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Memorial Gifts: Families of a deceased member or non-member will be notified that a donation was received by RCGS. Donors may designate the gift for a specific purpose. Otherwise, within 90 days, the Board will identify projects.

Calendar

General Meetings -

Held at 2 P.M. in Manhattan Public Library

March 28
April 25
June 27
September 26

Dates to Remember——

Work Day– May 1
Annual Meeting Nov 15 (tentative)

The library will be closed

Easter
Memorial Day
July 4th
Thanksgiving, Nov 24, 25
Christmas, Dec 25, 26
New Years Day 2005

June 12, 2004— KCGS Conference and Annual Meeting, Manhattan, KS. Speaker is Pamela Boyer Porter.

Please Note:
The email address for RCGS has been changed to rcgs03@cox.net

President's Message
Dorothy Dickerhoof

There are exciting things happening at the Riley County Genealogical Society these days. In 2005, Manhattan and the surrounding Riley County area will celebrate its sesquicentennial – 150 years since the settling of the area. There will be many events occurring throughout the year. With this in mind, the RCGS Board of Director's approved the publication of a book about the early settlers of the area, those who were here in the period of 1850 to 1860 and later. Evelyn Brown had already done quite a bit of preliminary work in identifying approximately 65 early residents who had not been featured in the book *Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie*. At present, volunteers are researching these early residents.

It is exciting to observe the pleasure these researchers are having in finding information about the area as well as the people and the hardships they endured in the 1850s. We should all be much more knowledgeable about Manhattan and the nearby area when we are through. If you would like to be a part of this project, there is room for you. Please read the article elsewhere in Kansas Kin and let us know what you would like to do. Thank you, Evelyn Brown, for suggesting this project.

The Board recently approved making the Ad-hoc financial committee a permanent advisory committee. Shirley DeLano, the chair, will now become a Board member.

Karen Peterson has taken over her duties as Vice-President and will soon be announcing some classes. If you have a request for a class on a particular subject, let Karen know. The Board welcomes these two volunteers to their positions.

We are looking forward to another great year at RCGS. Bring a friend and come for a visit.

New Members

Linda Fetters. 2839 Kelly Drive, Manhattan
Marcie Phillips. 2730 Brittany Ter. #10, Manhattan
Elizabeth Ramsey. 3424 Gary Ave., Manhattan
James and Rebecca Wood. 1800 Cassell Rd., Manhattan
Lynn and Lloyd Petersen, P.O.Box 153, Enterprise, KS.
Mary J. Yonning, 3160 Sand Creek Rd.,Wamego, KS

2004 NGS Conference in California

We are pleased to invite you to the 2004 NGS Conference in the States, "A Golden Prospect". This annual gathering of the nation's leading genealogical speakers, suppliers and exhibitors will be held May 19th - 22nd, 2004 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA.

The 2004 host is the Genealogical & Historical Council of Sacramento Valley.

Many vendors and societies will fill Exhibit Hall A at the Sacramento Convention Center.

RCGS Wins Awards –

The 2003 Nyle H. Miller Local Historical Organization Award for Excellence was presented to the Riley County Genealogical Society of Manhattan, Kansas, Friday evening, November 7, by the Kansas State Historical Society at its 128th Annual Meeting held in Topeka, Kansas. The Riley County Genealogical Society's winning publication, Cemeteries of Riley County Kansas excluding Manhattan City Cemeteries, was judged best of all entries in its category. The judges were from Newton and Topeka, Kansas. Jane Brown, Publications Coordinator, for the local Society accepted the award. Wanda Arocho, Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas State Historical Society, assisted in the presentation of awards. Winning awards were made in six categories. by Jane Brown,

2004 Survival Tips for Online Genies

1. Back up your genealogy files. Save backup copies of your genealogy files to an external hard drive, a Zip drive or a CD or DVD burner –not just to your hard drive. Uploading a GEDCOM to WorldConnect provides yet another way to prevent loss of your compiled genealogy.

2. Back up your personal files (letters, reports, e-mail correspondence and addresses, photos, and financial records).Save to an external hard drive, a Zip drive or a CD or DVD burner.

3. Print out all of your passwords and the names of all the mailing lists and message boards of interest. Save this information where you can find it in the event of a hard disk crash or other disaster. If you are a county coordinator, be sure you have that website account name and password saved somewhere other than on your hard drive.

RootsWeb users can obtain their forgotten passwords, user IDs and information about the mailing lists to which they are subscribed by going to Password Central and requesting same. Click on the PASSWORDS tab at the top of a RootsWeb page, or go to:
http://passwordcentral.rootsweb.com/

4. Locate all of your software product keys. In the event of a hard disk crash you will have to re-install all of your computer software and you will need these product keys – the numbers, letters or codes you must enter when installing some software. Make a record of these numbers. They are probably on your installation disk cases or sleeves. Without them you will have to buy new copies of your software – and that can get expensive fast.

5. Find all of your software installation disks. Keep them in a safe storage place.

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Mid-Continent Library Receives Holdings of Heart of America Genealogical Society

Submitted by Joe Anne Moore

In the summer of 2002 an agreement was made between the Heart of America Genealogical Society and Mid-Continent Public Library in Kansas City to transfer ownership of the HAGS genealogy book collection to the library's circulating collection.

This collection numbers about 9,000 books. Almost 7,000 books will be processed to circulate within the Mid-continent system and through the United States.rare or fragile books will not circulate.

Recently St. Louis County Library was the beneficiaary of the National Genealogy society's circulating collection of 20,000 volumes.Someone might just be willing to loan the exact title you are looking for.

Check with our local library for help in borrowing these books.

The Family of Margaret Gantenbein, Early Dickinson County Settler

by Tom Branigar

This research was undertaken to identify the family of Margaret Gantenbein, an early settler of Dickinson County, KS (DKCO). Margaret imm to US from Switz in 1876 and settled at Enterprise, Center twp, DKCO. She appears in 1880 census of Center twp as Margaret Gantenbein, divorced, with a son Andrew Gantenbein. She m2 in 1883 to Frederick Reich, by whom she had 4 ch. They were also divorced and Margaret m3 to Henry Winteroth who d 1924. After Henry's death she mov to Portland, Ore, to live with her dau Dorothy Calkins. Margaret d at Portland in 1926 and was bur in New Basel cem in DKCO.

When Margaret arrived in DKCO there was another Gantenbein family living in the county. This family was descended from Fredolin & Anna (Hilty) Gantenbein of Grabs, St Gallen, Switz, who had imm to US in 1868 and settled at New Basel. When Margaret died a brief death notice appeared in the 16 Dec 1926 issue of the Enterprise Journal, which said she was a cousin of Mrs M. Hoffman of Enterprise. This was Agatha, wife of Michael Hoffman and dau of Fredolin & Anna Gantenbein. However, the death notice gave no information on Margaret's birth or parentage. It was not clear if she was related to the Gantenbeins by blood, or if the connection was through her unidentified first husband. It seemed likely that sources in Oregon, where she died, might contain more detailed information that would permit the exact connection to be determined.

During a recent research trip to Oregon, the old Portland newspapers at the state library in Salem were checked. A funeral notice for Margaret was found in the 11 Dec 1926 issue of the Portland Oregonian, which gave a list of her survivors. One of these was a sister Mrs Katherine Tischhauser of New Basel. Katherine died in 1932. Her obit in the 14 Apr 1932 issue of the Abilene Chronicle reported that she was a dau of Andrew & Katherine Gantenbein of Grabs, St Gallen, Switz, and had imm to the US in 1902. This meant that Gantenbein was actually Margaret's maiden name, to which she had reverted after her divorce. Such a reversion was not unique as several other pioneer women of DKCO are known to have done this (for examples see Kansas Kin Nov 1998, Aug 2002 and Nov 2003).

The following account of Margaret Gantenbein's family is based on the holdings of the DKCO Historical Society and old newspapers at the Kansas State Historical Society and the Oregon State Library.

Andrew Gantenbein, m Katherine —; they were living at Grabs, St Gallen, Switz, in 1854 where their dau Katherine was born; Andrew was probably a bro of Fredolin Gantenbein who was an early settler of DKCO. Andrew & Katherine stayed in Switz but 2 daus imm to US
Children of Andrew Gantenbein & Katherine —:

1 i. Margaret, b 28 Feb 1851, Switz
2 ii. Katherine, b 17 June 1854, Switz

1. Margaret Gantenbein, b 28 Feb 1851 in Switz; m —, about whom nothing is known; they were div, probably in Switz, and Margaret resumed her maiden name; she imm to US 1876 and settled at Enterprise; appears in 1880 census of Center twp with 1 son Andrew Gantenbein; m2 on 14 Aug 1883 as "Mrs Margaret Gantenbein" (DKCO marriage rec) to Frederick Reich; they appear in 1885 census of Enterprise; they were div in 1891 (DKCO district court case 2350); m3 on 6 Apr 1896 (Geary co marriage rec) to Henry Winteroth; he was b 1835 in Ger; imm to US and lived many yrs in Ill; mov to DKCO in the early 1880s; appears in 1885 census of Fragrant Hill twp as a widower with 9 ch; Henry & Margaret appear in 1900 census of Union twp, which lists her 4 Reich children under name Winteroth; Henry d 1924 and was bur in New Basel cem (tombstone); Margaret later mov to Portland, Ore, to live with her dau Dorothy; she d 10 Dec 1926 in Portland, and was bur in New Basel cem (tombstone; death notice Portland Oregonian 11 Dec 1926, Enterprise Journal 16 Dec 1926)
Child of — & Margaret Gantenbein

3 i. Andrew S. Gantenbein, b 9 Mar 1871, Switz

Children of Frederick Reich & Margaret

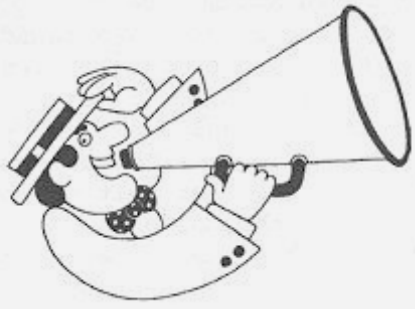
Gantenbein:
4 ii. Dorothy Catherine Reich, b Nov 1884
iii. John Harvey Reich, b 1 Dec 1886; m and had 3 ch; lived at Perry, Kan; d 22 Dec 1975, Topeka, Kan (obit Oskaloosa Independent 1 Jan 1976)
iv. Frederick William Reich, b July 1889; d 16 Apr 1906, Topeka (death notice Enterprise Journal 20 Apr 1906)
v. Walter Christian Reich, b 11 Mar 1891; d Dec 1969, Topeka (social security death index)

2. Katherine Gantenbein b 17 June 1854 at Grabs, St Gallen, Switz; imm to US 1902 and settled near New Basel, DKCO; m in Mar 1910 to John Tischhauser; he was b 6 Dec 1844 in Switz; imm to US 1852; settled near New Basel in the 1860s; m1 to Elsbeth Hoffman by whom he had several ch; Elsbeth d 23 July 1906 and was bur in New Basel cem (tombstone); John & Katherine had no ch; John d 13 Aug 1913 and Katherine d 6 Apr 1932 (tombstones; obit Abilene Chronicle 14 Apr 1932); both are bur in New Basel cem

3. Andrew S. Gantenbein, b 8 Mar 1871 in Switz; son of Margaret Gantenbein by her unidentified first husb; raised by his mother after her divorce and assumed the Gantenbein name; imm to US with his mother 1876; appears with her in 1880 census of Center twp; not found in 1885 or 1900 census of DKCO; m 15 Oct 1902 (DKCO marriage rec) to Rosa M. Biehler; she was b 11 Oct 1884 at Herington, dau of Conrad & Katie Biehler; they lived near New Basel; Andrew d 24 June 1930 and was bur in New Basel cem (obit Enterprise Journal 26 June & 3 July 1930); Rosa m2 to A.D. White who d 26 Jan 1957 and was bur in New Basel cem (tombstone; obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle (RC) 28 Jan 1957); Rosa d 16 Dec 1967 in Wichita and was bur next to her 2 husbands in New Basel cem, where her tombstone gives her name as Gantenbein (obit RC 18 Dec 1967)
Children of Andrew S. Gantenbein & Rosa M. Biehler:
i. William, d 5 Feb 1907, age 2 weeks; bur at Herington (death notice Enterprise Journal 7 Feb 1907)
ii. Lela, b 6 Feb 1908; m1 George Carrier; had 2 sons; m2 Clinton Emig; d 28 Dec 2000; bur New Basel cem (obit RC 12 Jan 2001)
iii. Kathryn, b Mar 1910; m Clyde Daniels; had 1 dau; d 12 Mar 1980, Wichita, Kan, age 69y 11m 20d (death notice RC 13 Mar 1980)
iv. Effie, b 20 Dec 1911; m Paul E. Emig; had 2 sons; d 11 Apr 1992; bur Greenlawn cem (obit RC 14 May 1992)
v. Dorothy, b 12 Aug 1915; m — Foster; had 3 ch; d 23 July 1994, Wichita, Kan (social security death index; death notice Wichita Eagle 25 July 1994)
vi. John, b 25 Sept 1918; m Donna Lexow; had 1 son; d 12 Dec 1986; bur Abilene cem (obit RC 28 Jan 1987)

4. Dorothy Catherine Reich, b Nov 1884 at Enterprise; appears as Dora Reich in 1885 census of Enterprise and as Dora Winteroth in 1900 census of Union twp; m 24 Apr 1902 (DKCO marriage rec) Ralph B. Calkins; he was b June 1879 in Ill, son of George & Rosa Calkins; mov to DKCO as an infant; appears with his parents in 1880 census of Union twp and 1885 & 1900 census of Lyon twp; the Calkins family was living in Albuquerque, NM, in 1908 when their son was born; by 1926 they had settled in Portland, Ore, where they lived the rest of their lives; Ralph d 16 Nov 1946 and Dorothy d 4 May 1973; both are bur in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Portland (funeral notices Portland Oregonian 18 Nov 1946 & 6 May 1973)
Child of Ralph B. Calkins & Dorothy C. Reich:
i. Harry T., b 4 Feb 1908, Albuquerque, NM; d 28 Feb 1983, Portland, Ore; m Hallie —; had 2 daus (social security death index; obit Portland Oregonian 3 Mar 1983)

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Come Help!

C150 PROJECT

At its November meeting, the Board of Directors of RCGS adopted a sesquicentennial project to publish a book of 1850s Riley County pioneers.

Though 117 of these 1850s pioneers were published in *Pioneers of the Blue Stem Prairie,* an additional 60 some will be researched for this publication.

A committee consisting of Kirk Baker, Della Wray Blythe, Evelyn J Brown, Dorothy Dickerhoof, Glee Eggers and Pat Wadick decided what the book would contain besides the biographies. A brief history of Riley County will be written by Mary Roberts who also wrote that segment for *Pioneers of the Blue Stem Prairie.*

James and Marian Bradley have agreed to be Co-editors. Margaret Parker will enter the copy on computer. All three of these volunteers reside at Westmoreland and will work closely together.

Area newspapers have been notified of the project and several descendants of the pioneers have been found. More researchers are needed so check a pioneer packet out of the library. Instructions and suggested basic references are given. All copy is to be in by June 2004 and the book published in January, 2005.

This is a rare opportunity to become involved in a society activity. Please join in the effort today.

Some Useful Geneealogy Websites

(information provided by Mid-Continent Public Library) Taken from The River's Bend, vol 7. No. 1, Dec. 2003

New Mexico Genealogy Resources <http:/www.genealogybranches.com/newmexico.html> Directory of on-line records and research guides including information about the Spanish colonial period.

Jewish Genealogy <http://family-links.info/>

Croatia in English <http://www.croatia-in-english.com> Primarily genealogy, but also information on translation, travel, and cusstoms.

A to Z Marriages <http://www.atozmarriages.com> Search on-line marriagerecordss for the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Baltimore Passenger Lists - filling the Gaps, 1820-1840's <http://www.genesearch.com/baltimore/> Resources for filling in the gaps of theearly baltimore customs and city passenger lists. Includes a searchable database for 1839.

Measuring America: The Decennial Censuses from 1790 to 2000 <http://www.census.gov/prod/202pubs/pol01-ma.pdf>

What Happened on This date? <http://www.angelfire.com/ma2/massmarriages/history.html>

Geographic Names Information System <http://www.mapping.usgs.gov/www/gnis>

Missouri State Archives <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/Default.asp>

Koreean War Mailing List <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Military/KOREAN-WAR.html>

Records Preservation and Access (Forum Vol 15, No. 2)

Illinois —

Research requests may be submitted to the Illinois State Archives by non-Illinois residents if accompanied by a 10 dollar fee. The prepaid fee entitles the requester to receive up to two unofficial noncertified copies of the records requested. This information has been posted to the Illinois State Archives Web site. Mailed requests should be sent to Illinois State Archives, Reference Unit, Margaret Cross Norton Building. Capitol Complex, Springfield, IL 62756. Checks should be payable to Illinois Secretary of State.

Ohio —

Only certified copies of vital records may be obtained from the Ohio Department of Health as of July 2003. This raises the price to $15. Previously, local registrars could charge less.

Louisiana —

An index to births from 1790 to 1900 for Orleans Parish is on-line at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/la/orleans/birth_alpha.htm>
Click onto Births Certificates for an alphabetical search of the index. If you click onto the child's name the text of the certificate may appear.
To order a certificate, send $5.00 with the name, volume, and page number, to Louisiana State Archives, 3851 Essen Lane, P.O. box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70-804-9125. The boundaries of Orleans Parish are the same as those of the city of New Orleans.

