte

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J. Arthur, 1874-1961
Catherine A, w/o J. A., 1882-1907
Delbert Lee, 22 May 1934-27 May 1934, s/o Marshall & Pearl
John (father), 1833-1928
Susannah (mother), 1836-1926
Bess, 1877-1956
Suzanne, 1883-1958

KEY, Robert E., 1892-1986
Ellen M., 1894---

LAKE, George M., 1905-1968
Ida A., 1876-1941
Harry E., 1874-1954
John D., Kans. Pvt. Co. A, 28 Machine Gun Bn, W.W.I, 10 May 1896-14 Jan. 1964
Lorena Miller, 1896-1964
Kenneth H., Pvt. U. S. Army, W.W.II, 1918-1979

LATHROP, Fred C., 1884-1955
Jennie C., 1888-1979

McINTYRE, J. L., 1866-1933
Mary, w/o J. L., 1873-1916

PURVIS, Samuel, d. 6 Jan. 1878, age 65 y. 9 m. 27 d.
Jane C., w/o S. Purvis, d. 13 May 1888, age 64 y. 3 m. 7 d.
Phoebe, (child)

ROSS, Lyle G., s/o J. A. & L. M., d. 7 Aug. 1888, age 1 y. 6 m. 11 d.
Infant dau. of J. A. & L. M., b. 1884, d. 5 Mar. 1886
David J., father, born in Ireland, 1823-1904
Elizabeth Cairns, mother, born in Scotland 1828-1903
Infant son of M. S. & E. Ross, 11 Oct. 1907-15 Oct. 1907

SCOTT, Rev. James S., 8 Aug. 1823-18 July 1889
Margaret B, wife, 13 Nov. 1831-24 June 1921
Andrew W., 5 Apr. 1870-7 Dec. 1870

SEBRING, Alice, d/o J. C. & L., 23 Jan. 1903-14 Mar. 1919
Walter Alfonzo, U. S. Army, 14 Oct. 1889-12 Jan. 1982
Dorothea, 13 Aug. 1895-23 Mar. 1971

SHAW, James M., 28 Sept. 1827-16 Sept. 1906
Mary, 16 Feb. 1825-25 Oct. 1901
Richard, 25 Jan. 1864-31 May 1949
Maggie, 2 June 1878-8 Jan. 1975
Baby, s/o R. & M. E., 31 Mar. 1905-8 Apr. 1905
Samuel, 16 Dec. 1858-29 Sept. 1938
Lizzie, 2 Apr. 1866-30 Dec. 1947
John C., 20 Jan. 1857-25 July 1878
Alfred A., 1860-1948
Margaret H., 1872-1950

SMITH, Edward E., 7 Oct. 1884-27 Jan. 1887
Elizabeth B., 21 Feb. 1879-8 Aug. 1879, children of A. D. & E. J. Smith

SPECK, Sarah, w/o George, d. 12 Nov. 1881, age 62 y.

STEVENSON, William Russell, 10 May 1873-4 Oct. 1939
Margaret B., 17 Nov. 1876-3 Apr. 1960
William S., 10 Sept. 1917-7 Sept. 1980
Meloa E., 16 Dec. 1917-1 Feb. 1989
James R., 31 May 1914-16 Nov. 1986
Gwendolyn E., 11 Dec. 1914---

THALEN, George, 23 Sept. 1855-20 Mar. 1905

TOMLINSON, Myrtle M., 3 Jan. 1887-26 Feb. 1887, d/o of M. & M.M.A.
Infant s/o M/M. Stacy Tomlinson, 9 Sept. 1906
Joseph, 29 Feb. 1828-17 Dec. 1898, Co. G., Wis. Vol. Inf., G.A.R.
Eliza A., 8 July 1838-15 Jan. 1903
Esther Ada, 17 July 1871-17 Feb. 1872

TRECHSEL, Mary Emma Scott, 28 Aug. 1858-31 Jan. 1906

WHITE, William, 20 Mar. 1834-8 June 1873
Mary, wife, 19 Mar. 1839-28 July 1912
Renrick W. 19 Nov. 1871-13 Oct. 1945, s/o Wm. & Mary, father of John, Clarence, Vern, Clifford
Clarence, 1905-1957, married 1932 to Mary Peveler, p/o Mary Catherine, Jack Lee, & Ren Peveler
Clifford E., Kans. Tec. 4, 671 Med. Coll. Co., W.W.II, 23 Aug. 1911-22 Aug. 1958
William S., Pvt., U. S. Army W.W.II, 22 Sept. 1899-13 Oct. 1980
Samuel B., 22 June 1869-11 Sept. 1937
Rachel M. (wife), 7 June 1867-31 July 1953

WOHLER, Myron J., "Bud", 31 Mar.1930---
Lucille Largen, 27 Aug. 1928---, p/o Jim, Larry, Ronda, Doug
Douglas J., 19 May 1967-11 Mar. 1986

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*(Higginbotham, Cont. p. 11)*

Cyrus Aaron Higginbotham Was born August the 25 1852
Francis Marion Higginbotham Was Born August 31st 1856

DEATHS

Elizabeath Landidge departed the life June 10th 1845
Editha Higginbotham died the 25th of July 1849 Daughter of Aaron and Elizabeath Higginbotham
Elizabeath Steward Higginbotham departed this life on the 7th of January at 9 oclock past meridean 1850
Aron Higginbotham departed this life March the 8th 1852 Aged 63 years 15 days
Robert Higginbotham died in the year 1868 Amherst Co (VA)
Aaron Higginbotham Jr in the winter of 1871 Died Christian Co KY
Leanna Higginbotnam died in the year 1878 Amherst Co VA Was married to Wm McDonald
Alexander Brown Higginbotham died in Nelson Co VA Dec e"? 1888
His wife Died several Years later, same place
Betsy Ann Higginbotham Died in Amherst Co VA Wife of Wm Bibb deceased in the year 1902
Nancy C Higginbotham who survived Her Husband Wm Higginbotham 4 years Died in 1900
John James Higginbotham Died in Ohio 1890
His wife Susan 3 years later
Robert Higginbotham Single died in Amherst Co Near New Prospect 1868 but was never married Died at Home of Nancy and Wm Higginbotham (who were cousins)
Benjamin W Higginbotham died in Guthrie Oklahoma 1908 his wife Angie Survives him Yet there in 1916
Cyrus William Higginbotham died at Rossville Kans July 9th - 1922

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# DICKINSON COUNTY SWEDISH IMMIGRANTS - SANBORN/SANDBORN FAMILY

*Tom Branigar continues his contributions on the Sedish families in Dickinson County, Kansas with the article below. The Sanborn/Sandborn family of Chapman is very prominent, but was not connected with the Swedish groups in Center and Frangrant Hill townships.*

The two major groups of Swedish immigrants in Dickinson co, Kan, were located in Fragrant Hill & Center twps. One of the most prominent Swedish families, however, was not associated with either group. This was the Sanborn-Sandborn family of Chapman. Abraham Sandborn, the head of the family, immigrated to the US in 1851 and settled in Ill, where he married and had 8 ch. In 1871 he mov to Dickinson co and settled on a farm in Hayes twp about 3 mi W of Chapman. In 1880 Abraham's nephew Malte Pehrsson, the son of his younger sister, immigrated to the US to live with the Sandborns. Malte intended to take the Sandborn surname after settling in America but when his naturalization papers were issued the name had been misspelled without the letter "d" so Malte's branch of the family became "Sanborn."

Malte was a prominent businessman in Chapman. He worked as a carpenter and building contractor for 16 yrs and constructed many homes and offices in Chapman. In 1898 he purchased a lumber yard. This business was operated by Mr. Sanborn and his descendants for many yrs and eventually expanded to include branches in several other towns in central Kansas. On 11 Nov 1948, the 50th anniversary of the Sanborn Lumber Company, the Chapman Advertiser issued a special supplement devoted to the Sanborn family and its role in the community (copy in Sanborn Papers, Dickinson Co Historical Society).

During a recent visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the Swedish records were searched for information on the background of the Sanborn-Sandborn family. Fortunately the family's home parish was known. Abraham Sandborn's obituary (Chapman Advertiser 21 Mar 1907) reported he had been born 6 Mar 1815 in Stro parish, Kristianstad co, Sweden. The special issue of the Advertiser gave Malte's birthplace as Onnestad, Sweden. Onnestad and Stro (now called Norra Stro) are neighboring parishes. Their records provided extensive information on the family history and helped correct a major error in US sources. Abraham Sandborn's tombstone and obituary both stated he was born in 1815. The Norra Stro registers proved he was actually born in 1817, 2y after the date given in US sources. The registers also showed that the Swedish form of the surname was Sandberg. Abraham's father, Mans Akasson, had taken the name shortly before Abraham's birth.

This article is based on the Swedish parish registers and on the holdings of the Dickinson Co Historical Society in Abilene.

1. Agnes Oredsdotter, mother of Abraham Sandborn and grandmother of Malte Sanborn, was b 12 Feb 1776 in Norra Stro parish, Kristianstad co, Sweden; dau of Ored Persson and his wife Anna. She m1 21 Nov 1812 in Norra Stro to Sven Andersson, who d 22 Mar 1813, age 39y. They had 1 child. Agnes m2 3 June 1814 in Norra Stro to Mans Akasson. Mans was b 10 May 1793 in Stoby parish, Kristianstad co. Mans & Agnes lived in Norra Stro where their 3 ch were born. Between 1815 and 1817 Mans took the surname Sandberg by which the family was afterwards known. In 1821 the family mov to Onnestad parish and settled in Onnestad farm #15. Mans d there 16 Feb 1843.

Child of Sven Andersson & Agnes Oredsdotter:

i. Anna Svensdotter, b 4 Aug 1813 (posthumously)

Children of Mans Akasson Sandberg & Agnes Oredsdotter:

ii. Elna Sandberg, b 23 June 1815
2 iii. Abraham Sandberg, b 6 Mar 1817
3 iv. Marie Sandberg, b 20 Mar 1819

2. Abraham Sandborn b 6 Mar 1817 in Norra Stro parish; mov to Onnestad parish 1821 where he grew up. The Swedish form of his surname was Sandberg but he used the spelling Sandborn after immigrating to the US in 1851. After arriving in the US he settled briefly in Knoxville, Ill, where he m 30 Oct 1851 to Ingri Ewalt. Ingri was b 2 Mar 1828 in Sweden and also came to the US in 1851. In 1852 Abraham & Ingri mov to Peoria, Ill, where their 8 ch were born. Abraham mov to Dickinson co, Kan, in 1871 and homesteaded on a farm in Hayes twp. Several of his ch followed over the next few yrs and his wife Ingri arrived in 1876. Only 5 of the 8 ch mov to Dickinson co and it is believed that the remaining 3 died young in Ill. Abraham & Ingri lived in the Chapman area for the rest of their lives. Ingri d 30 Mar 1903 and Abraham d 7 Mar 1907 (obits in Chapman Advertiser 6 Apr 1903 and 21 Mar 1907). Both are bur in the Indian Hill cem at Chapman.

Known children of Abraham Sandborn & Ingri Ewalt:

4 i. Axel Edwin, b 6 Jan 1853
5 ii. Matilda Louise, b 18 Mar 1854
6 iii. Emily Mary, b 20 Nov 1855
7 iv. Harrison Albert, b 25 Sept 1859
8 v. Anna E., b 18 July 1864

3. Marie Sandberg b 20 Mar 1819 in Norra Stro parish but mov to Onnestad parish in 1821 where she lived the rest of her life. She grew up at Onnestad farm #15 and m 27 Apr 1847 to Pehr Pehrsson, a neighbor who lived at Onnestad #16. Pehr was b 25 Nov 1818 at Onnestad #16, the son of Pehr Olsson and Lesja Pehrsdotter. Pehr & Marie lived at Onnestad #15 where their 5 ch were born. Pehr d 28 Dec 1894 and Marie d in early 1905 (death notice in Chapman Advertiser 16 Feb 1905).

Children of Pehr Pehrsson & Marie Sandberg:

i. Elna, b 26 May 1848
ii. Anna, b 13 Jan 1850
iii. Johan, b 25 Sept 1854; d 4 July 1858
9 iv. Malte, b 28 Mar 1857
v. Johan, b 1 Dec 1859

4. Axel Edwin Sandborn, b 6 Jan 1853, Peoria, Ill; mov to Dickinson co, Kan, with his father 1871 and settled in Hayes twp. He m 19 May 1892 to Ella Kenney. She was b 28 Feb 1857 in NY, dau of Robert Kenney & Elizabeth Phair, who were Irish immigrants. The Kenneys were among the earliest settlers of

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Dickinson co, having mov there from NY in 1858. They lived for a year on Turkey Creek in what is now Newbern twp, but returned to NY in late 1859 or early 1860. In 1865 they returned to Dickinson co and settled near Detroit in Center twp. After Axel & Ella were married they settled at Chapman where they lived the rest of their lives. Axel was active in community affairs and served 2 terms as mayor of Chapman. Ella d 30 Aug 1916 and Axel d 19 Oct 1926 (obits in Chapman Advertiser 7 Sept 1916 and 21 & 28 Oct 1926). Both are bur in the Indian Hill cem at Chapman. They had no children.

5. Matilda Louise Sandborn, b 18 Mar 1854, Peoria, Ill; m 17 July 1877 to Frank Olney Lyon and had 1 son. They lived in Peoria, Ill, until Frank's death in 1913. Matilda then mov to Chapman, Kan, and lived with her bro Axel Edwin Sandborn until his death in 1926. She then mov to Topeka, Kan, to live with her son. She d 9 Feb 1932 in Topeka and was bur next to her parents in Indian Hill cem at Chapman (obit Chapman Advertiser 18 Feb 1932).

Child of Frank O. Lyon & Matilda L. Sandborn:

i. George W., grew up at Peoria, Ill; living in Topeka, Kan, 1932 and 1939; was married and had 3 ch.

6. Emily Mary Sandborn b 20 Nov 1855, Peoria, Ill; mov to Dickinson co, Kan, in the early 1870s and settled in Hayes twp. She m 13 Feb 1878 to John Goodwin. John was b 13 Oct 1844 in Eng and immigrated to the US 1868. After living briefly in Ill he mov to Dickinson co in early 1870 and settled in Hayes twp. John & Emily farmed in section 20 of Hayes twp where their 6 ch were born. John d 25 Dec 1923 at home in Hayes twp and was bur in Bethel cem, Hayes twp (obit Enterprise Journal 27 Dec 1923). After his death Emily mov into Abilene. In 1936 she mov to Wooster, Ohio, to live with her daus. She d 2 Sept 1941 at Wooster, Ohio, and was bur in Bethel cem (obit Abilene Chronicle 12 Sept 1941).

Children of John Goodwin & Emily M. Sandborn:

i. Edith Anna, b 28 Dec 1878; lived all her life in Hayes twp; d 25 Sept 1908, unmarried; bur Bethel cem (obit Enterprise Journal 1 Oct 1908)

ii. William H., b Nov 1880; mov to Ohio as a young man where he married and had 3 ch; d 1 June 1962 at Millington, NJ, and was bur at Wooster, Ohio (death notice Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 4 June 1962)

iii. Frank A., b 26 Nov 1882; lived all his life in Hayes twp; d 15 May 1901; bur Bethel cem (obit Enterprise Journal 17 May 1901)

iv. John Paul, b 28 Jan 1893; farmed in Hayes twp until 1928 when he mov into Abilene; was twice married but had no ch; d 10 Feb 1983 in Abilene; bur Bethel cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 10 & 11 Feb 1983)

v. Ada Estelle, b 23 Nov 1895; grew up in Dickinson co; later mov to Wooster, Ohio, where she lived the rest of her life; d 22 May 1964 in Wooster, Ohio; unmarried; bur Bethel cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 23 May 1964).

vi. Amy Elizabeth, b 23 Nov 1895; twin of Ada; grew up in Dickinson co; later mov to Wooster, Ohio, where she lived with her sis; returned to Abilene in 1964 after her sister's death; d 18 July 1984 in Abilene; unmarried; bur Bethel cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 19 July 1984)

7. Harrison Albert Sandborn b 25 Sept 1859, Peoria, Ill; mov to Dickinson co, Kan, with his father 1871 and settled in Hayes twp where he lived the rest of his life. He d 8 Feb 1939, unmarried, and was bur next to his parents in Indian Hill cem at Chapman (obit Chapman Advertiser 16 Feb 1939)

8. Anna E. Sandborn b 18 July 1864, Peoria, Ill; mov to Dickinson co with her mother 1876 and settled in Hayes twp. She m 4 Nov 1903 in Dickinson co to Robert A. Baker. He was b 1861 in Ohio, the son of Silas Baker and Delilah Brown. The Baker family mov to Dickinson co in 1879 and settled in section 26 of Hayes twp. Robert m1 1891 to Jessie D. Anderson of Abilene, by whom he had 3 ch. Jessie d Jan 1901 in Abilene. Robert and Anna had no ch. Anna d 22 Mar 1935 and was bur next to her parents in the Indian Hill cem at Chapman (obit Chapman Advertiser 28 Mar 1935). After her death Robert mov to Wamego, Kan, to live with his dau. He d 27 Mar 1939 at Wamego and was bur next to his first wife and his parents in block 8 of the Abilene cem.

9. Malte Pehrsson Sanborn b 28 Mar 1857, Onnestad parish where he grew up. He immigrated to the US in 1880 and went to live with his uncle Abraham Sandborn in Hayes twp, Dickinson co, Kan. After arriving in the US he took the surname Sanborn, the Swedish form of his name having been Malte Pehrsson. Malte later mov to Chapman where he lived the rest of his life. He m1 2 Oct 1886 in Dickinson co to Mary Ellen Phipps. She was b 9 Apr 1864 in Ohio, dau of John H. Phipps and Margaret E. Dasher. The Phipps family mov to Dickinson co in 1872 and settled in Hayes twp. Malte and Mary had 2 ch. Mary d 25 May 1893 and was bur in the Indian Hill cem at Chapman. Malte m2 25 Mar 1896 at Sacketts Harbor, Jefferson co, NY, to Anna M. Phelps. Anna was b 28 Dec 1861 at Sacketts Harbor, the dau of John W. Phelps and Betsy Kibling. She had met Malte Sanborn when she had gone to Chapman to visit a childhood friend who lived there. Malte & Anna lived at Chapman where their 3 ch were born. Malte d 24 Apr 1918 and Anna d 11 Aug 1934. Both are bur in the Indian Hill cem (obits Chapman Advertiser 2 May 1918 and 16 Aug 1934).

Children of Malte P. Sanborn & Mary E. Phipps:

i. John P., b 4 June 1888; grew up at Chapman; mov to Colo as a young man where he m 12 Sept 1912 to Grace Wolifer; he was living at Towner, Colo, 1912, and Eads, Colo, 1918; mov to Colorado Springs, Colo, 1926; d 1 Apr 1955 in Colorado Springs and was bur there; had no children (obit Chapman Advertiser 7 Apr 1955).

ii. Paul P., b 16 May 1893; grew up at Chapman; mov to Fort Worth, Texas, where he d 1 July 1975; was married but had no children (obit Chapman Advertiser 3 & 10 July 1975)

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# Book Reviews

MEET THE TISDALES, DESCENDANTS OF JOHN TISDALE OF TAUNTON, MASS., 1634-1980. 1989 by Rosa D. Tisdale, 5324 Wapakoneta Rd., Washington, D. C. 20016, hardback, 787 pages, indexed, $20. (Reviewed by Eleanor Whitney)

This genealogy was begun out of curiosity when the author learned that her "founding father," John Tisdale, 1614-1670, had been killed by Indians. The author has traced and documented most of his descendants through eleven generations. This task was monumental and involved searching many sources. These sources are all given and the author hopes the volume will be of help to those in search of their forefathers.

The first American Tisdale, John, was born in Ripon, Yorkshire, England. He died at Tautan, Plymouth Plantation, New England, killed by Indians in 1675. He left a wife and eight children. In this book is a continued story of this early family and their descendants.

A number of wills and inventories are included in the text. These show relationships within the family as well as giving an idea of the furnishings in a home of that period. The author has included short biographies of many of the descendants. Any member of the Tisdale family reading this book should feel well acquainted with his or her ancestors.

THE MUSIC OF OUR LIVES - THE HUTCHINSONS OF SMITH COUNTY, KANSAS - THEIR HISTORY AND DESCENDANTS, 1989, compiled by Martha Wreath Streeter,(P.O. Box 399, Manhattan, KS 66502) and Carl Romig Hutchinson, 8 1/2 x all, hard-back, 191 pp., indexed, published by Ag Press, Manhattan KS, Library of Congress Catalog No. 89-80500, $29.50, (Reviewed by John Davies)

In her Foreword, Martha Streeter notes that this "is not a scholarly research tome with public records to substantiate all data" but that the information came from "family Bibles, tombstones, obituaries and individual family records." This reviewer found the book to be a delightful potpourri of pictures, poetry, history, romance, music, humor, quotations, family recipes and letters, and even some heraldry. With an attractive lay-out text and pictures, it made for fun reading.

Focused on Charles Frederick and Maria Elizabeth (Alter) Hutchinson, the book first traces 17 generations of the Hutchinsons beginning in England in 1292 and ending with Charles' birth in Vermont in 1853. A shorter listing of up to 6 generations, going back to the 1600's, is made for Maria, who was born in Iowa in 1857. Charles and Maria were married in Iowa in 1874, moved with two babies to Kansas in 1878, where, as stated in the dedication, they "established a home in a sod house . . . and reared ten children to responsible adulthood." Co-compiler Carl Romig Hutchinson was one of those children; another was Martha Streeter's mother-in-law, Catherine May Hutchinson.

The dedication also notes that the "Lives of their hundreds of descendants are a tribute to this couple" and the last part off the book deals with the succeeding three generations of this family. It concludes with pedigrees for Charles (abbreviated) and Maria, and with four indices which should be useful to researchers--one index of 275 ancestors of Charles and Maria and collateral lines (90 family names); an index giving 125 persons Hutchinson-born; an index of 168 descendants (about four dozen family names) whose birth name was not Hutchinson; and finally an index listing 136 Hutchinson spouses.

THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF MAXWELL RAMSOUR AND MARGARET WARLICK RAMSOUR, 1690-1989, 1989, Dorothy Heidel Puett, 3981 Zeandale Rd., Manhattan KS 66502, 8 1/2 x 11, paperback, printed and bound by Kinkos, 277 pp., in three sections, middle section indexed, $10. (Reviewed by John Davies)

Much time and labor went into collecting and assembling the family information contained in this book, and researchers will find 1000-plus persons and more than 300 family names listed in the index, which unfortunately covers only one of the book's three sections. Centered on the Ramsours named in the title, the history spans 11 generations, from Maxwell's great-great-grandfather, Deitrich Rahmsauer (who was born in the Palatinate in 1690 and traveled to Pennsylvania before settling in North Carolina) to Nicholas Young, born in California in 1988 and youngest of eleven great (x4) grandchildren listed for Maxwell and Margaret Ramsour.

The reviewer found much of general interest in the book. One excellent diagram shows Maxwell and Margaret Ramsour and their children. Similar charts for other generations would enhance a reader's understanding.

The reviewer, who attended school with one of the Ramsours mentioned in the book, enjoyed reading and seeing pictures of Kansas folks and places. It was also of interest to learn that Maxwell Ramsour, in Civil War days, saw Jefferson Davis make an escape disguised as a woman, was in Chicago to see the great fire of 1871, and even injured himself winning an "anvil-tossing contest."

THE SQUIRE SIMMONS FAMILY, 1746-1986, 1989, Dorothy Geneva Simmons Skelton, 985 pp., 9 1/2 x 12 1/2, hard- back, $60, published by Lotos Lakes, Brightwood, VA 22715.

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# Queries

KK-28-1. ROBBINS, STURDEVANT. Information on Robbins family Bible shown to R. J. Harper, Probate Judge, Riley Co., 1878. Josiah Robbins served War of 1812 NY, m. 1823 Elizabeth Sturdevant, received KS 1/4 section of land, both Josiah and Elizabeth bu. Riley Cem. Betty C. Andrews, 734 St Thomas Cove, Niceville, FL 32578

KK-28-2. NIEMOELLER, MEYER. Any descendant Henry Fredrick Niemoeller b. ca. Oct 1817 Werson, Westphalia, Germ. to U.S., Cincinnati, OH by 1840, m. Mary Elizabeth Meyer 1842. Lived Dubois Co. IN c. 40 yrs, to Clay Co. KS early 1880's. Will exchange Dorothy E. Davidson, Box 237, Farmland, IN 47340.

KK-28-3 LOVEALL, LOVELL, ELKINS, PARSONS, COMMER, CLICK, RILEY. Nathaniel Loveall b. 1822?, IN, parent born KY, m. Mary Ann Elkins 1855-7, lived Orange Co. IN-MO?-Shawnee OK. Children: Candaca Pamilia Parsons, William Alanzo, Jacob Jay, Charles, John, Minnie Commer, Joseph, Emma Bell Click. Surnamed changed to Lovell during children's generation. Jan Riley, Box 792, Ennis TX 75120

KK-28-4. TUCKER, MILLER, LENNOX. Any further infor: Thomas Tucker, b. 7 Mar. 1830, d. 22 Dec. 1876, Osceola, MO, bu. Kings Prairie, Gerster? MO, m/1. Louise Jane Miller 24 Dec. 1848, six children, she d. 28 Feb. 1863. Thomas fought for Union in C.W., joined from MO, m/2. Lorenda C. Lennox 4 Dec. 1864. she b. 16 Jan. 1840, six children, she d. 26 Feb. 1904, Thomas--where b.? parents? siblings? Jan Riley (See KK-28-3)

KK-28-5. AIMAN, STEBBINS. Any further infor: Henry Aiman, b. 8 July 1828, m. Mary Emily Stebbins, nine children, cabinet maker, lived PA, IA, Junc- tion City, Geary Co. KS, d. 11 Feb. 1909. Mary b. 14 May 1836, d. 1 Aug. 1902. When and where m.? Where d.? bu.? Jan Riley (See KK-28-3)

KK-28-6. PALMER, ISHAN, GAINER. Any further infor: Edward S. Palmer, b. 23 Sept. 1845, Ontario, Canada, s. of William J. and Phoebe G. Gainer, religion-Quaker. Lived in Lawrence, Douglas Co. KS. Edward d. 1 Aug. 1927. Emma b. 19 Sept. 1852, d. 8 Aug. 1954. Both bu. Sunset Cem., Manhattan, Ks. Edward's siblings? Emma's parents, where b.?, siblings? Jan Riley (See KK-28-3)

KK-28-7. BUZBEE. Wish to contact Buzbee descendants, early settlers, Jefferson & Riley Co. KS to Pottawatomie Co. KS. Patrick H. Murray, 6208 SW. 13th, Des Moines IA, 50315.

