

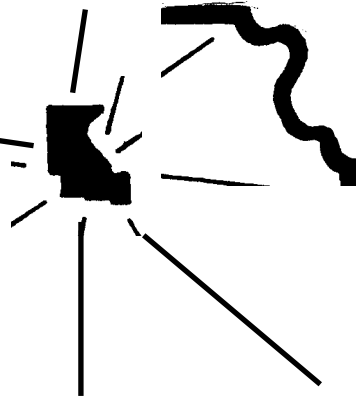
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"Black Settlers on the Kaw Indian Reservation"
Jim Sharpe, speaker

The library will be closed

Independence Day July 4
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Ed note: The volume number in 2008 was incorrect. It should have been XLVI. Two thousand nine will be XLVII. You may want to pencil in the correction on your archived copies.

From the President

Happy New Year to y'all. I sincerely hope that your stocks regain their value and that our Nation gets back to the basics of living. Incidentally, were you ever curious "Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?" With that said, I also hope that your research is going well on these days when the weather is not conducive to outside work.

Recently, we conducted on-line (Ancestry.com) census research in the collection of the United Kingdom's 1851 census for Scotland. It is interesting to read the occupations that were noted by the citizens we were researching.

Information about the 1851 Census of Scotland says this: Enumeration forms were distributed to all households before the census night and the completed forms were collected the next day by the enumerators. All responses were to reflect the individual's status as of the night of 30/31 March 1851 for all individuals who had

spent the night in the house. People who were traveling or living abroad were enumerated at the location where they spent the night on census night. Some occupations noted were: wool carder, wool sorter, drainer and laborer, draper, cabinet maker's apprentice, etc. It is rather fun to think about what life was like over 150 years ago in Scotland. One relative farmed 70 acres of arable land, 660 acres of pasture and did it with three labourers.

An interesting comment about the 1841 Census of Scotland: The ages of people over 15 years old were usually rounded down to the nearest 5 years. Therefore, someone who was actually 24 years would have their age listed as 20, and someone who was actually 27 years old would have their age listed as 25. If people lied about their ages, or if their real ages were not known or reported correctly, the gap between the rounded age recorded on the census and their actual age may be quite significant.

Now we at RCGS begin a new year—2009. Our volunteers are eager to help you get started on your family history or to assist in furthering your knowledge of that history.

Jim

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In Memorium

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The Underground Railroad in Kansas - West of Topeka

Patricia J. O'Brien

The Underground Railroad operated in Kansas from approximately 1854 to 1861 (Sheridan 1998:vii). It was mostly associated with the Lane Trail, named for Gen. James Lane, which was created in 1856 to by-pass the dangers associated with anti-slavery immigrants traveling through pro-slavery Missouri on its river to Kansas. The trail ran from Illinois west across central Iowa then down eastern Nebraska through Nebraska City, Peru, Nemaha City, and Falls City into Kansas ending in Topeka (Connelley 1915:268-279). Use of the "railroad" was most active in Kansas, however, from 1857 to 1861 (Sheridan 1998:xvi).

The trail's association with the underground railroad reputedly began in the winter of 1857 when John Brown and his associates conveyed three slaves northward from Topeka heading to Canada. With this trip Brown considered the underground railroad in Kansas established (Connelley 1915:269-270). The last trip he took on the Lane Trail was in January, 1859 when he escorted north 19 slaves taken on a raid in Missouri on December 20, 1858. They had come to Topeka from a stop at Abbott's farm five miles south of Lawrence. Ultimately John Brown went east to Harper's Ferry (Kiene 1904:444-445).

One question about the underground railroad in Kansas is whether it operated west of Topeka. Certainly settlers coming in 1855, and in the next few years, to Pottawatomie, Riley and Wabaunsee counties were mostly abolitionists. Therefore, in Kansas during the "Bleeding Kansas" period it is not without some interest to examine the population of Kansas Territory in 1855 relative to the issue of slavery. In the 1855 census there were 8601 people in the territory, of which 408 were "Foreigners", 151 were "Free Negroes", and 192 "Slaves" (Martin 1906:129). Thus, Blacks whether free or slave constituted 4% of the population, and the bulk of that population was located east of Topeka.

However, Fort Riley just west of Riley county and Manhattan, had Southern officers who had "house" slaves and it was described as "all pro-slavery" (Pride 1928:121) - probably an exaggeration since some officers and men were certainly from free states. Additionally, at least in 1855 Dobak (1998:46) reports three Blacks were employed as cooks on the fort and lived there with their families. He said all told there were fourteen present and all were free. The only slave at that time was a minor, Phyllis Harris, and she belonged to the post surgeon William A. Hammond (ibid.). The fort was the location of the census for District 9 which was west of District 10 which included part of the original "Riley county" area with Manhattan. No Blacks free or slaves were reported in District 10 in 1855. District 8 was centered in Council Grove.