THE TWELVE STEPS FOR RECOVERING GENEALOGISTS

Contributed by Pauline Norby

1. I admit that I am powerless over my gedcom and that my life has become unmanageable.

2. I believe that there is a greater power other than genealogy and that it will restore sanity to my life.

3. I have made a decision to turn my life over to non genealogists and hope that they will understand me.

4. I have admitted to myself and other genealogists that I am addicted to my obituary files.

5. I vow to no longer discuss "dead people" with my few remaining friends in hopes that they will remain my friends.

6. I promise to take photographs of things other than tombstones.

7. My only source of reading material will no longer be census, wills, death certificates and obituaries.

8. I will not spend family vacations in out-of-state libraries and courthouses.

9. Family picnics will no longer be held in cemeteries.

10. My family will no longer be referred to as "the live ones."

11. My time spent on the Internet will be limited to sites other than Rootsweb.com, GenForum.com and MyGenealogy.com.

12. I will carry these messages to other genealogists and practice these principles every day.

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RCGS/KCGS Are Co-Hosting
a
Spring Conference

featuring

Pamela Boyer Porter

Her Lecture Topics:

Nature or Nurture: Researching Your Real Family
Rogues and Rascals: Divorced, Litigious, or Downright Criminal Relatives
Spreadsheet Tricks for Genealogists
Why Use a Desktop Publishing Program?

Pam is an energetic and personable lecturer and is well qualified.
Should you wish to know more about her, check her website
<http:www.memorylane.com>

Date: June 12, 2004 Pottorf Hall in Cico Park, Manhattan, Kansas

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Or email us at rcgs03@cox.net

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Save Those Labels



We continue to save Best Choice UPC codes. For each 1,000 collected, we receive $30 from Associated Wholesale Grocers. Bring them to the library and place them in the marked can on the librarian's desk or mail them. All we need is the bar code like this sample. The numbers beneath are important, so try not to clip them off. Thanks for your help.

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Census Verification Project

Several members of the RCGS have completed verifying the enumeration districts for the 1920 Kansas census for Riley County and its surrounding counties. This involved reading 7 reels of microfilm and then proofreading the same reels.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies announced this volunteer effort for all census years 1900 - 1930 in the summer of 2003. RCGS began its effort in September 2003 and completed the reading in December 2003.

The following members should be complemented for their efforts in this nationwide project: Evelyn Brown, Dorothy Dickerhoof, Jan Wichman and Muriel Wilson.

Submitted by Evelyn Brown

Wish List RCGS

From time to time the RCGS board makes up a wish list. If there is anything on the list that the reader sees which he might be willing to donate to the society, we would be pleased to know this.

This list is submitted by the Acquisitions Committee and is for books. RCGS' normal practice is to ask donors to pay half of the cost which would then be matched by the society budget.

1. ***Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, Vols 3 (New York), 4 and 5 (Ohio), 6(Virginia).*** It is estimated that 50 % of Americans before the Civil War were of Quaker Descent. Monthly meetings recorded the births, deaths, disowning, marriages, and business of families not recorded in civil registrations. $75 each

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5. ***Understanding and Using Baptismal Records*** by John Humphreys- $17.95

Other needs which the library has are copy paper, cleaning supplies (paper towels, broom, plastic trash bags, etc.) Money for printer ink, $200 for a computer table, projector to attach to a laptop.

Buying the Barn

A stranger came by the other day with an offer that set me to thinking. He wanted to buy the old barn that sits out by the highway. I told him he was crazy. He was a city type, you could tell by his clothes, his hands, and the way he talked. He said he was driving by and saw that beautiful barn sitting out in the tall grass and wanted to know if it was for sale. I told him he had a funny idea of beauty.

Sure it was a handsome building in its day. But then, there's been a lot of winters pass with their snow and ice and howling wind. The summer sun has beat down on that old barn till all the paint's gone, and the wood has turned silver gray. Now the old building leans a good deal, looking kind of tired. Yet, that fellow called it beautiful.

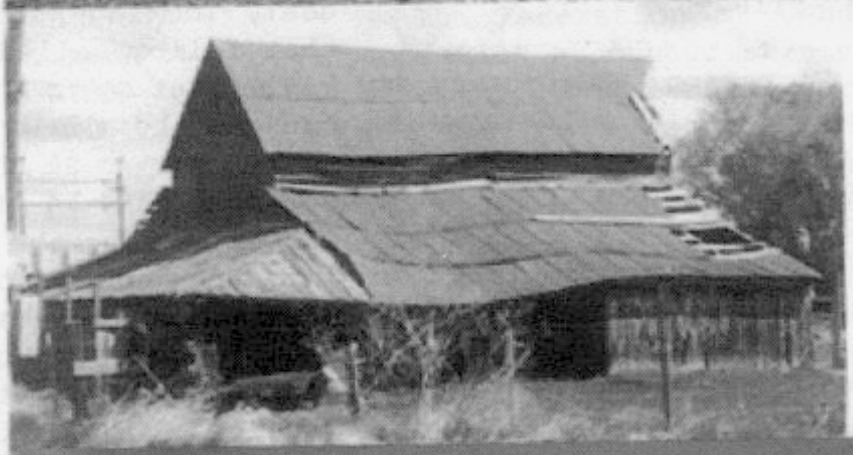
That set me to thinking. I walked out to the field and just stood there, gazing at that old barn. The stranger said he planned to use the lumber to line the walls of his den in a new country home he's building down the road. He said you couldn't get paint that beautiful. Only years of standing in the weather, bearing the storms and scorching sun, only that can produce beautiful barn wood.

It came to me then. We're a lot like that, you and I. Only it's on the inside that the beauty grows with us. Sure we turn silver gray too...and lean a bit more than we did when we were young and full of sap. But the Good Lord knows what he is doing. And as the years pass He's busy using the hard wealth of our lives, the dry spells and the stormy seasons, to do a job of beautifying our souls that nothing else can produce. And to think how often folks holler because they want life easy.

a rich man's house. And I reckon someday you and I will be hauled off to Heaven to take on whatever chores the Good Lord has for us on the Great Sky Ranch. And I suspect we'll be more beautiful then, for the seasons we've been through here...and just maybe even add a bit of beauty to our Father's house

author unknown







Modern Woodmen of America

May be able to help your find information about your ancestors. If your ancestor was an active member of the society his life insurance records may help verify information. Death benefit claim records from 1884 through 1946 provide: name of insured, date of certificate, camp number and location, date of death, cause of death, occupation. Some may also give date and place of birth, nationality and beneficiary. Contact Gail Ann Levis at Modern Woodmen of America (309-786-6481) to request information. (from Forum, Volume 15, No.3)

(Kansans Cont)
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Some Interesting Kansans

Charles Curtis -

He was born in North Topeka, Kansas. He was the great-great-grandson (on his mother's side) of White Plume, the Kansa-Kaw chief who offered assistance to Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1 804. A self-taught lawyer, he was elected Shawnee County Attorney at age 24. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1893-1907 and in the U.S. Senate from 1907 until elected Vice-President in 1929. He served as the 31st Vice-President under Herbert Hoover. There is a marker for him in the Topeka Cemetery.



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ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS/CHANGES to RCGS publications

Riley County Cemeteries, other than Manhattan City, Year 2000, published by The Riley County Genealogical Society in July 2003

Fancy Creek/Randolph Cemetery, please insert the following changes:
PETER, Arthur J., b. 22 May 1893, d. 7 November 1986
PETER, C. F. (Charles Frederick), b. 2 March 1881, d. 1 August 1970
PETER, Edwin H., b. 23 April 1881, d. 22 June 1983
PETER, Helen C., b. 10 May 1886, d. 2 September 1976
PETER, William F., b. 28 January 185

Swede Creek Cemetery, please correct the following date:
HEISER, Rev. Wm. - death date from 27 Nov 1844 to 27 Nov 1884.

RCGS will appreciate receiving corrections/changes/updates and will share them with the membership through the *Kansas Kin* Quarterly.

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ENHANCEMENT TO 1910 POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS, FEDERAL CENSUS

(Census was compiled by Sy Ekart and the below additional information is supplied by Marian Bradley, RCGS member.)

The following information is being presented to assist and enhance your family research. Some helpful information, not found in the census, include variant spelling of family names, addition of family members not listed, and some known dates. Permission is granted by Mr. Ekart to add them to his 1910 Census publication. For further information contact the RCGS library.
(enhancements cont)

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b. *Index to "A Century of Faith"* First Lutheran Church, located at Tenth and Poyntz, Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, catalog number 975.8 Riley K2F

c. *Index to And They Called the Site "St. Mary's"*, located in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, catalog number 975.8 Potta H2h

d. *Index to Standard Atlas of Riley County, Kansas 1909 with Plat Maps*, Villages, Cities and Townships of Riley County, Kansas, catalog number 975.8 Riley E3s

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201 Bothe, Louis, year of immigration is 1885.
205 Flenthrop, Jess - daughter is Ena and son is Ronald.
213 Scott, A. M. second child's name is Clyde, 8.
213 Scott, W. A. three children: Irene, Cleda, and Walter.
219 Whearty F. T., farmer, Elsie's birthplace and that of her parents is Illinois, son age 12 is Lawrence Francis, daughter age 10 is Mabel Ellen.
220 Phium - that has to be Eph, with wife Agnes Unterberger isn't it?
279 Deming, Albion.
80 Fraunce, Henry and Laura.
285 Manthe, Henry A.
294 Cornelius, Andrew J., wife is Dora.
315 under Gager, the uncle is Milo P. Morse.
318 Kahn, this is Kuhn.
320 Morris - this is Milo P. Morse.
322 Regnier, and the daughter is LaNora.
491 Brenton, Elvin H.
492 Chidester, Charles.
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493 Detro, John.
502 Taylor, Ira W. - son is Vern.

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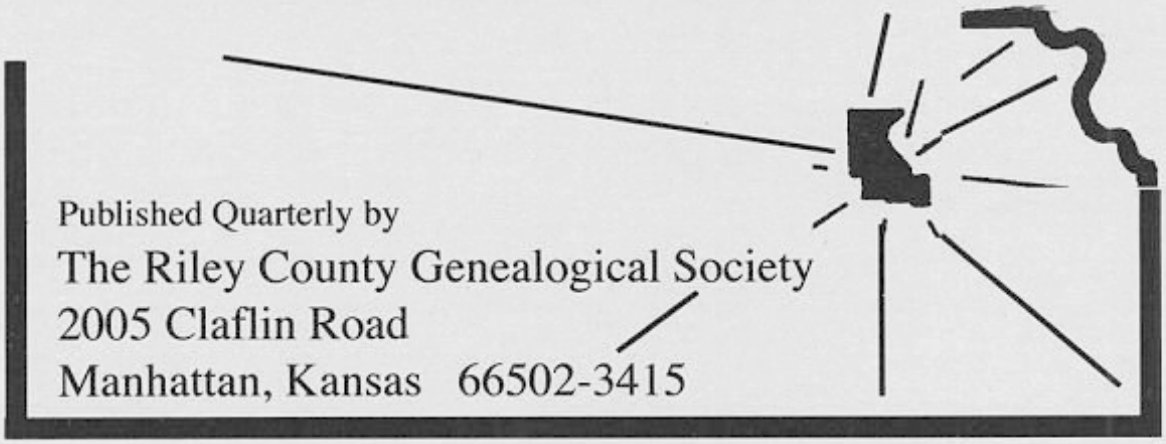
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June 12, 2004— KCGS Conference and Annual Meeting, Manhattan, KS. Speaker is Pamela Boyer Porter.

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President's Message
Dorothy Dickerhoof

Work continues on the Sesquicentennial project. All research should be completed by June and the plan is to have the book published by January 2005 as the 150 year birthday celebration of Manhattan and Riley County begins. This project has been a great learning experience for those doing the research, both from the standpoint of sources of genealogical information and the history of the area.

On June 12, 2004, Riley County Genealogical Society will co-host the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies annual conference at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan. Pamela Boyer Porter will present several interesting sessions during the day. You should have already received a flyer with registration information. The early deadline is May 22. For more information and the registration form, log on to our website at rileycgs.com.

The acquisitions committee has accepted several new books recently including a three volume set of the DAR Patriot Index and "The Hidden Half of the Family", a sourcebook for Women's Genealogy. For a while, these new books can be found on the turntable in the Kansas room.

Happy searching! Dorothy

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In Memorium

Long time member Ralph Wolffing, husband of Libby Wolffing, our researcher passed away.

Queries

from Libby

#1 Harry Armentrout, son of Martin Armentrout, Butcher in Manhattan, KS died in Dec of 1889 and a memorial service was held in January 1890. What was cause of death?

#2 I have several Riley County Censuses showing a Henry Armentrout, my great-uncle and brother of Martin Armentrout, being married to a Estelle/Estaline (Stingley). But were there two Henry Armentrouts? The Armentrouts, Weltons and Stingleys came from large extended families in Virginia/West Virginia and there were several Henry Armentrouts of about the same age. The reason for this query: First another researcher tells of an Estaline Stingley, widowed/divorced and remarried, living in Kansas City after my Henry Armentrout is dead. But in a 1900 Riley County Census he is listed as a widower. These are the census records that generated this question:

1875: Henry, age 34, M.W. Butcher, b.Va., from Va.
Estaline, age 34, F.W. b.Va, fr. Va
1880: Henry, age 39, M,W, Cattle Dealer, b.Va, from Va., No Estaline
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Estaline, age 45, F.W. b. Indiana, moved from Pa.
1900: Henry, age 62, M.W, Stock Buyer,

(Queries cont. pg 26)

Wilbur Family Article

by Tom Branigar

This research was done to identify members of the Wilbur family who are bur in the Keystone cem in Flora twp, Dickinson co, KS (DKCO). There is a Wilbur family plot but only 2 graves, Charles & Ida, are marked. Very little info on the family appears in DKCO records. Census records showed they lived just north of the county line in Chapman & Athelstane twps in Clay co. Charles was the son of Lucy Ann Wilbur, a widow who mov to Clay co in 1873 and appears in the 1875 census of Chapman twp. Lucy's obit, recently found in the 26 Oct 1911 issue of the Clay Center Times, gave info on her background and showed that her maiden name was Cleveland. This was significant because DKCO marriage recs showed that the first wife of her son Charles was Sarah Cleveland. An extensive history of the Cleveland family by Edmund James Cleveland was published in 1899 and a copy is at the Kansas State Historical Society. This book gave an outline of Lucy Wilbur's family. It showed that Lucy and Sarah were first cousins. The Cleveland genealogy was several years in preparation and the section on the Wilbur family appears to have been compiled about 1882.

This outline is based on the Cleveland genealogy, and holdings of the Dickinson County Historical Society and the Kansas State Historical Society.

Lucy Ann Cleveland, b 21 July 1824 at Masonville, NY, dau of Josiah Douglas Cleveland & Lucy Bryan. She m 4 July 1843 at Masonville to Alexander Wilbur. He was b 22 Oct 1822 at Butternut, NY, son of Simeon Wilbur & Maria Gilbert. The Wilbur family mov to Berrien co, Mich, in the mid-1850s. Alexander served in the Civil War with Co C, 12 Mich Inf. He d 20 Nov 1869 in Berrien co, Mich. In 1873 Lucy and her children mov to Clay co, Kan, and settled ca 6 mi E of Longford, in what is now Athelstane twp. She d 13 Oct 1911 and was bur in Keystone cem in DKCO; her grave is unmarked (Cleveland genealogy, entry 7325; pension file at National Archives; obit Clay Center Times 26 Oct 1911)

Children of Alexander Wilbur & Lucy Ann Cleveland:

i. Nelson Joseph, b 5 Apr 1844, Masonville, NY; d 18 Mar 1862, Berrien co, Mich
ii. Simon Lewis, b 8 Aug 1845, Masonville, NY; d 8 Mar 1867, Berrien co, Mich
1 iii. Helen M., b 19 Nov 1850, Southport, NY
2 iv. Warren W., b 23 Apr 1853, Elmira, NY
3 v. Charles A., b 1 Apr 1857, Berrien co, Mich
4 vi. Etta A., b 12 June 1860, Berrien co, Mich

1. Helen M. Wilbur, b 19 Nov 1850 at Southport, NY; the Cleveland genealogy gives the year as 1859 which must be a typographical error as Lucy's pension application says Helen was 14y old in Nov 1864. Helen m 6 Aug 1868 in Mich to James Henry Scofield. They mov to Clay co, Kan ca 1873 and appear in the 1875 & 1880 census of Chapman twp. They were living in Washington when Helen's mother d in 1911 (Cleveland genealogy entry 13850).