KK-28-8. YOUNG. Wish to correspond with anyone doing research on Young family of Dickinson Co. KS. John Young, 1190 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay OR, 97420.



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Children of Malte P. Sanborn & Anna M. Phelps:

iii. Austin P., b 16 Apr 1898; lived all his life in Chapman; m. Willma P. Judd; had 2 ch; d 17 Jan 1967; bur Indian Hill cem (obit Chapman Advertiser 19 Jan 1967)

iv. Theodore A., b 19 Sep 1900; grew up at Chapman; mov to Belleville, KS, where he lived many yrs; m. and had 2 ch; currently lives in Topeka, KS.

v. Elizabeth M., b 18 Mar 1904; grew up at Chapman; mov to Kansas City, KS, 1926; mov to Evanston, IL, 1943; mov to Akron Oh, 1966; d unmarried Akron, OH, 23 May 1969; bur. Indian Hill cem. (obit Chapman Advertiser 28 May 1989)

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The genealogical and historical book about William Simmons' ancestors and descendants begins with the first appearance of the Ledford line in Augusta County, Virginia. Another family from the same county who also were ancestors of the Simmons family was the Bruis family. The men of both of these families were active in the judicial and political live in the county.

Both families moved to Rowan County, North Carolina. It was here they met William Simmons. The three families, the Ledford, Bruis, and Simmons became related through marriages.

The author tells many interesting tales about the trials and tribulations of her ancestors. One lengthy tale was concerned with the difficulties over slave ownership and the lawsuit which followed. She discusses in separate parts of the book the various families who descended from William Simmonds. Included are vital statistics, wills, legal documents, obituaries, and many pictures.

## 1989 VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY

Where did the 2300 visitors to the Riley County Genealogical Society library come from in 1989? Of course from Manhattan, but also from 53 other Kansas towns and cities. Fifty-nine were from out-of-state and those states were: AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, LA, MD, MI, MO, NE, OH, OK, OR, PA, TX, UT, VT, WA, and WI.

## 1989 ACQUISITIONS IN THE RCGS LIBRARY

In 1989, 176 books were added to the collection in the RCGS library with a total value of $2,273.65. They included 148 gifts, 19 purchases, 6 half purchase/gifts and 3 exchanges. There were also 10 microfiche, 6 tapes, and 22 microfilm reels acquired. Thirteen new periodical titles were also added. Is it any wonder that space has become short?

# RCGS LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS FROM NOVEMBER 1989 TO JANUARY 1990

*Including Exchanges (ex), Gifts (g), & Purchases (*)*

325.2 Smith — Smith, Immigrants to America appearing in English records, g Elaine Olney
929 Thomp — Thompson, A tribute to John Insley Doddington..., g Tom Branigar

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Faulk — Schweitzer, The fascinating FAULK family in America, g Ruth Ratcliffe
929.2 Lilly — Madison, Eli LILLY, g Miriam Dexter
929.2 Obrie — This is the story of two O'BRIEN brothers who married two CAVANAUGH sisters, g Bernard R. O'Brien
929.2 Ramso — Puett, The ancestors and desendants of Maxwell RAMSOUR and Margaret Warlick Ramsour, g Dolores Dockins
929.2 Simmo — Skelton, The Squire SIMMONS family, 1746-1986, g Dorothy Geneva Simmons Skelton
929.2 Sprin — The family of John George SPRINGER and Mary KRESER, g
929.2 Turne — Ellsberry, The TURNER family, g Claudine Lee
929.2 Whitn — The WHITNEY line, 1086-1987; 901 years of Whitneys, g Eleanor McCord Whitney

FOREIGN

943.1 Wella — Wellauer, German immigration to America in the 19th century, 1/2 g Christine Wiggins
943.8 Wella — Wellauer, Tracing your Polish roots, 1/2 g Christine Wiggins

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA

970.1 Carpe — Carpenter, How to research American Indian blood lines, g Pat Hook

GEORGIA

975.2 R2b — Bryant, English crown grants for islands in Georgia, 1755-1775, g Virginia Bussey
975.2 R2b — Bryant, Entry of claims for Georgia landholders, 1733-1755, g Virginia Bussey
975.2 Chris R2h — Hemperley, English crown grants in Christ Church Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey
975.2 StAnd R2b — Bryant, English crown grants in St. Andrew Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey
975.2 StDav R2h — Hemperley, English crown grants for parishes of St. David, St. Patrick, St Thomas, St. Mary in Georgia, 1755-1775, g Virginia Bussey
975.2 StGeo R2b — Bryant, English crown grants in St. George Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey
975.2 StJoh Reh — Hemperley, English crown grants in St John Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey
975.2 StMat R2h — Hemperley, English corwn grants in St Matthew Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey
975.2 StPau R2h — Hemperley, English crown grants in St Paul Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey
975.2 StPhi R2h — Hemperley, English crown grants for St Philip Parish in Georgia, 1755-1775, g V. Bussey

ILLINOIS

975.5 Vermi D3g — Gill, Vermillion County pioneers, g Tom Branigar
975.5 Vermi R2v — Volkel, Tax and land records, Vermillion Co IL, g Tom Branigar

INDIANA

Film 975.6 Boone X2 1860 — U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1860 population census, Boone Co IN, g R. Finney
Film 975.6 Mario X2 1860 — U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1860 population census, Marion Co IN, g R. Finney

IOWA

975.7 Bento V22b — Benton County, Iowa cemeteries along the western border, g Pat Hook
975.7 Bento X2 1850 — Federal census for Iowa, 1850, Benton County, g Pat Hook
975.7 Black V28i — Index to metro deaths & northeast Iowa deaths, year 1980, Waterloo Courier, g Pat Hook
975.7 Jaspe D3p — Portrait and biographical record of Jasper, Marshall and Grundy counties, Iowa, g P. Hook
975.7 Marsh V25m — Marshall County, Iowa marriages Book A 1850-1864, Book B 1865-1867, g Pat Hook
975.7 Marsh X2 1850 — 1850 Federal census for Iowa, Marshall County, g Pat Hook
975.7 Page V22c — Caskey, Burch cemetery, g Elaine Olney
975.7 Story V25s — Story County, Iowa marriages 1854-1882, g Pat Hook
975.7 Taylo B2t — Taylor County, Iowa genealogical group, v.1,1974-v.6,1979, g Elaine Olney
975.7 Taylo V22c — Caskey, Bedford City Cemtery, Bedford, Iowa, g Elaine Olney

KANSAS

Bsmt 975.8 J2kst — Sunflower, 1975, g
975.8 Mitch H2m — Miller, Waconda land; the legends and pioneers' accounts of settling the land, g F. Gish
975.8 Wabau V22s — Soldan, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Newbury Township, Wabaunsee County, KS, g Dick & Alice Soldan

KENTUCKY

975.9 P2k — Kentucky Genealogical Soc, Wills and ways; miscellaneous KY records, g A. Chaney
975.9 Floyd X2 1840 — Clinton, 1840 census of Floyd County, Kentucky, g Ruth Ratcliffe
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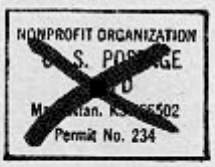
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Anyone interested in preserving family and community records is invited to become a member. Dues are $10.00 per calendar year per family unit. Members receive the current year's issues of Kansas Kin. Genealogists are on hand each Tuesday and Thursday morning to help with genealogical problems. Free classes are held periodically. An hour's free research is provided for out-of-town members. Members can buy books approved by the Acquisition Committee as gifts to the Society. The Society will pay one-half the cost of such books.

## PROGRAM MEETINGS

During 1990 regular RCGS meetings will be held on the following dates: January 29, March 26, May 21, July 30, September 24, and November 26. Meetings are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Manhattan Public Library, unless otherwise announced.

## KANSAS KIN

The RCGS quarterly is published in February, May, August, and November. The staff welcomes receiving Bible and church records, wills, school and court records, and family records and stories Ancestor tables are limited to 68 lines. Material concerned with people or events in counties adjacent to Riley County as well as Riley County are solicited. If requested, family history books given to RCGS will be reviewed in Kansas Kin.

## TAX EXEMPT GIFTS

All donations to RCGS may be deductible on federal income tax returns. The IRS has ruled the Society a tax exempt educational and scientific organization within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

All monies received in memory of a deceased member or non-member are used for acquisitions. The deceased's family is notified that the donation has been received by RCGS.

## 1990 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

May 21, Regular RCGS Meeting, Dale Pomroy, "History and Geography."

June 30, RCGS Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies annual meeting.

July 30, Regular RCGS Meeting, Jo Eslinger, "The Usual and the Unusual."

September 24, Regular RCGS Meeting, Randy Theis, "Ghost Towns."

# The President presents

We have received an important and interesting letter from the Kansas State Historical Society which must be of interest to all of you. A portion of the letter from the Executive Director Roman Powers follows:

"As you may be aware, the Kansas State Historical Society is in the final stages of planning for a new building to house its collections and departments currently located in the Center for Historical Research at 120 West Tenth. The new structure will be attached to the Kansas Museum of History which is located on the northwest side of Topeka. We are excited about the new building as it will provide a highly controlled environment for the preservation of our library and other documentary collections as well as more convenient access for researchers.

As the planning for the new research center has progressed, some misinformation has been circulating concerning our holdings of Kansas newspapers, the microfilm copies of the newspapers, and our genealogical holdings. The Kansas State Historical Society views helping meet the needs of genealogists as one of our most important functions. There are no plans to segregate our non-Kansas materials and store them in a warehouse. Our entire genealogical collection will be maintained and developed both here and in the new Center for Historical Research.

Microfilmed newspapers will be offered to local historical and genealogical societies and libraries, but only after the microfilm has been inspected carefully. Our microfiln resources soon will be made available throughout the state through interlibrary loans . . ."

We are apparently assured that the Kansas State Historical Society will continue to grow and to serve.

Dale Nicol

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
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### Do You Need Help Reading German Documents?

RCGS member Anneliese Leyrer Secoy (Mrs. R. W) has volunteered to assist any member who has difficulty in reading documents written in German.

# Society News

### 1915 RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS, CENSUS READIED

After two years of diligently reading the Riley County, Kansas, 1915 state census and entering the information on computer discs, three members of RCGS have completed abstracting the census. Peggy Ward, Golda Sitz, and Stella Frey did the transcribing. The information given for each person includes age, sex, color, where born, where from to Kansas, occupation, military discharge, and state in which enlisted.

The completed census contains an every-name index of about 17,000 persons. The book has 481 pages. This is the twelfth Riley County census which has been abstracted by RCGS members, and is another indication why it is relatively easy to do research in Riley county.

### HONORED BY BOOK PURCHASES

The book purchased in memory of the 1989 deceased members is A Guide to German Parish Registers in the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Vol. 1, Baden, Bavaria, Wuerttemberg. Accession No. 943 V26g.

In honor of our past president, Evelyn Brown, the society purchased the book, Ancestry's Red Book, A Town, County, and State Source. (See Research, p.38 )

### ACQUISITION COMMITTEE ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS

The new chairman of the acquisitions committee is John Davies. He and other members of the committee, Miriam Field, Ilene Bender, and Katharine Mullanax, will be giving careful thought to purchasing materials which will be of interest to us. If any member has a suggestion or wishes to make a half purchase on any book or film, contact one of the above persons. They welcome any suggestions.

### NEW RCGS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

We are pleased to announce that the society now has the following new publications for sale: Riley County, Kansas, 1915, State Census Abstract (See note above.) Indexed; Manhattan Nationalist Newspaper Abstracts, Dec. 1870-Dec. 1871. Indexed; Bride and Groom Index for Marriage Records of Dickinson County, Kansas, 1861-1913. See the SALES section for prices.

### Genealogy Classes

In February and March, RCGS offered a series of three classes in genealogical research. Dan Walter spoke on "Beginning Genealogy"; Pauline Streeter explained, "Court House Research."

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KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
16th Annual Conference, June 30, 1990
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Hosted by the Riley County Genealogical Society
**Featuring Sandra Hargreaves Luebking**

## CENSUS:1790-1990
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FINDING FEMALES, OR GRANDMA, WHERE ARE YOU?

Help to pursue that elusive female ancestor. Using 19th century Midwest examples, four search strategies are discussed: parallel tracking, pattern deviation, direct and indirect evidence, time and space convergence.

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CIRCUMVENTING BLOCKED LINES

How to open a window when all the doors are locked! Three sure fire search strategies for those lines on which you have almost given up.

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SPECIAL: Analysis of an ancestor's handwriting by an expert--see application sheet for fee.

## INTRODUCING OUR SPEAKER

Sandra Luebking holds a B. A. in anthropology, with graduate work in History and Communications. She holds office or committee chairs in the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She is a volunteer at the National Archives, Great Lakes Region.

Mrs. Luebking has been member of the Adjunct Faculty for Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. She has lectured at national conferences for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Association of Professional Genealogists, and the National Genealogical Society, as well as state and local groups. She also does professional genealogical and historical research.

Mrs. Luebking has published Carol Khul Royer: A Memoir and co-authored with Loretto D. Szucs, The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches. She has received Distinguished Service Awards from the National Genealogical Society (1986) for work in genealogical education; and from the Illinois State Genealogical Society (1987) for outstanding contributions to genealogy within Illinois.

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Milton Wray gave hands on experience using the Family History Center Library and its Records. Harvey Littrell taught "Advanced Genealogy" at the RCGS library for the University for Man.

### MORE MATERIALS FROM THE WHEARTY ESTATE

Grace Moss, a niece of Lelia Whearty, has given RCGS more books and maps from Lelia's estate. Lelia was a long-time member of RCGS and died in 1983.

Included in the gifts are: "Boots and Bibles, the Spiritual Heritage of Fort Riley, Kansas"; "Revolutionary Pensioners; a Transcript of the Pension List of the U. S. for 1813; Bailey's "Guide to Genealogical & Biographical Sources for New York City, 1783-1898; Kenyon's "Massachusetts Heraldica"; Baker's "Epitaphs in the Old Burying-ground at Deerfield, Mass."; Caulkins' "History of New London, CT," 1895; Caulkins' "History of Norwich, CT, 1660-1845", and "The Four Spencer Brothers."

Among the twenty-six maps are geological survey maps for parts of New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Other states covered in various maps are Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Moss also gave the Society a book she compiled of Lelia's pedigree charts and family group sheets. The 264 page volume includes the surnames of Edgerton, Brewster, Hagerty, Spencer, Albee, Payson, Taylor, Williams, Buell, and Ingersoll.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY SURVEY

A Church Directory Survey being conducted by RCGS was announced in the February issue. Churches are being asked if the following information is available in their files: Foundation date, Rural churches served, Records--e.g. baptism, confirmation, marriage, membership, burial, and dates for which records are available; Membership for the years 1890, 1900; etc.; microfilmed records; written history.

# EARLY DAY RILEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (1875-1900)

*In the November 1989 issue of Kansas Kin appeared the first of a series of articles concerning the early day Riley County Commissioners who were not included in the book, Pioneers of the Blue Stem Prairie. Part I dealt with the Commissioners who served during the time Kansas was a Territory (1855-1861); Part II in the February 1990 issue discussed those who served in the period 1862-1874. Commissioners who served during the period of time for Part III who were in the Pioneers book and therefore not included in Part III were: Sam Long, 1878; C. M. Dyche, 1878-79; P. W. Zeigler, 1879-81; Ciprus Poltz, 1882-83; Orville Huntress, 1887-90; John A. Reece, 1886-89; and C. A. Johnsmier, 1890-92.*

PART III: RILEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE PERIOD 1874-1891.

**Thaddeus S. St. John**
(Early Zeandale Area Farmer and Politician)

Two St. John brothers served as County Commissioners in Riley County in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The first of these brothers to serve was Thaddeus. He was born in the state of New York in December 1834. Because the area in which he resided near Zeandale was not always in Riley County, it is not known just what year he arrived in the county. We do know that his first child was born in Kansas in 1863 and that his brother, Ephraim, came to this part of Kansas in the early 1860s. It is probable that T. S. St. John came about that same time.

The Political Life of Thaddeus St. John

Thaddeus was a Township Trustee in Zeandale from 1870 to 1873, and served as a County Commissioner from 1874-1877. In 1877 he served in the Kansas House of Representatives for District Number 76. A news item on 28 October 1880 stated that T. S. St. John had moved to his farm near Wabaunsee. The family appeared on the 1900 census for Wabaunsee County.

The Family of T. S. St. John

Sylvia St. John, the wife of T. S. St. John, was born in New York in April 1837. According to the 1900 census, the couple had been married forty years, making the year of their marriage 1860. Four children were born to the couple. According to the 1880 census the children were Clarence, age 17; Arthur, age 15; Milton, age 12, and Stella, age 3. All of the children were born in Kansas. On the 1900 census for Wabaunsee County, Stella, age 23, was still living with her parents. The census stated, however, that only three children were living. Which boy had died is not known. Cemetery records for Riley and Wabaunsee counties did not list anyone named St. John.

Sometime prior to 1905, the St. John's moved to Rocky Ford, Colorado. The obituary for his brother, Ephraim, stated that he had died in Rocky Ford, Colorado, at the home of his brother, T. S. St. John. No other information about this family was obtained.

**Charles E. Eastman**
(Buffalo Hunter? Bachelor?)

Very little information could be found concerning the life of Charles E. Eastman. He first appeared on the 1860 census for Riley County as being a farmer who was born in Maine. His address was Ogden. C. M. Dyche, a 2nd Lieutenant in Company F of the 14th Regiment of the Kansas Militia, reported on 6 August 1864 that E. C. Eastman was a 2d Corporal. That this man and Charles E. Eastman were the same could not be determined. A second bit of information was found about a Charles Eastman who killed the last buffalo in the county on the farm of William Woods about three miles east of Ogden in the fall of 1863. Was this Charles E. Eastman?

Was Charles E. Eastman a Bachelor?

On the census records from 1860 through 1900, Charles Eastman appeared living with various families. In 1865 he was living with the Richard Eastman family and farming; in 1870 he was with the Benjamin F. Eastman family as he was again in 1875. He was not on the 1880 census; in 1895 at the age of 50 he was living with a Julia Emerson, aged 73, but the relationship was not given. In 1900 he was listed as a boarder, single, and living with the Vincent Schermeck family. That he was a bachelor seems to be born out by the census records and by the fact he does not appear on any early Riley County marriage records.

Occupations and Political Positions

On the early day census records he was listed as a farmer. Not until 1895 was he listed as having a different occupation--that of merchant. In 1889 George W. Campbell had turned over his stock in a general merchandise store to Charles Eastman.

In 1874 Charles Eastman was elected to serve on the Riley County Commission and held that post for one term. Following this experience Eastman served as Treasurer of Ogden Township in 1875 and then as a Trustee from 1878-1881. On 12 July 1889 he was appointed the Postmaster at Ogden and served in this capacity until 18 December 1892.

Where Charles E. Eastman went is not known. He does not appear on any cemetery records for the county.

**George T. Polson**
(Outstanding Stock Breeder; State Legislator)

George T. Polson was born in Indiana on 8 June 1836 of parents who were both born in Kentucky. During the Civil War he served in the 67th Indiana Infantry. In 1867 at the age of thirty-one he came to Kansas and bought a farm

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near Winkler; seven miles from Randolph on Fancy Creek. Here he raised Shorthorn cattle and through the years acquired the reputation as an outstanding cattle breeder.

### Political Life of George T. Polson

Through the years George T. Polson held many offices in May Day Township. In 1874 he was elected a County Commissioner from May Day township to fill a vacancy when George Pickett resigned. He held the office until 1880 about the time of the death of his wife. In 1896 he was elected as a Republican to the State Legislature and served two terms.

### George T. Polson's Family

The census of 1870 is the first census on which George's family appears. He is listed as having a wife named Anna Mary, age 26. She had also been born in Indiana, on 10 November 1845. Her parents had both been born in Switzerland. Where and when George and Anna Mary were married is not known. They do not appear on marriage records in Riley County. On the 1870 census they had a son, George J., age two, born in January 1868, and a daughter, three months old. On later census records this daughter had the name Cora. George J. married Mary A. Norton on 7 July 1903 in Manhattan. Cora was born in 1871 and married C. R. Kistler of Thomas, Kansas, and a pastor of the English Lutheran Church in Bunker Hill, Kansas, on 5 February 1900. Other children found on census records were Martha who was born ca. 1872; Mary E., born September 1874; Benjamin, born July 1878 and married Sophia Winkler on 30 June 1903; and Anna born in 1880.

### Deaths of Anna Mary and George T. Polson

Mrs. Polson died on 25 October 1880 of heart disease leaving six young children. In fact, Anna must have been an infant at the time of her mother's death. George did not remarry. A year after he left the Legislature he died of Bright's disease. The date of his death was 12 March 1901. At the time he was age 64 y. 9 m. 4 d. Three of his children were living at home at the time of his death; they were George J., Mary E., and Benjamin.

## Almon D. Phelps
### (A New Yorker and Early Bala Settler)

Both Almon D. Phelps and his wife, Sarah M. were born in New York. Both of his parents were born in Massachusetts. In 1862 Almon and Sarah came from St. Lawrence County in New York and settled on Timber Creek near the site of the present day Bala. At that time their nearest neighbor was twelve miles away. The farm which they had was in Sec. 2, Twp. 9, Range 4. From the census records it was determined that Almon was born in 1817 and his wife, Sarah, in 1819. They were, therefore, age 45 and 43 when they moved to Kansas.

### Occupations and Political Life

On all of the census records from 1865 until 1885, Almond Phelps was listed as a farmer. As early as March of 1863, he was known in the county, for he served on the Grand Jury that year. When a postoffice was established at Timber Creek, he served as postmaster from 18 April 1870 until 24 February 1871. Phelps served one term on the County Commission from 1876-1877.

### The Phelps Children

Two children were born to Almon and Sarah as they moved westward to Kansas. George T. was born in Michigan and was listed as a farm laborer age 22 on the 1870 census. On 9 March 1876 George, age 27 married Mary A. Hughes, age 19. A daughter, Selora, was also born in Michigan. On the 1865 census she was fourteen years old. On 3 July 1870, Selora, age 20, married Walter C. Ross at Timber Creek. On the 1880 census Selora (listed as Silvia A. Ross) and four of her children were listed with Almon and Mary Phelps. On the 1885 census she was listed as Selora Lock, age 34, and her husband, William Lock, age 51. Her four children were living in the same household. A second daughter was born to Almon and Mary Phelps in Kansas. Julia, age 4, was on the 1865 census and was still with the family in 1880 at the age of 19. Neither Almon Phelps nor William Lock was listed on the 1900 census.

### Where Did the Phelps Family Go?

Almon Phelps bought a lot in the Bala cemetery on 9 August 1878, but sold the lot on 16 March 1889. Neither Almon nor Mary are listed in the cemetery records for Riley County. It is not known when or where they died.

## John Condray
### (A Commissioner Who Died Under Sad Circumstances)

John Condray, a son of the pioneer, Henry Condray, became a County Commissioner in 1881. John's brother Mincher Condray had served on the Commission earlier. (See Kansas Kin, February 1990). John Condray was born in Indiana on 11 August 1843. John's mother was Henry Condray's second wife. Along with his parents John emigrated to Kansas when he was twelve years old. His family settled on land near the mouth of Mill Creek in Riley County. The year was 1855. On the 1860 and 1865 censuses John was living with his father.

On 3 April 1862, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the 5th Kansas Cavalry, serving in Companies E, H, and K, He was mustered out on 15 April 1865, after serving for three years. At the end of his service he returned to Riley County.

### John's Civic Responsibilities

John Condray served his area in many governmental capacities during his lifetime. He

was the Clerk of Jackson Township from 1872-1875; a Constable in 1874 and 1875; a Trustee from 1876-1880, and a County Commissioner from 1881-1885. He was elected to the Commission to take the place of George T. Polson. John was described as a man who never failed to "put his shoulder to the wheel" and was always honorable in his dealings with others.

### His First Marriage and Family

On 7 October 1866 he married Martha Parsons. Her birthplace was in Ohio. On the 1870 census she was listed as being nineteen years of age; therefore, her birth year was probably 1851. John Condray on the same census was twenty-six and had a saw mill. His real property was valued at $2000 and personal property, $1030. John and his wife lived near Randolph. According to census records for 1870 and 1875 they had two daughters; they were Victorine (later listed on census records as Victor, Rena, and Irene) and Anna. Victorine was born in 1867 and Anna in 1872. Victorine married Freeman H. Parkerson on 3 August 1885. She died on 12 July 1950 in Junction City; however, her burial was in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan. Her husband had died earlier in 1932. Anna first married Jessie B. F. Nichols on 26 November 1890; later she married H. E. Johnson on 9 December 1893.