A re-examination of the District 9 census reveals there were indeed fourteen "Negroes", but only eleven were free while three were slaves. "Phyllis" Harris was a minor, meaning under 21, Negro slave in the household of Robert Wilson, a 30 year old merchant. Present was his wife Mary E. 21 and three "minor" children: Margaret Ella Wilson, Albert S. Wilson and Adelarde Wilson. However, Adelarde Wilson is also identified as a Negro slave. All members of this household came to Kansas from Missouri. Adelarde Wilson could be the "master's" child or could represent a census taker error, and be Mary and Robert's youngest child.

In Dr. William A. Hammond's home was a female Negro slave: Martha Bradford 21. William is 21, his wife Helen N. Hammond is 21 as is a Clara Naibet?. These three are from Pennsylvania while the rest of the household came from Missouri including Martha. They include a male S.P. Hammond, a son?, and females Fran? McDaniel 21 and Sophia McDaniel "minor". These data point to Martha Bradford being a house slave.

The remaining free Negroes in District 9 were indeed three cooks: Mary Pascal 21 from Missouri. Then there was Sarah Johnson 21 with three minors, presumably her children: Thomas, John and Louisa. All the Johnsons came from Pennsylvania. Finally, there is Daniel J. Charles 40, a cook, with his wife Mary Elizabeth Charles 21, and their four minor children: Daniel J. Charles, Jr, Eliza Jane Charles, Oliver Thomas Charles and Edward Oliver Charles. Thus, in 1855 in District 9 west of Manhattan there were eleven free Negroes and three Negro slaves, i.e. fourteen Black persons.

In 1856 Robert Henderson, an early Geary county settler, while in the army at Ft. Riley witnessed a Negro woman slave belonging to an officer being tied to a cannon wheel and whipped. When the Civil War started this memory made Henderson an anti-slavery Union man (Pride 1928:118).

Council Grove was also considered “pro-slavery” (Anon.1881:7) possibly from its early association with the Santa Fe Trail. However, its first settler Seth M. Hays who came in 1847 (Sharp 1925:557) reportedly had the only slave present in the town (Brigham 1921:12). She was called Aunt Sallie and when Kansas was made a free state she was freed by Hays, but reputedly remained running the Hays household. He was a bachelor, and when he died he cared for her in his will and when she died in 1872 the people of the town attended her funeral (ibid.). This evidence suggests she was treated more like his wife. Interestingly, no Sallie is listed in any Council Grove census listing Seth Hays. However in the 1870 census there was a Sarah Taylor 40 “Col.” (Colored) who was “keeping house” in Seth Hays’ home. If Sallie is a nickname for Sarah then Aunt Sallie came to Council Grove sometime between 1865 and 1870. Interestingly neither Seth Hays or his household is listed in the 1865 Kansas census so Sarah Taylor is the only Black female ever listed in his home. Also listed in his house in 1870 is “Kettie” Hays who has to be his foster daughter Kittie Robbins Hays who also inherited his estate (see Brigham 1921:12-13).

Thus, Aunt Sallie being the “only slave in town” was not true! In 1855 when the first census of Kansas was taken that of Council Grove, District 8, was recorded in the home of Ingraham Baker. That census listed 13 Negroes present in Council Grove and 10 of them were identified as slaves. Because households were not well delineated in that census it is difficult to know to which household a slave belonged. However, in a residence consisting of John A. Kelly 21, a Stage Agent and a voter, Charles Gilman 21, a Teacher and voter, and Edward “unreadable” 21, a Farmer and voter were John Smith, a blacksmith, Margaret Smith and Lena King, all 21 years old, all identified as Negroes and slaves. All members of this household, Black and White, were born in Missouri.

In the household of George McGillois, a 21 year old farmer from Illinois, is John King and Jim King both minors, Negroes and slaves. However, with them are Louis Chateau 50, Dilsu Chateau 50 and Clarrus Chateau a minor female who are Negroes, but not slaves. All the Blacks in this household, free and slave, were natives of Missouri.

Finally, in the home of Emmanuel Mosier 21, a blacksmith and voter were his wife Sarah 21, an Iowa native, and two minor Mosier children: Watherian? and Agnes. They and Emmanuel are Missouri born. Present too was one Margaret Baker a minor, George Fuller a minor, and Richard Williams 21 and a voter. Two native Missourian Negro slaves: Lucinda Huffaker 21 and Mary Johnston, a minor, were in this household.