Children of James Henry Scofield & Helen M. Wilbur:

i. Walter Henry, b 5 Oct 1869, Lincoln, Mason co, Mich
ii. Bertha A., b ca 1871, Boynton, Mich
iii. Valentine, b ca 1873, Boynton, Mich
iv. Ernest Ulysses, b ca 1876, Kan
v. Lester Warren, b ca 1878, Kan
vi. Merold, b 1880, Kan (age 5m in 1880 census)
vii. Lucy Etta, b after 1880 census

2. Warren W. Wilbur, b 23 Apr 1853, Elmira, NY; m 21 Mar 1881 in Chapman twp to Laura L. Bender (DKCO marriage rec); living in Flora twp, DKCO, in the 1900 census;

later mov to Salina, Kan, where they appear in 1910 & 1920 census; the 1900 census says they were the parents of 5 ch, 4 of whom were living (Cleveland genealogy entry 13848)
Children of Warren W. Wilbur & Laura L. Bender:
i. George Herman, b 16 Dec 1881 (Cleveland genealogy; not listed with parents in 1900 census)
ii. Martin, b July 1886
iii. Oscar, b Sept 1896

3. Charles A. Wilbur, b 1 Apr 1857 near Royalton, Berrien co, Mich; mov to Clay co, Kan, 1873; m 19 Dec 1883 to Sarah E. Cleveland (DKCO marriage rec). Sarah was b 26 June 1838 in Addison, NY, dau of John Wesley Cleveland & Sally Lyon (Cleveland genealogy entry 2486). John Wesley was a bro of Josiah Douglas, so Sarah was a first cousin of her husband's mother. Sarah mov to Will co, Ill, as a child, and then mov to Kan shortly before her marriage. The Cleveland genealogy (entry 7361) reports that Sarah m — Inger and had 3 ch, Frank, Ida & Edna. It also says that Sarah was living at Industry, Kan, in 1882. The Inger family does not appear in the 1880 census of Clay co or DKCO, and Sarah's marriage rec gives her name as Cleveland. Her obit also makes no mention of her first marriage or children. This suggests that Sarah's first marriage probably ended in divorce, and she reverted to her maiden name and mov to Kan to be near her relatives after this happened. Charles & Sarah settled on the Wilbur homestead E of Longford where they appear in the 1900 census of Athelstane twp. Sarah d 6 Dec 1908 and was bur in the Keystone cem (obit Clay Center Times 10 Dec 1908; her grave is unmarked); a death notice in the 8 Dec 1908 issue of the Abilene Daily Reflector reported that "She was one of the largest women in this part of the state, weighing 450 pounds. The coffin was so large that the hearse could not be used and a wagon was utilized to carry the body to the grave." Charles & Sarah had no ch. Charles m2 on 7 Sept 1909 to Mrs Ida Mae (Stevens) (Stroade) Bradley. She was b 2 Dec 1866 in Kankakee co, Ill; mov to Kan in early 1880s with her widowed mother Rebecca Stevens who appears in 1885 census of Cheever twp, DKCO. She m1 Frank Stroade who d 1902; m2 Joseph Bradley from whom she was div in Mar 1907 (Clay co district court case 5103). Charles & Ida appear in 1910 & 1920 census of Athelstane twp, Clay co. Charles d 27 Jan 1920 & Ida d 12 July 1938; both are bur in Keystone cem (obits Clay Center Times 19 Feb 1920 & 14 July 1938)
Child of Charles A. Wilbur & Ida Mae Stevens Stroade Bradley:
i. Minnie Ann, b 22 Aug 1910; m 11 Nov 1927 at Junction City, Kan, to Benjamin Edwards; had 1 son; lived in Abilene, Kan; d 15 Dec 1986 at Abilene; bur in Wichita, Kan (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 16 Dec 1986)

4. Etta A. Wilbur b 12 June 1860 near Royalton, Berrien co, Mich; mov to Clay co, Kan, 1873; m 2 Sept 1877 in Chapman twp, Clay co, to Oliver P. Adkinson; he was b ca 1857 or 1858 in Ind; they lived in Chapman twp, Clay co, where they appear in the 1880 census; later mov to Whatcom co, Wash. This family appears twice in 1900 census, once in Chapman twp, Clay co, Kan, and once in New Whatcom City, Whatcom co, Wash. Both give contradictory info. The Clay co entries give them 9 ch, 7 of whom were living, 5 at home. The Whatcom co entries give them 6 ch, all of whom were living at home. The names and birthdates of the 2 oldest ch are in the Cleveland genealogy (entry 13851). Another child was undoubtedly Wilbur Adkinson who was raised by his uncle Charles Wilbur and appears with Charles in the 1900 & 1910 census of Athelstane twp, Clay co. The youngest child Oliver W. is in the Whatcom co census but not in the Clay co census. It is possible the family had mov to Whatcom co in 1900 and was caught in both places by the census takers. The family was in Wash when Etta's mother died in 1911
Children of Oliver P. Adkinson & Etta A. Wilbur:
i. Jason Hope, b 16 Apr 1879, Chapman twp, Clay co, Kan (Cleveland genealogy)
ii. Emma Viola, b 2 Oct 1881, Chapman twp, Clay co, Kan (Cleveland genealogy)

iii. Leo H., b Apr 1883, Kan (Clay co census) or June 1882, Kan (Whatcom co census)
iv. Herbert, b Jan 1885, Kan (Clay & Whatcom co census)
v. Wilbur, b May 1889, Colo; appears as a nephew with Charles Wilbur in 1900 & 1910 census of Athelstane twp, Clay co
vi. Charles, b Jan 1891, Kan (Clay co census) or June 1891, Colo (Whatcom co census)
vii. Oliver W., b Mar 1899, Kan (Whatcom co census only)

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(Queries cont.)
b.W.Va., Boarder, Died 1907. Widower

We also know that the Armentrouts and Weltons originally migrated from Pa, to Va. and that an uncle of Henry and Martin migrated to Indiana in the very early 1800's. The Armentrouts, Weltons, and I believe, the Stingleys all went to Riley County in 1868 where they settled in Ashland township. The Armentrouts established a slaughter house and meat market in Manhattan in 1869.

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Political Party's Nomination Isn't Always Correct

from *The Daily Union*, Junction City, Kansas, November 3, 2002
(submitted by Wilda Connell)

This refers to John Anderson who ran for congressional representative from the Fifth District (Junction City) in 1886. He is buried in Junction City.

In 1886 the election for the congressional representative from the Fifth District had everyone up in arms. The favorite in this race was the incumbent, who could, in a way, be described as a local "native son." For although John A. Anderson had been born and raised in Pennsylvania, he had made his initial Kansas home in Junction City.

The son of a Presbyterian minister, Anderson was born in Washington County, Penn., in June of 1834. The young John was educated in theology at Miami University where he was the roommate of a young man from Ohio by the name of Benjamin Harrison. Following a stint as a minister in California and service in the Civil War, John Alexander Anderson accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Junction City. He arrived here in 1868 and, for the five years he served in that capacity, he was much involved in community affairs....

According to accounts, he was an energetic and charismatic man who enjoyed people and was a magnetic orator. When he left Junction City in 1873 to become the president of Kansas State Agricultural College in Manhattan, he left behind a new church building, a flourishing congregation, a newly-established city cemetery, and a host of devoted friends, not the least of which was George W. Martin, the staunch Republican editor and founder of The Union.

After five years in his academic role, Anderson entered the political arena and was first elected to the U.S.House of Representatives in 1878. He was re-elected in 1880, 1882, and 1884 by vast majorities, and that brings us back to the "bolting" election of 1886.

Although Anderson was the incumbent and the unanimous choice of the constituents in the district, when the delegates met in Concordia in July to nominate the Republican candidate, some wheeling and dealing apparently took place because the nomination went to Judge A. S. Wilson.

Anderson's supporters were outraged and, on July 29, convened another convention, lived through it. It would not have shown Anderson's real strength. Now Anderson goes back to Congress with the grandest personal endorsement any man ever received in the West. He is shown to be a man of wonderful power. Conventions have been taught a lesson of decency. Pimps and gamblers cannot nose Republicans around!"

(Although John Anderson served five successful terms in Congress, the "Bolting Campaign" of 1886 would be his last. His wife had died in 1885 and then his health began to fail. He did not run for re-election in 1890. Instead he went to Egypt to serve as United States Consul General at Cairo. Unfortunately his health continued to worsen and he died on his way home to Kansas, in Liverpool, England, in May of 1892. ed)

The Tilton Family Were Early Trego Residents
(from Western Kansas World 100th Anniversary Edition)
Reminiscenses of Mrs. Lillian Curry

Early settlers of America were the Tilton brothers who came from England sometime before the year 1838 and settled in Coshacton County, Ohio. One of these was Louis C. Tilton. His son, George D. Tilton was born in Ohio in 1848.

George married Sarah Ellen Howerth in 1862.In the fall of 1886, this Tilton family moved to Kansas having sold their sorghum molases for money for the trip. They traveled in a covered wagon drawn by two pretty mares, Suse and Mat.

The wagon had a high side board and they placed boards across to make a bed for three of them to sleep on. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton slept in the bottom of the wagon with their heads toward the front end and two of the smaller children slept in the wagon beneath the upper "berth." They always had a loaded revolver handy.

Their destination was Delphos, Kansas, in Ottawa County, where Mrs. Tilton's sister lived. They arrived there with very few resources but it happened that Kansas had a big corn crop that year so Mr. and Mrs. Tilton and the children husked corn and made enough to tide them over. They rented a farm three miles north of Delphos where they lived until the late 1889's when they moved to Trego County. Arriving there they bought a homestead claim north of Collyer near the Saline River. Their home was partly of sod, built in a bank, with the front of the house built of boards and a roof of shingles.

The family had many hardships during their early days in the county: there were storms, grasshoppers, sickness, high water and making provisions for a large family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tilton lived to celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary.

Letter from Bald-Headed Dad to a Flapper

From the *Daily Oklahoman*
December 24, 1928

Parents are enemies and killjoys. I know, because I had two when I was your age.

You think my chief desire is to keep you from having a good time, but as a matter of fact my first concern is to keep you from having a very bad time.

From now on, most of your good times will depend more or less on boys, and that's I want to talk about now.

When I refuse you permission to go riding at twilight or go down town when you have no business there, you come back with the argument that other girls do it.

So they do. They loaf on the street in the hope of being noticed by some boy, and they go riding at night and sit out in the car when they go to parties.

But I remember your telling me, somewhat scornfully, that one of these girls lets all of the boys kiss her. And I remember your saying that few of the "nice" boys have any respect for her.

All your life your good times will depend on other people and they won't give you a good time unless they have a good opinion of you. You must have a good reputation to have a good time.

And to have a good reputation among boys, you must sit on a high limb . The cherries in the tip of the tree always look reddest.

You can't go contrary to nature and win. Diamonds are worth more than agates because they are harder to get. Nobody appreciates the things he can have for the taking.

Chase boys or give them license to pet and you'll be the belle of the ball--for a little while. Every boy who has an idle evening and wants cheap entertainment will call for you. But you will be a hard boiled old maid, scheming for dates with freshmen, long after your playmates have learned to say "my car" and "my house."

I'm not worried, Honey. You have too much self-respect to stand for pawing. But you are full of pep and eager for good times, and I'm just warniing you not to show you hand. Nobody bids five spades if he can get the bid at three. DAD

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The New Sales Tax Into Effect Tuesday
(frm *The Western Kansas World*, May 27, 1937)

A rush to comply with the new state sales tax law going into force on June 1 is in order this week. All retail sales in the state will be subject to a tax of two percent on and after Tuesday, June 1. All retailers must obtain registration certificates in order to collect the tax and operate, and heavy penalties are provided for the failure to obtain such certificates before July 1. Regulations governing collection of the tax going into much detail have been issued by the state tax commission. An attempt is made to define the exemptions provided in the new law. Simultaneously, millions of tokens of two mills denomination are now being distributed. No tax is assessed on purchases of four cents or less. Two mills must be paid on purchases of five cents to fourteen cents and four mills or two tokens on fifteen cents to twenty-four cents and on up. Although practically all states about Kansas have paid sales taxes for sometime this will be Kansas' first experience. Faced with the necessity of collection funds for the old-age pensions and other new state needs, Governor Huxman recommended a sales tax to the 1937 legislature.

WaKeeney Man Invents Rain Machine
(frm *Western Kansas World*, March 25, 1893)

Robert Boyd, of WaKeeney, has an invention that will doubtless immortalize his name and at the same time add millions to the material wealth of Trego County. Of course all these contingencies depend very largely upon whether it works or not.

Mr. Boyd has invented a rain machine--the only one ever constructed upon strictly scientific principles, and for that reason the only one that will ever be a qualified and howling success. Among the points of superiority claimed for this marvelous invention is its rapidity of execution. Rain can be produced in twenty minutes. Just think of it! Twenty minutes for rain. The Goodland rain-makers require about twenty weeks, and the results depend largely upon the humidity of the atmosphere. How nice it will be during the coming hot summer months to have a nice rain every day about noontime. We feel sorry for the street sprinkler for, Othello-

-like his occupation will be gone, but then think of the bonanza the umbrella and rubber coat maker will enjoy. To paraphrase the familiar lines, "Every day will be a rainy day bye and bye."

A tower twenty feet high has already been erected and we have loaned our office bellows to assist in raising the necessary wind. We claim a small interest on account of the bellows, and shall watch with bated breath for the complete fulfillment of the inventor's dream.

A Tribute to Weeklies' Was one of Will Roger's Best

(from *Western Kansas World,* 100th Anniversary Edition)

Some of the late Will Roger's philosophic and humorous paragraphs will go down in literary history as masterpieces. And perhaps one of the finest of these is his tribute to the "home town paper," one of his last writings.

"Take away my ham, take away my eggs, even chili," said Will, "but leave me my newspaper. Even if it has such purely local news as 'Jim Jones Came home last night unexpectedly and bloodshed ensued,' or 'Jesse Bushyhead, our local M.D., is having one of the best years of his career, practically speaking -- but they just won't pay him when they get well,' 'the county seat was packed yesterday with prominent people from out of town, attempting to renew their notes' and 'election ain't far off and everybody is up for office that can sign an application blank'

Now all that don't seem much news to you. But it is news to you, especially when you know the people and they are your own folks. So no matter how punk you may think your local paper is getting why just take it away from you and see how you feel. The old newspaper, I think, is just about our biggest blessing.

'So let's all read and be merry for tomorrow the paper may not have enough ads to come out."

One Hundred Years Ago in the Kansas Agriculturist, February 11, 1904

You bet the city fathers of the commonwealth of Havensville are all right. They got tired of this dishing out of "malt, hop, tea, tonic, cider, and other drinks of like nature," by the glassful, and have passed an ordinance that no person shall barter or sell less than one gallon at a time, and providing a penalty of not less than $25 for selling a less quantity or allowing it to be drank at the place of sale. This is a victory for the can trade.

Almost everybody in town had a severe cold this week. A change of 34 degrees in three hours, Saturday afternoon is largely responsible for so many colds.

Topeka jointists are now receiving whiskey in electric light bulbs. This is a new one, but there are several in this burg who would have no objection to taking on a thirty-two incandescent light jag.

Those who have lately put in telephones are beginning to know what they have missed by not having them in long ago. Messrs Uhlrich and Breymeyer are to be congratulated on their success getting the line completed.

The St. George bridge is a very handy one. There is no trouble in getting on it at the south end--that is if you happen to have a ladder along. The north end is in good shape but the way the bridge stands today it looks like a big waste of money.

Those who are wrapped up in the home-beautiful movement will thank us for directing their attention to a timely warning sounded by Medical Talk of the Home. The prevailing fad for red rooms, blue rooms, yellow rooms, green rooms, etc. is likely to lead to sad results unless subjected to intelligent direction and restraint. The influence of color on the human mind is so strong that ignorant and careless persons are liable to wreck some of the noblest intellects beneath its roof. Purple, for example is put down as a most dangerous color, its effect upon the gray matter of those coming constantly under its influence being of a disturbing and even of a fatal character. "If a person were confined in a room with purple walls, with no color but purple around him," we are told, "by the end of a month he would be a madman."

February 19. 1904

The 18th annual masque ball, the second given by the managers of the Columbian Theatre, Monday night, was well attended and was a suc-

cess in every respect. There were a few less dancers than last year but the costumes were much better and the large crowd were out for a good time, and they certainly had it. Dancing was kept up until a late hour and it was the wish of all that the custom of holding the annual masque ball be kept up.

February 25, 1904

Pat Shelly bought the J.J.Buck two acres north of St. Bernard's church and Jas. Stewart, Mrs. E.A. Purcell's property.

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Miss Amelia Bothe, formerly of Rock Creek, and Lester Jennings, of Wamego.

Harry Barrett was in Town Monday on his way to Belvue where he went to make an estimate on the amount of work it will require to dike the old river bed and make a road to the approach of the bridge to be built where the old one stood.

The bridge at St. George was opened Friday and can now be crossed at any time.

March 3, 1904

The mill is again running day and night after a few days of only fourteen hours. The people of Wamego are proud of the wonderful success of The Lord Milling Company.

The Wamego public schools have been preparing their quota of the Kansas school exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. The work has been done under the direction of superintendent A.L. Bell and the board of education.

Will Hutchinson and Miss Flora Campbell were married at Westmoreland last Wednesday by Judge McLaughlin and the boys serenaded them with cow bells at night.

Miss Carrie Lord entertained a few friends at Flinch Tuesday evening. The following were guests: Misses Margaret McKee, Bertha McMillan, Anna and Ruth Crawford and Guy Finney and Theodore Lord.

March 10, 1904

The caption of a photo lists those pictured as "Old Settlers" of Wamego: Charles Chandler, William Talbott, C.N. Baker, Grandpa Clary, A.P.McMillan, Ed Boyd's father, Sim Dearin, J.L.Prunty, W.D. Embley, George Simpson, M.L.Stone, Dr. A.Morrell, J.M.Boys, Sam Deweese, George Dodge. (The photo may be viewed at the Wamego Historical Society.)