### John Condray's Second Marriage and Family

John's first wife, Martha, died after 1872. John then at the age of thirty-one married a widow, Caroline Enders (Andres), on 6 July 1874. Although the marriage records gave her age as twenty, Caroline was actually twenty-seven. She had been born on 15 September 1847 in Sweden. By her first marriage she had a daughter Georgie, born in Missouri. Georgie was a year younger than Victorine. Georgie, age 24, was still living with John and Caroline at the time of the 1895 census. She died on 28 April 1911. Her name on her tombstone was spelled, "Endres."

John was the father of five children by his second wife according to information from various records. Nellie, born on 26 June 1875, first married James Osbourn on 5 January 1895. He died in 1937. Nellie then married Mr. Neel and moved to Kansas City, Missouri. She died 30 December 1957. Charles was born in 1878, and married Lydia B. in 1905; he died before 1957. Mary (Mamie) was born in 1879 and married Charles Boies on 6 June 1896. They moved to North Hollywood, California, where she died sometime after 1957. Blanche was born June 1880 and married Fredric J. Newman on 26 June 1901. Orpha, born in 1882, married Wesley J. Axelton on 12 March 1913; they moved to Hollywood, California. Orpha died after 1957.

### The Sad Death of John Condray

According to the Daily Nationalist, "John Condray, 70 years died at Parkview Hospital 12 February 1914, of pneumonia and complications. He was buried in Sunset Cemetery. He became ill while working at the rock quarry near the U. P. tracks out of Stockdale. Relatives found him Tuesday morning lying in a tent on a bed which was nothing more than a few covers and pile of hay on the ground. He left a wife and seven children." Carolyn Condray died 30 November 1917, at the age of seventy.

## Ephraim St. John
### (Early Day School Teacher and Farmer)

Ephraim St. John was born in Walton, New York, on 15 September 1838. His father was Ephraim St. John, Sr. and his mother Amelia Goodrich St. John. In New York he attended high school and taught school. In the spring of 1859 he came to Kansas and preempted eighty acres of land, which later was to become a part of his farm in Zeandale Township. During the territorial days he served in the Kansas militia. He also taught the Zeandale school when he was first came to the area.

### Ephraim's Township and County Offices

Ephraim was a staunch Republican and held many township offices in Zeandale Township--trustee, clerk, and Justice of the Peace. He was a staunch supporter of good school systems. In 1884 he was elected to the Riley County Commission and served until 1886. At the time of his death his obituary described him as ". . . a fair sample of the men who made our state a glorious Commonwealth . . ."

### His Marriages and Family

His first marriage was to Romania B. Pearson on 13 October 1860 in Manhattan Township, Riley County. Both were listed as being from Davis County, for at that time Zeandale Township was in Davis County. One child was born to this couple, but the name of this child could not be determined. Romania died in 1867. Following her death, Ephraim returned to his home county in New York and married Alice J. Mallory in the spring of 1869. Alice J. Mallory was born 22 June 1851 in Walton County, New York. To this marriage one daughter, Lillian, was born in 1870. Lillian taught at the Sunflower school where she met her future husband, Dr. Ernest Williams. They were married in her father's home on 6 June 1901. She and her husband lived in Kansas City. Lillian died at some date prior to 1936.

### The Out-of-State Deaths of the St. Johns

Ephraim's name was on the 1890 census for Riley County, but sometime after that he went to Rocky Ford, Colorado. Whether or not he moved there is not known, but he died there of heart trouble at the home of his brother T. S. St. John on 14 February 1905. He was buried, however, in Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan. His daughter and wife survived him. His wife, Alice St. John, returned to New York about 1921. She died in Walton on 22 March 1936 at the age of eighty-four.

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## Henry Tidyman
(An Englishman Who Became Prominent in Western Riley County)

On 3 July 1825 in the village of Bellesby nearby Laybourne in Yorkshire, England, Henry Tidyman was born to John and Margaret Favell Tidyman. He was raised to young manhood in that community and attended the common schools there. At the age of eleven he had to go to work on the farm. A family legend is that Henry studied for the priesthood in the Church of England, but did not enter that profession. Farming became his life's occupation.

In 1847 he married Mary Atkinson at Bellesby. She had been born in 1827. Ten years after their marriage they decided to leave for America. One child born in England died prior to their leaving that country and a second child died enroute to this country. The child was buried off the coast of Newfoundland. Two sons, Henry II and John were also born in England and came with their parents to the United States.

When the Tidyman family came to the United States they went to Butler County, Iowa. After a period of ten years, Henry left for Kansas arriving in Manhattan on 1 November 1867. He did not stay there, however, but went to Clay Center to spend the winter. In March he entered a claim to land in Section 2, Township 9, Range 6 in what is now Madison Township. The land is near the village of Bala. In 1869 he moved to that farm and remained there as a farmer.

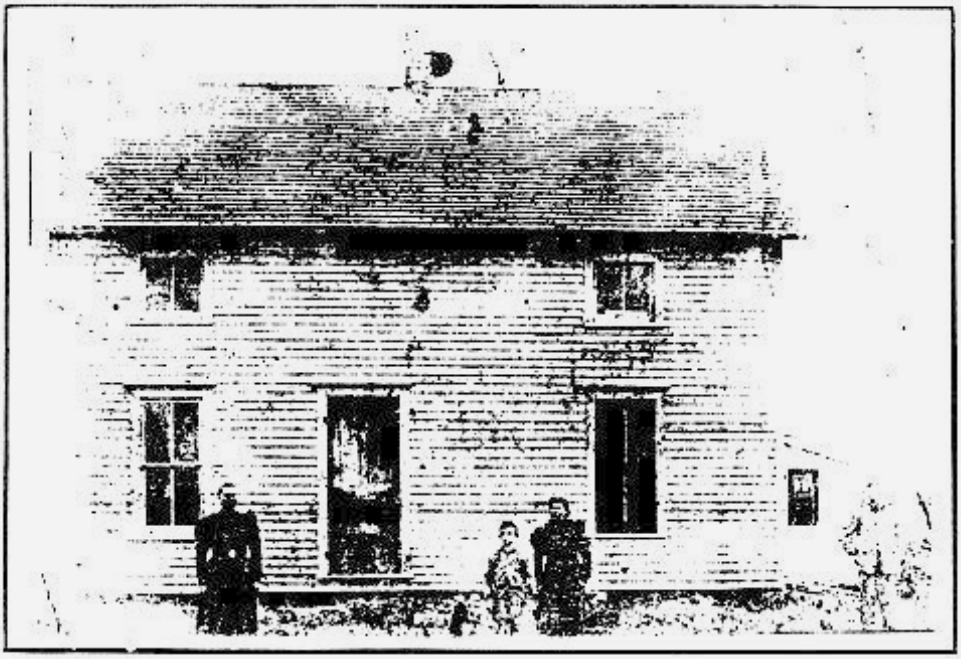
During his farming career he had a major accident. A runaway team caused an accident in which he received a broken leg. The story is told that he set his own leg. As a result of this accident he was physically quite disabled during the remainder of his life.

### The Political Life of Henry Tidyman

Henry held several political positions during his early years in Madison Township. For four years, 1872-1875, he was the Treasurer and then for four years, 1876-1879, he was the Justice of the Peace. In 1879 he was elected to the Riley County Commission and remained in that post for twelve years. At the time of his death the obituary stated, "No man in western Riley County was better known or more universally respected than was Mr. Henry Tidyman."

### Henry and Mary Tidyman's Family

Seven children were born to Henry and Mary Tidyman. As stated previously, two of the children died in infancy. The oldest child that lived was Henry, II. He was born in England on 9 December 1848 (or 1849). Henry married Eugenia Underhill on 25 August 1872. She was born 31 August 1840. Henry II died 29 August 1926 and Eugenia died 28 July 1921. A son John was also born in England; his birth was in 1852. John married Nancy Jane Weir in February 1877; she died in 1910 and he married Bessie Hammond. She died on 3 May 1969. John died in 1924 and is buried in the Bala Cemetery.



Pictured l. to r.

Mary Elizabeth Tidyman, granddaughter of Henry Tidyman I.

Henry Weir, grandson of Henry Tidyman I

Eugenia Underhill Tidyman, wife of Henry II.

Henry Tidyman II

Mary Elizabeth m. Clint Martin and was the grandmother of Roy Henry Martin

The Original Home Near Bala of Henry Tidyman I
Picture courtesy of Mr. Roy Henry Martin

Three daughters were born in Iowa. Elizabeth was born 6 November 1859 and twins, Ida Emma (called Emma) and Eva were born 29 September 1865. Elizabeth married John Osborn in 1877. She died on 6 April 1936 and John died in 1925. Elizabeth is buried in the Broughton Cemetery. Ida (called Ada on census records) married Norman Laflin on 31 December 1882. She died on 31 December 1924 and he died 9 February 1939. Eva had three marriages: Francis Weir, Mr. Slaven, and Joseph Dakin. The dates for these marriages are not known. Eva died in 1948 and is buried in the Wakefield Cemetery.

Mary Atkinson Tidyman died on 1 January 1889; Henry lived alone then until his death on 3 July 1827. Henry died from ". . . chronic diabetes and fell victim to the 'dread disease'." At the time of his death the surviving children were named as: Henry, Joe, John, and Mrs. Emma Laflin of Bala; Mrs. Lizzie Osborn of Columbus, KS, Mrs. Evelyn Dakin of Clay County, and a Mrs Margaret Birch of Wisconsin. Actually Mrs. Birch was a cousin. It is also assumed that the paper mistook the abbreviation for Jr. after Henry's name as being the word, "Joe"; there was no son named Joe.

Both Mary Atkinson Tidyman and Henry Tidyman are buried in the Bala Cemetery. At the base of Mary's tombstone are words from Psalm CXIX:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." At the base of Henry's tombstone are words from Psalm LXXI:20, "Thou shalt quicken me again and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth."

A reference about the Tidyman's written for the Bala Heritage stated that four generations of Tidymans are buried in the Bala Cemetery. Their graves were visited by the author when he visited the Bala cemetery with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin.

The seven-generation members of the Tidyman family who live in or near Riley County are: Laurel Martin, Kenneth Hopper, Heather Hopper, Amber Hopper, Jennifer Vandahl, and Matthew Vandahl. Their orders of descent are as follows:

Generation

1 Henry Tidyman I
2 Henry Tidyman II
3 Mary Elizabeth Tidyman Martin
4 Roy Henry Martin I and Mary Goldie Martin Esslinger
5 Roy Henry Martin II and Rose Essingler Bergman
6 Brian Martin, Theresa Bergman Hopper, and Shirley Bergman Vandahl
7 Laurel Martin, Kenneth Hopper, Heather Hopper, Amber Hopper, Jennifer Vandahl, and Matthew Vandahl

Sources of Information for Part III

Newspapers: Manhattan Nationalist, Daily Nationalist, Manhattan Mercury, Evening Republic, Manhattan Chronicle. Books: Andreas, History of Kansas; Collection of the State Historical Society, 1909-1919; Riley County Historical Plat Book; Thompson, Early History of Wabaunsee County; Wabaunsee Co. Historical Society, New Branches from Old Trees; Ogden Pride Committee, Bushwackers, Breweries, and Boomtown; The Portrait and Biographical Album for Washington, Clay, and Riley Counties; Bala Heritage. Records: Cemeteries of Riley County, Sunset Cemetery, Riley County Marriage Records; Riley County Postmasters. Census Records:Riley County, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1895, 1900, 1910-

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# REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRANTS--AN EXPLANATION

*Prior to the death of our Riley County Genealogical Society member, Dr. Lynne E. Bussey, he wrote an article concerning Revolutionary War Land Grants for The Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly which was published in their fall 1989 issue, Volume 25, Number 3. This volume is in the RCGS library. Permission was requested and granted to reprint a portion of his article--that portion which describes the method surveyors used to make the surveys of the land. Many of us have ancestors who acquired land which was platted using the "metes and bounds" method. This article helps descendants understand the techniques of early day surveyors.*

## IN SEARCH OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR LAND GRANTS

by Lynn E. Bussey, Ph.D.

My interest in Revolutionary War land plats and ownership maps came about because two of my ancestors, Hezekiah Bussey (my Gr-Gr-Gr-Grf) and his brother, Thomas, had been granted land in Washington County, Georgia, just after the Revolutionary War. I wanted to know what part of the county the grants were in, how the land lay, and what kind of land they had been granted. These questions started some interesting research, which this article recounts.

### Introduction

The treaty of peace between England and the United States was signed in 1783. In 1783 the State of Georgia concluded a treaty with the Creek and Cherokee Indian nations for the cession to Georgia of a huge tract of land between the Ogeechee and Oconee Rivers . . . In February, 1784, the Georgia House of Assembly passed an Act to open up the newly-acquired territory to settlers.

. . .The County Surveyor was required to make three written plats of the land surveyed; one copy was to be given to the land Grantee, one copy was to be filed in the County records, and one copy was to be filed in the Office of the (State) Surveyor General. Many of these original plats are today on file in the Office of the Surveyor General, in the Georgia Department of Archives and History.

### Plats and Surveying Methods 1750-1800

A typical Revolutionary War land plat is reproduced in Figure 1. Note that (1) bearings on at least two sides (or more for plats containing more than four sides) are given, as well as the distances along these lines in "chains." For example, on Hezekiah Bussey's plat, the side labelled "N20E 94.75" means that the bearing of that line is 20 degrees Easterly from magnetic North, and the distance of the line on the ground is 94.75 chains ( = 6,253.5 feet). Also given are (2) the name of the Grantee and the warrant number (if any); (3) the number of acres enclosed by the survey; (4) the name of the Deputy Surveyor and the date of the survey; (5) the names of adjacent owners (if any); and (6) prominent land-marks, such as creeks, rivers, and foot-paths. Note also that the direction of North is NOT given, nor is the beginning point of the survey, nor is the direction in which the survey was made (i.e., clockwise or counterclockwise around the enclosed area).

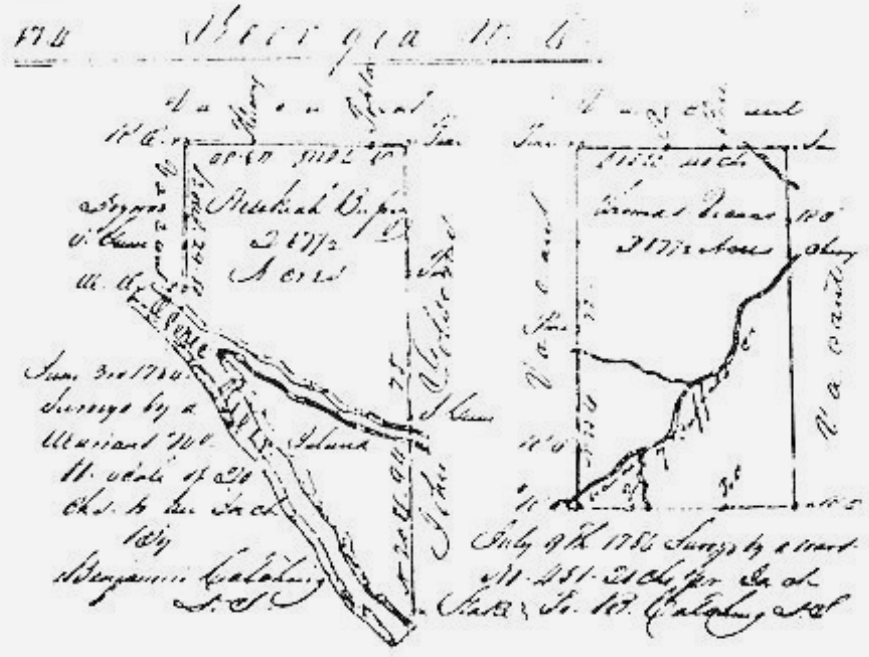


Figure 1 - Two Revolutionary War Land Surveys

For 1750-1800, this kind of surveying was rather "rough," even for America. The back-country surveyor had five principal tools to work with: a transit consisting of a magnetic compass about 6" in diameter with leaf-sights to sight through (no telescope), which was mounted with a ball-and-socket arrangement on a tripod for levelling. To measure distances, he had a "Gunter Chain" (originally invented in England in 1620 by Edmund Gunter), which was 66 feet in length, and consisted of 100 links of heavy wire, with every 10th link marked off by a brass ring. Third, the surveyor had a "line axe" or "brush knife" -- a machete-like broad bladed knife about 30 inches long, used for "clearing line"; i.e., chopping underbrush to obtain line-of-sight, and to "blaze" trees as line-markers, Fourth, the surveyor had his musket for food and protection, and fifth, his indispensable horse. In measuring distances along the line-of-sight, two other persons (the "chain carriers") were required, one at the head end of the chain and the other at the tail end.

The chain carriers kept track of the number of "chains" measured by a system of tokens, one left on the ground by the head-end chainman each time he reached the extent of his end of the chain, with the token to be picked up and pocketed by the tail-end chainman as he arrived at the token last laid down by the head-end carrier. In this way, the distance along the line was determined by the number of tokens picked up by the tail-end chainman, plus the odd number of decimal links. Thus, a line might be measured as being 53 chains plus 62 links, or 53 + 62/100 (53.62) "chains." All of the parcels of land surveyed and platted from roughly 1630 to 1850, both in England and America, were measured in "chains" and angles were measured in degrees and minutes (and possibly seconds also) by a transit as described above, or in England by a more sophisticated transit called a theodolite (the predecessor of today's highly accurate transit-theodolite).

The land measurement system used in Revolutionary America was an adaptation of the one used for years in England. Surveying in England was quite advanced by 1750 (distances could be accurately measured, and angles turned by theodolites to within 30 degrees of arc, a fantastic accuracy even by today's standards. Theodolites by 1780 were equipped with telescopes with cross-hairs for sighting, as well as vernier adjustments for reading small angles). Even though England was about 50 years ahead of America in land surveying, such accuracy was not necessary here. In England, land was already an asset of value to the owner, and accurate surveying was necessary to establish the rights of owners and tenants. In America, land was not as valuable, especially in the back-country, and "rougher" surveying methods were used. One notable feature about American "back-woods" surveying is that none of the surveys was "closed", that is, all sides and angles were not measured, so there could be no adjustment for the "closing error" -- the amount necessary to bring the ending point of the survey to the beginning point, together with adjustment of side lengths, and angles to accurately "close" the survey. Nevertheless, Robert Gibson's A Treatise on Land Surveying (first published in Dublin, 1739) was reprinted in Philadelphia as A Treatise of Practical Surveying in 1785, and followed by 21 American editions and reprints up to 1839. This gives some indication of the importance land-owners and government officials ascribed to more accurate land surveying from about 1780-1850.

## Revolutionary War Plat Books

As the District Surveyors would finish up a group of surveys in a small area or district, they would bring their notes and rough drawings into the county seat for the draftsman to transcribe on to plats. Thus, Revolutionary War plats in Washington and Franklin Counties are generally recorded in the order of date of arrival in the County Surveyor's office where the draftsman worked. One finds, therefore, plats by several District Surveyors intermixed in the plat books; but as a general rule, plats made by one surveyor between dates approximately one month apart, will be located in the same general portion of the platbook, indicating that the surveyor assembled several warrants (perhaps a dozen or more), employed some chain-carriers, and rode off to survey the new land. After perhaps a month of surveying, the party would return to the county seats, the notes were dropped off for the draftsman, and a new set of warrants picked up. Sometimes the chain-carriers were owners of the land being surveyed. (The time difference some researchers find between the time they know an ancestor was in an area and the date of a plat may, in some instances, be accounted for by this field practice used by surveyors then. For example, Hezekia Bussey's land grant was dated 25 February 1784, but the plat was recorded 3 June 1784. It probably took that long for the weather to clear (it rains heavily in the Spring in Georgia) and for Hezekiah's warrant to "come to the top of the pile" in the county seat).

[Editor's Note: The next section of Dr. Bussey's article is not included in this condensation. It describes the technical engineering procedures he used to replot his ancestor's land from the Revolutionary War land plats to the same scale as the USGS map.]

## Summary

Land surveying in the post-Revolutionary period was not an "inexact" science. While "rough" by today's standards, what was done on the American frontier was appropriate for the place and time. At the same time in England, much more precise land measurement was taking place: by using accurately measured baselines and precision theodolites for triangulation, the English and French in cooperation were able to

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# SIGNATURES OF EARLY DAY KANSAS REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS

## How the Signatures Were Obtained

At the time the Editor was acquiring information concerning the Manhattan early day mayor, Charles de Vivaldi, for the February and May 1989 issues of Kansas Kin, he wrote to the National Archives for information about de Vivaldi. Several pages of materials were sent, all of which were either petitions or letters to Abraham Lincoln or the Secretary of State urging the appointment of de Vivaldi to a Consul post. Most of the men signing the petitions or writing the letters were Republican political leaders in Kansas in 1860-1861.

On the list given below an asterisk has been placed before the name of each of these leaders who had served in the Territorial Legislature. Some who are listed were with de Vivaldi during the Civil War in Washington, D. C. Volume X of the Kansas Historical Collections lists these men. All of the names listed below, with the exception of DeCosta, Grinther, and Plant(z), were found in one or more volumes of the Kansas Historical Collection. Of great genealogical importance is the fact that the same issue has short biographies of those who served in the Territorial Legislature.

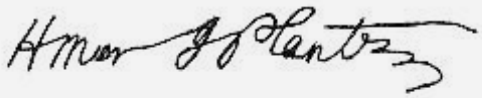
## The List of Early Day Republican Politicians

The names listed below are written as they appear on the petition or letters. In parentheses are the given names of individuals as they appear in other documents.

*Abbott, J. B., (Major James B.); Adams, Daniel M. (Clerk of the House); Adams, Henry J.; *Alexander, D. M. (Demas M.); *Allen, Abner; *Arny, W. F. (William F. M.); *Ballard, D. E. (David Ellenwood); Banks, A. R. (Alexander R. C.), Ass't Clerk; *Banks, Nathaniel P.; *Bartlett, J. C. (Josiah Comstock); *Blackford, W. D.; *Blair, Frank P.; *Blanton, N. B. (Napoleon Bonaparte); *Broadhead, J. F. (John Fletcher); *Brown, E. J.; *Burnette, J. C. (Jonathan Colman); Clarke, Sidney (Sec'y to Senator Lane); *Crawford, S. J. (Samuel J.) *Curtis, H. W. (Hiram W.); *Cutler, Geo. A. (George A); *Davis, W. R. (Rev. William R.); DeCosta, George W.; de Vivaldi, Charles Francis; Dow, L. (Lorenz); *Elder, P. P. (Peter Percival); *Ellis, Abraham; *Emery, F. W.; *Farnsworth, H. W. (Hiram W.); Fields, H. Clay (Henry C.); Gilpin, William (Lt. Col. William C, Gov.); Grinther, Arthur (Journal Clerk for the House); *Hayes, J. E. (Josiah); *Herberling, Hiram H.; Hinton, Richard J. *Houston, S. D. (Samuel Dexter); Hunter, D. (General David, U. S. Army); Insley, M. H.; *Knowles, Horatio; Lane, J. H. (United States Senator James H.); *Lawrence, W. H. H. (Warren H. H.); *Lockhart, John; *Low, A. (Asahel); *Lynde, Edward; McBratney, Robert; *Miller, Josiah; *Morton, P. D. G. (Prince D. G.); *Osborn, T. A. (Thomas A.); Parrott, Marcus (Marcus J.); Phillips, Jared; *Pierce, Thomas; Plant(z), Homer J.; Pomeroy, S. C. (Samuel C.); *Rackcliff, J. S. (John S.) *Ray, C. Abraham; *Rees, G. H. (George H.); Root, J. P. (Lt. Gov. Joseph Pomeroy); *Stewart, J. W. (Rev.); *Updegraff, W. W. (Speaker of the House); Vaughan, Champion (John C.)

## A Name in Doubt

The spelling of one name is in doubt. The name listed as Homer J. Plant(z) appeared as shown below.



Any reader who knows the name, please write to the Editor. The Editor believes it could be Planter. There was a Planter Hotel in Leavenworth when de Vivaldi was there. What is your opinion? Can you identify this man's role in Republican politics?

The materials from the National Archives have been filed in the Riley County Historical Society. (Not the RCGS Library.) Because the men signed their names to the petitions or letters, copies of the signatures are available to those genealogists who wish a copy of an ancestor's signature. Send your request to the Editor of Kansas Kin with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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determine with very small error the distance across the English Channel. The English effort was the forerunner of today's "Ordnance Survey" in England, the equivalent of our U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey. Such precision in the American back-country not only was not needed, but probably could not have been done because of the woods and terrain. It sufficed to establish "metes and bounds" by less exact methods, appropriate to the lower economic value of the land.

Land-grant and land-plat records, especially in those States east of the Mississippi River which were settled before the U. S. Land Survey System (section-township- range) was developed in the 19th century, can provide useful historical information. In addition to establishing the original owners of land grants for genealogical purposes, this kind of research helps one visualize some of the customs, practices and capabilities of our ancestors in a former time period, as well as understand some of the hazards and difficulties they faced.