Thus, directly west of Topeka there was no significant Black population (14) in 1855 and most present (11) were free. However, southwest of Topeka in Council Grove in Morris county were 13 “Negroes” 10 of whom were slaves in 1855. Further, those freemen present and working on the Fort Riley would have to have had papers proving they were free, because without them they were subject to the fugitive slave laws which was also true for Council Grove’s free Blacks. Further, in the 1860 federal census no Blacks were recorded in Pottawatomie, Riley and Wabaunsee counties.

Also no people of color were listed in the Morris county 1860 census, and the Seth Hays household has only males within it. They consisted of Seth Hays 49 M (male) and W (white), a merchant with \$4000 in real estate (RE) and \$8500 in personal property (PP), born in Missouri; A.J. Chipman 25 M and W, a clerk with \$1200 in PP, born in Vermont; C. McLees? 54 M and W, a Medical Doctor with \$75 in PP, born in Ohio; and Nathan Dix 26 M and W, a laborer with \$500 in RE and \$85 in PP, born in North Carolina.

These counties are to the west of Topeka. The fact that this area was far from the action is implied by a description of the role of the Wabaunsee “Rifle Company” whose members went east to reinforce their compatriots in the struggles at Lawrence and Franklin (Anon. 1907:93). The town did however serve as a safe haven for three Free-State men: Dr. J.P. Root, J.J. Walters and W. Griswald who were being hunted down by “Bogus” Sheriffs (ibid.).

In 1901 it was reported “The first railroad in Wabaunsee county was of the underground pattern, with stations in Wabaunsee and Harveyville - a fact not generally known until the road went into liquidation by reason of a lack of patronage.” (Thomson 1901:319). Wabaunsee county is the next county west of Shawnee county of which Topeka is the seat. Further, it was recorded that Wabaunsee and Mission Creek were stations

on the underground railway, and “many a slave was taken through on this line to Canada.” (Fairfield 1910:611)

In a brief essay “The Historic Town of Wabaunsee” it was recorded that in the Spring of 1857 when Mr. Lines returned with the wives and children of the Beecher company “...a Town Hall, and temporary church were built, and two steamboats from Kansas City unloaded freight on the levee. Out in the country the settlers were organized in the Underground Railroad, helping slaves escape to the North, but none of this work was carried on in the town itself.” (Anon. 1976:887).

About the “railroad” it was written “...there was no published time card ... no regularity ... the road was in operation during the years 1857, 1858 and 1859, and all cars ran at night. The stations were few and far apart, the one on Dagoon Creek being in the loft of Henry Harvey’s house. Enoch Platt’s house in Wabaunsee was the next station. This railroad was better known as the “Underground Railroad,” and “runaway slaves were the only passengers carried.” (Spear 1915:353). Harveyville is located on Dagoon Creek in the most southeastern part of Wabaunsee county.

Wabaunsee town was created in 1856 by the Beecher Bible and Rifle Company from New Haven, Connecticut. Charles B. Lines was their leader and the Company consisted of 70 members. He died in 1889 and is buried in the Wabaunsee cemetery (Anon. 1976:93).

Given the role of Wabaunsee in the anti-slavery movement it is interesting to examine the population of the general area. As mentioned in the 1860 census no Blacks were recorded in Morris, Pottawatomie, Riley and Wabaunsee counties. In fact the only Blacks near to these counties, and any on Fort Riley at that time, were in Topeka in Shawnee county and constituted a single family. In the Clements family the husband Chatlean(?) was a 58 year old White farmer whose wife Ann, 40, was Black, both were Missouri natives. Their seven children were M = Mulatto and there were four girls: Elizabeth 14, Margaret 8, Laura 6 and Adele 4 and three boys: William 12, Francis 9 and Henry eight months. All were Kansas born so their parents were in Kansas Territory as early as 1846.

Wabaunsee as a town was situated in Wabaunsee township and for purposes of the census they were counted together. In the 1860 federal census there were 265 people present, but as mentioned, no Blacks.

In Wabaunsee’s 1865 Kansas census there were 218 people and seven were Black or Mulatto - ca. 3% of the whole. They were Baxton Small a 26 year old Negro man, a farm laborer born in Missouri who is living in the household of Austin Kelsey from Connecticut. Also present is a family headed by Benjamin McDonald 28, a laborer, identified as B = Negro. His wife Mariah 44, is M = mulatto, and four boys: Horace 8, Loyd 7, Richard 5 and Charley 1. All these boys are identified as B = Negro which raises the question, if a Negro marries a Mulatto are the children Negro? The four oldest members of the family were born in Kentucky, Richard in Missouri and Charley in Wabaunsee county, Kansas. Interestingly, of the 218 souls, 22 were listed as “soldiers” - 10% of the population, but none were people of color.