There is a large amount of whiskey being sold in this town. The drug stores are not selling it, but bootleggers are, and if they are not more careful than in the past Wamego is liable to have a larger representation in the big institution close to Leavenworth.

The trunk line between Abilene and Kansas City, which the Union Telephone and Telegraph Company has been building, has just been completed. Exchanges represented include Manhattan, Concordia, Beloit, Wamego, Abilene, and Minneapolis.

Russell Crane fell from the turning pole in the club room of the high school boys Tuesday evening, and broke an arm.

Hugh Leonard has moved to town and will at once begin the erection of his residence west of the Catholic Church. Wamego has plenty of room for such citizens as Mr. Leonard.

Henry Dacquet and his son Archie are first class wall paperers.

Alexander Moore, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, died at his home near Louisville Monday morning and was buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Tuesday, March 15th. He was 84 years of age and had a very large acquaintance in this county.

March 31, 1904

Miss Kate McSpadden entertained friends last Friday evening. Those present were Misses Maude Shortt, Lavon Stewart, Laura Hammond, Kate Bittmann, Alma Course, and Nannie Beisley.

Fred Wayne Campbell sent his folks an advertising card showing him in his many characters as an actor.

March 24, 1904

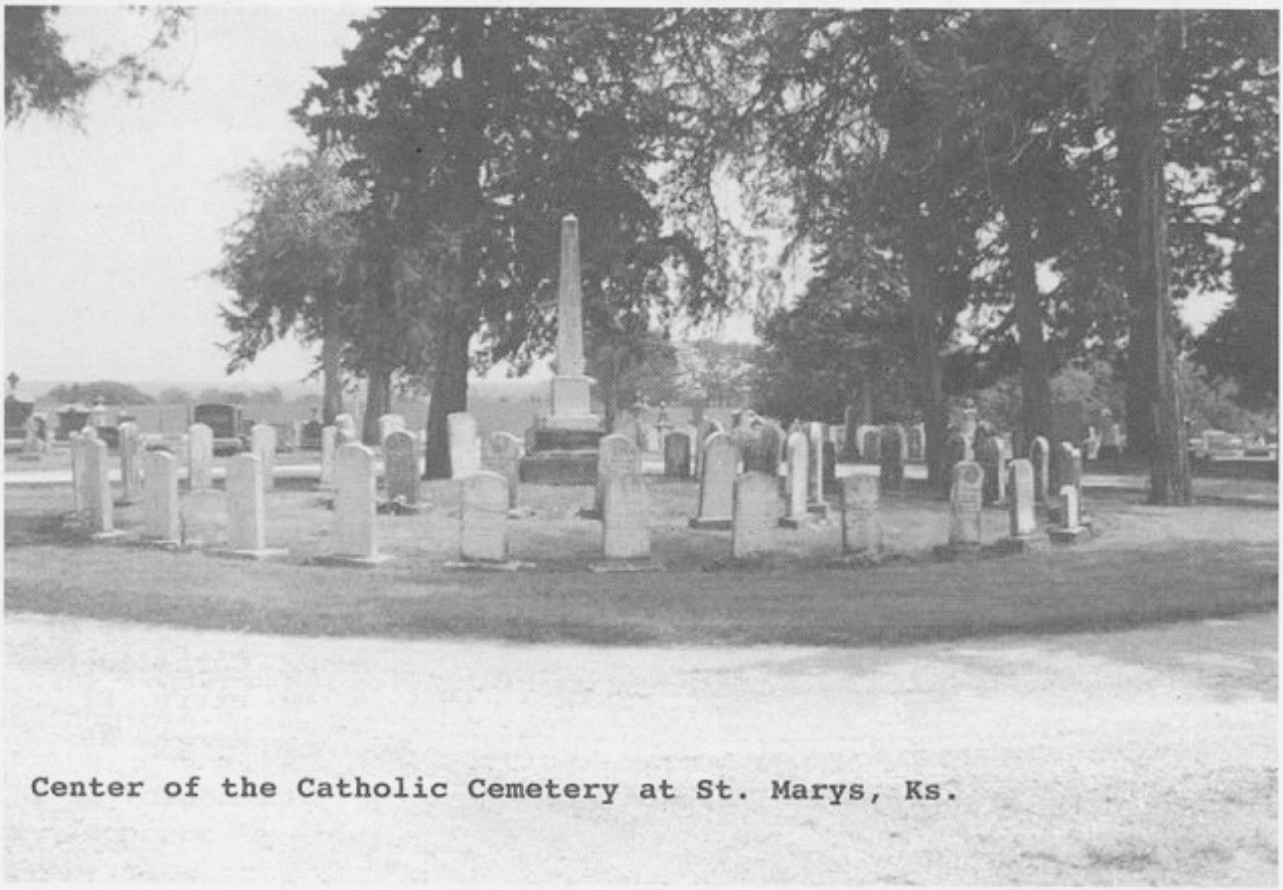
In the short time Harry Ruehman has been in New Mexico he has been cured of asthma and writes his parents that he is in the very best of health.

Among the pictures to be exhibited at the Columbian from April 21-23 will be found reproductions of some of the most celebrated pictures in existence.

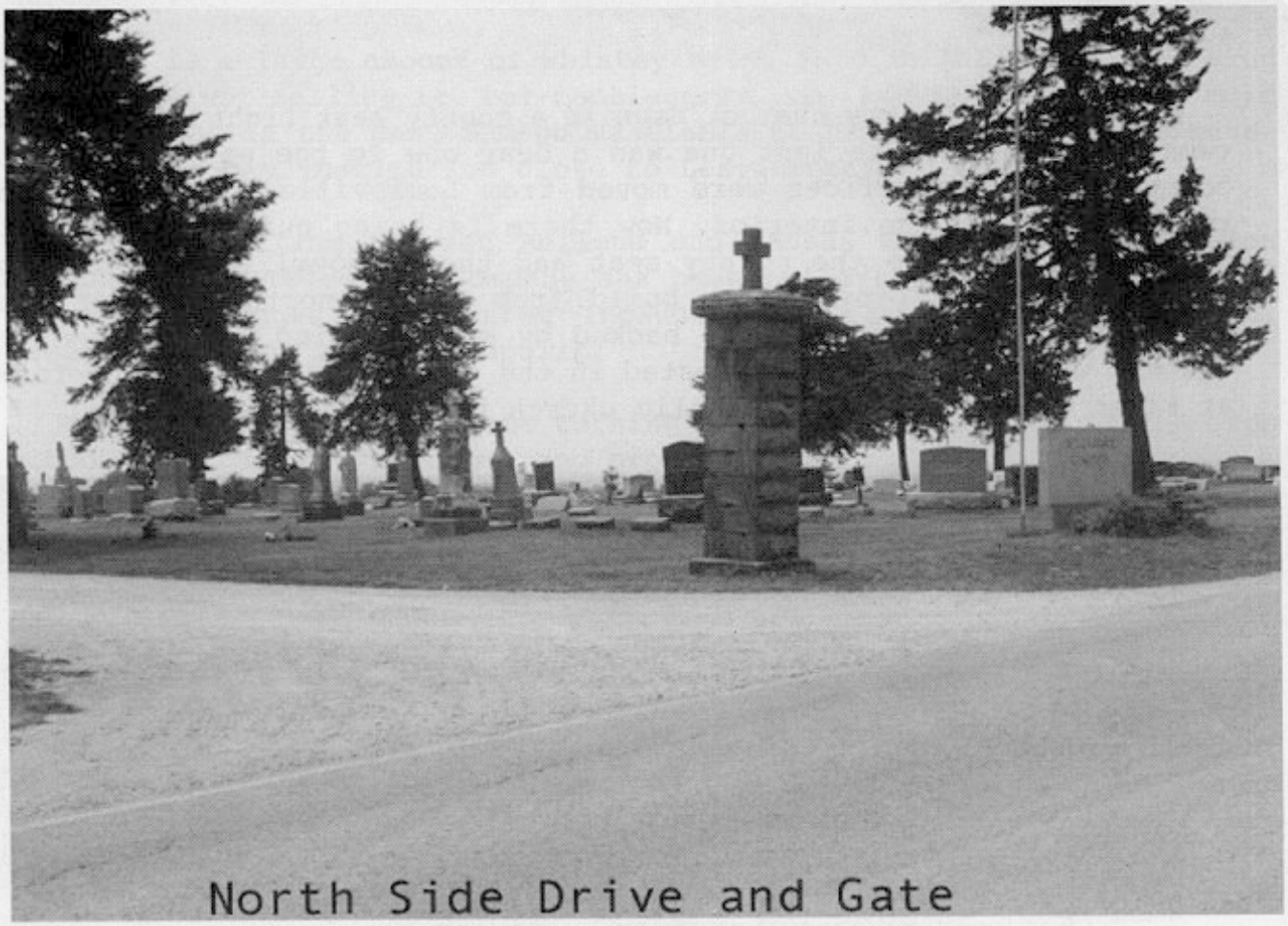
M.A. Childers lost an envelope containing over one hundred dollars yesterday.

April 7, 1904

Pottawatomie County has not been in a county seat fight for more than twenty years, but the last one was a dear one to the south end of the county, when the offices were moved from Louisville to Westmoreland, twenty miles to the interior. Now there is being quietly organized a movement to capture the county seat and the Missouri Pacific railroad branch, which is proposed to build from Topeka northwest, for flush station. The movement will be backed by many leading Catholics of the county, who will become interested in the townsite that is to be formed at Flush where a $30,000 Catholic church has lately been erected.



Center of the Catholic Cemetery at St. Marys, Ks.



North Side Drive and Gate



View From Quinlin Plot Toward Priests' Circle

Pictures of Catholic Cemetery, St. Marys, KS

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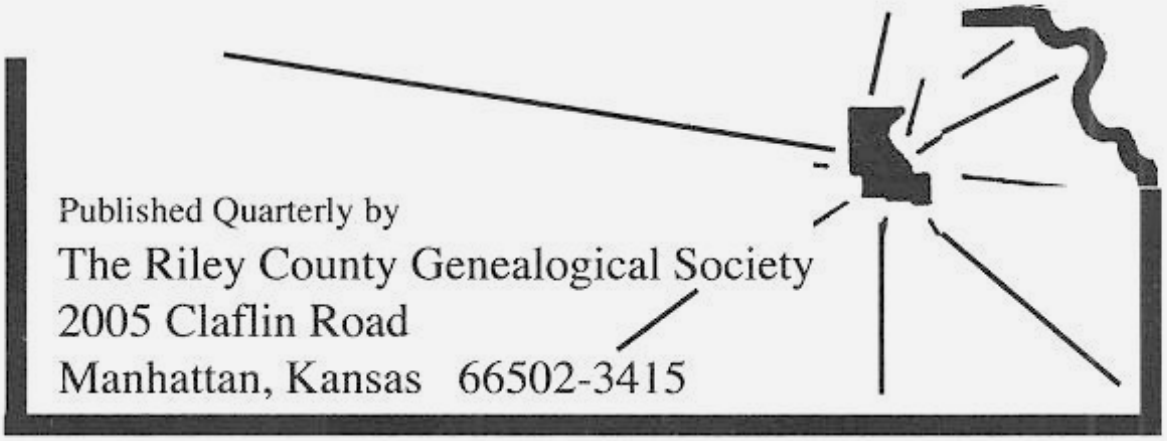
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Calendar

General Meetings -

Held at 2 P.M. in Manhattan Public Library

September 26

Dates to Remember——

Annual Meeting Nov 15 (tentative)

The library will be closed

Thanksgiving, Nov 24, 25
Christmas, Dec 25, 26
New Years Day 2005

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The email address for RCGS has been changed to rcgs03@cox.net

President's Message
Dorothy Dickerhoof

We're into the Dog Days of summer, hot and humid, in my definition. What better time can there be to come to the genealogy library where it is cool and quiet and do your research?

I said it is quiet in the library, but there have been days in the past few months where it was not so quiet. Researchers have been busy looking for information on the early settlers of Riley County. You know how it is when you find a tidbit of information - you just have to share the excitement! Some days when several were working at the same time, there was a great deal of information exchanged, which helped everyone, but did add to the noise level.

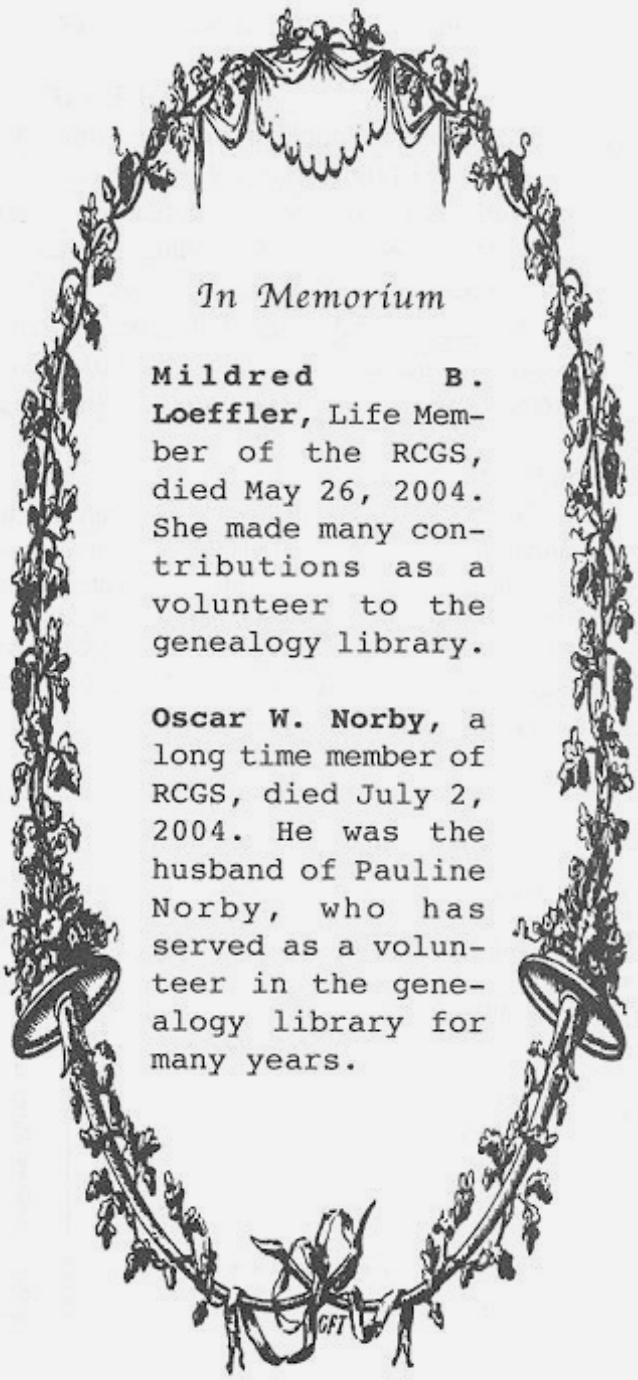
Most of the research is done on almost 100 persons who came to this area in the 1855 to 1859 time period. This is in addition to several who were already documented in *Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie* published by this Society in 1976. While there is much work yet to be done to meet our self-imposed publication date of January 2005 to coincide with the beginning of the Sesquicentennial celebration in the city of Manhattan and Riley County, I'm sure that will occur.

The acquisitions committee has accepted several new publications in the last several months - another good reason to make a trip to the library.

See you soon.

New Members

Barbara and Dean Genschorck, 733 Tuttle Street, Manhattan.
Janene McNeil, 2108 Londondery Drive, Manhattan.



In Memorium

Mildred B. Loeffler, Life Member of the RCGS, died May 26, 2004. She made many contributions as a volunteer to the genealogy library.

Oscar W. Norby, a long time member of RCGS, died July 2, 2004. He was the husband of Pauline Norby, who has served as a volunteer in the genealogy library for many years.

Bylaws Amendments

The Board of Directors of the Riley County Genealogical Society approved the following amended by-laws on 14 May 2004. They will be submitted to the RCGS membership for approval at its annual meeting to be held 15 November 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Zeandale Community Church.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 2. **Appointive Officers.** The President, with the advice and consent of the other elective officers, shall appoint the following: Building and Grounds Coordinator, Computer Support Coordinator, Library Coordinator, Historian, Membership Secretary, Publications Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Representative, Federation of Genealogical Societies Representative, and *Financial Advisory Coordinator.* They shall be members of the Riley County Genealogical Society.

ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 13. **Library Coordinator.** The Library Coordinator shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the library collection and for the management of the library. The Library Coordinator shall appoint the following: Acquisitions Coordinator, Ancestral Chart Recorder, Special Collections Coordinator *Periodicals Coordinator,* Cataloger, Genealogist, Librarian Scheduler, Computer Assistant Scheduler, and Supplies Purchaser.

*Section 16. **Financial Advisory Coordinator.** Coordinator shall direct the Financial Advisory Committee to plan for the future financial needs of the library. Review and establish policy for spending procedures. Research and write grants for library projects and equipment.*

When is a No-No is a Yes-Yes?