# Bible ~ Records

## Lydia Ann Hair Aplin's Family Bible Record

*The following is from "The New Indexed Bible" John A Dickson Pub. Co., Chicago, IL, copyright 1909 and in possession of John Walter Andrews, 734 St. Thomas Cove, Niceville FL 32578. Lydia Ann Hair, daughter of Jonas William & Alice Jane (Robbins)Hair, was born 23 Mar 1869 in Riley Co., KS and married 7 Jan 1890 at Greenbay AL to Joseph Hardie Aplin. Tradition is that Joseph Hardie Aplin locked Jonas in a corn crib to ask for Lydia Ann Hair's hand in marriage. The Bible has Mrs. Annie Aplin in gold letters on the front of the Bible.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY
that Joseph Hardie Aplin
and Lydia Ann Hair
were united by me
in
Holy Matrimony
at Green Bay, Ala. on the
7th day of Jan. in the year
of our Lord 1890 in the presence of
signed: Jonas Hair

Other records from Lydia Ann (Hair) "Annie" Aplin's Bible state:

FAMILY HISTORY

| | Born When | Born Where | Died When | Died Where |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Grand Parents** | | | | |
| Father's Father James Aplin | ___ | MontgomeryCo. | 1901 | Green Bay |
| Father's Mother Elizabeth Aplin | ___ | MontgomeryCo. | 1915 | Green Bay |
| Mother's Father Jonas Hair | 1/15 | Ohio | | |
| Mother's Mother Jane Robbin Hair | 1830? | | 1875? | Riley Center KS |
| **Parents** | | | | |
| Joseph H. Aplin | 24 Sep 1868 | | May 20, 1912 | |
| Lydia Hair | 23 Mar 1869 | | Aug.14, 1946 | |

**Children**

Fannie Lou Aplin 2 Oct 1892 Green Bay married 1910 J.W.Andrews
J. W. Andrews 23 Aug. 1884 Ramer, Ala. d Dec 6,1928
Frank E. Aplin Nov. 15, 1898 Green Bay married Jan 5, 1919 Cupid Wyatt
Cupid Wyatt 13 Dec. 1900, Brantley, Ala.

**Names of Grandchildren**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John Walter Andrews | Jan. 2, 1912 | |
| E. Marguerite Andrews | Jan. 2, 1914 | mar.Nov.19,1933 |
| James J. Andrews | Nov 29, 1916 | |
| William W. Andrews | Sep 26, 1918 | mar.Feb.24,1945 |
| Jean Aplin | Jun 21, 1921 | |
| Charles Aplin | Jul 28, 1923 | |
| Joseph Aplin | Jul 28, 1923 | mar.Aug.16,1946 |
| Mildred Aplin | Mar 28, 1926 | |
| Edward Aplin | Sep 20, 1929 | |
| Fred Raymond Aplin | Sep 9, 1933 | |

**Great Grand Children**

| | |
|---|---|
| Robert Mc. Andrews | Aug 5, 1938 son of J.J. Andrews |
| John W. Andrews,III | May 4, 1940 " " John Andrews,Jr. |
| Margaret Ann Fuller Deceased | Jan19, 1935 dau of W.M. Fuller- |
| William Malc. Fuller Deceased | Sep26, 1937 son of W.M. Fuller- |
| Larry Riley | Jan27, 1945 son of Lawrence Riley |
| James Lloyd Andrews | Nov16, 1951 son of J.J. Andrews |

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## J. T. Shull Bible Record

*The leather-bound Bible has gold lettering with the name, "J. T. Shull."*

*The frontispiece reads, "Red Letter Art Edition, Self Pronouncing Sunday-School Teachers' Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments translated out of the original tongues; and with the former translations diligently compared and revised. With the words of Christ printed in red. Conformable to the Edition of 1611, commonly known as the authorized or King James Version. National Bible Press, Philadelphia, Copyright 1926, by National Publishing Co.*

**Family Register**

PARENTS' NAMES
Husband, John T. Shull, born Oct 27 1853
Wife, Chanie C. Hays Shull, born April 13th 1856
Married Nov 5 1874

CHILDREN'S NAMES
Charley Ross. b.June 30 1877 Died in infancy
Nora Lee. b. July 6, 1879
Joseph M. b. Mar. 13, 1882
Hattie M. June 20,1884
Thomas J. b. July 19, 1887
Clarence L. Nov. 3, 1889
Virginia C. Nov. 6, 1892
John W. Mar. 31, 1874
William H. b. June 12, 1894
George F. b. Sep. 18, 1898

DEATHS
Chanie C. Shull. Aug. 1922
Hattie Owen Mar. 19, 1917
Charlie R. died in infancy
Virginia C. " " "
George Finley Shull died of Pneumonia fever January 19th 1936
J. M. Shull Apr. 49
Clarence L. Shull
J. W. Shull
Nora Rayle
Tom J. Shull 7-9-70, 7-19-87

Included in the Bible were two pages of lined paper, each of which was written on only one side. These included the following information:

Adam Mast (see page 668, 669) born May 6, 1784 in Randolph County, N. C. Married Elizabeth Cable. Their children were:

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*(BIBLE RECORDS cont. from p. 33)*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jacob | married | Evelyn Bradley |
| Joseph | " | Celia Campbell |
| Eve | " | Elijah Dougherty |
| Nancy | never married | |
| Polly | " | " |
| Susan | " | " |
| Betsy | " | " |

Adam Mast was married in Ashe County, N. C., having moved there from Randolph County with his father's family. Some years after Adam was married, he moved to Johnson Co., Tenn., where most of his children were born.

Jacob (son of Adam) had two children--Molly and Dolph.

Joseph (another son of Adam) had eight children.

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|---|---|---|
| James | married | Liza Vaught |
| Louisa | " | Joseph Vaught |
| Jacob | " | Sarah Wilson |
| John | " | Jennie Howell |
| Robert | " | Leona Mast |
| William | " | Betty Kidd |
| Susan | " | Bruce Harmon |
| Daniel | " | Polly Neal |

Eve Mast (daughter of Adam Mast) was married to Elijah Dougherty in Johnson Co. Tenn. Their children were:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Louisa | married | John Hagaman |
| Daniel | " | Ellen Bartlett |
| Mary | " | Thurn Hagaman |
| Harvey | " | Nancy Hayes |
| Lizzie | " | Sherman Farthing |
| Isaac | " | Leah Adams |
| Adam | never married | |
| Thomas | married | Polly McBride |
| Carrie | " | Harrison Farthing |
| Jacob | " | Dora Glenn |
| Jack | never married | |
| Joe | married | Lizzie Lathem |

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**Samuel Crawford Bible Records**

*Mrs. Gerardy of Clay Center submitted the Bible records of Samuel Crawford. They were in a Bible brought to the Clay County Museum. The family was from the Morganville, KS, community.*

**FAMILY RECORD**
MARRIAGES

Marryed on the 24th of augu
st 1815 Sam Crawford to
Jannett Gibson --

(Next page written in a different handwriting)

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel Crawford | Married |
| Jannett Gibson | Aug 25__1815 |

Samuel Crawford Died Sept 24___1830

**FAMILY RECORD**
BIRTHS

Sam Crawford born January 1st 1789
Jannett Crawford born Dece[illegible] 26th 1797
John G. Crawford born Oct. 5th 1816
Rachel S. C. Crawford born May 14th 1818
Wm. C. Crawford born April 6th 1820
Margaret S. Crawford born Feb. 27th 1822
Levi P. Crawford born May 20th 1823
Polly Ann Crawford born Dec 25th 1825
Felix M. Crawford born May 3rd 1826

George W. Crawford born Sept. 7th 1817
Samuel Davis Crawford born March 25th 1824
Eliza B. Crawford born Oct. 11th 1830
James F. Crawford born March 25th 1832

Harriett N. Crawford born May 15th 1834
Alexander A. Crawford born Jan. 30th 1836

Martha A. Crawford born June 21st 1838

DEATHS

Samuel D. Crawford Died Sept 24th 1830

Jannett Crawford Died November 19,1844

Eliza R Parmeter(?) died the 5th of May 1855
Harriet Newel Crawford died Aug 8th 1862

Samuel C. Crawford died Oct 9th 1870
Rachel C Sept 2 , 1890(?)
Margaret S Dodge Mch. 18 1897
Felix M. Feb 7, 1898
John G. Oct 20, 1909
George W. July 4, 1902
William O. May 18, 1904
Polly Ann Mickey, July 23, 1902
James F. May 6, 1912
Martha C. Reynolds Feb 20, 1913

WHAT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ARE ALL ABOUT!

A new member of RCGS in 1989 wrote to ask some help on her Hair line and to submit a query on Elizabeth Sturdevant & Josiah Robbins. Betty C. Andrews of Niceville FL writes:

"The Query you wrote for February 1990 "Kansas Kin" enabled me to locate a descendant of Josiah and Elizabeth Sturdivant Robbins.

"Thanks to you I now have a copy of the will of Josiah Robbins as well as land records. Mrs. R. E. Stroup of Webster Groves, MO. now has the maiden name of Elizabeth, and Josiah's pension papers from the War of 1812. I WOULD SAY THIS IS WHAT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ARE ALL ABOUT!"

**SEVEN GENERATIONS?**

What other families besides the Tidyman family have the seventh generation living in this area of Kansas? TELL THE EDITOR IF YOU KNOW OF ANY.



# Church Records

**Uniondale Baptist Church**
Union Township, Clay County, KS
9 mi. s, 2 mi E, 1/2 mi S of Clay Center
SE 1/4 of 28-9-3

On 6 May 1873 six Clay County pioneers, Wm. Kynaston, Mary Yarrow, Amelia Randall, Arthur Rothwell, Jasper Cowell, and Julia Cowell, met and wanting to further the work of the Master, became the charter members of the Union church.

These individuals and their families were members of an English settlement northwest of Wakefield. Several had come from southeast England from near Saffron Walden (County Essex). On 1 June of that year these names were added to the membership: John Howard, Jean Dore, James Yarrow, Amelia Meller, Joseph G. Cowell. A month later Annie, William, Ellen and Louise Cowell with G. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler joined. Jasper Cowell, chosen as the first minister, served the church until 1884.

For several years the members and some others met for Sunday services in a new barn belonging to S. B. Porter. In 1876 a meeting was held in the schoolhouse to propose the erection of a church building. The church building was built in 1877 on land homesteaded by Jasper Cowell and bought for one dollar per acre.

On 14 August a council was called to recognize the church, which now had forty-three members, and to ordain Jasper Cowell as its first pastor. Churches invited to attend the Council were Clay Center, Skiddy, Manhattan, and Junction City.

That same year the members voted to form a denominational church; however, they were divided between the Free Will Baptist and the Congregational churches. On 1 July 1877 a meeting was set for 3 July to consider the matter of church organization, but at a special meeting held on 2 July, it was decided unanimously to adopt the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant of the General Baptist Church. For several years the issue of open or closed communion troubled the church.

A tornado tore the church building from its foundation on 2 July 1880.

During the ministry of the Rev. A. J. Colby, in 1892, assessments for a parsonage were begun. The parsonage was built across the road east of the church. This, too, was on Cowell land and was purchased for fifteen dollars an acre. The parsonage served as the community postoffice for some years.

The Uniondale Church building had only one room and it was small. Sunday School classes were held in curtained corners. A pump organ provided accompaniment for the song service in the church's earlier years.

Annie Cowell, a member of the Uniondale Church served forty years as a missionary in Africa and Aleck Yarrow did home mission work.

Mr. and Mrs. Verle Zook bought the parsonage when the church disbanded in 1976 and on 28 January 1977 its members met in the home of Mrs. Eleanor Fowler and agreed to give the church building to the Clay County Historical Society. Today the small Uniondale church stands in the Historic Site area on West Highway 24 in Clay Center.

Other pastors of the church included J. M. Jones, Brother Howward, Rev. Phelps, A. J. Norton, W. R. Merriman, C. W. Ericson, Tracy R. Rice, W. M. Wagner, and the Reverends Callahan, Broadbeck, Carpenter, and Pommerenke. Early trustees were T. Martin, J. Yarrow, R. Docking, A. Yarrow, Nat Dring, and W. Cowell.



# Cemetery Records

**Morganville City Cemetery**
1 mile east and 1/2 mile north of Morganville
NW corner of SW 1/4 of 2-7-2
The cemetery was read on 23 October 1989

ADAMS, Albert C., 11 Jan. 1858-1 Sept. 1933
ALLEN, Louis B., 1907-1979
ARNER, Moses D., 1852-1938
Mina, wife of M. D., 1856-1916
BAYHA, John, 1 Aug. 1849-28 June 1927
BODINE, Annie R., 28 Nov. 1865-30 Oct. 1964
George Ira, 29 Mar. 1870-16 Dec. 1937
Edna Rebecca, 25 Sept. 1899-30 Oct. 1899
CRAWFORD, J. F. April 1870-March 1937
Ellen C., 22 Apr. 1862-29 Jan. 1935
DIXON, J. Harvey, 1859-1927
FINLEY, Walter S., 1902-1981
Mary, 1903-
FREDERICKSON , Abraham, 1841-1916
GENNETT, Annie C., 1880-1959
Blanche Irene, 17 July 1916-23 Jan. 1917, dau. of J. R. & A. C. Gennett
Everett, En. 2, U. S. Navy, 1907-1980
GREEN, Melvin A., 27 Oct. 1866-31 May 1957, aged 90 yr. 7 mo. 4 da.
Medora, 8 Oct. 1865-23 June 1931, aged 65 yr. 8 mo. 15 da.
HART, Henry, d. 24 Dec. 1913, Aged 88--Co. B 109 NY Inf. G.A.R.
Mary F., d. 17 Sept. 1919, aged 75 yrs.

HAWKS, Earl W. 1907-
Sarah, 1907-

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# IMMIGRANTS FROM GOTLAND, SWEDEN, TO DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS, PART III

*We are indebted to RCGS member Tom Branigar, Abilene, Kansas, for sharing his extensive research on the Swedish immigrants who settled in Dickinson County, Kansas. Parts I and II appeared in the August 1989 issue of Kansas Kin.*

Part III: Ronstrom-Olmstead-Sedergreen

The Ronstrom & Sedergreen families were traced to Rovalls farm (also spelled Rovalds & Rafvalds) in Grotlingbo parish. John Ronstrom and his family, a sis Katie and a first cousin John Butler Sedergreen immigrated to the US in the late 1860s and settled near Enterprise. Another sis Mary who m Oliver Olmstead of Rone parish immigrated with her family in 1890.

1. Goran Goransson, b 22 Jan 1772; m 1806 to Catharina Margaretha Batelsdotter. She was b 21 May 1777 in Grotlingbo parish, dau of Batel Larsson and Engel Pehrsdotter. Goran & Catharina lived at Rovalls in Grotlingbo parish where their 3 ch were born. Goran d 21 Apr 1847 and Catharina d 10 Aug 1833.

Children of Goran Goransson & Catharina Batelsdotter:

2 i. Batel, b 7 May 1807
3 ii. Goran, b 6 Nov 1811
iii. Engel Catharina, b 11 July 1815; d 17 Feb 1848, unmarried

2. Batel Goransson, b 7 May 1807 at Rovalls, Grotlingbo; m 23 Jan 1835 in Grotlingbo parish to Brita Lisa Martensdotter. She was b 7 Feb 1810 at Majstre, Sundre, dau of Marten Persson & Helena Nilsdotter (see Part II). Batel & Brita lived at Rovalls where their 4 ch were born. Brita d 7 Oct 1862.

Children of Batel Goransson & Brita Martensdotter:

4 i. Helena Catharina, b 26 Aug 1835 [Katie Ronstrom]
5 ii. Goran Johannes, b 20 June 1838 [John Ronstrom]
6 iii. Engel Maria, b 16 Sept 1845
7 iv. Anna Margaretha, b 30 Sept 1852 [Maggie Ronstrom]

3. Goran Goransson, b 6 Nov 1811 at Rovalls; m 4 Dec 1840 in Grotlingbo parish to Anna Persdotter. She was b 24 Dec 1819, dau of Per Batelsson (1784-1835) and Cajsa Greta Persdotter (1789-1861) of Sixarfve farm in Grotlingbo parish. Goran & Anna settled at Sixarfve where their 3 ch were born. Goran d 17 Sept 1867.

Children of Goran Goransson & Anna Persdotter:

i. Goran Peder, b 16 Sept 1841
8 ii. Batel Johannes, b 16 July 1845 [John Butler Sedergreen]
iii. Cathrina Margreta, b 27 Nov 1850

4. Catharine "Katie" Ronstrom, b 26 Aug 1835 at Rovalls, Grotlingbo, the Swedish form of her name being Helena Catharina Batelsdotter. She immigrated to the US 1868 and settled near Enterprise, KS. She m 12 Mar 1876 in Dickinson co to John Kirchner. He was b July 1843 in Bavaria, Germany, and immigrated to the US 1857. John & Katie spent most of their married life near Enterprise and were listed in the 1900 census of Center twp. They had 1 son, but also helped raise the 2 sons of Katie's sis, Maggie Ronstrom Flagg. Katie mov to a rest home in Concordia, KS, about 1921. She d 27 June 1926 at Concordia and was bur there (obit Enterprise Journal 1 July 1926). John d 11 June 1929 at Abilene and was bur in the Mt Hope cem at Enterprise (obit Enterprise Journal 13 June 1929).

Child of John Kirchner & Katie Ronstrom:

i. Albert, b 4 Nov 1876; d 12 Sept 1904, unmarried; bur Mt Hope cem (obit Enterprise Journal 23 Sept 1904)

5. John Ronstrom b 20 June 1838 at Rovalls, Grotlingbo, the Swedish form of his name being Goran Johannes Batelsson. In the mid-1860s, around the time of his marriage, he assumed a surname, Rahnstrom or Rohnstrom, by which his family was known in Sweden. After the family settled in the US the spelling was simplified to Ronstrom. John m 1865 to Brita Lorentina Ohman, who was b 2 Apr 1839 in Grotlingbo parish, the dau of Zacharias Ohman and Cajsa Lisa Olafsdotter. They lived at Rovalls where their oldest son was born. In 1869 the family immigrated to the US and settled near Enterprise, KS. John d 3 May 1906 and Brita d 19 May 1935 (obits Enterprise Journal 4 May 1906 and 23 May 1935). Both are bur in Pleasant Hill cem.

Children of John Ronstrom & Brita Ohman:

i. John B., b 22 May 1867 at Rovalls, the Swedish form of his name being Batel Johannes Rahnstrom; immigrated to the US with his parents 1869; settled near Enterprise, KS, where he lived the rest of his life; d 5 Feb 1945, unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, 6 Feb 1945)
ii. William Samuel, b 20 Aug 1874; lived all his life near Enterprise; d 26 May 1948, unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 27 May 1948)
iii. Hilda M., b 2 Apr 1880; lived all her life near Enterprise; d 3 Feb 1954, unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obit Enterprise Journal 4 & 11 Feb 1954)
9 iv. Harry, b 12 July 1883

6. Engel Maria "Mary" Batelsdotter b 16 Sept 1845 at Rovalls, Grotlingbo, where she grew up. In 1863 she mov to Havdhem parish and then, a few yrs later, to Rone parish where she settled near the town of Ronehamn. She m 15 Nov 1870 in Rone parish to Olaf Petter Ulmstedt. Olaf was b 18 Apr 1842 in Rone parish, the son of Carl Ulmstedt and Maria Andersdotter Sik, who were m 29 Sept 1833. Olaf & Mary lived in and around Ronehamn until 1890 when they immigrated to the US. They settled near Enterprise, KS, where they lived the rest of their lives. After settling in Dickinson co the family changed the spelling of the surname to Olmstead. Olaf anglicised his name to Oliver and appears as such in most US records, although his tombstone reads "Olaf." Mary d 24 Aug 1914 and Olaf/Oliver d 6 May 1928 (obituaries in Enterprise Journal 3 Sept 1914 and 10 May 1928). Both are bur in Pleasant Hill cem.

Children of Olaf Olmstead & Mary Batelsdotter:

i. Anna Carolina, b 3 Sept 1871, Rone parish; mov to US with her parents but apparently spent little time in Dickinson co;

known as "Lena" in the US; m _____ Seaquest and settled at Portland, OR, where she d 17 Nov 1940; had 3 ch.

ii. Olof Johannes, b 17 Sept 1873, Rone; mov to US 1888; settled near Enterprise, KS, where he lived the rest of his life; known as "John" in the US; d 17 July 1941 unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obit Enterprise Journal 17 & 24 July 1941; Dickinson co probate file 4661)

iii. Emma Maria, b 6 Nov 1875, Rone; mov to US with her parents 1890 but apparently spent little time in Dickinson co; m _____ Larson and settled at Portland, OR, where she d 19 June 1959; had 2 ch.

iv. Elin Olivia, b 23 Dec 1879, Rone; mov to US 1890; settled near Enterprise where she lived the rest of her life; d 1 Dec 1959 unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obituary Enterprise Journal 10 Dec 1959; Dickinson co probate file 7769)

v. Oscar Wilhelm, b 15 Sept 1883, Rone; mov to US 1890; settled near Enterprise where he lived the rest of his life; d 10 June 1907; unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obituary Enterprise Journal 13 June 1907)

vi. Lars Arvid, b 14 Feb 1886, Rone; mov to US 1890; grew up near Enterprise; known as "Harvey" in the US; mov to Kansas City, MO, as a young man where he lived the rest of his life; d 25 Mar 1955 in Kansas City, MO, and was bur there; he was married and had 2 ch. (obituary Enterprise Journal 31 Mar 1955)

vii. one child, d in infancy; name and dates unknown

7. Maggie Ronstrom, b 30 Sept 1852 at Rovalls, Grotlingbo, the Swedish form of her name being Anna Margaretha Batelsdotter. She immigrated to the US 1869 and settled at Abilene, KS, where she was listed in the 1870 census. While in Abilene she worked as a waitress at the Drovers Hotel where many of the cowboys stayed at the height of the cattle trade. Maggie later left Dickinson co and little is known of her later life. The main source of information is an article on John & Katie Kirchner by Ellen Peterson which was published in the Enterprise Journal about 1937-38 (undated copy at Dickinson Co Historical Society). According to the article, Maggie went to Chicago, IL, where she worked in several aristocratic homes. She m an Easterner named Flagg and they settled in Colo where they had 2 sons. The Flaggs were divorced and the 2 sons, John aged 8y, and William aged 6y, went to Enterprise to live with John & Katie Kirchner. Maggie and her 2 sons were deceased by the time the article was written. The 1900 census of Dickinson co shows that William Flagg (b July 1888) was living with the Kirchners in Center twp and John Flagg (b Dec 1882) was living with the Peter Erickson family in Rinehart twp, to the east of Center twp. Both boys were b in Colo and their father was b in Mass. If the ages in Ellen Peterson's article are correct, the Flaggs were probably divorced about 1890-94. No further information.

8. John Butler Sedergreen b 16 July 1845, Sixarfve, Grotlingbo; immigrated to the US 1869 with his cousin John Ronstrom and settled near Enterprise. The Swedish form of his name was Batel Johannes Goransson but when he settled in the US he reversed and anglicised his first 2 names and assumed the surname Sedergreen (also spelled Seedergreen). He m 22 Dec 1878 in Dickinson co to Mary Christina Pearson. She was b 16 Dec 1857 at Majstre, Sundre, the dau of Martin & Johanna Pearson (see Part II). John & Mary lived E of Enterprise for several yrs and all their ch were b in that area. In the 1890s they mov to a farm near Navarre in Logan twp where they were listed in the 1900 census. Mary d there 26 Jan 1902 (obituary Enterprise Journal 31 Jan 1902). About 1909 John and his ch mov to a farm in Garfield twp, SW of Abilene, where John d 3 Apr 1930 (obituary Enterprise Journal 10 Apr 1930). John & Mary are both bur in Pleasant Hill cem. Their sons continued farming in Garfield twp until their deaths.

Children of John Butler Sedergreen & Mary Pearson:

i. Wilbert George, b 21 May 1880; lived all his life in Dickinson co; d 25 Feb 1957; unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 15 Mar 1957)

ii. Mabel A., b 16 Feb 1882; lived most of her life in Dickinson co; mov to Pasadena, CA, about 1958, where she d 7 Mar 1962; unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obituary Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 8 Mar 1962)

iii. Emma K., b 10 Oct 1884; lived most of her life in Dickinson co; mov to Pasadena, CA, about 1958, where she d 7 Mar 1966; unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obituary Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 9 Mar 1966)

iv. Amos, d in infancy, dates unknown; probably bur in unmarked grave at Pleasant Hill cem.

v. Earl Eugene, b 20 June 1892; lived all his life in Dickinson co; d 1 July 1956; unmarried; bur Pleasant Hill cem. (obituary Enterprise Journal 5 July 1956)

9. Harry Ronstrom, b 12 July 1883 near Enterprise and lived in the area all his life; m 21 Sept 1904 to Gerda Marie Baxtrom. She was b 27 Sept 1884 near Enterprise, dau of Charles & Christina Baxtrom. Her parents were from Hogby parish, Oland Island, Kalmar co, Sweden, and had immigrated to the US about 1879. Harry d 1 Oct 1949 and Gerda d 24 May 1974 (obit in Enterprise Journal 6 Oct 1949 and 6 June 1974). Both are bur in the Mt Hope cem at Enterprise.

Children of Harry Ronstrom & Gerda Baxtrom:

i. Harold W., b 21 July 1906; m 27 Nov 1940 to Bessie Gish; no ch; they mov to Wichita, KS, 1948, where Harold d 1 Dec 1972; bur Mt Hope cem at Enterprise (obit Enterprise Journal 7 Dec 1972)

ii. Arlene G., b 24 Sept 1917; m 21 Sept 1941 to Maynard Poister; no ch; they mov to Wichita, KS, 1948, where Arlene d 5 Feb 1968; bur Mt Hope cem at Enterprise (obit Enterprise Journal 15 Feb 1968)

iii. Delores J., grad from Enterprise High School 1947; m 19 Aug 1950 to Edward Haslouer; had 2 sons; currently lives at Enterprise, KS.

# Research

### The Ancestry Red Book

An excellent new resource for research has been acquired by the RCGS Library; one that can be of great help to the members. This book is entitled, Ancestry's Red Book, American State, County, and Town Source. The book was edited by Alice Eichholz and published by Ancestry Unlimited in Salt Lake City, UT.

Eichholtz has included in the book a section for each of the fifty states. In each section addresses and dates are given pertaining to the availability of various records: vital statistics, census, probate, cemetery, taxes, church, and military. Information is also included concerning local history, maps, periodicals, newspapers, manuscript collections, archives, and libraries.

### Example of the Use of An Ethnic Historical Association

An ethnic association is one research source of historical and genealogical information which many members may have neglected using.