Generally we do not allow our research materials to be checked out as in a public library. Many are one of a kind or not easily replaced. However, members are encouraged to check out Quarterlies and Periodicals. Just go to the state or county of your interest and check out two or three bound volumes at a time. At your leisure you may browse the articles and might be pleasantly surprised to find a gem or two. We ask you to return checked out materials in three weeks and then check out others. We have over 100 different quarterlies and periodicals in our RCGS collection. The new arrivals are in the Kansas room under the new acquisitions books. Current issues are to be read at the library. Wann Towers, Periodicals Coordinator.

Daffynitions:

Cousins marrying cousins: Very tangled roots.

Cousins marrying cousins: A non-branching family tree.

Save Those Best Choice Labels



We continue to save Best Choice UPC codes. For each 1,000 collected, we receive $30 from Associated Wholesale Grocers. Bring them to the library and place them in the marked can on the librarian's desk or mail them. All we need is the bar code like this sample. The numbers beneath are important, so try not to clip them off. Thanks for your help.

Highland School

by Tom Branigar

An old ledger book recently donated to the Dickinson County Historical Society (DCHS) was found to contain lists of students at Highland School during 1871-1875. Highland was in section 6 of Newbern twp and drew students from Newbern, Grant, Lincoln & Holland twps. The book is divided into 10 terms covering Jan-Mar 1871; Apr-Aug 1871; Nov 1871-Mar 1872; Oct 1872-Jan 1873; Jan-Apr 1873; Sept-Oct 1873; Dec 1873-Mar 1874; Oct-Dec 1874; Jan-Apr 1875 and Oct-Dec 1875. Terms 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9 were taught by Phineas B. Graham; he d 1 Sept 1875, age 34y, and was bur in block 21 of Abilene cem; term 2 was taught by his wife Hannah C. Graham; terms 6, 7 & 10 were taught by Perley B. Ross, who m Temtyann Dunn, one of the students.

This article contains the names of the students in the ledger. The entries give the terms in which they appear and their ages. Additional information from the early Dickinson County census records and the holdings of the DCHS are also included.

Appling, Lottie 5 1875/10-12
[Julottie, dau of Arbuthnot Appling & Rebecca Moon who m 1870 in DKCO; cousin of Mary E. Moon]

Atnip, C.E. 7 1871/1-3
Atnip, Lottie E. 8 1871/4-8
Atnip, Lottie 9 1872/10-1873/1
Atnip, Lottie 9 1873/1-4
Atnip, Lottie - 1873/9-10
Atnip, C.E. - 1873/12-1874/3
Atnip, C.E. 11 1874/10-12
Atnip, C. 11 1875/1-4
[Charlotte Eliza; b 11 Mar 1863; m 1886 William Rohler; d 28 July 1932; bur Prairiedale cem]

Atnip, John 9 1871/1-3
Atnip, John H. 9 1871/4-8
Atnip, J.H. 9 1871/11-1872/3
Atnip, John 10 1872/10-1873/1
Atnip, J.H. 10 1873/1-4
Atnip, J.H. - 1873/9-10
Atnip, J.H. - 1873/12-1874/3
Atnip, John 13 1874/10-12
Atnip, J. 13 1875/1-4
[John Henry; b 11 Oct 1861; d 14 Sept 1949; bur block 16 of Abilene

cem]

Atnip, Marida - 1873/9-10
Atnip, Marida - 1873/12-1874/3
Atnip, Merida 6 1874/10-12
Atnip, Merida 6 1875/1-4
[b 12 May 1868; d 12 Oct 1957, Twin Falls, Idaho]

[Lottie, John & Marida were ch of Joseph Atnip & Martha Adaline Dunn who mov to DKCO from Johnson co, Ill, 1870; Martha was sis of James & Levi Dunn]

Bradfield, A.A. 5 1873/1-4
Bradfield, Anna A. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, A.A. 6 1874/10-12
Bradfield, A.A. 6 1875/1-4
Bradfield, Anna A. 7 1875/10-12
[m 1896 William H. Swartz]

Bradfield, B.B. 18 1871/1-3
Bradfield, B.B. 20 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, B.B. 20 1873/1-4
[Bartlett Benton; m 1873 Virginia Upshaw]

Bradfield, C.E. 8 1871/1-3
Bradfield, C.E. 9 1871/4-8
Bradfield, C.E. 10 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, C.E. 10 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, C.E. 10 1873/1-4
Bradfield, C.E. - 1873/9-10
Bradfield, C.E. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, C.E. 13 1874/10-12
Bradfield, C.E. 13 1875/1-4
[Clarence Eugene]

Bradfield, D.D. 5 1871/4-8
Bradfield, D.D. 6 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, D.D. 6 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, D.D. 6 1873/1-4
Bradfield, Della D. - 1873/9-10
Bradfield, Dora D. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, D.D. 8 1874/10-12
Bradfield, D.D. 8 1875/1-4
Bradfield, Dora D. 9 1875/10-12
[Dora Delphi; b 10 Feb 1866; m 1886 David Sommer; d 22 July 1951; bur block 27 of Abilene cem]

Bradfield, E.E. 7 1871/1-3
Bradfield, E.E. 7 1871/4-8
Bradfield, E.E. 7 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, E.E. 8 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, E.E. 8 1873/1-4
Bradfield, E.E. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, E.E. 11 1874/10-12
Bradfield, E.E. 11 1875/1-4
Bradfield, Ellis E. 12 1875/10-12

Bradfield, Emma 5 1871/4-8
Bradfield, Emma 6 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, Em 6 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, E.M. 6 1873/1-4
Bradfield, Emma J. - 1873/9-10
Bradfield, Emma J. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, E.J. 8 1874/10-12
Bradfield, E.J. 8 1875/1-4
Bradfield, Emma J. 9 1875/10-12

Bradfield, H.M. 14 1871/1-3
Bradfield, Hugh 15 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, H.M. 15 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, H.M. 15 1873/1-4
Bradfield, H.M. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, H.M. 17 1874/10-12
Bradfield, H.M. 17 1875/1-4

Bradfield, J.A. 16 1871/1-3
Bradfield, James 17 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, J. 18 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, J. 18 1873/1-4
Bradfield, J.A. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, J.A. 20 1874/10-12
Bradfield, J.A. 21 1875/1-4

Bradfield, J.J. 9 1871/1-3
Bradfield, J.J. 9 1871/4-8
Bradfield, Jesse 9 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, J.J. 11 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, J.J. 11 1873/1-4
Bradfield, J.J. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, J.J. 13 1874/10-12
Bradfield, J.J. 13 1875/1-4

Bradfield, J.S. 6 1871/1-3
Bradfield, J.S. 7 1871/11-1872/3

Bradfield, J.S. 7 1871/4-8
Bradfield, S.J. 8 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, S.J. 8 1873/1-4
Bradfield, J.S.J. - 1873/9-10
Bradfield, J.S. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, J.S. 10 1874/10-12
Bradfield, J.S. 10 1875/1-4
[Jerome S.]

Bradfield, V.V. 10 1871/1-3
Bradfield, V.V. 11 1871/4-8
Bradfield, V.V. 11 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, V.V. 12 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, V.V. 12 1873/1-4
Bradfield, V.V. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, V.V. 14 1874/10-12
Bradfield, V.V. 14 1875/1-4
[Vinelda Violet; b 7 Mar 1860; m 1879 Felix C. Sexton; d 12 Dec 1912, The Dalles, Ore]

Bradfield, W.M. 11 1871/1-3
Bradfield, W.M. 12 1871/11-1872/3
Bradfield, W.M. 12 1871/4-8
Bradfield, W.M. 15 1872/10-1873/1
Bradfield, W.M. 13 1873/1-4
Bradfield, W.M. - 1873/9-10
Bradfield, W.M. - 1873/12-1874/3
Bradfield, W.M. 15 1874/10-12
Bradfield, W.M. 15 1875/1-4
[Winfield M.]

[Anna, Bartlett, Ellis, Jesse & Vinelda were ch of Erasmus & Mary Bradfield who appear in 1870 Newbern, 1875 Grant; Clarence, Emma, Hugh, James, Jerome & Winfield were ch of James & Eliza Bradfield who appear in 1870 & 1875 Newbern; Erasmus & James were bros]

Carter, Ola 17 1873/1-4 [unidentified]

Crabb, C.B. - 1875/1-4
Crabb, Carrie 11 1875/10-12
[Carrie Belle; b 18 July 1864; dau of Lewis & Jane Crabb; m 1882 James H. McCurdy; d 22 June 1953; bur block 32 of Abilene cem]

Curtis, J.L. 13 1871/11-1872/3
[Jeneva L.; in 1870 Newbern (12y, b Wisc) with E.K. & Julia McLeod; probably Julia's dau by a previous marriage]

Dielman, A. 20 1871/1-3
[Adam; in 1870 Newbern (20y, b Ind); with Philip Dielman who was probably his older bro]

Dunn, Anna 5 1871/1-3
Dunn, Anna 5 1871/4-8
Dunn, Anna 6 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, Anna 7 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, Anna 7 1873/1-4
Dunn, Anna E. - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Anna E. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, Anna 9 1874/10-12
Dunn, Anna 9 1875/1-4
Dunn, Anna 10 1875/10-12

Dunn, Celia J. 6 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, Celia J. - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Celia J. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, C.J. 7 1874/10-12
Dunn, C.J. 8 1875/1-4
Dunn, Celia J. 9 1875/10-12
[b 4 Apr 1867; m 1884 Frank Bourbina; d 20 Dec 1953; bur block 1 of Abilene cem]

Dunn, Edna - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Edna - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, Edna 5 1874/10-12
Dunn, Edna 5 1875/1-4
Dunn, Edna 6 1875/10-12
[b 18 Nov 1868; m 1885 Andy Shirack; d 14 May 1939; bur Poheta cem, Saline co, Kan]

Dunn, Emma - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Emma - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, Emma 5 1874/10-12
Dunn, Emma 5 1875/1-4
Dunn, Emma 6 1875/10-12
[b 18 Nov 1868; m 1886 William W. Purdy]

Dunn, G.W. 7 1871/1-3
Dunn, George W. 7 1871/4-8
Dunn, G.W. 7 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, G.W. 8 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, G.W. 8 1873/1-4
Dunn, George W. - 1873/9-10
Dunn, George W. - 1873/12-1874/3

Dunn, George 11 1874/10-12
Dunn, George 11 1875/1-4
Dunn, George W. 12 1875/10-12

Dunn, Harvy 5 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, Harry 5 1873/1-4
Dunn, H.W. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, Harry W. - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Harvey 8 1874/10-12
Dunn, Harvey 8 1875/1-4
Dunn, Harvey W. 9 1875/10-12
[d 10 Nov 1879, Little Walnut twp, Butler co, Kan, age 12y 5m 18d (Abilene Gazette 21 Nov 1879)]

Dunn, Henry 5 1871/4-8
Dunn, Henry 6 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, Henry 6 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, Henry 6 1873/1-4
Dunn, Henry - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Henry - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, Henry 9 1874/10-12
Dunn, Henry 9 1875/1-4
Dunn, Henry 10 1875/10-12
[b 19 Sept 1865; d 5 Mar 1935, Los Angeles, Calif]

Dunn, J.J. 10 1871/1-3
Dunn, John J. 9 1871/4-8
Dunn, John 9 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, John 10 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, J.J. 10 1873/1-4
Dunn, J.J. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, J.J. 13 1874/10-12
Dunn, J.J. 13 1875/1-4
[b 4 Nov 1861; d Nov 1938; bur Greenlawn cem]

Dunn, Lewis 7 1871/1-3
Dunn, Lewis 7 1871/4-8
Dunn, Louis - 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, Lewis 8 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, Lewis 8 1873/1-4
Dunn, Lewis - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Lewis A. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, Lewis 10 1874/10-12
Dunn, Lewis 10 1875/1-4

Dunn, Lura A. 5 1875/10-12

Dunn, Lissie - 1873/9-10
Dunn, Lissie - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, M. 5 1874/10-12
Dunn, Melissa 5 1875/1-4
Dunn, Melissa 6 1875/10-12

Dunn, T.E. 10 1871/1-3
Dunn, Elizabeth 11 1871/4-8
Dunn, T.E. 12 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, T.E. 12 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, T.A.E. 12 1873/1-4
Dunn, T.E. - 1873/9-10
Dunn, T.E. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, T.E. 14 1874/10-12
Dunn, T.E. 14 1875/1-4
[Temtyann Elizabeth; b 18 Mar 1860; m 1875 Perley B. Ross; d 30 Apr 1942; bur block 2 of Abilene cem]

Dunn, W.M. 9 1871/1-3
Dunn, William H. 9 1871/4-8
Dunn, William H. 10 1871/11-1872/3
Dunn, William 11 1872/10-1873/1
Dunn, William 11 1873/1-4
Dunn, William - 1873/9-10
Dunn, William H. - 1873/12-1874/3
Dunn, William 13 1874/10-12
Dunn, William H. 13 1875/1-4

[Anna, George, Harvey, Lura, Melissa & William were ch of James & Martha Jane (Sexton) Dunn; Martha was an older sis of the Sexton siblings; this family is in 1870 Newbern, 1875 Holland; mov to Little Walnut twp, Butler co, Kan, by 1880; later mov to Oregon; Celia, Edna, Emma, Henry, John, Lewis & Temtyann were ch of Levi (bro of James) & Henrietta Dunn who are bur in block 3 of Abilene cem]

Graham, H.C. 22 1871/11-1872/3
[probably Hannah C., who taught at Highland Apr-Aug 1871, and wife of Phineas B. Graham]

Hollanbeck, J.E. 14 1872/10-1873/1
Hollanbeck, J.E. 14 1873/1-4
[unidentified]

Jennings, E. 12 1874/10-12
Jennings, E.A. 12 1875/1-4
Jennings, Effie 13 1875/10-12

Jennings, Madison 11 1874/10-12
Jennings, M. 11 1875/1-4
Jennings, Madison 12 1875/10-12

Jennings, P.O. 9 1874/10-12
Jennings, P.O. 9 1875/1-4
Jennings, Peter 10 1875/10-12

Jennings, William R. 5 1874/10-12
Jennings, William 6 1875/1-4
Jennings, William 6 1875/10-12

[Effie, Madison, Peter & William were ch of Henry & Catherine Jennings, in 1875, 1880 Newbern]

Kienzle, Joseph - 1875/10-12 [unidentified]
E
Lavender, George 11 1875/1-4
[probably the George who appears with Porter & Fronia Scoggins in 1875 Holland (which gives his name as Scoggins) and 1880 Holland (which gives his name as Lavender); the 1880 census calls him an adopted son]

McAllister, Albert 5 1875/10-12

McAllister, Alfa 7 1875/10-12

McAllister, Celesta 14 1875/10-12
[m 1876 Alfred Keller; marr notice in Abilene Chronicle says m was at home of her father in Newbern twp; no McAllister family found in 1875 or 1880 census so the family only lived in the area a short time]

Moon, Emmie - 1871/11-1872/3
Moon, Emma 8 1872/10-1873/1
Moon, Emma 8 1873/1-4
Moon, Emma - 1873/9-10
Moon, Mary E. - 1873/12-1874/3
Moon, Mary E. 8 1874/10-12
Moon, M.E. 9 1875/1-4
Moon, Mary E. 9 1875/10-12
[Mary Emma, dau of Jesse Moon; living with her grandfather William S. Moon in 1870 Newbern, 1880 Lincoln; m 1883 Albert Morehouse; cousin of Lottie Appling]

Ross, Temtyan E. 15 1875/10-12
[wife of Perley B. Ross; see under Temtyann E. Dunn]

Sexton, A. 19 1872/10-1873/1
Sexton, Arnold 19 1873/1-4
Sexton, A. - 1873/12-1874/3
Sexton, A. - 1874/10-12
Sexton, A. 22 1875/1-4
[Isaac Arnel; b 26 Dec 1852; d 10 Jan 1928; bur Abilene cem]

Sexton, F. 18 1872/10-1873/1
Sexton, F. 18 1873/1-4
Sexton, F. - 1873/12-1874/3
[Felix C.; b 30 Apr 1854; m 1879 Vinelda Violet Bradfield; d 30 June 1937, The Dalles, Ore]

Sexton, H. 15 1872/10-1873/1
Sexton, Henry 15 1873/1-4
[Henry C.; b 15 Mar 1856; d 26 Jan 1918; bur Abilene cem]

Sexton, J. 19 1871/1-3
Sexton, J. 21 1872/10-1873/1
[Joseph M.; b 19 Dec 1850; d 1924; bur Abilene cem]

Sexton, N. 12 1872/10-1873/1
Sexton, N. 12 1873/1-4
[Melissa Jennette "Nettie"; b Aug 1860; d 29 Nov 1879, unmarried; bur Abilene cem]

[the 5 Sextons were ch of James Sexton & Milbury Ellis of Paris, Tenn, who mov to DKCO 1866; another dau was Martha Jane, wife of James H. Dunn; an extensive history of this family is at DCHS]

Sprong, M. 12 1874/10-12
Sprong, M. 12 1875/1-4
[probably Wilhelmina (Minnie), dau of Henry & Minnie Sprung; in 1875 Holland, 1880 & 1885 Abilene; b ca 1863-67, Junction City, Kan; m 1900 Leonard Schwendener of Woodbine; d 15 May 1943; bur Abilene cem]

Thompson, Flora 6 1871/11-1872/3
Thompson, Flora 7 1872/10-1873/1
Thompson, Flora 7 1873/1-4
Thompson, Flora - 1873/9-10
Thompson, Flora - 1873/12-1874/3
Thompson, F. 8 1874/10-12
Thompson, F. 8 1875/1-4
Thompson, Flora 9 1875/10-12

Thompson, Lucinda 6 1875/10-12
[probably Cynthia, dau of Andrew & Margaret; b July 1869; m 1886 George T. Yonally]

Thompson, Mary - 1873/9-10
Thompson, M. 5 1874/10-12
Thompson, M. 5 1875/1-4
Thompson, Mary 7 1875/10-12

Thompson, O. - 1873/12-1874/3
[unidentified; this might be an error for one of the other Thompson children]

Thompson, William 5 1871/11-1872/3
Thompson, William 6 1872/10-1873/1
Thompson, William 6 1873/1-4
Thompson, William - 1873/9-10
Thompson, William - 1873/12-1874/3
Thompson, William 7 1874/10-12
Thompson, William 7 1875/1-4
Thompson, William 8 1875/10-12

[Flora, Cynthia, Mary & William were ch of Andrew J. & Margaret Thompson; in 1870 Grant, 1880 Lincoln; 1885 Garfield]

Marker Pinpoints Forgotten Cemetery

from the Salina Journal

Alton--After 131 years, there finally is a proper marker atop the burial place of Mrs. Thomas Short. Short died in 1873, the first death in Bull City, a community now known as Alton.

A young Cassius Austin helped bury short, and at age 17, he didn't know any better than to dig the grave on the land homesteaded by the Short family.

Over the next few years, eleven more people were buried there, but several of those bodies were moved after 1880, when the new Sumner Cemetery opened a mile northeast of town, according to historian Von Rothenberger.

About 50 years later, workers building a new road north of Alton to Cedar uncovered a child's grave. That's when Austin, then 73 told others about the burials that had taken place there when he was a teenager.

The workers repaired the broken grave, then moved the road next to the graves.

In 1977, Rothenberger discovered Austin's story that he had written in 1935. He decided it should be part of a project to mark important spots in Osborne County's history. Last year, Osborne County Tourism,

the group working on those markers, received a grant from the Sarver Charitable Trust to do the work.

The Bull City Burial Ground Marker was dedicated this spring. It includes the story of the marker in Austin's own words, as well as the names of the four people still buried there.

Woman Reclaims Black Cemetery

by Roxana Hegeman,
Associated Press, from the Salina Journal

Maryland resident Ron Curtis was disheartened when he traveled to his ancestral roots in Weir last year to find what was once called the "colored cemetery," where his great-great-grand parents were buried.

All the gravestones were long gone. Three generations of white farmers have raised cattle and crops over the graves.

His grandparents, John and Amanda Watkins, were former slaves who moved to Weir from Alabama in 1899 or 1900 enticed by advertising handbills seeking black coal miners. The handbills touted it as "a paradise for colored people." The pay was $1 per ton of coal with payday twice a month in cash.

They came by train in crowded box cars. Many blacks who got to Weir found no company housing available and often were not paid as promised, he said.

His grandfather, who died in 1924 in Crawford County, was brought back to Weir to be buried nest to his wife, Amanda. She died in 1906 shortly after the family came to Weir. Their daughters, Millie Odell Watkins and Lillie Watkins and four grandchildren, William, Lena, Austin, and Maggie Watkins, are buried there.

Wichita resident Norma Tolson--a black woman who grew up in Weir and is writing a book on the desecration of Black cemeteries in southeast Kansas--has made the reclamation of her hometown cemetery a personal crusade.

"It is just a form of showing appreciation and respect for these people who were discriminated against when they lived--and the same thing happened to them when they died," Tolson said. Although Tolson has no relatives buried in Weir, she said cemeteries are important for black families trying to trace their heritage, particularly since slavery made genealogical research difficult.

In the year since her efforts first attracted media attention, Tolson has succeeded in getting a deed to the cemetery signed over to the county from Kansas City, Mo. based Central Natural Resources, Inc., the corporate descendant of the coal mining company that once ran one of the Weir mines.

She has also enlisted the help of Peer Moore-Jansen, an anthropology professor at Wichita state University. Moore-Jansen and six students helped her survey the cemetery earlier this month and located some of the graves and artifacts, she said.

Tolson is still collecting names of people buried there. Hoping to contact relatives and raise money to put a plaque on the site. And she is trying to get money to put in an access road.

Among the mysteries at the site is what happened to the headstones. Tolson said anthropology students have found what may be broken remnants that they plan to test. Wooden markers probably long ago deteriorated.

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DOD Will Preserve Veterans' Personnel Files

U.S. government officials have decided to preserve the personnel files of every military member since 1885, and to allow public access to such records 62 years after official discharge or separation.

An agreement designating these files as "permanent records" was signed Thursday by Archivist of the United States John Carlin and David Chu, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. The National Archives and Records Administration will maintain the records "forever," according to Greg Pomicter, Assistant for Operations in NARA's Office of Regional Records Services.

This milestone event ensures that modern era military service veterans' records are protected and ultimately made available for research at the National Archives and Records Administration. Protecting these files is crucial because they contain essential evidence that veterans and their families need to claim life-long rights and entitlements that accrue from military service. Preserving the files for future generations is equally important so that family members, genealogists, biographers, and historians can research the history of those who served.

At last Thursday's ceremony, officials noted that the military personnel files of 56 million veterans who served the nation since 1885 are covered by the new agreement. This ensures that modern era military service veterans' records are protected, and under the new policy, the public will have access to records 62 years after a service member's official discharge or separation – "a wealth of information" that will appeal to a variety of individuals, according to Pomicter.

Personnel files contain medical information, performance reports, and disciplinary actions, as well as birth, marriage, and death records, and adoption records and visas for family history purposes.

It will take at least a decade for government archivists to transfer all 56 million eligible records to the public domain. That's because before 1960, the Department of Defense did not necessarily file its personnel records by date of discharge, requiring archivists to sort through the jackets one-by-one to discern whether they meet the 62-year age requirement, Pomicter said.

The first major block of files – nearly 1 million personnel records for sailors and Marines that date back to World War I – will be released this fall.

Posted by Dick Eastman on July 14, 2004

Recording Locations with GPS
By Mike Hurburgh in Australia

Mark Hile of Richmond, Virginia (RootsWeb Review, 2 June 2004) has suggested an excellent idea for documenting the locations of cemeteries and other memorials. It certainly is feasible. In fact, some genealogical programs already have a facility for recording latitude and longitude against key locations.

However, the Universal Mercator System (UTM) is not as universal as some think and all UTM systems are not the same — different countries have applied it in various ways.

Other readers have described how useful the position coordinates are and how they can be used. But they assume that the waypoints they have recorded are precise, and can be used with any mapping system — not so. You need to be careful how you record the positions and understand the limitations of the GPS unit you are using. You should be sure that you record them in a format compatible with the mapping system you intend to use, be it UTM or any other, and with the maps and aerial photos, etc. that you might want to incorporate your points with.

That is why I suggest WGS coordinates (the fundamental coordinate system on which all GPS calculations are based) — every worthwhile digital mapping system will be able to use them either directly or will be able to convert the values to and from their own system. And they can be used by every GPS unit when you head out to find that grave or other feature you have wanted to find for so long.

This is not a simple subject. Advice should be sought from experts before investing too much time and money. Cheap hand-held GPS units are readily available and many outdoors people, particularly keen fishermen, have units or are experienced in using them. Most are less complicated than a mobile (cell) phone to use. However, to lead others precisely to a particular gravesite, you need to understand how the Global Positioning System works.

There are about 30 satellites in orbit, sending out signals continuously. The hand-held unit receives the signal, and knowing the precise position of the satellite and the precise time the signal was sent (both sent in the signal), can calculate the precise distance from the satellite. By using many calculations to many satellites, the position of the GPS unit can be determined by simple (?) spherical trigonometry.

A maximum of about 12 satellites will be above the horizon at any one time, but there may be only five or six available for short periods. As line of sight is required, a location in a valley or close to steep hills or large trees may restrict the number from which a signal can be received. At least six satellites are needed for a good fix of position.

The geometry of the satellites also has to be considered. If they are not evenly spread around the sky, but concentrated in one sector, or if most are at a low altitude and none is high, then a good fix is not possible. Some units will tell you what satellites are visible, what direction they are, and what their altitude is.

And now to define a good fix — many cheaper hand-held units will only give a consistent position to about five metres (15 feet) with more than seven or eight satellites and good geometry. This means that defining a road intersection is not a problem, but fixing a particular grave by one reading may not be reliable. Don't be fooled by the readout on the GPS — it may give a value to two decimal places, but that is just an instantaneous calculation — 10 minutes later it could give you a position 10 metres away. To get a more reliable fix, take a few readings over at least half an hour, or come back for more readings later in the day, or even on another day. The mean of all the readings you take will be much closer to the true value than any one reading.

Most GPS units will give a readout in latitude/longitude, in WGS coordinates, and in any local coordinate system for which the conversion parameters have to be entered into the unit. Specify the location using the first two systems, rather than a local system — other visitors may not have the conversions for your local system in their GPS unit, but they will always have lat/long and WGS.

Some other tricks you might use:

Take readings at all the corners of the cemetery — some GPS units have digital maps available, and the cemetery can thus be plotted on the base map and maybe printed out later.

If you cannot get a direct reading on the grave itself (too close to a large tree, a wall or the church), pace away from it north, south, east or west until you can get a reading. Then record the location of the point you are at and the distance and direction to the grave. Taking it one step further, simple addition or subtraction of the distance (1 foot = 0.3 metres) from the WGS coordinates (in metres) will give you the actual position you wanted.

The above is taken from my experience working as a land surveyor, using GPS for the last 10 years (but with GPS units having better than centimetre accuracy, and costing up to A$100,000).

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President's Message
Dorothy Dickerhoof

It has been my pleasure to wear the president's hat for the Riley County Genealogical Society the past two years. Because of all of you and your continued willingness to volunteer your time, energy and support, the job has been easy. Now it is time for the next person to have the privilege of wearing this hat. The nominations committee is working on the slate of new officers and I urge you to reply favorably when you are asked to serve. You will enjoy it.

The big project for the year has been the book *Pioneers of Riley County Kansas 1853 – 1860* being prepared for the Sesquicentennial celebration in 2005. We are on schedule to meet the publication date of January 1.

The September program was held at Meadowlark Hills – a PowerPoint presentation featuring some of the pioneers of the Riley County area. We hope to be able to make more such presentations in the coming months leading up to the publication of the book. We also plan to use our new equipment for classes and other presentations in the community.

When the weather is cold outside, it is always warm and welcoming at the library. See you there soon.

New Members

Carol Elmore, 2412 Hillview Dr., Manhattan, KS.

Robert Hardin, 1443 N. Fuller Ave., #418, Los Angeles, CA.

In Memorium

Dorothy Keen long time member who designed the cover of Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie died August 8, 20004

Ruth Ratcliffe long time member died July 17,2004

Pauline Streeter, a life member, died September 27, 2004

Ileen Feldkamp, long time member died August 25, 2004

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can be paid for 2005 at any time now. Those who pay them early help the the membership committee keep down the cost of mailing reminders. Mail or bring tothe library.

Pioneer Book Nearing Completion

The book of Riley County pioneers 1853-1860 is nearing completion. 130 pioneers were researched by 35 members and the final proofreading is being done. Over 500 different sources were used in researching these pioneers who are in addition to those published in *PIONEERS OF THE BLUESTEM PRAIRIE.*

The appendix contains census or registry of voters for 1855 (2), 1856, 1857 and 1859. Also included is a listing of those 1850s Riley Countians found in
PIONEERS OF THE BLUESTEM PRAIRIE, those who came to the area with Emigrant Aid Societies and those thought to have come to Manhattan on the Hartford.

The book is dedicated to charter member Golda Sitz who has reached her 100th birthday. A prepublication price for the book will be announced soon.

John W. Hamilton and Descendants
by Tom Branigar

This research was undertaken to trace the life of John W. Hamilton who was an early settler of Dickinson co, KS (DKCO). John & his first wife Mary were members of a migrant group from the area around Galena, JoDaviess co, Ill. The group was organized by Rev W.B. Christopher of Ill, and was known as the Prohibition Colony. In 1871 the group mov to DKCO and settled in what is now Cheever twp in the northern part of the county. Cheever twp was named for Rev George Cheever, a Boston prohibition leader who had provided financial support for the colony. The colony broke up after a few years but several of the members remained in DKCO. John & Mary Hamilton appear in the 1875 & 1880 census of Cheever twp, but later separated. John returned to the east while Mary remained in DKCO until her death in 1902. Mary's life is fairly well known due to a short biography that was compiled by her sis Mrs Alena Hamilton of Clay co, KS (copy in DKCO Historical Society). However, little was known of John Hamilton due to his early departure from DKCO. He was a physician and his license to practice medicine was recorded at the DKCO courthouse in 1879 (see Kansas Kin Nov 1996). He also served in the Civil War with Co K, 20 Wisc Inf (Abilene Gazette 25 Oct 1878, which reported his attendance at a Civil War reunion).

Information on John Hamilton's later life was recently discovered among a group of old newspaper clippings that had been donated to the DKCO Historical Society by the late Miss Mildred Bryson of Abilene. The clipping in question is undated and unidentified but internal evidence suggests it was probably published at Galena, Ill, about 1888. Miss Bryson was a granddau of Matthew Bryson, an early settler of Cheever twp who had probably known the Hamiltons. It is likely that Bryson obtained the clipping from friends in Ill, and passed it along to his descendants. Because of its unique nature, the text of the article is given below. John Hamilton also received a pension based on his Civil War service. His pension file, discovered during a recent research trip to the National Archives, contains additional information on his final years.

This article is based on John Hamilton's pension file; DKCO court records; and the biography of Mary Hamilton and the Bryson newspaper clipping at the DKCO Historical Society.

John W. Hamilton b 28 Jan 1844 in JoDaviess co, Ill (according to pension application), son of Thomas Hamilton. He had a bro Joseph W. Hamilton (1853-1936) who mov to Clay co, Kan, in 1876 and settled near Longford (obit Clay Center Times 3 Dec 1936). John was raised in Wisc and served in Civil War with 20 Wisc Inf; mov to JoDaviess co, Ill, after the war and settled near Apple River. He m 28 July 1867 at Apple River, Ill, to Mary O'Leary (according to Mary's divorce petition,

DKCO district court case 551). Mary was b ca 1840 in Ire; imm to US with her parents as a child and settled in Lafayette co, Wisc; she had a sis Alena (1854-1946) who mov to Kan where she m John's bro Joseph. John & Mary mov to DKCO in 1871 and settled in Cheever twp where they appear in the 1875 & 1880 census. In 1882 John eloped with the wife of Thomas Dower and returned to Ill. Mary continued to live in Cheever twp with their young dau Ella who d 1883. She obtained a divorce in 1885 and appears in the 1885 census of Cheever twp. According to the biography by her sis, Mary "was of an energetic and aggressive disposition and very ambitious which was the opposite of her husband who was a studious dreamer." She was also intensely literate, and accumulated a large personal library. On 25 July 1887 her house in Cheever twp caught fire and burned to the ground, and all her books were destroyed (Abilene Chronicle 28 July 1887). After this tragedy Mary mov into Abilene, where she appears in the 1900 census. She was active in a number of social organizations, including the Women's Relief Corps and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and served on the Abilene school board. Mary d 30 Jan 1902 in Abilene and was bur next to her dau in block 18 of the Abilene cem (death notice Abilene Reflector 30 Jan 1902). Her tombstone gives the name "Mary" but does not include any dates.

Thomas & Mary J. Dower were m 1 Jan 1876 at Scales Mound, JoDaviess co, Ill (according to divorce petition, DKCO district court case #141). They mov to Kan in late 1870s and settled in Mulberry twp, Clay co, where they appear in 1880 census; mov to DKCO soon after 1880 census. Mary eloped with John Hamilton in 1882 and returned to Ill with her 2 ch. Thomas Dower filed for div in Sept 1882 (DKCO district court case 141). He m2 on 15 Mar 1885 (DKCO marriage rec) to Anna Rush; they appear in the 1900 census of Cheever twp; Thomas Dower d 29 Aug 1937 and was bur in Prairiedale cem at Talmage (obit Abilene Chronicle 2 Sept 1937).