Thomas Branigar, who contributes the information about the Dickinson County residents for Kansas Kin, used The Norwegian-American Historical Association to solve a problem suggested by the Editor in the Cemetery Records section of the November 1989 Kansas Kin. Mrs. Gerardy, our contributor of the Cemetery Records section, wrote that on one grave were the Norwegian words quoted in the Cemetery article.

Thomas found out from the Association that the words were, "Her under hviler en so dǫd." The words were translated as "Here under rests a sister dead, 14, March, 1874." The person who wrote to Thomas said, "The word order is strange. Since 'dǫd' is an adjective, it should come before 'soster,' as in English. When it comes after, it takes on a kind of poetic flair which may be intended here."

### New Pottawatomie County History to be Published

For individuals wishing to contribute to furthering research in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, a new history of the county and its people is being compiled and published. It will include community, business, and family histories. Contributions to all sections are welcome. For an explanatory brochure contact the project director, Wilma Honig, R.R.1, Onaga, KS, 66521. (913-889-4507)



# Queries ??

*Queries are free to members and to others if space is available. Print or type all names, and give dates and areas for names. Do not abbreviate words. Double space lines.*

KK-28-9. O'MALLEY, CURTIS, STILL, DYCHE. My great-grandfather, Patrick O'Malley, immigrated from Ireland in the mid 1800's and settled along Seven Mile Creek near Ogden along with his brother, Daniel, and his sisters, Mary, Catherine, and Bridget. Mary married John Curtis, Catherine married William Still, and Bridget married Calvin Dyche. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information on these families and their descendants that they would be willing to share. Frederick D. O'Malley, 520 Redlands Ave., Claremont CA 91711.

KK-28-10. TAYLOR, DAVISON. Taylor, Thomas J., born July 1855 married Etta L. Davison about 1882. Children Robert, 1885; Thomas, 1895. Need to know Thomas J. Taylor's parents and marriage date and place. Gloria Littrell, 1761 Persimmon Street, Coos Bay OR 97420 (503-269-6978)

KK-28-11. KETTER. I am researching the Ketter families of Nemaha County, Kansas, and wish to make contact with others who have information about their ancestors and descendants, for a major work on the Ketter genealogy. Will gladly exchange data, answer all. Paul S. Ketter, 1311 Candlelight Ave., Duncanville TX 75137.

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*(CEMETERY RECORDS cont. from p. 35)*

HOWLAND, Martha Jane, 8 Sept. 1832-17 Aug. 1925
JONES, Darold, E., 8 June 1930-17 July 1982
Cpl. U. S. Army, Korea
KING, Hattie M., wife of J. W., 1870-1908
LENNARD, William Henry, 1847-1942
McCLURE, Lewis Elmer, March 13, 1911-
Valaria, 6 Feb. 1911
Donald D., 1914-1917
Marvin E., 1918-1919
McLAVY, Robert, 28 Feb. 1828-9 Jan. 1908, G.A.R. 1861-1865
Mary A., 5 June 1837-7 Jan. 1922
Alonzo H., 10 Dec. 1857-30 Oct. 1938
Alice M., 28 July 1860-18 Jan. 1953
MELLIES, Herman H., 9 June 1901-17 Jan. 1976
Bessie M., 22 Sept. 1900
PICKEREL, William E., 1909-1985
Lorene, 1916-
parents of Jack
RARDIN, Levi H., 1842-1890, Co. K. 1 Ohio Lt. Art
Sarah S., 1847-1938, mother
RUNDBERG, C. Conrad, 15 June 1912-9 May 1987
Florence G., 23 Jan 1920-5 Oct. 1939
SCWAB, Edwin, 28 Oct. 1896-21 July 1965
Kansas Sgt. 29 Areo Sq. A. S., W.W. I, American Legion
SEITZ, James W., 27 July 1896-17 Apr. 1957, Am. Legion
Mary K., 29 Jan. 1875-11 July 1927
STONEBACK, Mary Cecil, dau. of J. H. & M. E., d. 1 Nov. 1892, aged 13 yr. 10 mo. 19 da.

# RCGS LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS FROM JANUARY TO APRIL 1990

*Including Exchanges (ex), Gifts (g), & Purchases (*)*

GENERAL

325.2 Dobso Dobson, The original Scots colonists of early America, 1612-1783 *
920 Whowo Who's who in the West, g Vicki Taylor
929.1 Norma The Norman people & their existing descendants in the British dominions and the USA *
929.1 Rober Roberts, Genealogies of Rhode Island families, from the New England historical & genealogical register, g Katharine Mulanax

FAMILY HISTORIES

929.2 Forti The Fortineux-Fortinet family, g Faye Hill Green & Fern Hill Hogue
929.2 Grave Gravenstein family (copied from Marjorie Sand's papers)
VF 929.2 Younk Younkin family news bulletin, g Donna Younkin Logan

RESEARCH METHODS

929.3 Belle Beller, Roots for kids; a genealogy guide for young people*
929.3 Eichh Eichholz, Ancestry's redbook *to honor past president Evelyn Brown

IRELAND

941.5 B2n North Irish roots, journal of the North of Ireland family history Society, g M. Streeter

GERMANY

943 V26g A guide to German parish registers in the family history Library of LDS* in memory of of RCGS's 1989 deceased members

UNITED STATES

973 J4m Meitzler, United States county court house address book, g Miriam Field
973 V22m Morris, Master marriage index, no. 7

GEORGIA

975.2 B2s Southern echoes, g Virginia Bussey

INDIANA

975.6 V2f Franklin, Index to Indiana wills, v.1 through 1850, v.2 1850-1880 *

KANSAS

975.8 Atchi V25Atchison County KS marriages, 1875-1883 *
975.8 Dicki H2e Edson, Herington: a century of pride *
975.8 Dicki H2w Woodbine through the years, 1887-1987 *
975.8 Dicki V22m Mount Hope cemetery, g Tom Branigar
975.8 Dicki V25c Chapman Advertiser, Index to obituaries, 1931-1980, g Tom Branigar
975.8 Dicki V25e Enterprise Journal, Index to obituaries, 1931-1977, g Tom Branigar
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## KANSAS KIN

The RCGS quarterly is published in February, May, August, and November. The staff welcomes receiving Bible and church records, wills, school and court records, and family records and stories Ancestor tables are limited to 68 lines. Material concerned with people or events in counties adjacent to Riley County as well as Riley County are solicited. If requested, family history books given to RCGS will be reviewed in Kansas Kin.

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## 1990 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

September 24, Regular RCGS Meeting, Randy Theis, "Ghost Towns."

November 26, Regular RCGS Meeting, Jo Esslinger, "The Usual and Unusual in Genealogical Research."

## AN IMPORTANT QUESTION

Have you interested a YOUNG person today in the value of genealogical research?

# Editor's Notes

### Ancestry's Red Book -- A Warning

In the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, June 1990, is a Review Essay entitled, "Milestone or Mishap?", pp. 146-151. The essay was written by Helen F. M. Leary, C.F., C.G.L, F.N. G.S. In her essay Leary points out many errors in Ancestry's Red Book." She warns that users must be conscious of these or they ". . . will try to use the information they find between its pretty covers...causing confusion and frustration for themselves, for the custodians of the records they seek, and for the occupants of the addresses that are given in error." Since this book is a recent acquisition of RCGS, users should read her essay. The Quarterly is in our Library.

### Census Record Correction

Agnes E. Cloninger of Boise, Idaho; has written to correct a census record for the Reid family published in the May 1988 issue of Kansas Kin on p. 29. The correct listing should be:

Reid, Gaven, 38, m. farmer, Scot., Scot., Scot.
Emily, 32, wife, Can., Scot., KS
Gavin, 12, son, Can., Scot., KS
Alexander, 10, KS, Scot, KS
Eliza, 8, dau., KS, Scot., KS
Benjamin, 6, son, KS, Scot., KS
Margaret, 4, dau., KS, Scot., KS
Fuller, George, 22, servant, labor., OH, Eng., Eng.
Gay, W. J., 23, servant
E. J., 25, cook

### Biographical Sketches of Horse Cavalry Men

The U. S. Horse Cavalry Association has as its objective to preserve for posterity a short biographical sketch on all horse cavalry men from the Revolutionary War to the end of the cavalry as a branch of service in our Army. The information obtained will be placed in a data bank and will be made available to the general public. Forms for submitting biographical information of cavalry men can be obtained from the U. S. Horse Cavalry Association, P. O. Box 6235, Ft. Bliss, TX 79905. This association maintains the museum at Ft. Riley. (Information from the FGS Newsletter, Vol. 11, #2)

### An Urgent Request

The Editor has had several stories submitted for publication without the name of the contributor. Frequently I need clarification or additional information. PLEASE put your name, address, or telephone number on each paper you submit.

# Society News

### RCGS HOSTS KCGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 16th annual conference of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies was attended by 118 persons at the American Legion Club in Manhattan on June 30. The day-long event was hosted by the Riley County Genealogical Society.

Due to a medical emergency in the family, the speaker cancelled on the 29th. Those who stepped in to ably present their topics were: Ursula Armstrong, "Finding German Ancestors"; Helen King, "Trouble-Shooting Your Genealogy"; Robert Littrell, J. D., "Contents of Legal Records"; and Miriam Field, "Personality Portraits." Miriam also analyzed ancestors' handwriting for those who sent samples with their registration.

Della Wray Blythe, local president, served as Master of Ceremonies. RCGS received a certificate from the council as an award for publication of local records. Mel Cottom, KCGS treasurer and RCGS member, received several citations for his contributions to the Council.

The theme for the workshop was "Census: 1790-1990" and table decorations, made by Miriam Fields, included samples of 1790 & 1990 census forms and flags for each of these dates.

Darlene Hagen was workshop chairman. Committee members were Donna Kleiner, Rosemary Crist, Evelyn Brown, and Miriam Field. Members assisting at the workshop were Naomi Johnson, Pat Hook, Margaret Rice, Martha Streeter, Sherry Butler, and J. Harvey Littrell.

Jim Cavenee, Elaine Olney, Helen Long, and John Davies assisted at the open house at the RCGS library on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. (Submitted by Evelyn Brown)

### RCGS SELLS DUPLICATE COPIES

One of the features of the Workshop held in June was the section where various Societies and commercial dealers had materials for sale. RCGS sold, not only the materials the Society has published, but also duplicate copies of books which have been acquired through the years. A total of more than two hundred dollars was realized through these sales.

### A SUPER VOLUNTEER

One of our RCGS librarians reported that she saw Joe Ann Moore working in the Rose Garden on one of the hottest days of the summer. Congratulations are due Joe Ann. We need other volunteers for jobs that don't require working in the heat.

# WILLIAM FLETCHER PETER: POLITICIAN, FARMER, BUSINESS MAN

## AND THE FAVORABLE SUBJECT OF A FRIEND'S "PEN PICTURES"

*The account of William Fletcher Peter's life is based on the research of J. Harvey Littrell. Two of his grandsons, Raymond L. Peter, Manhattan, and William F. Peter, Clay Center, assisted by contributing the pictures and family records.*

### William Fletcher Peter's Family Background

On 28 January 1854, William Fletcher Peter was born near Seymour in Jackson County, Indiana, the son of Jonas and Barbara (Brener/Bruenner) Peter. His father, Jonas, was born in Zurich, Switzerland on 3 September 1815 and died in Seymour, Indiana, 26 April 1868. Also born in Switzerland was William's mother, Barbara. She was born ca. 1819. She, too, died in Seymour ca. 1854. Although his parents were born in Switzerland, they were married in Jackson County, Indiana. In 1859 Jonas Peter visited Swiss friends in the northern part of Riley County, Kansas, in the Fancy Creek area. Jonas purchased 500 acres of land along that creek. He did not stay there, however, but returned to live the remainder of his life in Indiana.

Three children were born to Jonas and Barbara Peter. They were (1) Susan; (2) Anna Mary, (b. 10 November 1845 in Jackson Co., IN; m. 3 August 1864 to George T. Polson; d. 25 October 1880, Randolph, KS); (3) Charles Wesley (b. 16 November 1850, Jackson Co., IN; m. 13 May 1880, Amelia Knostman; d. 18 December 1941, Randolph, KS); and William Fletcher, the subject of this article.

Anna Mary and her husband, George Polson, moved to Riley County and settled near Winkler about 1867 on land adjacent to the tract that her father, Jonas Peter, had purchased earlier. George Polson was an early day Commissioner in Riley County. (See Kansas Kin, May 1990.) In 1869 William Fletcher Peter left Indiana at the age of fourteen and came to Kansas to live with the Polsons. He finished his common school education in the Peach Grove School. In 1872 William's older brother, Charles Wesley Peter, joined him in Kansas and they "batched" for seven years in a primitive cabin on the homestead their father had acquired. Their bachelor days ended in 1880.

### Romance Enters the Bachelors' Lives

Charles met and married Amelia Knostman. William on 30 March 1880 married Anna Wiesendanger, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Pfeil) Wiesendanger. Anna was born 7 June 1860 in Wisconsin. The romances of the two brothers was described in a lengthy tribute paid to William at the time of his death in 1916.

The tribute was written by Ed. Secrest, a neighbor and long time friend of the Peter family. He called his words, "Pen Pictures." The tribute was published in The Enterprise in Randolph on 9 March 1916. He described the romances of the two brothers in these words:

"But it took the services, a 'labor of love'--of the mythical nude and naughty little lad with sprouting wings and drawn bow and arrow to break up the bachelor's hall and nest of woman haters, and to change the forlorn inmates into happy contented Benedicts. One of Hymen's arrows struck our Will in a vital spot; while another center shot squarely pierced his neighbor, a lovely maiden's heart, Miss Anna, a daughter of Mr. Henry Wiesendanger, an old and highly respected and well-to-do Swiss-American Fancy Creek pioneer."



**William Fletcher Peter--the Bachelor**
Date of Picture Not Known

### Political Life--County and State Level

William Peter served as a township trustee and then in 1895 the voters of the third district of Riley County elected him to the County Commission. He held that office for two terms. In 1904 he was elected as the Riley County member of the Kansas Legislature where he served from 1905 to 1908. In his "Pen Pictures" Secrest described Peter's services thus,

"As a competent and successful member of the law-making body his official record bears ample and honorable testimony. His vote was always cast

on what his good common sense and sound judgment demand to be the right side and right course. And while he was an ardent and uncompromising partisan, he never allowed party bias or prejudice to control his love for fairness or justice. While he wasn't favored with the 'gift of gab,' nor wasted the time of the House with windy harangues, he had spunk enough to express his views, or explain his vote on the question before the House in a few terse and plain remarks."

During his political life he served on the central committee of the Riley County Republican Party for more than twelve years. He was also a member of the Fifth District Congressional Committee of the Republican Party and served as chairman of that body.

When he was in the State Legislature he supported the annual appropriations for Kansas State College in Manhattan. He also was considered ". . . a friend to the poor and needy and never failed to help where he could in any cause where he could do some good for the poor or sick."

**William F. Peter's Business Life**

In addition to owning and operating successfully one of the finest farms in the county, he was also a vice-president of the State Bank of Randolph. William Peter built the first telephone lines from Parallel to Randolph and on to Cleburn and became the owner of the Fancy Creek Telephone Exchange.

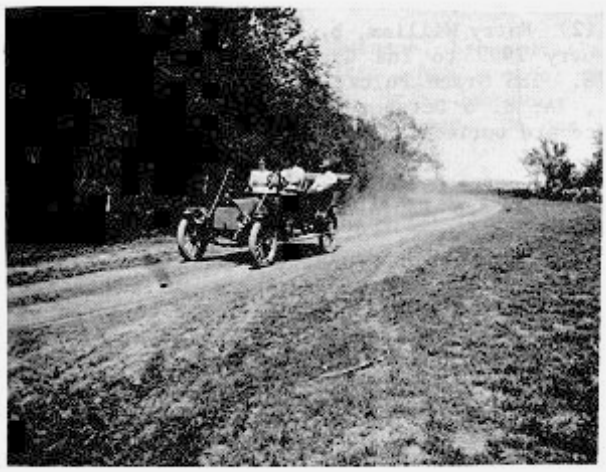
In the book, Kansas and Kansans, he is described as ". . . successful financially in his undertakings, prospering greatly as a farmer and stock raiser . . . was generally recognized as a man of more than ordinary ability, foresight, and wisdom, and there was no one who ever doubted his honesty or sincerity of purpose."



**William and Anna with Edwin, Their First Child**
Picture taken in Manhattan Kansas, ca. 1886/87

**Other Interests of William F. Peter**

William's grandson, William, who now lives in Clay Center, told how he remembers the old cars that his grandfather had sitting in the farm yard. His grandfather had some of the first cars in the area. He had a one-cylinder car prior to 1911 and on 30 May 1911 he bought a 2-cylinder Reo in Junction City. He purchased it the day before his son Edwin was married. William then drove it back to Randolph from Junction City.



**One of William Peter's Early Day Cars**

The day of the wedding all of the young people in attendance got much pleasure riding in the car. The next day William drove it to Manhattan. One wonders how long it took to make those trips in a two-cylinder car!

William also had an interest in the Masonic lodge. He was a member for many years and attained the rank of the 32nd degree. He was also a member of Manhattan Lodge No. 48, Oriental Commandry, and Isis Temple, of the Shriners at Salina.

Evidently William loved his home in Kansas. Although he travelled to California to visit relatives, he preferred to stay in Kansas. Secrest described William's love and interest in these words, "To him his rural, well-appointed home, with its attractive surroundings in the lovely valley half hidden by the forest fringed streamlet was the dearest spot on earth. He loved the Sunflower State, the grand commonwealth of his adoption, . . . . To this commonwealth, her growth and development, great power and prestige and rapid advancement along every line of human endeavor and the future home of his children, Will Peter devotedly gave the best years and efforts of his useful life."

*(Cont. p.46)*

## The Children and Grandchildren of William F. and Anna Peter

Four sons were born in the Randolph area to William Fletcher and Anna Wiesendanger Peter.

(1) The oldest son was Edwin Henry, b. 23 April 1881; m. 31 May 1911 to Helen Cathrine Inskeep; d. 22 June 1983; bu. Fancy Creek Cemetery, Randolph. Helen Inskeep, b. 10 May 1886; d. 2 September 1976; bu. Fancy Creek Cemetery. Children of Edwin and Helen were: William Francis, b. 15 March 1914; m. 20 June 1942 to Juanita Mae Hill; and Kenneth Edwin, b. 13 April 1917; m. 25 May 1941 to Maxine Hagenmaier.

(2) Harry William, b. 15 February 1886; m. 17 January 1909 to Ina Grace Pultz; d. 2 January 1978. Ina Grace Pultz, b. 18 July 1885, Clarke Co., IA; d. 6 October 1983. Both Harry and Ina Grace are buried in Sunset Cemetery Manhattan.

(3) George Leslie, b. 19 February 1891; m. 11 March 1914 to Laura Ostergaard; d. 2 January 1978, Clay Center, KS. Laura Ostergaard, b. 1 April 1893, Fostoria, KS; d. 20 February 1980. Both George Leslie and Laura are buried in the Fancy Creek Cemetery, Randolph. The children of George Leslie and Laura were: Viola, b. 25 Dec. 1917; m. 25 August 1941 to Jacob Roderick Jones. Raymond Leslie, b. 31 May 1925; m. 25 September 1949 to Carolyn Hall.

(4) Arthur Jonas, b. 22 May 1893; m. 2 June 1915 to Dessie Beckman; d. 1 November 1986, Clay Center, KS. Dessie Beckman, b. 10 August 1892; d. 23 November 1974. Both Arthur and Dessie are buried in Fancy Creek Cemetery, Randolph, KS. The children of Arthur Jonas and Dessie were: Arthur Jarvis, b. 2 August 1918; m. 21 February 1943 to Mary Elizabeth Dane; Margie Jean, b. 21 September 1921; m. 30 June 1941 to Dale M. Wohler; Donald Beckman, b. 23 September 1930; m. 12 February 1950 to Marilyn Forslund.



**The Four Sons of William and Anna Peter**
l. to r.: Edwin, Harry, George, Arthur
Picture taken in 1969

**William Fletcher Peter**
Picture taken in Topeka, ca. 1905



## Deaths of William Fletcher Peter and Anna Wiesendanger Peter

On 2 March 1916 at the age of 62, William Fletcher Peter died at his home of a heart attack. He had gone to Randolph to attend the funeral of a niece. When he arrived home he lay down for a rest and suddenly died. Secrest wrote about Peter's death in these words,

"We will miss him and his winning ways alas, for many a day, the heart broken wife and mother of her grief stricken children . . . You will all miss Will at the fireside and family council. The vacant chair at the table will preach a sad sermon. Gloom and loneliness and the sombre shadow across the hearthstone tells of the outspread sable wings of the angel of Death resting on the rooftree of a once happy home . . . . But hold, my mourning friends and dry your scalding tears. Tho' gone from us and resting beneath yonder fresh mound, men and women of his mould never died . . ."

Anna was a widow for twenty-three years. On 1 December 1939 she died. At the time of her death her obituary stated, "Thus another of the early builders of our community has lifted her anchor and sailed to shores eternal. A noble and true

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# EARLY DAY RILEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (1857-1900)

*Beginning with the November 1989 issue of Kansas Kin there have been articles concerned with early day Riley County Commissioners. The articles were based on the research of the editor, J. Harvey Littrell. In this issue the fourth and last part of the series concerns those men whose terms were in the years between 1892 and 1901. Two men, J. F. Swingle and C. A. Johnemeyer, who served during this period, were discussed in the book, Pioneers of the Blue Stem Prairie. Only commissioners who were not included in that book have been discussed in the present series of articles.*

## PART IV: RILEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE PERIOD 1892-1901

### Peter G. Johnson
(A Native of Sweden)

Very little information was found concerning Peter G. Johnson who represented the Second District on the Riley County Commission. He was elected to the office on 3 November 1891 and served through 1894.

Peter Johnson was b. in Sweden in 1834. He emigrated to the United States and was naturalized in 1856 at the age of 22. He lived in Illinois prior to coming to Riley County. On the 1870 Federal census Johnson was listed as living in Grant Township. He was a 34 year old farmer. Actually he was 36 years of age at that time. With him was a female named Christina, aged 16. She was also b. in Sweden. Evidently Peter was a widower with a daughter. On 16 August 1870 he m. a widow named Mrs. Anna Chillerston (Shillerston, Shillerstrom). On the marriage certificate his age was given as 36 and her age as 32. Evidently she gave an age younger than she actually was, for on census records in the years which followed, she was always two years older than Peter.

#### Peter and Anna's Children

In 1875 Christina, age 21, was still with the family, but Peter and Anna had a son, Peter A., age 3. Christina did not appear on any other census and no other information could be found concerning her.

In 1880 Anna's daughter, Hilma Halstead, was with the family. Hilma, age 30, was b. in Hyeklinge, Sweden, on 20 November 1849. On the census with her were her two children, Ellen A, age 5, and Oskar H(ugo), age 3, both b. in Creston, Iowa. She had m. in Iowa to John Halstead in 1873. After he died she came to Kansas and lived with her step-father, P. G. Johnson, and her mother, Anna. Mrs. Hilma A. Halstead, 34, m. William H. Sikes, 26 on 25 December 1884 at Riley Center. She d. 10 June 1929. To this union were b. three children, Elva L., Louis A., and Edward L.

Peter and Anna Johnson's son, Peter A. Johnson, m. Alexandra A. Karlson on 12 December 1900. He was 29 and she was 20. At the time of Hilma's death in 1929, Peter A. was living in Valencia, Kansas. Alexandra d. in 1946 and Peter in 1962. They are buried in the Riley Cemetery.

Peter G. Johnson, the former Commissioner, lived until 1927. He survived his wife, Anna, who d. in 1916. Both of them are buried in the Riley Cemetery.

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Note: Mrs. Phyllis Swanson, Leonardville, a granddaughter of Hilma Sikes, has a medal which evidently belonged to Mr. Johnson. The inscription is in Swedish language. On one side of the medal it reads:

"Carl XV Sverige & Noriges G. O, V. Konung.
On the other side of the medal it reads:

Till
J. P. Jonsson
i
Hult
For
Dolingsflit
Af Calmar Lans Sodra
Kongl. Hushallnings
Sallskap

Any reader who can translate the wording on this medal, please send your translation to the Editor.

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### Johnathan Elbert Powell
(A Tennessean in the Fancy Creek Area)

Johnathan Edward Powell was b. 4 December 1847 in the state of Tennessee. His wife, Mary Anna, was b. 13 August 1855 in Missouri. The first census on which the Powells appeared in Riley County was the 1880 Federal Census. Powell's age was listed as 32 and his wife's age, 23. They had two children at that time--Ida, 4, b. in Kansas and Walter, 2, also b. in Kansas. This birth information indicates that the family was in Kansas by 1876.

The Powell family were first in May Day township, but later farmed along Fancy Creek near Randolph. Johnathan served on the County Commission for two years, 1893-95. His obituary stated that he ". . . held many places of trust in Riley County with honor to himself and other people. Death removes an old settler and conspicuous figure from Fancy Creek." The other positions that were referred to in the obituary could not be determined.

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The Powell Children

The Powells had three children. Ida J. (b. July 1875; m. 2 April 1902 to Theodore W. Goff. They moved to central Kansas. Walter S.; b. 14 July 1877; d. 31 July 1902; bu. Fancy Creek Cemetery; Mabel (b. September 1889; living at the time of her mother's death in 1912.

Deaths of Jonathan and Mary Anna Powell

James Elbert Powell d. at Emporia, Kansas of typhoid fever on 21 September 1897. He was taken home for burial in the May Day Cemetery. His widow lived in Randolph for a period of time and then moved to 813 Osage Street, Manhattan. She d. on 5 April 1912 of catarrhal fever and complications. Her obituary stated that she was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wallace Goff and Miss Mabel Powell.

**Edward A. Maxwell**
(An Employer and Friend of Orphan Train Boys)

Mr. Harry Cowell wrote a paper about Edward A. Maxwell which is on file in the Riley County Historical Society Library. In his paper Cowell told how he was brought on an orphan train from New York when he was fourteen years old. He was met by Mr. Maxwell at the train in Manhattan. Cowell described his first impression of the man who was to hire him and care for him -- "...tall and broad shouldered, with a kind of Van Dyke beard and very pleasant blue eyes. I liked him immediately." That this first impression of Edward A. Maxwell was well-founded was brought out in future years. Cowell married one of Maxwell's daughters, and another orphan, Eugene Smith, married another daughter.

Edward A. Maxwell was b. January 1846 in Canada to a father who was b. in Scotland and a mother who b. in Ireland. Edward first went to Iowa where he met and m. Florence E. She was b. in February 1856 in Iowa of parents who came from Maine. Florence was ten years younger than Edward. A daughter, Edna, was b. in Iowa in 1878. Shortly after Edna's birth the Maxwells came to Kansas and settled in Bala Township on a farm four and one-half miles northeast of Bala. The family first appeared on the 1880 Federal Census. At that time, Edward was 34, his wife, 24, and they had two children, Edna, 2, and Alexander S., 7/12.

Edward Maxwell's Political Life

Edward was a very successful farmer of 225 acres in Section 18 of Bala Township. He was also a stock raiser. He served as a Trustee for Bala Township for several years and on the County Commission for two years--1895-97. That he was an outstanding person was attested to by one source at the time of Maxwell's death. "One of the finest legacies Mr. Maxwell left behind was the memory of his fine personal character and the enviable reputation as a good citizen he had built over a wide area among the people who knew him."

The Edward A. Maxwell Children

Edna Maxwell, b. 1878, m. Eugene N. Smith on 30 March 1898. Alexander, b. in 1879, was killed in 1904 when a train was swept off a flooded track in Colorado. A daughter, Jane Alma, b. 1 February 1882, died as a young child in 1886/7. Mary, b. in August 1884 m. Harry Cowell in 1909. Bertha, b. 1887, d. 1890. Other children were: Florence, b. November 1889; Cora, b. July 1892; Emma R., b. May 1895; Edward C., b. September 1898. No other information was found about these children.

Deaths of Edward A. and Florence E. Maxwell

After acquiring typhoid fever, Edward A. Maxwell d. 13 January 1910. His wife, Florence d.in 1940. Both are bu. in the Leonardville Cemetery.

**William Fletcher Peter**
(Commissioner 1896-1901)

See feature article about William Fletcher Peter in this issue of Kansas Kin.

**Edwin James Davies**
(A Welshman and Politician)

Edwin James Davies, b. 7 December 1862 in Wales, came to the United States at the age of two with his parents, who were: John N. Davies, b. 1826; m. 1861 to Mary Ann Jones, b. 30 August 1845. John Davies d. in 1896 and his wife d. 29 May 1923. Both are bu. in the Bala Cemetery. The Jones family were on the Federal Census in Riley County in 1875.

Edwin James Davies m. Katie N. Habener of Leonardville on 11 October 1890. She was b. 28 August 1866 in Kansas. Her father had been b. in Germany and her mother in Indiana.

Edwin served as a County Commissioner from 1899-1900. In 1901 he became a probate judge of the county. Because he was the first probate judge to serve in the new courthouse, his picture presently is hung in the Small Claims Court of the Riley County Courthouse. In 1920 he began a two-year term as county clerk. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge. The family were members of the Congregational Church in Manhattan and lived at 326 Vattier Street.

The Edwin James Davies Children

Eight children were born to the Davies family. They were:

John H., b. 20 September 1891; m. 30 December 1918 to Celia F. Sellers. Mary Isabel, b. 6 February 1893; m. Loren Jack Stevenson. Mildred Francis, b.15 February 1897; m. Dr. Robert Bock;

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d. 1969. Doris Margaret, b. 29 December 1898; m. Philip Abbott; d. 15 January 1969. Althea Grace b. 21 February 1903; m/1 Guy Barber, div., m/2 Oscar Canary; d. 1 January 1986. Catherine Elizabeth, b. 15 March 1905; m. Col. Lawrence Patterson; d. 22 February 1964. Edwin James, Jr. b. 9 March 1906; m. 25 February 1917 to Thelma I Lee. Evelyn Claire, b. 7 December 1909; m. 11 October 1911 to Stanley James Keiter.

Of these eight children only two are still living--Edwin James., Jr. lives in Manhattan, KS, and Evelyn Clair Keiter lives in Leawood, KS.

Death of Edwin James and Katie Davies

Edwin J. Davies d. 21 April 1951 in Topeka, Kansas. He was 89 at the time of his death. He had been ill for several months. Edwin was survived by his widow and all of his children. His widow d. 21 March 1953. Both Edwin James and Katie are buried in the Grandview Cemetery.

**James A. Hess**
(The Bachelor Commissioner)

A native of New York, James A. Hess, was b. there in Walton in September 1846. His father was John Walton and his mother, Myra A. Moore Walton. Both of his parents were b. in New York and lived there all of their lives. James A. Hess at the age of seventeen enlisted in Company I, 3rd New York Cavalry. He was discharged in 1865. In 1869 James headed west and settled for a time in Missouri where he engaged in cattle feeding. In 1879 he came to Riley County and settled on 200 acres in Section 28 in Zeandale Township. He specialized in graded cattle and Poland China Swine.

Hess first appeared on the Federal Census in Riley County in 1880. He was a single man of 33 at the time. Living with him was a sister, Ida, 23, and a brother William, 30. James never married. His sister, who became known as "the belle of the countryside," lived with James until after his death. She then married a prominent stockman, John Warner. At the time of her death on 9 September 1937 she was living at 716 Leavenworth.

James A. Hess served as a Justice of the Peace, Township Clerk, and School Clerk in Zeandale Township. He became a County Commissioner in 1900 and served until 1906. On the 1910 census he was living in Manhattan at 410 Moro. Hess d. 24 January 1920 and is bu. in Sunset Cemetery.

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**Where Are You?**

Genealogy . . . begins as an interest . . . becomes a hobby . . . continues as an avocation . . . takes over as an obsession . . . and, in its last stages . . . is an incurable disease. (Newsletter, Utah G. A.)

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wife and mother, a faithful and loving neighbor, she leaves many friends and relatives to miss her kindness and love."

Both William Fletcher Peter and his wife, Anna Wiesendanger Peter were buried in the Fancy Creek Cemetery.



**Grandchildren of William and Anna Peter**
Top row: Jarvis, Raymond, Donald, Viola
Bottom row: William, Kenneth, Marjorie
Picture taken in 1969

**Sources Researched**

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**PHILOSOPHERS LONG AGO KNEW THE VALUE OF GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

"It is our duty to proceed from what is near to what is distant, from what is known to that which is less known, to gather the traditions from those who have reported them, to correct them as much as possible and to leave the rest as it is, in order to make our work help anyone who seeks truth and loves wisdom."

Ab'l-Rayhan Muhamad al-Biruni, AD 973-1050
--from BOZARTH BEACON, January 1988.

# IMMIGRANTS FROM GOTLAND, SWEDEN (Continued from May, 1990)

## Part IV: Hanson

This family was traced to Antarfve farm, Havdhem parish. Two bros, Lars & Charles Hanson, immigrated to the US in 1869 and settled near Enterprise, KS.

1. Malde Larsson, b 17 Oct 1774 at Antarfve, son of Lars Persson and Margareta Maldesdotter. He m 20 Oct 1795 to Maria Larsdotter of Hafvor farm in Havdhem. She was b 28 Apr 1774, dau of Lars Jacobsson and Brita Olsdotter. Malde & Marie spent the rest of their lives at Antarfve and their ch were b there. Maria d 14 Jan 1832 & Malde d 13 Mar 1855.
Children of Malde Larsson & Maria Larsdotter:
i. Margaretha Catharina, b 8 June 1796; d 31 July 1796
ii. Brita Maria, b 4 Sept 1797; m 29 Oct 1816 to Lars Martenson of Hafvor farm
iii. Greta Lena, b 8 Jan 1801; d 26 Jan 1801
iv. Anna Lena, b 15 Dec 1801; m Per Martenson of Majstre, Sundre; they were ancestors of the Pearson family (see Part II)
v. Lars, b 11 Aug 1805; d 24 June 1815
2 vi. Margaretha Catharina, b 5 Sept 1812

2. Margaretha Catharina Maldesdotter b 5 Sept 1812 at Antarfve, Havdhem; m 3 Nov 1831 in Havdhem parish to Hans Christenson. He was b 18 Sept 1811 in Grotlingbo parish. They lived at Antarfve most of their married life except for a period around 1837-40 when they were in Grotlingbo parish.
Children of Hans Christenson & Margaretha Maldesdotter:
i. Anna Maja, b 19 Feb 1833
ii. Maldmina Carolina, b 27 June 1835
3 iii. Lars Petter, b 22 Jan 1838
iv. Henrik Johan, b 20 Mar 1841
v. Carl Jacob, b 21 Apr 1843; d 28 Oct 1843
4 vi. Carl Jacob, b 18 Jan 1845
vii. Brita Magdalena, b 4 July 1848 ) twins
viii. Catharina Olivia, b 4 July 1848)
ix. Greta Stina, b 4 Aug 1851

3. Lars Petter Hanson b 22 Jan 1838 in Grotlingbo parish but grew up at Antarfve in Havdhem parish; m 3 Aug 1861 in Havdhem parish to Maria Josephina Bolin. She was b 12 Aug 1839 at Bols farm, Havdhem, dau of Paul Bolin and Anna Gardrud Andersdotter (see Part V). Lars & Maria lived at Antarp Grund, Havdhem, where their first 2 ch were born. In 1869 Lars immigrated to the US and obtained a land claim E of Enterprise. Maria and the 2 ch followed in 1871 and settled on the farm which Lars had established. Their last 4 ch were b on the farm. Lars d 13 Sept 1904 and Maria d 21 Oct 1909 (obits in Enterprise Journal 23 Sept 1904 and 4 Nov 1909). Both are bur in Pleasant Hill cem. An article on the family by Ellen Peterson was published in the Enterprise Journal on 20 May 1937.
Children of Lars Hanson & Maria Bolin:
5 i. Anna Cathrina Bernharding, b 6 May 1864 [Delia Hanson]
6 ii. Carl Ludvig, b 19 Apr 1868 [Charles E. Hanson]
7 iii. William Odd, b 24 Sept 1872
iv. Wilhelmina, b 1875; known as "Minnie"; m _____ Nelson and d by 1900, leaving no descendants
v & vi. 2 sons, d in infancy, names & dates unknown; probably bur in unmarked graves at Pleasant Hill cem.

4. Charles Jacob Hanson b 18 Jan 1845 at Antarfve, Havdhem; immigrated to the US 1869. He lived briefly in Seneca co, NY, but mov to KS with his cousin Martin Pearson in late 1869 or early 1870 and settled E of Enterprise where he lived the rest of his life. He m 10 Feb 1875 to Martin Pearson's dau Mathilda who was b 20 Sept 1853 in Fide parish (see Part II). Charles d 6 Sept 1928 and Mathilda d 10 Nov 1934 (obits Enterprise Journal 13 Sept 1928 & 15 Nov 1934). Both are bur in Pleasant Hill cem. An article on the family by Ellen Peterson appeared in the Enterprise Journal on 26 Aug 1937.
Children of Charles Hanson & Mathilda Pearson:
8 i. Oscar W., b 18 May 1876
9 ii. Edmund H., b Nov 1881

5. Delia Hanson b 6 May 1864 at Antarp Grund, Havdhem, the Swedish form of her name being Anna Cathrina Bernharding. She immigrated to the US 1871 and grew up near Enterprise. She m 28 Dec 1884 in Dickinson co to Frank J. Emery, by whom she had 4 ch. The Emery family settled at Kansas City, KS. Frank was murdered by robbers on 23 Nov 1906, age 45y (death notice Enterprise Journal 29 Nov 1906). Delia d 26 Apr 1932 and was bur in the Woodlawn cem at Kansas City (obit Enterprise Journal 5 May 1932).
Children of Frank J. Emery & Delia Hanson:
i. Ralph, living at Midland, TX, 1935; d by 1955; no descendants
ii. William, d 9 Jan 1935 at Kansas City, KS, age 40y; unmarried (death notice Enterprise Journal 17 Jan 1935)
iii. Georgia, m Warren Cromwell; living at Kansas City, MO, 1955
iv. a daughter, d by 1932; no descendants

6. Charles E. Hanson, b 19 Apr 1868 at Antarp Grund, Havdhem, the Swedish form of his name being Carl Ludvig. He immigrated to the US 1871 and settled near Enterprise where he lived the rest of his life. He m 1 Feb 1911 in Dickinson co to Johanna M. Erickson. She was b 26 Jan 1872 at Jarbo, Gavleborg, Sweden, the dau of Erick & Karin Erickson who immigrated to the US in 1876 and settled near Enterprise. Charles & Johanna had no ch. Johanna d 11 July 1951 and Charles d 1 Jan 1955. Both are bur in the Pleasant Hill cem (obituaries Enterprise Journal 19 July 1951 and 6 Jan 1955; Dickinson co probate file 6992)

7. William Odd Hanson, b 24 Sept 1872 near Enterprise where he grew up; mov to Kansas City, KS, about 1908 where he lived the rest of his life; m Mrs Ida May Sullivan. They had no ch, although Ida had a son Robert J. Sullivan by her previous marriage William d 9 Jan 1948 at Kansas City, KS, and was bur in Woodlawn cem (obituary Enterprise Journal 15 & 22 Jan 1948).

8. Oscar William Hanson b 18 May 1876 near Enterprise; m 24 May 1904 in Dickinson co to Nellie Anderson. She was b 31 Jan 1877 at Des Moines, IA, dau of Andrew & Martha Anderson. Her parents were from Jarbo, Gavleborg, Sweden. They immigrated to the US in 1865 and lived in Iowa until mov to the Enterprise area about 1879. After their marriage, Oscar & Nellie settled at Topeka, KS, where their ch were born. About 1912 they mov to Salina, KS, where Nellie d 28 Dec 1925 and Oscar d 24 Oct 1928

(obituaries Enterprise Journal 7 Jan 1926 and 1 Nov 1928). Both are bur in Pleasant Hill cem.
Children of Oscar Hanson & Nellie Anderson:
i. Everett, b 25 Feb 1906; d 25 Mar 1906; bur Pleasant Hill cem.
ii. Helen, b ca 1907; m J.L. Garvin and was living in Salina, KS, 1934
iii. Dwight, b ca 1909

9. Edmund H. Hanson, b Nov 1881 near Enterprise; m1 10 Oct 1906 in Dickinson co to Bessie Edith Clark. She was b 21 Aug 1882 at Bolivar, Polk co MO, dau of Francis A. Clark & Sarah Jane Stouffer, and mov to Enterprise with her parents 1900. Edmund & Bessie had 1 son and lived at Harper, KS, after their marriage. Bessie d 1 Nov 1918 at Wichita, KS, and was bur in Mt Hope cem at Enterprise (obituary Enterprise Journal 7 Nov 1918). Edmund m2 Clara Calene who was b June 1886 near Enterprise, dau of Peter Calene & Karin Peterson. She was a younger sis of Nellie Calene who m Clarence Pearson (see Part II). Edmund & Clara had no ch. During the 1920s they mov to Bellingham, WA. Edmund d 27 Jan 1945 at Bellingham and was bur at Seattle, WA (obituary Enterprise Journal 1 & 8 Feb 1945). Clara later mov to California. She d in Mar 1960 (obituary Enterprise Journal 17 Mar 1960).
Child of Edmund Hanson & Bessie Clark:
i. Carl Alonzo, b ca 1908

Part V: Bolin-Bjorkander

The Bolin family was traced to Bols farm in Havdhem parish. Paul Bolin of Bols had 2 daus who settled near Enterprise: Maria, wife of Lars Hanson, and Emma, wife of A. Nickolas Bjorkander.

1. Paul Bolin b 31 Oct 1803 at Bols, Havdhem, son of Paul Christenson (1771-1837) and Stina Maria Johansdotter (b 1771). Paul was originally known as Paul Paulson but assumed the surname Bolin in the late 1830s after his marriage. He m1 3 Nov 1836 in Havdhem parish to Anna Gardrud Andersdotter, who was b 9 Oct 1810 in Grotlingbo parish. Paul & Anna lived at Bols where their 8 ch were born. Anna d 15 July 1850 and Paul m2 25 Jan 1851 to Eva Louisa Wiman. Eva was b 10 Apr 1822 in Grotlingbo parish, dau of Lars Wiberg or Wiman and Anna Maria Hansdotter. Paul & Eva had 4 ch.
Children of Paul Bolin & Anna Andersdotter:
i. Anders Petter, b 4 Aug 1837; d 15 Aug 1837
ii. Carl Petter, b 16 July 1838; d 13 Aug 1838
iii. Maria Josephina, b 12 Aug 1839; m Lars Hanson (see Part IV)
iv. Gardrud Stina, b 18 May 1841; d 7 Oct 1841
v. Gardrud Stina, b 8 Sept 1842
vi. Johannes, b 18 Nov 1844
vii. Anna Wilhelmina, b 9 Dec 1847; m 5 Nov 1870 in Havdhem parish to Johan Petter Hallgren; they had a son Elmer Hallgren who immigrated to the US and was living at Kansas City, KS, in 1934.
viii. Pitmeda Carolina, b 25 May 1849
Children of Paul Bolin & Eva Louisa Wiman:
ix. Lars Oscar, b 14 Nov 1851; d 16 Apr 1861
x. Anders, b 16 Jan 1856
2 xi. Emma Louisa, b 2 Feb 1858
xii. Catharina Bernhardine, b 4 June 1860

2. Emma Louisa Bolin, b 2 Feb 1858 at Bols, Havdhem. She immigrated to the US 1879 and went to live with her half-sis Maria Hanson near Enterprise. Emma m 20 June 1880 in Dickinson co to Andreas Nickolas Bjorkander. He was b 5 Apr 1850 in Grotlingbo parish and immigrated to the US in 1879. His parents were Botolf Bjorkander and Brita Stina Franssdotter who were m 31 Oct 1832 in Grotlingbo parish. Emma & Nickolas had no ch and spent the rest of their lives in the Enterprise area. Nickolas d 18 Mar 1927 and Emma d 17 July 1934 (obituaries Enterprise Journal 24 May 1927 and 19 July 1934). Both are bur in Pleasant Hill cem.

# Queries ??

*Queries are free to members and to others if space is available. Print or type all names, and give dates and areas for names. Do not abbreviate words. Double space lines.*

KK-28-12. SHOWALTER, FOWLER. Need info on John & Katherine Showalter, mvd to KS from Miami Co, OH late 1800's w/dau. Allie Elizabeth b. 19 Jan. 1862 and dau. Anna. Lv d Manhattan KS 1882 or 1883. Allie worked Fowler Ranch in 1883. Beverly Phillips Dinelli, 836 N. 2853 Rd. Utica IL 61373.

KK-28-13. PLATT. Seeking records & photos of gravesites/monuments of Arthur Henry Platt (1882-?) & Geneva Beatrice Platt (1884-6 Aug. 1954) both buried Pleasant Valley Cem. Riley Co. KS. Funeral home was Courser Funeral Home, Manhattan KS. David Hart, 4001 Jean Avenue, Bethpage NY. 11714-4521. Telephone 516-433-8460, leave message.

KK-28-14. REMMELE, ROSENBECK. Seek correspondence with descendants of Jacob Remmele b. 25 Oct. 1839 d. 21 Apr. 1915 and wife Ella Alvina Rosenbeck b. 10 Aug 1849-4 Aug 1905. Both d. Manhattan, KS. Jean Proud, 8306 Martha St., Omaha NE 68124.

WANTED: Numbering system that is recommended for numerical reference to the various generations. Is there a standardized system? Need instructions /explanations. Evelyn J. Brown, 409 No. 17th, Manhattan KS 66502. (913) 539-3978.

## COOK THE PESTS IN YOUR GENEALOGY BOOKS?

The Library of Congress actually "cooks" any books they suspect of containing silverfish, lice, or cockroaches. Using dangerous and costly chemicals to keep their collections free from insects was impractical; so instead, they place a book in a microwave oven and "cook" it for 60 seconds on "warm" or "low" setting. The heat kills the insects and any eggs. If you pick up a suspect book at a flea market or from an old attic or basement, you may wish to use this method to be sure the book is free from insects.
--Copied from Blue Grass Roots--summer, 1990.

# Research

## HOW TO OBTAIN HOMESTEAD PAPERS

1. Secure the legal description of the land which includes the township, range, section, and legal subdivision from the recorder of the county in which the land is located.

2. Send this description to the Bureau of Land Management office for the state in question, requesting a copy of the Patent. There is a charge for the copy of the Patent. (See addresses below)

3. To obtain the Homestead papers write the National Archives and Records Service, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington D. C. 20408. Include the name of the person filing the patent, legal description of the land, patent number, date of patent, and the land office of issuance. When the record is found, they will bill you and upon receipt of your payment, they will send the papers. These papers often include a copy of a naturalization record, names of witnesses to the homestead proofs, occupation, address, and other interesting information.

### Addresses of the District Offices of the Bureau of Land Management

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin: 350 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Alaska: Box 13, 701 C Street, Anchorage, AK 99513

Arizona: 2400 Valley Bank Center, Phoenix, AZ 85073

California: Federal Building, Room E2841, 200 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

Colorado: 1037 Twentieth Street, Denver, CO 80202

Idaho: Federal Building, 550 West Fort Street, Boise, ID 83724

Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming: P. O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota: P. O. Box 30157, Billings, MT 59107

Nevada: Federal Building, Room 3008, 300 Booth Street, Reno, NV 89520

New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas: P. O. Box 1449, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Oregon, Washington: P. O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208

Utah, University Club Building, 136 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Adapted from The Researcher, Tacoma-Pierce County, Genealogical Society, WA, Vol. 19, No. 3.

## USING LAND RECORDS FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Property records have probably helped solve more difficult problems in genealogy research than any other single source. Land and property records should be investigated in connection with probate and civil court records, because the two are so closely related and complement each other. It is generally advisable to investigate probate records first, then land, civil and criminal court records.

### Things You May Find in Your Search

Name of buyer--Grantee; Name of seller--Grantee
Given name of spouse; Names of former spouses
Clues to maiden name of wife
Names of relatives & kinship; Names of friends and associates
Previous places of residence
Dates of settling or leaving a particular area
Places of residence or residences of relatives
Dates and place of death (or clues)
Approximate birth and marriage dates
Occupation; Church affiliation; Social status
Clues to other sources
Location of immigrant's ancestral home
Other unusual family circumstances, such as adoption and illegitimacies

(Adapted from South Dakota Genealogical Society, Vol. 8, No. 4, April 1990)

## USE OF INDEXES IN CIVIL COURT CASES

Robert Littrell in his talk at the RCGS Workshop made the following suggestions for locating information in civil court records.

1. There probably is no master index which lists all names of individuals involved in civil or criminal court cases. A new index book is started each time the one in use is filled. You may have to search in a number of indexes for a given period of time.

2. Ask the clerk of the court what different kinds of indexes exist in the office of the court.

3. Use both Plaintiff and Defendant indexes.

4. In many courts names of litigants are merely listed under the first letter of the last name of a plaintiff or defendant and not alphabetized further under that letter. In more recent years when computers have been used there may be complete alphabetizing. The index will give a case number which will enable you to find the case file.

5. Ask for the Clerk's or Judge's Journal as well as the case file folder or packet if your name search has referred you to a particular civil or criminal lawsuit.

*(RESEARCH, cont.)*

The following research items are from the outline of the presentation given by Helen King, Topeka, at the Workshop in Manhattan, June 30, 1990.

## ROAD BLOCKS TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

1. All of the older family members who might have known the answers are dead.
2. Your parents or grandparents didn't have a bible with family information.
3. There was a flood and all of the family pictures and memorabilia were lost.
4. The county courthouse where the records would be was burned.
5. The state didn't keep vital records early enough.
6. You don't know where the family originated.
7. No one else in the family is interested in helping out.
8. You think you have done all you can do and will not find anything more.

## CONQUERING THE ROAD BLOCKS

**1-3. Deceased family members have left more than you realize**

Search in the family's attic and basements.
Look in boxes, trunks, suitcases, etc.
Old furniture--take out drawers and look under and behind.
Contact all known relatives (cousins, spouses of deceased family members).
Locate old family friends and neighbors and contact them.
Search public records, plat books, atlases, city and county directories.
Look for family genealogies (same surnames and surnames of spouses).
Check county histories, biographical volumes for area in which family lived.
Read old newspapers to find items about the deceased family members.

**4. A courthouse fire didn't necessarily destroy all the county records**

If there was a fire, how extensive was it?
What was the date of the fire?
What records are known to have been destroyed and what records survived?
Were some records stored elsewhere that survived?
Has there been an attempt to reconstruct/replace the records that were lost?
Might duplicate records be found elsewhere?
What sources might yield substitutes for the lost records?

**5. State kept vital statistics are not the only sources of vital records**

Some earlier records may be found in county or city offices.
See Handy Book for Genealogists.
Check Historical Record Survey, Guide to Vital Statistics Records where available.

Other sources may be helpful:
Tombstone inscriptions, cemetery sextons' books, mortuary records.
Obituaries and other newspaper accounts.
County histories, family genealogies, biographical volumes.
Necrology lists of organizations (especially fraternal insurance groups).
Military records, marriage license applications, drivers' licenses.
Family bibles, baby books, diaries, old letters contemporary with the event.
School or church records.
Birth, death records of their children.
Census schedules (especially 1900, 1910).