John Hamilton & Mary Dower eloped to Ill in 1882, and eventually settled at Coal City, Owen co, Ind. After Mary became disabled she was sent to her former home in JoDaviess co, Ill (for details, see the Bryson clipping, reprinted below). They had a son Lee Roy Hamilton who was b ca 1885 (he deposed in Feb 1924, age 38y). Whether they were actually married is uncertain. The Bryson clipping suggests they were not married, but their son Lee's deposition states they were married, and that Mary d in 1914. John Hamilton lived at Coal City for several yrs and then mov to Bushnell, McDonough co, Ill, in 1891. His son Lee was left at Coal City with a foster family. In a letter to the Pension Office dated 2 Apr 1924, Lee stated that his father had lived alone for 32y, and that "I was left with another family at that time as my mother was taken away at that time. He went to Bushnell from Coal City, Ind, and I never was with him any more until in the last two years and then he was sick and sent for me to come." John Hamilton d 3 Feb 1924 and was bur at Bushnell (pension file at National Archives)

Child of John W. Hamilton & Mary O'Leary:

i. Ella R. Hamilton, b 18 June 1872 in DKCO; d 26 Apr 1883 in Cheever twp, age 10y 10m 8d; bur block 18 of Abilene cem (tombstone, which gives age but not death date; death notice Abilene Gazette 4 May 1883, which gives death date but not exact age)

Children of Thomas Dower & Mary J. —:

i. Hattie A. Dower, b 21 Sept 1877, Galena, Ill; appears in 1880 census of Clay co, Kan; taken to Ill by her mother 1882; later returned to DKCO; m 4 Mar 1900 (DKCO marriage rec) to Starling Marrs; had 3 ch; d 22 Feb 1962 at Abilene; bur Prairiedale cem (obit Abilene Reflector-Chronicle 23 Feb 1962)

ii. Samuel T. Dower, b shortly after 1880 census; taken to Ill by his mother 1882; later returned to DKCO; m 5 Aug 1902 (DKCO marriage rec) to Lida McCosh; his widow was living at Lead, SD, in 1962 (according to obit of his sis Hattie)

Child of John W. Hamilton & Mary J. (—) Dower:

i. Lee Roy Hamilton, b ca 1885; living at Coal City, Ind, Feb 1924, when he petitioned for reimbursement for his father's burial expenses, age 38y

Appendix: Clipping from Mildred Bryson Papers, DKCO Historical Society

Deserted and Insane; The Sad Story of Mary Hamilton; She is Lured from Those Who Loved Her by a Villain Who Finally Deserts Her

There was a pathetic little incident in Judge Hodson's court last Friday, which was the same old story - a conscienceless villain and a weak, confiding woman.

Mary Hamilton, whose haggard, expressionless face still showed the wreck of a beauty that had faded and a mind that had collapsed under its load of sorrows was brought into the court to be tried as to her sanity. She is an attractive appearing young woman of some thirty odd years, very slight in figure and her countenance showing traces of the troubles she had undergone.

A dozen years ago Mary Hamilton was a beautiful and lovely young woman having a happy home with her aunt, Mrs. Kistle, at Scales Mound. Her parents had lived in Iowa, where she was born, but her mother died when she was a child and she was taken to the home of her aunt. She grew up a remarkably bright and engaging young lady and was very popular. About twelve years ago she was married to Thomas Dower, a prosperous and highly respected young farmer. They moved to Kansas to

make their home. She was the idol of his heart and for several years not a cloud darkened the happiness of their home. John Hamilton was a young medical practitioner in their market town and he became Mr. Dower's family physician. In this way he became acquainted with Mrs. Dower and an intimacy sprang up between them which culminated in a suit for divorce by the betrayed husband. Four years ago he obtained a decree of divorce at Abilene, Kan. Some time later the faithless wife and Dr. Hamilton arrived in Galena and registered at the DeSoto, occupying separate, but adjoining rooms. In a day or two Hamilton disappeared and Mrs. Dower applied for work at the City Hotel, where she remained as one of the help for some weeks. Then she too disappeared and her friends knew nothing more of her until about three weeks ago she appeared at the home of her aunt in Scales Mound. She was but the ghost of her former self and in reply to the startled inquiry of her aunt said that she had just come from the insane asylum. She remained there a few days, betraying no signs of insanity and was then sent to the home of another aunt at Strawberry Point, Ia. Here she gave unmistakable signs of mental weakness. She left there suddenly and reappeared at Scales Mound last Monday. She did not go to Mrs. Kistle's home but remained in the railroad station until out in the night, when the agent summoned Charles Couch, the hotelkeeper and asked him to give her lodging for the night. She went to the hotel and remained there until this morning, when she was brought to Galena.

As to her history since leaving her first husband, nothing is known further than what she tells herself and she frequently contradicts herself. She says that she lived with Hamilton for some time at Sullivan, Ill., after which they moved to Coal City, Ind. She admits they were never married and says that at Sullivan they were arrested and fined for adultery. Hamilton, she says, gave up the practice of medicine because it was too trying on his constitution and operated a drug store several years. She also claims that he had been a local preacher.

John Hamilton, the man for whom she forsook everything, and who has now forsaken her is a son of Thomas Hamilton, who was a well known auctioneer, living at Apple River, and who now lives in the West. The young fellow was eccentric in many ways, and while studying medicine also made pretensions to preaching. He married Miss Maggie O'Leary, who was a school teacher and an unusually smart young woman living at New Diggings. He located at Abilene, Kas., hung out his shingle and there met Mrs. Dower as before mentioned. He was never divorced from his first wife, but deserted her in Abilene when he eloped with Mrs. Dower. What he did once he found heart to do again. Of the heart-broken wife whom he left behind in Abilene, nothing is known. The haggard face and ruined intellect of his second victim tells its own tale of years of suffering. From what is known of his character and history and what the present wretched condition of his victim unfolds, it may be correctly surmised that he grew tired of her, treated her with cruelty,

and finally rid himself of her by sending her to her first home.

It is known that she had two children by her first husband, and she claims to be the mother of a child by Hamilton. The children have been with her all the time, and the eldest, a girl of 10 or 11 years, she brought with her. The others, she says, are at the house of a friend in Coal City. She says her husband came with her as far as Mattoon, where she made her last change of cars, and then he put her in the reclining car and went into the smoker, saying she could go to Scales Mound and he would stop at Apple River to visit his relatives. She imagines he is now at Apple River, and when asked if he was deceiving her, gave a vehement "no." The little girl says her father - she calls Hamilton her father, although she is Mr. Dower's child - bade them good-bye in Chicago and they did not see him afterwards. The child has been taken in charge by her father's parents at Scales Mound, and was unfortunately not brought into court.

When repeatedly questioned, Mrs. Dower invariably answered that she was 50 years of age, that she was born in 1880 and married in 1776. Hamilton she says is 84 years older. Apart from these and a few similar incoherencies she showed no signs of insanity. When the jury brought in their verdict and she was informed that she must be taken to the hospital, she inquired if it was to Jacksonville, and expressed surprise on hearing that there was another institution of that kind in the state.

She was taken to the county asylum and will be sent to Elgin in a day or two.

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1b. EDITOR'S DESK. Some Sites Worth Seeing

Swiss Genealogy on the Internet (English, German, French and Italian).
http://www.eye.ch/swissgen/home-m.htm

"The Yellow Fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, 1855," as reported in the Daily Dispatch of Richmond, Virginia. Compiled for the Kirn Memorial Library in Norfolk, it includes several indexes to aid your search.
http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/va/yellow-fever/yftoc.html

Some Civil War veterans interred in Connecticut, plus Connecticut troops buried elsewhere, along with interesting and sometimes humorous epitaphs of earlier "Yankees in Eternity" can be found here:
http://pages.cthome.net/fwc

The IAAO — International Association of Assessment Officers — website is helpful for the U.S. county (and Canada) assessment databases.
http://www.iaao.org/1234.html

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Message Board Post:

The Historic Atlas of Iowa Counties is available online at the following address:
http://www.historic-atlas-series.com/ia_map/ia_index.html

Each Atlas CD consists of 9 bordering counties making up 1 of 11 Zones that depict all of Iowa's 99 counties; 192 city and village plats are also included in this series. Each individual Zone Atlas contains high resolution scanned images of vintage 1875 county and city maps that are presented in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF).

Each map may include the following 19th century features:

* roads, railroads and canals
* cities, towns and villages
* post offices and government sites
* one-room schoolhouses, churches and cemeteries
* rivers, streams and ferries
* racetracks, fairgrounds and picnic groves
* industrial sites, furnaces and mills
* early homesteads and farms
* and much, much more

The Historic Atlas of Iowa series may be an invaluable aid to Genealogists, Historians and other researchers of 19th century Iowa places.

The Adobe Acrobat Reader for MS Windows is needed to view, zoom, pan and print from the PDF map images contained in this atlas; and is included free on each CD. No other software is necessary.

The CD's are also available for discount purchase on eBay:
http://stores.ebay.com/Historic-Atlas-Series-by-HAR?refid=store

Atlas and maps of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin are also available at the URL below.
Historic Atlas Series 19th century county and city maps on CD
http://www.historic-atlas-series.com

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Digging in Land Records
By Valerie Vesper

In my current position as a loan analyst, I regularly access property assessment information online on county websites. This is public information in the U.S. and you don't have to pay a subscription or anything to access it. I'm not sure for other countries what equivalents might be available. However, here in the U.S. you can typically find the county site by doing an Internet search on the county name, state, and "property assessment."

There are a few counties that don't offer this online option and the amount of information varies significantly. For most counties, you can search by property address, parcel number, etc. Generally, you can see at least the current assessed value and current owners. But more interesting is that in many cases you can read some description of the improvements to the property. So, for example, you can find the year the structure was built (and tell if it's the same house your ancestors lived in, worshipped in, or what have you), number of bedrooms, type of construction (frame, brick, etc.), and so forth.

I've had variable success – I was not quite bright enough (yet) to figure out the map parcel numbers from an old plat map of Wisconsin to find my WESTON ancestors. However, for the CANDISHES and KELLOGGS in Nebraska, I actually found online photos (provided by the county assessor for each property) of the homes they lived in during the early 1900s!

Imagine that I do this every day and never thought about doing it for my ancestors' addresses before!

RCGS Wish List

From time to time we publish a list of items/donations we would sincerely like to have in case there is a memeber out there who is ableto help the library in this way. This time we need the following:

Dollars to help buy a new computer desk.
A new copy machine
Cleaning supplies and paper products.

Please call the library if you would like to know more about any of these items.

List of Military Veterans Living in Pottawatomie County, Kansas in 1895

Compiled from the 1895 Kansas Agricultural Census by Sylvester C. Ekart, Bismarck, North Dakota.

(Name, place of residence, military unit and other information, i.e. as prisoner of war status.)

ALLEN, W.W., Mill Creek Twp., Company D, 11th Illinois Infantry
AMES, J.W., Wamego, Company B., 2nd Colorado Cavalry
ANDERSON, J.E., St. George Twp, Company I, 130th Pennsylvania Infantry
ANDERSON, John, Spring Creek Twp, U.S.S. Princeton and the Harriet Jawr, U.S. Navy
ARMSTRONG, R., St. George Twp, Company C, 2nd Wisconsin Infantry
ARNOLD, J.C., Louisville, Company L., 2nd Merrill's Horse Cavalry
ATWATER, M.I., Mill Creek Twp, Company C., 100th Indiana Infantry
AUBERT, Antone, St. Marys Twp, Company F., 28th and 29th Indiana Infantry
AYLWARD, John, St. Marys, Missouri Hospital Corp. under Hallock

BAEKER, L., Clear Creek Twp, Company G., 151st New York Infantry
BAIR, G.W., Belvue Twp, Company A, 30th Indiana Infantry
BAKER, C.N. Wamego, 14th Ohio Artillery Battery
BAKER, E.F., Louisville Twp, Company C., 14th Kansas Cavalry
BARKYOUMB, Joseph, Shannon Twp, Company B., 11th Vermont Artillery
BARRETT, H.P., Wamego Twp, Company K., 153rd Pennsylvania Infantry
BASKET, J.P., Onaga, Company G., 1st Missouri Cavalry
BAXTER, Noah, Wamego, Company F., 73rd Illinois Infantry
BAXTER, William, Green Twp, Company E., 39th Illinois Infantry, a prisoner in the Pembert Bldg., Richmond
BEACH, S.D., Lincoln Twp, Company C., 7th Kansas Cavalry and Company L., 11th Kansas Cavalry
BEAKEY, A.J., St. Marys, Barrett's 10th Missouri Battery, C.S.A.
BECKLEY, Adam, Grant Twp, Company B., 5th Ohio Infantry
BELL, R.H., Wamego, Company D. and G., 47th Illinois Infantry
BELLWOOD, John, Onaga, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
BENNER, Geo., St. Clere Twp, Company E., 197th Ohio Infantry
BENNETT, Wm. H., Pottawatomie Twp, Company K., 14th New Hampshire Infantry
BENTON, H.E., Wamego, Company B., 38th Indiana Infantry
BERRY, Milon, St. George Twp, Company K., Michigan Eng. and Mech
BEVER, E.C., Louisville, Company E., 76th Illinois Infantry
BISHOP, Gil, Clear Creek Twp, Company D., 17th Ohio Infantry
BITTMAN, C.W., Louisville, Company I.,1st Kansas Infantry
BITTMAN, Val, Louisville, Company F., 2nd Kansas Cavalry
BLACKLEY, J.C. Clear Creek Twp, Company G., 1st Missouri Cavalry (4)
BLANCHARD, H.W., Sherman Twp, Company H., 9th Pennsylvania P.R. Infantry (13)
BLANEY, G.J., Spring Creek Twp, Company C., 195th Pennsylvania Infantry
BLODGETT, George, Clear Creek Twp, Company K., 9th Kansas Cavalry
BODE, George, Louisville Twp, Company E., 73rd Indiana Infantry (6)
BOHN, □□Julius, Wamego, Company A., 17th Illinois Infantry
BOLT, H., St. George Twp, Company C., 13th Iowa Cavalry
BOWERS, J.H., St. Clere Twp, Company F., 57th Ohio Infantry
BOYER, Elias, Clear Creek Twp, Company F., 148th Pennsylvania Infantry
BRAMAN, E., St. Clere Twp, Company B., 46th Illinois Infantry and Company I., 74th Illinois Infantry (16)
BRAMAN, W.H. Wamego, Company C., 71st Illinois Infantry and Company F., 59th Illinois Infantry
BRAMCONA, E., See Braman, E.
BRENNER, Abe, Grant Twp, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
BRENTON, William, Shannon Twp, Company D., 23rd Missouri Infantry
BREWER, A.J., St. Marys , Company I., Kentucky Infantry
BRILL, Alex H., Louisville, Company G., 63rd Ohio Infantry
BROWN, Adam, St. Clere Twp, Company L., 23rd Missouri Cavalry

BROWN, F.A., Vienna Twp, Company K., 42nd Ohio O.V.I.A.
BROWN, John, Clear Creek Twp, Company L., 3rd Illinois Infantry
BROWN, John, Wamego, Company A., 126th Illinois Infantry
BUELL, Jno. T., St. Marys, Company F., 114th New York Infantry
BURNS, C., Wamego, Company E., 12th Illinois Infantry
BURT, Joseph, Blue Twp, Company G. 3rd Maryland Cavalry
BUZBEE, B.F., Onaga, Company G., 10th Kansas Infantry

CAILLOZ, Frank, Louisville Twp, Company F., 6th Kansas Cavalry
CAILLOZ, John F., Louisville Twp, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
CALLAHAN, A.J., Westmoreland, Company B., 122nd Illinois Infantry
CALLAHAN, J.H., Green Twp, Company G., 122nd Illinois Infantry
CANFIELD, I.B., Lone Tree Twp, Company A., 7th New York Infantry
CANFIELD, Joseph, Lone Tree Twp, Company C., 16th New York Infantry
CARL, Geo., Wamego, 24th Indiana Battery (Cav.)
CARR, R., Wamego, Company L., 3rd Missouri Cavalry
CASE, G.W., Havensville, Company E., 15th Illinois Infantry
CHAMBERS, J.B., Mille Creek Twp, Company E., 151st Illinois Infantry
CHANNELL, A.G., Grant Twp, Company K., 12th Kansas Cavalry
CHAUDEL, Patrice, Green Twp, 1st Kansas Militia
CHENAULT, Chas, Wamego, 114th Kentucky Infantry
CHILCOTT, E., Wamego, Company B., 129th Illinois Infantry
CLARK, E.D., Pottawatomie Twp, Company C., 420th New York Infantry and 3rd New York Artillery
CLAY, J.W., Belvue Twp, Company H., 197th Ohio Infantry (9)
CLINE, T.O., Wamego Twp, Company D., 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
COATS, Wm. C., Havensville, Company B. and Company F., 18th Ohio Infantry, discharged April 1865
COCHRUN, F.M., Havensville, Company D., 9th Kansas Cavalry, discharged May 1865
CODING, Chas, Clear Creek Twp, 24th Indiana Artillery, prisoner at Andersonville
COFFEE, A., Wamego, Company H., 13th Indiana Infantry
COFFRON, Homer, St., George Twp, 6th Kansas Cavalry
COIL, J.P., Belvue Twp, Company H., 1st Kentucky, a prisoner at Andersonville (10)
CONNERS, John, Westmoreland, Company I., 52nd Illinois Infantry
COOK, D.A., Vienna Twp, Company I., 33rd New York Infantry
COOK, H.B., St. Marys, Company E., 2nd Kansas Cavalry
COOPER, J.H. Olsburg, Company K., 9th Kansas Cavalry
CORY, Alfred, Onaga, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
CRAIG, R.W., Belvue Twp, Company L., 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry
CRAWFORD, F.J., Louisville Twp, Company K., 11th Kansas Infantry
CRAWFOR, Hiram, Green Twp, 92nd New York Infantry
CROWL, L.W., Westmoreland, Company I., 11th Kansas Cavalry
CROY, R.M., Havensville, Company D., 25th Missouri Infantry, discharged November 1861