**6. Finding the place of family origin is part of the intrigue of genealogy**

Census (after 1850).
Naturalization records
Church records (transferrals of records, notations of place of baptism).
Biographies, obituaries, family histories (published or manuscript).
Old letters from family members in another country.
Ship passenger and immigrant lists.
Studies of origins of surnames.
Query sources--G. R. D., Genealogical Helper, others
Indexes to genealogies and genealogical magazines.

**7. Immediate family not interested? Find others who are.**

Look for others researching same surname:
Queries in Genealogical Helper, local society publications.
Surname publications and query columns.
Search registers in libraries, genealogical societies.
Telephone books, city and county directories.

**8. Don't get discouraged and give up.**

Keep looking and trying new angles. There is usually some way to get the answers if you persist. Use your imagination to find new avenues of search. If you think of something no one else has tried, do it. It might work for you.

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in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Today, descendants can be found from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and in Canada.

This genealogy is designed for any Fortney to discover his place in family history and his relationship to the rest of the family. The information is well-documented and eleven generations are listed. The book contains many pictures, copies of wills, and interesting information about some of the people.



# Bible ~ Records

*Barbara Wilson, 2058 Hunting, Manhattan Kansas gave to the Society "ANNALS OF OUR COLONIAL ANCESTORS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS" compiled by Ambrose M. Shotwell of Concord, Jackson County, Michigan 1895-7. The book was inscribed to Thomas Laing King Jr. 15 Mar 1898 from his Mother. The following information was written on pages of "Errata and Addenda" between pages 56 & 81 of the 300 page volume. Most appears to be copied at the same time in the same hand possibly from other records.*

Alice Livingston Gray August 18 - 1839 Laurence married to Thomas Laing King June 3 - 1863 Cinncinati
John Gray Feb 14 - 1784 - Scotland
Rebekah Allen Livingston

Frank Sewall Livingston Kingd. Aug 6 - 1921
Thomas Laing King
Children of Alice G. King

Thomas Laing King Died at Topeka Kansas Oct 10th 1894

Thomas Laing King Jr.(b)May 8th 1875, married Sept 30 - 1915 to Imo Dell Blakestad
Thomas Laing King Born at Rahnay N.J. 6 of April 1808 Married June 3rd 1863 to Alice Gray Livingston
Joseph King Born Feb 3 - 1782 Amwell N.J. Married Catharine Laing Jan 24 1805
Nathan King (b) July 5 - 1750 Married Mar 19 1771 Sarah Moore
Joseph King Sr (b) Dec 10 - 1683

Thomas Laing King II b Topeka Kansas 8th May 1875 d 22 Oct 1939 Topeka Kan, buried Topeka Cemetery
His occupation was Railroad work
His father - Thomas Laing King
His mother - Mary Alice Livingston Gray
Married the only time 30 Sept 1915 Imo Dell Blakestad b Wahoo Nebraska 2 March 1887, Her father - Andrew Blakestad, Her mother - Ida Mae Marsh. Married in Chicago Ill by Rev. J.R. Nichols. Married on Thursday (at) 6960 North Ashland Blvd. Rogers Park Chicago, Daughter of Dr and Mrs Paul Hullhorst.
Barbara b May 20 1917 Chicago Ill
Thomas Laing b Sept 17 1918 " "

Isaac Allen Born in the State of New York July 10th 1757
Frances Allen " " " " June 3rd 1764
Isaac Allen was Mothers Grandfather - and Father of Rebekah Allen Livingston
Children of Isaac and Frances Allen
Susanah, and Rebekah Allen Born Nov 7th 1782
Clayborn Allen " March 29th 1784
Peter Allen " Feb 2nd 1786
James Allen " Jan 13th 1788
Wiatt Allen " Nov 23rd 1789
Frances Allen " March 3rd 1792
Ira Allen " May 2nd 1794
Polly Ranale Allen " Jan/Jun?23rd 1796

Children of Isaac and Frances Allen (contd.)
Jane Allen Born March 22nd 1798
Sallie Allen " July 31st 1800
Alfred Allen " Jan 6th 1803
John Allen " May 7th 1805
William Allen " March 31st 1807
Wiett Wilkersen Allen " April 1st 1809

Isaac Allen Married Frances Randle - Sunday, September 10th 1780

John H Livingston Born Nov 30th 1774, Died Jan 1st 1846 Willmingten Ind(?)
Rebekah Allen Livingston Born Nov 7th 1782
Children of John and Rebekah Livingston
Catharine Livingston Born Nov 1 1801 Mother's half sister
James Livingston " Dec 4th 1806 Died Aug 11th 1826
Louisa Livingston " Oct 8th, 1809
Allen Livingston " May 30th 1824 Died April 12th 1826
Rebeka Livingston " Jan 19th 1813 Died March 22nd, 1888
John Livingston " Oct 7th 1814 Died Jan 1st 1846
Oliver Livingston " Dec 17th 1816 Died June 2nd 1850
Frances Livingston " July 24th 1819. Died May 1908 Peoria Ill.
Esther Livingston " Sept 30th 1824

Catharine Livingston Married James Allen (Mothers uncle)Bloomington Ill
Louisa Livingston Married Sam'l Howard of Ghent Kentucky
Rebekah Livingston Married John Gray Laurenceburg Ind
Frances Livingston Married George N. Walker - Havana Ill - Born Sept 4th 1816
Esther Livingston Married George H. Langford Havana Ill
John Gray Born Feb 14th 1784, Died July 9th 1854, Married June 6th 1835
Children of John and Rebeka Gray
Fannie A Gray, Born Sept 7th 1837, Died June 10th, 1868, Married Jessie Moore Dec 18th 1858 Laurenbg
Mary Alice Livingston Gray...Aug 18th 1839 Married Thomas Laing King June 3rd 1863 Cincinnati
William Henry Hamsin Gray (b) March 10th 1845 (d) July 13th 1913 Indianapolis Married Alice Eureka Beekman Oct 1st 1874 Laurenbg
Virginia Allen Gray (b) March 1st 1851 Died Feb 14 1852
Children of Fannie and Jessie Moore
Alice Gray Moore. Born Oct 18th 1859 threeother children - all past out in early childkere(?)
Jessi, Frank, Alma
Children of Thomas Lain and Alice Gray King
Thomas Laing King Born April 22, 1864. Died June 14th 1864, Time 12-10 P.M. Taurus I
Frank Serrall Livingston Born June 29th 1866 Locust Farm. Hamilton Co. Ohio d. Aug 6-1921 12-30 P.M. Cancer O O
Thomas Laing King Born May 8th 1875 Topeka Kansas (d) 3-10 P.M. Taurus S

Marriages of Isaac and Frances Allen's Children

Rebekah Allen Married John H Livingston September 17th 1804
Susana Allen Married William Spencer July 22nd 1806
Peter Allen Married Jane Fulton Feb 9th 1808
Claborn Allen " Elizabeth Barkshire March 15th 1810
Peter Allen Married second time to Joca Rice May 6th 1810
Frances Allen " James Walker_Sunay Dec 20th 1812 Laport Ind
Polly Allen " Erasmus Ponel Dec 1816
Ira Allen " Polly Barkshire Dec 22nd 1816
Jane Allen " George Gaskel Oct 1818
Sarah Allen " Payton Randle Nov 25th 1819
James Allen " Catharine Livingston Jan 30th 1818 Bloomington
William Allen " Sarah Shotwell. Quaker
John Allen " Martha Higbee April 1807
Ira Allen second marriage Nancy Jelton Sept 1831

Death of Isaac Allen Children

Weatt Allen died April 1790
Sarah Randle No 20th 1825
Frances Allen died May 2nd 1846
Jane Allen died Sept 19th 1808
Isaac Allen died March 6th 1818

Ann Crawford Allen Hurd Born Shelbyville Ind March 16th Died April 30th 1909. Havana, Daughter of John Allen

The Allen family came from North Carolina to Kentucky, via Cumberland Gap in the year 1798, settled at Tanners Station near Petersburg, Ky From there moved to Indiana in the year 1800.

Written by
Mary Alice Livingston Gray King_
Daughter of John and Rebekah Livingston Gray

Children of William H. and Alice B. Gray

Fannie Moore Gray Born March 9th 1876
Bessie Gray, Feb 23rd 1878 Married Walter Scott Somerville Jan 7th 1898
Emma Beckman Gray Born Nov 22nd 1879, Married Simun William Perry May 3rd 1898
William H Gray and Alice Eureka Beckman Married Oct 1st 1874 Laurenceburg Ind
Died at Indianapolis July 13th 1913

Alice Gray Moore, Daughter of Fannie and Jessie Moore Married Harry S. Probasco Jan 10th 1889 at Indianapolis By Rev John Thomas

Children of Alice and Harry Probasco

Scott Livingston Probasco Born Sept 6th 1890 Chattanooga Tenn
Harry Scott Probasco Born at Laurenceburg Ind Aug 10th 1858, Died at Chattanooga Tenn. April 17th (Sunday) 1919. Buried at Chattanooga Tenn

Probasco family record

Margaret (Peggy) Cornelia Williams (born Sept 1 1904) Married Scott Livingston Probasco on June 26, 1926

Children

Alice Moore (born April 26, 1927)
Scott Livingston Jr. (born Nov 26, 1928
Margaret Williams Probasco II (born August 21, 1934)

The Livingston Family

Robert R. Livingston was a descendent from a family of historical celebrity in the annals of Scotland. King, regents, and nobles appear in the line of his ancestors and probably no individual ever emigrated to the new world who could boast more numerous or more distinguished evidences of rank and title. James Livingston in the middle of the fifteenth century, was appointed Regent of Scoetland, during the minority of James the 1st. His grand daughter married Donald king of the Hebrides, one of whose descendants is celebrated by the immortal pen of Sir Walter Scotts, in his poen, The Lord of the Isle. The title of Earl of Neuberg, Earl of Lintithgon(?), Earl of Callender, and Earl of Livingston, given to several distinct members of this family, attests its standing and importance in the state, and adds luster to the honors of its name, Nor were they undistinguished in the early literature of their native country: and the name of Rollock (?), of kindred origin, occurs at the close of the sixteenth century, as first principal of the celebrated University of Edinburg.

Lord Livingston was the common ancestor of that branch of the Livingstons which emigrated to this country in the middle of the seventeenth century. He was hereditary governor of Linlithgon(?) Castle in which Mary Queen of Scotts was born, and in which she was placed for safety during the invasion of Scotland, by the Duke of Somerset. His daughter was one of the four ladies who attended the Princes of France as her companion. His great grand son John Livingston, an eminent, learned and pious minister of the Gospel, emigrated to Rotterdam, in 1663, the victim of religious persecution, and was one of the commisioners of Scotland in the negotiatied in a general peace, and in the transfer of the colony of New York from the states of Holland to England.

Robert Livingston, his son, about the period of his fathers death in 1678, emigrated to America, and in 1686, obtained a patent for the Manor of Livingston. The banks of that noble river (Hudson) on which it is situated attests in its ornaments their taste and opulence. He was a member of the convention at Albany in 1689, which then off. on the part of New York, the opposing government of James 2nd, the grandsons of Robert and William and Philip Livingston.

Philip Livingston was one of the signers of the declaration of independence on the part of the state of New York. William Livingston wa governor of the state of New Jersy, known as a poet of high order, and still more estimable for his rigerous defense of the civil and religious rights of the colonies in council, and by the pen. Robert Livingston great grand sons were John H. Livingston, the father of the Reform Dutch Church in America, and president of Queens College, N.J. Boorkholst Livingston late one of the justice of the Supreme Court of United State, Edward Livingston was mayor of New York City, also a member of the House of Representatives from the district of New York.

In our own country, this talented and highly-

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# Church Records

*It is interesting to note that the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints was organized in Clay County in the 1800s. Dorothy Gerardy is to be commended for her research.*

## IDYLWILD MORMON CHURCH

Formerly located 9 miles North and 3 miles East of Clay Center, Kansas

Records of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints tell us that a conference was held at Delavon, Clay County, on 1 August 1879 and that M. Smith and Hiram R. Harder were assigned as missionaries to Clay County. At that time Delavon was a post office located in a home in Hayes Township and Idylwild was a small settlement four and one-half miles directly north. Nine months later, on 10 May 1880, the Goshen branch of the Mormon church was organized by I. N. White and Alma Kent. Later it became the Idylwild branch and Alma Kent became its minister.

Historic information of the Idylwild church is scarce. Several people living in the area today tell us that their parents and grandparents were members, yet newspapers yield few facts. During the 1890s, ads appeared in the Clay Center Times announcing summer reunions. In the 31 August 1893 issue of the Times, in the Broughton Community news, this item appears, "Some of our citizens went to the Saints' reunion at Idylwild Park and report a good time and that quite a number of converts were received into the church."

The church building stood just south of the Idylwild cemetery and was located in the N.E. corner of 27-6-3 in Garfield Township. The building burned, but the date is unknown.

From the N. W. Kansas District Record Book we learn that on 22 May 1880 (the month of organization) there were 18 members, two elders, one priest, one deacon, and one ordination, and that on 2 June 1888 membership had increased to 57.

Included on the membership rolls were these family names: Smith, Kent, Grey, Daugherty, Sanneman, Harder, McKnight, Boughen, Adams, Parsons, Payne, Cochran, Johnson, Warlow, Lund, Rogers, Swanson, Curtis, Hoyer, Davidson, Owen, Gardiner, Hamilton, Wiles, Jones, Hull, Case, Keith, Hart, Auld, Dennis, North, Okestrom, Attwood, Jeschka, Newton, and Bacon.



# Cemetery Records

## IDYLWILD CEMETERY

The Idylwild Cemetery is located on the N.E. corner of Sec. 27 Twp.6 S., Range 3 S.

A large, attractive, gray granite pillar with the simple inscription, "John Derringer, 1823-1924, Indian John" marks the burial place of the widely known mystic and healer and draws the attention of the passerby to the small Mormon Cemetery, Idylwild.

Arthur and A. Z. Smith on 16 June 1892 deeded an acre of land to the church trustees, F. A. Curtis, V. P. Rogers, Henry Hart, and Arthur Smith.

Fading names, illegible dates, and broken stones give an incomplete story, but the reading of the cemetery is as follows:

ATTWOOD, Virgil M., dau. of Wm T. & A. M. Attwood, d. 3 Jan. 1899, aged 3 mo. 29 da.
AULD, Olive, b. 29 May 1876, d. 12 Aug. 1889
Mary A., dau. of Wm & S. J. Auld, b. 12 Nov. 1878, d. 2 Apr. 1901
The marker for the father and mother, William and Sarah is gone, but the family members still living say they were buried here.
CURTIS, Father, Frank A., 1832-1910
Mother, Louisa H. 1841-1925
Son, Revenue A., 1865-16 Feb. 1954
DENNIS, F. M., 1850-1931
Amanda L., 1857-1938
Joseph, 1884-1896
DERRINGER, John, 1832-1924, Indian John
GRAY, Charley, 1890, age 2 mo.
Minnie, 1892, age 7da.
Children of George & Ettie Gray
HART, Henry, b. 4 Feb. 1829, d. 10 May 1899
Sarah, wife, b. 24 Feb. 1829, d. 4 May 1890
JOHNSON, Nels, b. 5 Sept. 1849, d. 9 May 1888
Cora B. B., b. 14 Dec. 1884, d. 6 Feb. 1885
dau. of N & C. Johnson
Dora, M. M., b. 14 Dec 1884, d. 15 Feb. 1885, dau.
Arthur C. M., b. 18 Feb. 1886, d. 15 July 1886, son
Leonard, E., b. 11 Feb. 1883, d. 6 Dec. 1889, son
ROGERS, Mary Sophia, b. 8 Dec. 1861, d. 14 Apr. 1924.
SMITH, Arthur, b. 24 Mar. 1850, d. 25 May 1930
Alma Zelona, his wife, b. 14 Aug. 1863, d. 3 Aug. 1938
Adra Anna, dau. b. 21 Feb. 1886, d. 20 Jan. 1887
Alma Hazel, b. 24 Aug. 1888, d.18 June 1893.
SANDY, Thomas, d. 21 Oct. 1913, 93 years. (No stone, but dates were from Rose Funeral Home. records. Mrs. Kent Smith once said, "Grandpa Sandy is buried at the foot of the Smith girls' graves.)

# Book Reviews

NO STONE UNTURNED, 1989, compiled by Martha Wreath Streeter, 5512 High Meadow Circle, Manhattan, KS 66502, publ. by Ag Press, Manhattan, KS, 151 pp., bound, 8 1/2 x 11, indexed, illustrated, $22.00. Reviewed by Aileen Graham.

True to its title, this meticulously detailed genealogical record traces the lineage of Carl and Carolina (Bjorkelund) Erickson from their births and marriage in Sweden in the 1830s, through immigration to America, and putting down roots in Riley County, Kansas in the late 1860s.

Here they raised their family--Fritz (Fred) Alfred, Johanna Elida, Hilda Marie, Sone Albin, Carl Robert, Johanna Elin, Selma Anna, Emma Louisa, Esther Edna Elizabeth (the author's mother), and John Arthur.

After giving detailed information about Carl and Carolina Erickson (identified as the first generation), the author develops similar details about each of the children (identified as the second generation). The descendants of each child are further identified as the third, fourth, fifth, and sometimes, sixth generations. The written information about each family line is supplemented with a selected assortment of photographs, newspaper clippings, and other documents.

In spite of the author's disclaimer that this is not a scholarly research work of public record data, it is a pleasing, carefully written and displayed, easy to follow compilation. It has been well built on information from "family Bibles, tombstones, obituaries, individual family records, family stories, data, and pictures."

"It has been so much fun," the author notes, "to get acquainted again with all of you (contributing relatives)--some in person, many by telephone, and many more by correspondence."

She also reveals her personal "joy of the hunt" by succinct references to her visits and trips to other parts of the United States and to Sweden in search of family facts.

The end result is this well-organized, concise family history covering five generations (plus a pedigree chart that identifies a portion of Carl and Carolina's antecedents back into the 1700s).

The work will, no doubt, be a delightful and valuable reference for all the related individuals who are a part of this family circle. It will also be worth review by other genealogists seeking guidelines for ways to assemble and display a family history of their own.

CHANDLER ANCESTRY OF KATE (CHANDLER) RHODES, compiled for the 90th Birthday Anniversary of Nancy (Rhodes) Morrow by Dorothy Keen, 1916 Blue Hills Road, Manhattan, KS 66502, December 3, 1989. Hardback, 368 pp., indexed, $25.00.

This book is the fifth in a series of family histories compiled and published for nonagenarians in the author's preceding generations. The Chandler ancestry of Kate Chandler Rhodes gives the linear descent of seven generations beginning with Roger Chandler of Concord, MA (1637-1716). He was the earliest proven Chandler of this line in Colonial America. In addition, the author has researched twenty-seven maternal ancestral families.

Kate was the daughter of Milo J. Chandler and the seventh generation descendant of Roger Chandler. Kate's pedigree chart is shown and also the pedigree chart of each of Kate's paternal ancestors. The first pages of the book contain an absorbing biography of Kate Chandler from her birth in 1865 to her death in 1929.

In addition to the Chandler family there are chapters on the Flagg, Wilson, Francis, Whitmore, Niles, Pendleton, Marsh and related families. This book is truly the story of many families all in the Chandler ancestry. There are innumerable copies of pictures, drawings, maps, letters, documents, and historical and personal narratives. The back pages of the book have a map tracing the routes taken across the continent by family members in their share of the shaping of America.

On page five under "Special Features" is a list of items of interest to non-family members.

The author has written an excellent book which should be of interest to any genealogist and a treasure for the members of the Chandler family.

THE FORTINEUX-FORTINET FAMILY (FORTNEY, FORTNA, FORDNEY, FURTNEY) IN AMERICA, 1989, by the Fortney-Fortna Genealogical Family, Inc., 379 Two Ponds Drive, Coalville, Ohio 45723-9531, hardback, 3 1/2 x 11, 600 pp., indexed, Evajean Fortney McKnight, editor.

The book, a history of a family, begins over three centuries ago in Europe with Jonas and Sara Fortneux. The earliest known record is in 1674 in the church of the Palantine town of Ollerberg, Germany. They probably were Huguenots because this was a French Reformed church.

From 1730 to 1755 as many as 100,000 Palantines left Germany for the German colony in Pennsylvania. Religious persecution, war ravaged land in the Rhine Valley, and the development of the colonies in America were the causes of the huge migration. The first Fortineux in America was Jean Henry, grandson of Jonas. He arrived in 1730. Others came from 1737 to 1741. They settled

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gifted family have had ample field for their display and exertion. Chancellor Livingston at the time of his death was in the 66th year of his age. His person was tall and commanding, and of portsition dignity. Gentle and courtious in his manner, pure and upright in his morals, his life was without reproach. Philip Livingston was my Grandfathers Great Grand father, John H Livingston. My Grand-Father was born in the state of New York, Nov 30th 1774, came to Indiana while yet a Territory. By profession a lawyer with Judge Isaac Dunne, of Laurenceburg Ind, has (been) associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana for years, 1838 to 1845. Died June 1st 1846, at Willmington Ind.

These are facts gathered from History and from different members of the Livingston family.

Writtin (sic) by -
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Anyone interested in preserving family and community records is invited to become a member. Dues are $10.00 per calendar year per family unit. Members receive the current year's issues of Kansas Kin. Genealogists are on hand each Tuesday and Thursday morning to help with genealogical problems. Free classes are held periodically. An hour's free research is provided for out-of-town members. Members can buy books approved by the Acquisition Committee as gifts to the Society. The Society will pay one-half the cost of such books.

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The RCGS quarterly is published in February, May, August, and November. The staff welcomes receiving Bible and church records, wills, school and court records, and family records and stories. Ancestor tables are limited to 68 lines. Material concerned with people or events in counties adjacent to Riley County as well as Riley County are solicited. If requested, family history books given to RCGS will be reviewed in Kansas Kin.

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November 26, Regular RCGS Meeting, Jo Esslinger, "The Usual and Unusual in Genealogical Research."

January 28, 1991, Regular Meeting, Kim Rues, "The Kansas River Trail and Territorial Capital."

## VOLUNTEER

# LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

(Our librarian in the comments below has thanked many individuals for volunteer work. RCGS owes her many thanks for the work she has done. Editor)

VOLUNTEERS--our society is made up of them and they are the greatest! I have been trying to keep track of many who have made my position as library chairman much simpler. I know I will omit some and some seem to prefer remain anonymous, but evidence of their presence is felt and appreciated.

This summer I organized a group to help "read" shelves as well as dust each book. Not a quick task considering our hundreds of volumes, but among the faithful have been Joe Ann Moore, Annie Burnett, Della Wray Blythe, Rebecca Rose, Susie DeBusk, and her children, Angie and Jonathan. Not often known, but frequently slipping in to do this work for years, has been Evelyn Brown. Thanks, Evelyn, for another task you have done well for us. And thanks to anyone else who has assisted in this work in the past weeks. If you have an hour a month, we'd enjoy your company. Let me know.

Our library has been receiving many new publications, as usual, but I do want to alert you to some of our recent purchases. John Davies and this acquisitions committee are keeping in mind our space limitations and have been exploring the availability of materials on microforms, both film and fiche. Just recently we have received many items on microfische. Check with our librarians as to the location and what is new on microfische.

I am certain that all who have visited us this past summer enjoyed the lovely flowers both in the rose garden and the beds near the front door. Naomi Johnson, Joe Ann Moore, as well as Ed Bagley, and others are to be commended for their loving care through our hot weather and rainy spells.

As you use our library, think about the need we have for more volunteers and offer your help if you live in our area. If you visit us in your travels, take a minute to enjoy our lively Platt House and its plantings. And remember, our librarians are also some of the most faithful and helpful ladies and gentlemen around. Enjoy these great autumn days and happy ancestor hunting.

Sherry Butler
Library Chairman

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## CORRECTION

On the cover of the August issue of Kansas Kin the Volume was inadvertently given as XXIII, please change this to XXVIII.

# Society News

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

In this issue of Kansas Kin is your dues notice for 1991. PLEASE RETURN THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR CHECK as soon as possible. You will note that there are lines for two optional gifts. One is for any donation you wish to make to the society for additional acquisitions. (RCGS Acquisition Gift). The other is for ongoing indexing programs at the National Archives. Each genealogist in the nation is asked to contribute $1.00 for this program. (National Archives Gift).

## RCGS ELECTION TIME

At the November General Meeting the membership will vote for officers for the 1991 year. At the September meeting, the nominating committee reported the following slate for the five elective offices:

President--Della Wray Blythe
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All of the above served as officers during the 1990 year and consented to the nomination.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Kansas State Historical Society has asked our Riley County Genealogical Society members to volunteer to scan microfilms of newspapers. The project requires a person to sit at a reader and scan through a film to detect any faults in filming, discolorations, etc.

If you are interested in helping in this project, sign your name on a sign-up sheet posted in our Library. Car pooling and arrangements with the State Historical Society can then be made.

## GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS

The society has been fortunate in having had excellent programs. Members who missed the September meeting when Randy Theis discussed the Ghost Towns of Kansas unfortunately failed to hear an excellent speaker. Try and attend the November meeting and get new tips on genealogical research and the January meeting to learn more about an early-day Kansas trail.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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# THE ESTES FAMILY -- SEVEN GENERATIONS

*A member of the Riley County Genealogical Society, Jesse R. Estes, submitted information which showed that he is a member of a family which has been in Kansas for seven generations and in Davis, Riley, and Pottawatomie Counties for six generations. The lineage is as follows: James Goodwin Morgan, d. Kansas; Elizabeth Mary Morgan Estes, d. Geary Co.; Jesse Zebulon Estes, d. Manhattan; Alvin Leroy Estes, b. Manhattan; Jesse Roy Estes, b. Manhattan, living in Wamego; Jessica Lynn Estes Ingram, b. Manhattan; and Jared Cody Ingram, b. Manhattan. Jesse's direct line members have their names underlined. Information about these members and others in the Estes family are in the following family outline submitted by Jesse R. Estes, 1310 17th Street, Wamego, KS 66547.*

## The Estes Family in Europe

The Estes family, so the tale goes, had its beginning in Italy ca. 1097 and the name goes on back to a Colony (ESTE) settled in 136 B.C. The history we can find and prove does not go that far back. The first ancestor we can find any hints of, but no proof, is Sylvester Estes, b. ca. 1540. His probable son, Robert Estes, b. ca. 1570 of Ringwold, Kent, England, m. Annie (ca. 1574-21 Apr 1634). Children all of Ringwold were: 1. Sylvester, chr 26 Sep 1596, m. Helen Martin; 2. Alice, chr 26 Mar 1597, m. Thomas Beane; 3. Matthew, b. ca. 1599; 4. Robert, chr 29 May 1603, m. Dorothy Wilson; 5. Thomas, chr 22 June 1605, m. Jean Wilson; 6. Susan, chr 30 Oct 1608; 7. John, chr 3 Mar 1610.

Robert Estes Jr. m. 31 Jan 1634 to Dorothy Wilson, b. ca. 1613 the daughter of Thomas Wilson. Robert Estes made his home in Ringwold, Kent, England until 1639. Tradition has the families moving to Wales and there are no further records in Ringwold after 1639. Robert and Dorothy's children were: 1. Robert, Jr., chr 27 Feb 1639; 2. Thomas, chr 23 Oct 1636, m. Jane (Jones?) 3. Sylvester, chr 9 Sept 1638; 4. Sarah, chr 22 Mar 1639 (last record in Ringwold); 5. Matthew, b. 28 May 1645; 6. Richard, b. Mar 1647. (Two other names, James and Moses, are added, but no information about them is available at present.)

## The Colonial Estes Family Members

According to Charles Estes in his book, The Estes Genealogy, 1895, Matthew and Richard Estes emigrated to New England and are the ancestors of the Northern line of Estes. Several people have told me they have a tradition of seven Estes brothers coming to America. The Estes family appears in VA approximately 1650. Thomas Estes and wife Jane (probably Jones) have two children on whom we can find records of any type: 1. Judith, mentioned in a will 3 July 1662 of Nathaniel Jones; 2. Abraham, b. ca. 1662, m. Barbara.

(Note: Mr. Estes states, "The documentation is shaky to this point: good from here on.)

Thomas Estes died in 1663. Records of any kind seem to be lacking for America in this time frame. Abraham Estes was probably b. ca. 1662 in Westmoreland Co., VA. Abraham m. Barbara and lived in King & Queen Co., Va. Their children were: 1. Abraham (1697-1750?); 2. Samuel; 3. Thomas, d. 1744, m. Ann; 4. Richard, b. 1705, will prob. Feb 1744, m. Mary; 5. Robert; 6. John; 7. Moses, b. ca. 1711; 8. Elisha, will prob. 30 Jan 1782, m. Mary Ann Stone; 9. Barbara, b. ca. 1713; d. 1729; 10. Sylvester; 11. Mary, m. Thos. Watkins; 12. Sarah; 13. Susannah, m. Thos. Poor.

Abraham Estes died 27 November 1720 in King and Queen Co., VA. Richard m. Mary and they lived in Hanover Co. (later Louisa Co.) VA. They were active in the Trinity Church, Fredericksville Parish. They had the following children: 1. Richard, Jr., b. 1728, will prob. 23 Aug 1799, m. Sarah; 2. Mary, b. ca. 1730, m. David Gentry; 3. Charles, b. 31 July 1735, m. Mary Thaxton; 4. Reuben, b. 1738, m. Delphia Adkins; 5. Letitia b. ca 1740, m. John Rice.

## The North Carolinians

Richard Estes d. Feb 1744. On 23 April 1747 the vestry for Fredricksville Parish employed Mary Estes as sexton of the church at North East Creek and allowed her wages of 500 lbs. of tobacco. On 28 July 1747 Mary Estes, widow, indentured her son Charles, a poor boy, to learn the carpenter trade. Reuben Estes m. Delphia Adkins and lived in Charlotte Co., VA. Reuben and Delphia moved to Burke Co., NC ca. 1780. Reuben belonged to the NC militia 1782-1784. We have his pay vouchers. Reuben and Delphia had the following children: 1. Labon, m. Elizabeth Webb; 2. Leonard, b. 10 Mar 1770, m. Francis Brown; 3. Lot, m. Lora Gilbert; 4. Larkin, m. Clarise Gilbert; 5. Lance, m. Lizzie Coffey; 6. Langston, m. Mary (Polly) Moore; 7. Letta, m. Thomas White; 8. Laura, m. John Loving; 9. Rhonda, m. Nathan Fletcher.

Reuben bought land in NC in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Rice, long before moving to Burke Co. Reuben's brother, Richard Estes, also was an Orange Co., NC freeholder bef. 1776. Reuben is listed with the DAR. A lot of information can be found on Reuben. Leonard and Francis became fairly prosperous and owned a large number of slaves. Dr. Leonard Estes, Esq., was a judge for many years in Burke Co., NC and later in life was a judge in Caldwell Co., NC. Caldwell Co. was formed from part of Burke Co. in 1841. Leonard and Fanny had the following children: 1. Letta, b. 1796, m. Abraham Corpening; 2. Richard, b. 1798, m. Louisa Puett; 3. Laborn, m. Polly Chambers; 4. Polly m. George Copening; 5. Leonard Jr., b. ca. 1801, m. Charity; 6. Sally, m. Solomon Roper; 7. John m. Ann Fainood; 8. Nancy, b. 1813, m. George Furganson; 9. Sophia, b. 1815, m. H. P. Grinnell; 10. Andrew Jackson, b. 9 April 1817, m. Mahalia Killion.

Richard and Louis Puett m. ca. 1818. Richard worked as a blacksmith and was in Indiana for about ten years. Richard belonged to the NC militia in 1865 at age 66 years. Their children were: 1. Leonard; 2. Milroy; 3. Charles; 4. Joseph P., b. 21 Aug. 1824, m. 1/ his cousin, Dicy Caroline Estes, m/2 Eliz. Mary Morgan; 5. Sophie, m. Madison Puett; 6. William, b. 1833, m. Polly White; 7. & 8. Two females, names unknown.

Not a lot is known about Richard and very few records exist of his life. Richard voted in the congressional election held on 13 Aug. 1835 on Johns River at White's Election Ground. The family had a bill of sale from Richard Estes to son Joseph Puett Estes for one negro girl, "Lila". Oath taken by Wm Puett, July 1848. Joseph Puett Estes first m. his cousin Dicy Caroline Estes on 20 Feb. 1848. They lived on the Mulberry branch of Johns River, Caldwell Co. near Colletsville, NC. Joseph P. and Dicy had the following children: 1. Loretta Josephine, b. 19 Mar 1849, m. Larkin M. Estes (a cousin); 2. Coleman Pinkney, b. 28 Feb. 1851, m. Emaline D. Blair; 3. Newton Leonard, b. 18 June 1853, never m.; 4. Melissa Luzena, b. 8 Oct. 1855, never m.; 5. Langston Osier, b. 22 Sept. 1858, m. Olive; 6. Julius Monroe, b. 15 July 1861, m. Kate; 7. David Moore, b. 9 Nov. 1864; 8. Columbus Sherman, b. 3 October 1867, never m, feeble minded.

**The Estes Family Move to Kansas**

Joseph P. worked as a blacksmith and a farmer. Joseph, a cousin, and two slaves were in KS in 1855/56 looking the land over for homesites. The cousin stayed while Joseph and the slaves returned to NC for the family. The political situation that became the War Between the States began heating up and Joseph chose to wait it out before moving. Joseph enlisted with the NC Confederate Govt. as a blacksmith, working out of his home, and other militia duties (81st Regt. NC Troops). Dicy Caroline Estes d. 25 Dec. 1867, just two and a half months after the birth of her eighth child, Sherman. A cousin of Joseph and Dicy came to help take care of the children --Elizabeth Mary Morgan of Moore Co., NC. The Joseph Estes family and Elizabeth Mary Morgan moved to KS during the summer of 1869. The baby, Sherman, was left with his grandparent, Mary Polly Moore, to be brought to KS later. They bought Railroad land close to the little community of Briggs located on McDowell Creek, Davis Co., KS. Joseph Puett Estes and Elizabeth Mary Morgan m. 31 Jan. 1870 at the Davis Co. Courthouse in Junction City, KS. Joseph and Elizabeth's children were: 1. Caroline Dicy, b. 30 April 1871, m. Heaton P. Tracy; 2. Anna Louisa, b. 13 June 1872, m. A. W. Henry Tracy (a brother of Heaton); 3. Olen Leonard, b. 19 Febr. 1874, m. Olive Bradshaw; 4. Jesse Zebulon, b. 29 May 1876, m. Pearl Edna Grover; 5. Sarah Puett, b. 21 Febr. 1878, m. A. W. Morehead; 6. Frankie Emma Jane Elizabeth, b. 22 Sept. 1879, m. Charles Hanson; 7. James Ernest, b. 2 Mar. 1882, m. Pearl Fern.

Two of the family's freed slaves also came to KS with Joseph P.--Lila is bu. near Briggs Cemetery, Geary Co., KS. The other, a young girl, m. a black soldier from Ft. Riley and moved to New York. Joseph P. became a well-liked farmer and blacksmith. Joseph and Elizabeth were known as "Pappy Joe and Mamm Estes". Joseph and Elizabeth are bu. in a family plot just off of I-70 at Government Hill Cemetery, Ft. Riley, Geary Co., KS.



Joseph Puett Estes Family
ca. 1877

top: Sarah Puett, Jesse Zebulon
middle: James Earnest
bottom: Elizabeth Mary, Frankie Emma Jane, Joseph Puett

**The Estes Family in Manhattan**

Jesse Zebulon Estes became a well-known water witcher, horseshoer and blacksmith in the Manhattan area around 1900. He was later appointed as Rural Mail Carrier for Ashland Bottoms, McDowell Creek and Deep Creek area. He carried mail on the same route for thirty-two years. Jesse Z. m. Pearl Edna Grover and they had the following children: 1. Alvin Leroy, b. 21 Dec.

*(Cont. p.70)*



# Church Records

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Six miles South and 1 mile West of Clay Center
N. E. corner of N. E. 1/4 of 12-9-2

The history of the Zion Lutheran Church of rural Clay county was intertwined with that of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clay Center from its beginning to its closing.

A group of families of German-Russian descent living south of town were members of the St. Paul church. In January of 1904, eleven of the families began to talk about the possibility of having their own church in order to establish a parochial school near their homes. They requested their release from St. Paul. Though other members of St. Paul's and District church officials all discouraged them, they persisted, and in July that same year they were granted their release. Reading services were conducted by the laymen and Pastor J. G. B. Keller of Palmer was invited to conduct communion services and to help at other special occasions. Immediately the new congregation built a church on land purchased from the widow and children of John A. Lewis. They then built a parsonage across the road east on an acre of land which they bought from John and Isabella Marshall.

During W. W. I the parochial school which had been conducted by the ministers was discontinued because of threats from those opposed to teaching Americans the German language.

A Ladies Aid Society was organized by the women and the young people organized a Walther League.

In 1947, at the end of the pastorate of C. A. Lobitz, Zion members began discussing reuniting with St. Paul. A shortage of pastors had developed, not only in the Missouri Synod, but in the church in general. Changes in transportation, farming, and the economy had caused a decline in Zion's membership. It was no longer practical to maintain a separate ministry in each church. St. Paul's invited Zion's members to rejoin them. On 5 January 1948, Zion voted to do so.

The church building was moved one mile west to the Hartner farm and the parsonage was moved one and a half miles north and became the home of the Floyd Smith family.

Christmas brings back happy memories for many former Zionites today as they recall the tall candle-lighted trees at Zion with two men standing guard with wet sponges in case of fire.

In its forty-three years of service the Zion congregation fulfilled God's purpose and when the right time came, its members, by reuniting with St. Paul's, helped to make it a stronger church.

Other ministers who served Zion were W. C. A. Martens, installed as its first pastor on 3 September 1905, Wm. Schmidt, J. H. W. Jacob, Walter Cook, Martin Frick, and Fred Kramer.

Family names found on the early church rolls were: Bergmeier, Bruenger, Burger, Diskau, Damkroger, Darnauer, Egdorf, Fries, Fuchs, Friedrich, Hartner, Hegel, Pomeranz, Jacob, Koch, Lenhart, Ruhter, Scheidermann, Stahr, Stroh, Schmale, Suden, Spilker, Vahsholtz, Willmann, Wendelkin.



# Cemetery Records

ZION LUTHERAN CEMETERY
Six miles South and 1 1/2 miles West of Clay Center. N. E. Corner of N 1/2 of N. W. 1/4, 12-9-2

Note: For this cemetery reading Mrs. Gerardy used three sources for information--a trip to the cemetery, the 1955 reading of the D. A. R., and the original plat which she found at St. Paul's Church. The plat shows names on some lots, but no burials; this reading, therefore, may not be complete, or individuals bought lots and there were no burials.

The D. A. R. had the names of C. Eye and F. Park on its list in 1955, but there are no markers for them today. The markers, if there were any, have disappeared.

The old plat of the cemetery shows these unmarked graves: William Bruenger, 1; Jacob Rietz, 2; George Brill, 1; and George Fuch, 1.

EGDORF, Fred, son of Charles & Katie, 1894-1952
Louise, b. 14 Oct. 1906; d. 17 Sept. 1909
Katie, 6 Mar. 1869, d. 3 Dec. 1937
Charles H., b. 16 Febr. 1871; d. 14 Oct. 1956
EYE, Christopher, J., b. 8 Sept. 1876, d. 3 Oct. 1948. Phelps Service, Abilene
HANSON, Rexford, U., b. 30 Nov. 1929; d. 9 Febr. 1930, son of Leo & Minnie Hanson
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# Book Reviews

THE MARRIAGES AND DEATHS CHRONICLED IN THE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AT WAMEGO, KANSAS 1867 TO 1900. Volume I., 1989. Compiled by Sylvester C. Ekart, 807 No. Second Street, Bismark, N.D., 58501. Spiral bound, 8 x 11, 364 pp., indexed. $100.

The newspaper articles reprinted in this book are from the following sources: Kansas Agriculturist, 22 February 1879 to 1 January 1900; Kansas Reporter, 17 August 1876 to 12 May 1882; Wamego Tribune, 1 September 1877 to 28 January 1879.

Through the courtesy of the Wamego Public Library, microfilm of the Wamego Newspapers were mailed to Mr. Ekart in Bismark, N. D. With help from the Bismark Veteran's Memorial Library, Mr. Ekart read and compiled this volume. The articles are copied verbatim in the interesting journalistic style of the time. The names of brides, grooms, and decedents are indexed.

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# Research

## GOOD NEWS FOR KANSAS RESEARCHERS

### Nature of the Microfilming Project

At long last the county records are being filmed by the LDS researchers in Kansas. This project, which is being coordinated by Dan Fitzgerald of the Archives Department of the Kansas State Historical Society, started at the southeast corner of the state and is moving closer to Riley County.

According to Fitzgerald over twenty counties have been completed and the films are ready for viewing at the Kansas State Historical Library at Tenth and Jackson in Topeka or they may be accessed through inter-library loans. Local societies may secure their own copies of the microfilms by arrangement with Fitzgerald.

### Nature of The Microfilmed Records

Through the facilities of the Genealogical Society of Utah, the microfilms include available records such as births, deaths, marriages, wills, court proceedings, naturalization and land records, family Bibles, cemetery lists, and local historical or biographical information. In addition our Riley County Genealogical Society may present compilations for microfilm.

### Counties Where Records Have Been Microfilmed

While several other counties may soon be available, the following list of counties may be viewed at this time: Cherokee, Crawford, Bourbon, Linn, Miami, Johnson, Wyandotte, Montgomery, Wilson, Woodson, Coffey, Osage, Labette, Neosho, Allen, Anderson, Franklin, Douglas, Jefferson, Shawnee, and Jackson.

## FORMS FOR MILITARY AND PENSION RECORDS

To obtain the General Information Leaflet Number 7 concerning the types of records available for military service, bounty-land warrant applications, and pension applications available in the National Archives write to:

Reference Services Branch (NNIR)
National Archives and Records Service
8th and Pennsylvania, NW
Washington, DC 20406

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# IMMIGRANTS FROM SWEDEN: THE ANDERSON FAMILY

*Tom Branigar, RCGS member from Abilene, continues his contributions based on his research on the Swedish families in Dickinson County.*

This research was undertaken in an attempt to identify the father of Andrew Anderson (1861-1936), one of the earliest Swedish settlers of Dickinson co, Kan. Andrew arrived in Dickinson co in late 1869 or early 1870 with his widowed mother Mrs Maria Johnson and settled in what is now the eastern part of Center twp. Maria remarried in Dickinson co on 4 Mar 1875 to Olaf Nystrom who was b 12 Aug 1838 in Sweden. This marriage was unsuc - cessful and they were divorced after a short time. Maria remarried 11 May 1878 in Dickinson co to Gustav Danielson who was b 1845 in Sweden. Gustav d 1 July 1898 and Maria d 14 Aug 1917. Both are bur in the Pleasant Hill cem E of Enterprise (obituaries Enterprise Journal 7 July 1898 and 16 & 23 Aug 1917).

Although Maria's life in Dickinson co is well documented, the identity of her first husband has long been a puzzle. He did not move to Dickinson co with the rest of his family and until recently little was known about him. The Enterprise historian, Mrs Ellen Peterson, wrote an article on Maria and Gustav Danielson which appeared in the Enterprise Journal on 17 Feb 1938. In the article she reported a curious tradition about Maria's previous husband. It was claimed that he had come to America but had stopped in Joplin, MO, while the rest of the family continued on to Dickinson co. His intention was to support the family by getting a job on the railroad. The family, however, never heard from him again and later learned he had been killed by Indians.

Since it proved impossible to document Maria's first husband in Dickinson co records, recourse was had to Swedish records. Fortunately Maria's home parish was known. She was one of 4 sisters and a brother who settled in Center twp. Two sis, Anna Sophia, wife of Erick August Engstrom, and Christine Charlotte, wife of John Pearson, immi,- grated at the same time as Maria and were listed next to her in the 1870 census. Another sis, Johanna , wife of Gustav Alstrom, arrived in Dickinson co about 1871, and a brother Johannes Anderson immigrated in 1880. This family had originated in Hallestad and Risinge parishes, Ostergotland co, Sweden.

During a recent trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the records of Hallestad and Risinge parishes were searched for information on Maria's background. It was discovered that she had been twice married in Sweden. She was born Maia Lisa Andersdotter and m1 in 1860 to Anders Andersson. Anders was the father of her son Andrew Anderson. Anders d 1865 and Maria m2 1868 to Anders Johan Jansson with whom she and her son immigrated to America in 1869. It was Mr. Jansson who remained behind in Joplin, MO. This made Olaf Nystrom her 3rd husb and Gustav Danielson her 4th husb. It also explained why Maria was using the surname Johnson when she settled in Dickinson co. It was merely the anglicised form of her 2nd husband's patronymic!

This article is based on the Swedish parish records at the Family History Library, and on the holdings of the Dickinson Co Historical Society in Abilene.

1. Maia "Maria" Lisa Andersdotter, b 10 Apr 1834 at Simonstorp farm, Hallestad parish, Ostergotland, Sweden; 3rd of 6 ch of Anders Svensson (1795-1858) and Elisabeth Jonsdotter (1805-1847). In 1842 the family mov to Risinge parish and settled at Hallatorp farm where Maria grew up. As an adult she returned to Hallestad parish where she m 26 Dec 1860 to Anders Andersson. Anders was b 1 Jan 1838 in Hallestad parish, son of Anders Olofsson and Anna Olofsdotter. Maria & Anders lived with his parents at Haggstorp farm in Hallestad parish. They had 1 son. Anders d 31 Aug 1865. After his death Maria remained at Haggstorp. She m2 on 19 Dec 1868 to Anders Johan Jansson, who was b 28 Aug 1834. In 1869 they immigrated to the US. Anders Jansson stopped in Joplin, MO, to take a job with a railroad but, according to family tradition, was killed by Indians shortly thereafter. Maria settled in Center twp, Dickinson co, Kan, where she lived the rest of her life. She m3 to Olaf Nystrom but was divorced, and m4 to Gustav Danielson who d 1898. Maria d 14 Aug 1917.
Child of Anders Andersson & Maria L. Andersdotter:
2 i. Anders, b 4 Sept 1861 [Andrew Anderson]

2. Andrew Anderson b 4 Sept 1861 at Haggstorp farm, Hallestad parish, the Swedish form of his name being Anders Andersson. He came to the US in 1869 with his mother & step-father and settled E of Enterprise in Center twp, Dickinson co, Kan, where he grew up. He later mov to near Oberlin, Decatur co, Kan, where he m 18 Feb 1888 to Matilda C. Setterburg. She was b 22 Mar 1863 in Sweden and immigrated to the US in 1883. Andrew & Matilda had 5 sons & 4 daus, of whom 1 son & 1 dau d in infancy. They lived near Oberlin where their first 2 ch were born, but moved back to the Enterprise area about 1891. Matilda d 19 May 1915 at Oberlin and Andrew d 1 June 1936 near Enterprise (obits in Enterprise Journal 20 & 27 May 1915 and 4 June 1936). Both are bur in the Pleasant Hill cem.
Children of Andrew Anderson & Matilda Setterburg:
3 i. Blenda N., b 16 Nov 1888
ii. Edgar E., b 10 Nov 1890; grew up near En.- terprise and farmed in Dickinson co all his life; m 6 May 1915 to Ethel McFerren and had 10 ch; d 28 Apr 1965 at Abilene (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 18 May 1965)
iii. Mabel O., b 14 Dec 1892; m 26 Mar 1919 to Clarence Paul and had 3 ch; d 15 Sept 1968 at Abilene (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 16 Sept 1968)
iv. Arvid H., b 3 Mar 1895; m 12 Dec 1925 to Clara V. Herman; had 2 ch; d 17 Aug 1981 at Abilene (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 18 Aug 1981)
v. Harry, b 23 July 1897; lived all his life near Enterprise; drowned while swimming in the Smoky Hill River near Enterprise 9

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1911, m. Elizabeth Effie Smith; 2. Joseph Sumner, b. 23 July 1918, m/1 Milly Lunday, m/2 Dona Bowers; 3. Mary Elizabeth, b. 9 Nov. 1920, m. Ernest Reichle.

Alvin was drafted DOD 1942 and served as a Firefighter at Ft. Riley, KS. He later became a printer and was foreman of the Kansas State University pressroom. He retired with twenty-eight years of service. He and his wife, Elizabeth Effie Smith, had the following children: 1. Jesse Roy, b. 19 May 1938, m/1 Karen Kahrs, m/2 Shaila Jean Latschar; 2. Linda Lee, b. 24 Dec. 1940, m/1 Jack Cowan; m/2 Howard Pears.

Alvin played in several bands in the area and was nicknamed, "Toad." Jesse Roy attended Kansas State University intending to be a Vocational Agriculture and History instructor. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Jesse was drafted and served in various active duty and reserve Army positions. Principal duties were the instruction of recruits and working with logistics. Jesse R. retired as First Sgt. after twenty-six years of service. Jesse m. Shaila Jean Latschar and they have these children: 1. Barry Ray, b. 11 Sept. 1966; 2. Jessica Lynne, b. 16 May 1968, m. Thomas Ingram; 3. Charles Roy, b. 29 Oct. 1970.

Jesse now works as a Mental Health Worker and Shaila is a Rural Mail Carrier. The newest addition to the Estes family is a grandson, Jared Cody Ingram, b. 8 March 1989 in Manhattan.

Yes, genealogy is for everyone, and anyone can become a genealogist. Anyone means the group of Brownies showing excitement over learning how to trace their families, the enthusiastic oldsters, some of whom are immigrants themselves, and others who are 200-year American descendants. All share the same interest and zeal for seeking family roots.--John W. Heisey, for Antique Week.

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July 1916; bur Pleasant Hill cem (obit Enterprise Journal 13 July 1916)

vi. Edith, b Mar 1900; d young prior to the 1910 census

vii. a son, b after the 1900 census; d young prior to the 1910 census

viii. Laura, b 1905; m Ben Haase; living at Ellsworth, Kan, 1963 and 1981

ix. Lawrence, b 1905; living at Dighton, Kan, 1936 and 1968; d prior to 1981

3. Blenda N. Anderson, b 16 Nov 1888 near Oberlin, Decatur co, Kan; mov to Dickinson co about 1891 and settled near Enterprise where she grew up; m 6 Sept 1911 in Dickinson co to Robert H. Topliff He was b 25 Mar 1888 in Jewell co, Kan, the son of William & Elizabeth Topliff, and mov to Enterprise as a young man. He ml 1908 to Sadie Smith who d 6 Aug 1909 leaving a dau Iris. Blenda & Robert had 3 ch. They lived near Enterprise until 1926 when they moved to Abilene. Blenda d 24 Mar 1963 and Robert d 4 Aug 1978. Both are bur in the Mount Hope cem at Enterprise (obits Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 9 Apr 1963 and 5 Aug 1978).
Children of Robert H. Topliff & Blenda Anderson:

i. Everett, grad from Abilene High School 1931; living at Fort Smith, Ark, 1963; d before 1978

ii. Viola, grad from Abilene High School 1932; m Clifford Lipps; living at Wellington, Kan, 1946; Prairie Village, Kan, 1963; Woodburn, Ore, 1978.

iii. Ruth, b 15 Aug 1915; d 23 Aug 1915; bur Mount Hope cem at Enterprise.

# Queries ??

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