DANIELS, Chas. H.E., Louisville Twp, Company H.(reid F.) 1st Maryland Cavalry
DARNELL, Geo., Louisville, Company M., 19th Kansas Cavalry
DAVENPORT, Daniel, Wamego, Company A., 142nd New York Infantry (14)
DAVIS, John J., Rock Creek Twp, Company E., 8th Wisconsin Infantry
DAVIS, Josiah, Vienna Twp, Company F., 4th Kansas Cavalry and 8th Kansas Infantry Home Guard
DAVIS, W.T., St. George Twp, Company D., 48th Wisconsin Infantry
DENNIING, J.W., St. George Twp, Company A., 35th Pennsylvania Infantry
DETRICH, A., Wamego, Company E., 1st Illinois Infantry
DETWILER, Z., Wamego, Company G., 13th Iowa Infantry
DEWEESE, S., Wamego, Company K., 59th Indiana Infantry
DIEHL, G.W., St. George Twp, Companies L., H., and E., 12th and 13th Illinois Cavalry
DISNEY, John, Blue Twp, Company C., 20th Iowa Infantry
DOANE, B.L., Louisville Twp, 160th New York Infantry
DOBINS, R., Wamego, Company G., 25th Indiana Infantry
DODGION, J.W., Louisville Twp, Company F., 5th Missouri Cavalry

DUNLAP, Nicholas, Spring Creek Twp, Mexican War from Illinois

EDWARDS, B.R., Belvue Twp, Company f., 116th Ohio Infantry
EHLER, Wm., Wamego, Company F., 54th Pennsylvania Infantry
ENSIGN, E.W., St. George Twp, Company F., Michigan Artillery
ERVIN, Geo. R., Rock Creek Twp, Company H., 16th Indiana Infantry
EVERETT, Ben, Belvue Twp, Company H., 174th Ohio Infantry
EVERETT, Samuel, Emmett Twp, Company M., 3rd Ohio Cavalry
EVERETT, William, Emmett Twp, Company C., 85th Ohio Infantry
EWING, C.C., Grant Twp, Company E., 74th Illinois Infantry

FARRELL, James, Spring Creek Twp, Company G, 6th Massachusetts Cavalry
FEE, S., Wamego, Company B., 68th Illinois Infantry
FENN, A.D., Shannon Twp, Company H., 10th Vermont Infantry
FENNES, L.D., Green Twp, Company D., 88th Ohio Infantry
FINK, Jasper, Pottawatomie Twp, Company H., 155th Indiana Infantry
FISH, I.H., Belvue Twp, Company I., 68th Ohio Infantry
FISH, W.H., Wamego, Company D., 44th Illinois Infantry
FLECK, Mike, Center Twp, Company F., 113th Illinois Infantry
FORD, Geo., Wamego Twp, 2nd United States Navy from New York
FORDHAM, Charles, Lincoln Twp, 96th Illinois Infantry (5)
FOUVEAUX, Chas., Wamego, Company I., 8th Illinois Infantry
FRASIER, W.W., Westmoreland, Company F., 7th Indiana cavalry, a prisoner at Cartle Thunder Camp.
FRAZIER, Alac, Pottawatomie Twp, Company B., 20th Indiana Infantry
FROWE, E.T., Louisville Twp, Company B., 8th Wisconsin Infantry

GARRETT, J.W., Mill Creek Twp, Company D, 11th Kansas Cavalry
GAUNT, James, St. George Twp, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
GAURE, Whitson, Rock Creek Twp, Company E., 157th Indiana Infantry (12)
GEE, W.H., St. George Twp, Company E., O.V.S.S. Infantry (1)
GERLACH, F.W., Center Twp, Company D., 2nd Colorado Cavalry
GILL, W.H., St. Marys, Company E., 7th Connecticut Cavalry, a prisoner at Libby and Belle Isle
GINDER, Fred, Belvue Twp, Company B., 101st Illinois Infantry
GLASGOW, Samuel, St. Marys Twp, Company A., 25th Ohio Infantry
GLUNT, B.F., Green Twp, Company H, 51st Illinois Infantry
GODDARD, R.D., Sherman Twp, Company B., 43rd Indiana Infantry
GODLOVE, Henry, Mill creek Twp, Company K., 11th Kansas Infantry
GONSKE, J.M., Mill Creek Twp, Company I., 8th Kansas Infantry
GORMAN, James, Vienna Twp, Company C., 102nd Illinois Infantry
GRAHAM, James, Rock Creek Twp, Company G, 7th Tennessee Cavalry
GRAHAM, Jos., St Marys, Company L, 6th Kansas Cavalry
GROOMS, W.H., Wamego, Company H., 89th Illinois Infantry
GRUTZMACHER, E.A., Rock Creek Twp, Company F., 59th Ohio Infantry

HAFER, W.B., St.George Twp, Company H., 17th Virginia I and C
HALL, W., Westmoreland, Company F., 152nd Indiana Infantry
HAMMAR, H.C., Grant Twp, Company E., 13th Kansas Infantry
HANSON, Manoah, Shannon Twp, Company I., 63rd Indiana Infantry
HARELL, S.O., St., George Twp, Company C, Kansas Ew.
HARMS, J.D., Spring Creek Twp, Company F., 2nd Illinois Infantry, prisoner Rock Island, Illinois
HART, H.W., Havensville, Company B., 11th Kansas Cavalry, discharged August 18865
HAUGSWOUNT, F.S., Onaga, Company I, 16th Wisconsin Infantry
HAUSE, J.H., Sherman Twp, Company E., 154th Ohio Infantry
HEALD, W.A., Onaga, Company B., 1st Ohio Cavalry
HEARD, Stephen, Wamego, Company E., 75th New York Infantry
HEATH, J.S., Spring Creek Twp, Company A., 30th Illinois Infantry

HEATH, L. S., Wamego, Company G., 106th Ohio Infantry and Company D., 177th Ohio Infantry
HEATHAWAY, C.E., Wamego, Company M., 28th Indiana Infantry, a prisoner at Libby
HECKROTH, N.H., Clear Creek Twp, Company G., 3rd Pennsylvania Infantry
HEGNER, Henry, Senior, St. Marys, Company B., 8th Kansas Infantry
HEGNER, Henry, St. Marys, a Kansas Veteran
HESTON, Wm., Belvue Twp, Company H., 30th Iowa Infantry
HIBBS, J.G., Shannon Twp, Company D., 17th Iowa Infantry, a prisoner at Andersonville
HILL, C.W., Wamego Twp, Company H., 42nd Indiana Infantry
HINES, Dan, St. Marys, Company N., 1st Kansas Infantry
HOGWOOD, Wm. R., Spring Creek Twp, Company B., 6th Kansas Cavalry
HOLLISTER, A.J., Lincoln Twp, Company F., 13th Kansas Infantry
HOLLY, J.W., Shannon Twp, Company B., 122nd IIInois Infantry
HOMER, James W., Louisville Twp, Company C., 69th Ohio Infantry
HONSTEAD, F.C., Onaga, Company E., 118th Ohio Infantry
HOOVER, Henry, Mill Creek Twp, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
HOSTUTTER, J.J., Pottawatomie Twp, Company K., 6th Indiana Infantry
HOWARD, D.J., Mill Creek Twp, Company E., 88th Ohio Infantry and Company G., 12th Ohio Infantry
HOWARD, James, St. Marys, Company A. and B., 76th Indiana Infantry Regimental Band
HUCKSTADT, Emil, Wamego, Company E., 2nd Iowa Cavalry
HUEY, E.E., Belvue Twp, Company C., 62nd Pennsylvania Infantry
HUEY, Thomas, Louisville Twp, Company G., 11th Kansas cavalry
HUEY, Walter, Belvue Twp, Company G., 18th Kansas Cavalry
HUFF, C.M., Rock Creek Twp, Company D., 103rd Illinois
HUGHES, H.W., St. Clere Twp, Company D., 7th Minnesota Infantry
HUGHES, John, Pottawatomie Twp, Company D., 44th Ohio Infantry
HUSTED, I.M., Wamego Twp, Company K., 192nd New York Volunteer Infantry

INGALSBE, Seth, Clear Creek Twp, Company C., 10th Illinois Infantry

JACKSON, C.D., Wamego Twp, Company K., 73rd Indiana Infantry
JESSUP, J.M., Wamego Twp, Company A., 74th Indiana Infantry (3)
JOHNSON, G.W., Green Twp, Company G., 40th Illinois Infantrry
JOHNSON, Howard, Wamego, Company E., 39th Illinois Infantry
JOHNSON, John W., Louisville, Company E., 148th Ohio Infantry
JOHNSON, N.P., Blue Valley Twp, Company I., 13th Kansas Cavalry

KENEDY, John, Lone Tree Twp, Company L., 14th Kansas Cavalry
KEYES, E.S., Wamego, Company A., 136th Pennsylvania Infantry
KING, H.C., Shannon Twp, Illinois Post Hospital Medical Department
KNAPP, A.C., Shannoon Twp, Company A., 93rd Illinois Infantry
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KOENTZ, J.P., Mill Creek Twp, 11th Kansas Cavalry, Hospital Steward

LANDRUM, J.D., Shannon Twp, Company D., 13th Kansas Infantry
LATTIMORE, W.R., Wamego, Company E., 11th Ohio Infantry
LAUGHLIN, J.B., Union Twp, company E., 77th Illinois Infantry
LAYMAN, Asa, St. George Twp, Company F., 9th Tennessee Cavalry
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LEWIS, H.R., Wamego, Company A., 46th Illinois Infantry 72
LINBACH, S.E., Vienna Twp, company D., 7th Pennsylvania cavalry
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LOUX, Chas., Pottawatomie Twp, Company C., 99th Indiana Infantry
LUCY, W.W., Union Twp, Company A., 54th Indiana Infantry

McCLELLAN, A.M., Onaga, Company K., 96th Illinois Infantry and Company K., 21st Illinois Infantry
McDEVITT, James, Grant Twp, Company I., 118th Illinois Cavalry
McFADDEN, J.C., St. Marys, Company I., 3rd Rhode Island Artillery
McFARLAND, J.W., Havensville, Company B., 59th Ohio Infantry, discharged 1863
McKEE, Isaac, Grant Twp, 1st Kansas Artillery
McKEE, Jacob,, Grant Twp, Company B., 11th Kansas Cavalry (7)
McKINNON, Wm., Belvue Twp, Company D., 45th Virginia Infantry
McKINSEY, Frank, Lincoln Twp, Company G., 125th Illinois Infantry
McMORY, James, Westmoreland, Company D., 148th Ohio Infantry
McNAY, J.W., Louisville, Company G., 2nd Illinois B6

MANN, Henry, Clear Creek Twp, Company B., 36th Illinois B6
MANSFIELD, James, Wamego Twp, Company F., 101st Pennsylvania Infantry, a prisoner at Andersonville
MARNEY, Johnson, Belvue Twp, Company D., 1st Missouri Cavalry
MARTIN, J.S., Havensville, Company E., 4th Missouri Cavalry
MASTERS, Nicholas, Green Twp, Company K., 2nd New York Infantry, a prisoner in the Old War Prison
MAY, George, Liincoln Twp, Company I., 11th Kansas Cavalry
MEAKINS, Joseph, Onaga, Company C., 74th Indiana Infantry
MERRYMAN, Geo. J., Louisville Twp, Company F., 1st Maryland Cavalry
MESKIMENS, Allen, Westmoreland, 1st Lec I, 40th Infantry
MIDDLETON, John, Onaga, Company I., 88th Indiana Infantry
MILES, F.G., Shannon Twp, Company H., 57th Illinois
MILLER, Jacob, Blue Twp, Company G., 11th Kansas Cavalry
MINCH, John, Onaga, Company F., 9th Wisconsin Infantry
MITCHELL, J.S., Olsburg, Company C., 45th Pennsylvania Infantry
MOLL, John, Wamego, Company K., 11th Kansas Cavalry
MORGAN, Ed, Havensville, Company E., 175th Ohio Infantry , discharged August 1865
MORRIS, C.E., Westmoreland, Company K, 2nd Illinois Artillery
MORSE, E.L., Shannon Twp, Company K., 177th Ohio Infantry
MOSIER, S., Westmoreland, Company I., 91st Indiana Infantry
MOWDER, H., Wamego, Company F., 65th Indiana Infantry
MULLIGAN, Thomas, Emmett Twp, Company G., 141st Ohio Infantry
MULVAY, Michael, St. Marys, Company E., 3rd Massachusetts Artillery Regiment
MUMAW, Jonas, Vienna Twp, Company B., 28th Pennsylvania Infantry
MUNSICK, C.S., Mill Creek Twp, Company B., 28th Pennsylvania Infantry
MURPHY, M.C., Wamego Twp, Company M., 2nd Tennessee cavalry
MURPHY, Wm., Havensville, Company A., 43rd Indiana Infantry, discharged June 1865, a prisoner in Campford, Tyler, Texas
MYERS, J.S., Onaga, Company I., 153rd Pennsylvania Infantry
MYERS, S.S., Union Twp, Company D., 8th Indiana Infantry

NEWLIN, Henry, Vienna Twp, Company D., 12th Illinois Infantry
NIHART, Geo., Wamego Twp, Company G., 203rd Pennsylvania Infantry
NOLL, Andrew, Louisville Twp, Company C., 14th Kansas Cavalry
NORTHRUP, W.H., Spring Creek Twp, Company A., 19th New York Infantry

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Ports of Entry Immigrant Totals

taken from GeneaLib and submitted by Jane Brown

New York City, 1820-1897, 675 rolls of microfilm, 23,960,000

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Galveston, 1846-1951, many years missing, 132,000 in an online database

Notes from my Reading

Your records say your anestor was born ca 1780 in NC but you cannot find your family any where in the state of North Carolina? Well, try Virginia.

People from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and other coastal areas went in to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia through Harpers Ferry. Some came in from Pennsylvania by way of the northern neck of Virginia. The Shenandoah Valley was a rich land with mountains on each side and rivers running down to the valley floor. Think of it as a funnel. Once they got in there were few ways out. The Great Valley Road ran through the valley through towns like Woodstock, Winchester, Staunton to Big Lick (today Roanoke). It is today US 11 or I-81. From the mid 1740's to 1775, thousands of people used this road to travel to new land. During the French and Indian War many of the Valley men saw service in far away places. Captain Bowman was a valley man buried far from his home. Captain Lincoln and Captain Spurlock were also well-known Indian fighters of the time.

The war was really four wars fought between 1689 and 1763 with Valley men joining groups at different times in those years and going all the way to Ohio valley and even Canada. So these men knew what was over the mountains.

By the late 1750's the southern end of the Valley road was extended in to North Carolina and southwest to the Virginia Frontier. By the 1770's there were some very nice towns on the road in the Valley. You could easily travel from there all the way to Boston, Massachusetts. Wagons were going and coming; there were professional haulers with large mule teams. There were inns along the way. People in the Valley could visit relatives in Pennsylvania; churches were beginning to spring up. It was a booming place. As the land was taken up, new arrivals or the children who had grown up in the Valley had to look for new land. It was waiting at the end of the road, out on the frontier.

The Virginia wilderness was the site of the 1768 or 1769 land grants given by Virginia to the soldiers who had fought in the French and Indian War and other wars. The area of the land grants was what is today Sullivan County, Tennessee. Others just looking for free land also went there- everyone thinking they were still in Virginia. It was called Washington County, Virginia, and was the entire area over the mountains. But it isn't the same as present day Washington County, Virginia.

At first it was the area of Bristol, Tennessee, but then people spread out on the Holston, Clinch and Tennessee Rivers in a triangle, the area between present day Bristol, Kingsport, and Johnson City, just west of present day Johnson County, Tennessee.

Land records of the time always mention the nearest water - a river, stream, creek. Names such as north and south branch of the Holston River, Clinch River, Tennessee, Sinking Creek, Reedy Creek, Kendrick Creek, etc. Valleys named Carter, Holston, Cook, and Denton were named after Shenandoah Valley families. After the Indian wars of 1769 the area was open for settlement and the people poured in.

Prior to 1779, the area north of the Holston was claimed by Virginia. Therefore if you are researching your family in that area before that time, you have to look in Washington County, Virginia, records. The earliest land grants were made sometime in mid-1750's to 1770. After that date, it was discovered that the land was really in North Carolina so it became Sullivan County, North Carolina and records are in North Carolina.

1738-1769 Augusta County, VA
1769-1772 Botetourt County, VA
1772-1777 Fincastle County, VA
1777-1779 Washington County, VA
1779-1796 Sullivan County, NC
1796-today Sullivan County, TN (but you might have to look in Greene and Hawkins County, TN also).

(This is taken from the Overstreet family newsletter and written by one of the members of the list. She lists her sources as DAR records and gives a Bibliography which I can supply if you need it. Ed)

Descendants of Wayward Ancestors
from FGS "Delegate Digest, September 2004, submitted by
Evelyn Brown

Now, there's a society for the REST of your ancestors! The Descendants of Wayward Ancestors is accepting Charter Member applications for this, the newest national hereditary organization.

Every family has ancestors or cousins who were criminals, misfits, mysteries, ne'er-do-wells, or just plain odd. The Descendants of Wayward Ancestors was formed to help research, document, and enjoy the stories of these characters, sometimes the most tragic, but often the most interesting part of a family's history.

The organization also provides research strategies and facilitates access to the unique records in which wayward ancestors are found through its publications, lectures, and ongoing research projects.

The $35 annual charter membership fee includes a quarterly newsletter and the DWA Yearbook published each winter, titled Ancestors Hanging on Your Family Tree. New members receive an illustrated, personalized membership certificate suitable for framing. The first 200 Charter members will always enjoy a lower membership fee than members who follow.

Directors of the organization include Tony Burroughs, Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, Starr Hailey Campbell, Wendy Bebout Elliott, Sue Kaufman and Jim Warren
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