In the 1870 federal census there were 519 people recorded of which 20 were B = Negro or M= Mulatto. They consisted of three families. The first was headed by James Wilson, a 26 year old farmer who is M . His wife Juda 25, is B, both were born in North Carolina. Their three children are listed M and were all Kansas born: John H. 6, Martha 4 and Reuben 1. The Nichols - Allen families are two families in one household. There is Daniel Nichols a 29 year old B who is a laborer born in Missouri. His wife is Louisa 22 a white woman from Missouri. Their two children: Mary 3 and James 1 are Kansas born M = mulattos. Frank Allen is a 30 year old B, a farmer from Missouri and his wife, also white, is Sarah 24 from Missouri. Their children are M = mulatto and Kansas born: George 3 and Lila 1. Finally, the household headed by Dicy Nicholas is all B or as it was then all Negro. Dicy is a 52 year old woman who was born in Tennessee. Her children, all Missouri born, are William 21, James 20 and John 18, all laborers. Sophrina Nicholas 26 is a house servant while Kelly and Martin 16 and 12 year old males are at school. Also in the household are two unrelated men, laborers both and also Missouri natives: Jefferson Davis 25 and Charles Selmin 22.

These 20 people represent around 3.8 % of the whole. Thus, the non-white population of Wabaunsee reflected in 1865 and 1870 percentages similar to Kansas as a whole in 1855.

By contrast the Black population in all of Riley county in 1865 consisted of 11 individuals (7 adults and 4

children - 10 or younger), none were identified as Mulatto. Riley county's total 1865 population numbered 2047 therefore the Black population statistically represented a trace in the whole. Manhattan's population numbered 381 persons with the 9 Blacks being around 2.5 % of that total.

This small group consisted of J. Brown of Ogden City who was a single, 30, male, a teamster, and a native of Virginia. In Manhattan Township in the residence of J. Kimball is J. Henry, male, age 10 and a Missouri native. He is not identified as a servant or laborer.

In Manhattan City one J.S. Thomas is a servant in the household of M.J. Gove, a cattle broker. He was 16 and a native of Massachusetts. Two Black families consisting of 8 people are present in town. In dwelling #160 - household #173 was E. Thomas 36 with his wife D. Thomas also 36. He is a laborer and both were born in Kentucky. A son M is 13, a daughter F is 16, and there is son B who is 12, they are Missouri born. Also in the family is two year old Abraham Lincoln Thomas who was born in Kansas so the family was in the state at least by 1863. The second family was that of Oliver and Eliza Simms in dwelling #161 - household #174. He was a 32 year old teamster and she was 36. She was native of Kentucky and he of Georgia. Presumably the two families were neighbors given their numerical order in the census. Finally, as none of these named Black individuals are listed in the 1855, 1857 and 1860 Riley county censuses presumably they came to the county between 1861 and 1865 when the underground railroad no longer existed.

In the 1870 census Riley county has 63 Blacks and 62 live in Manhattan in at least 14 Black households. Alphabetically there is the Richard Alexander, a Black laborer born in Kentucky who is 23. With him is Charlotte Alexander who is White, 30 and a Missouri native. They are living in the household of Henry H. Dunton who is White, 50, a carpenter from New York with \$450 dollars worth of real estate (RE) and \$100 in personal property (PP). Possibly Richard works for Dunton.

A second household is that of Sally Breakbill who is 41, a domestic from Tennessee who has \$200 in RE and \$100 in PP. Her three sons: John 6, Elias 5 and Isaac 4 are Kansans. Also in the home is Wm. Fields a 17 year old farm laborer born in IT or Indian Territory. All members are Black.

Next is Clarinda Craig who is Black, 48, a Kentucky native and has \$400 in RE. Her children Sarah and Addie are 15 and 11, Black and Missouri natives. Sarah is employed as a domestic.

In the White household of Albert Flanders is Deborah Fields a 14 year old Black domestic and native of Indiana.

The John Foreman household consists of John 25, a stonemason with a \$1000 in RE from North Carolina. His wife is Esther, 24, a Missouri native and daughter Alice 2 who is a Kansan. Also present is James Alexander 16 and a laborer born in Texas, possibly an assistant to John. All are Blacks.

In household #190 is Jennie Gunn who is Mulatto, 25 and a Missourian. Her husband Levi is Black, from Kentucky and a brick mason. Also living in the household is Oliver Simons a 35 year old Black farmer who had \$1200 in RE and \$400 in PP. He is a Georgia native, and very likely he is the Oliver "Simms" of the 1865 census. Presumably Eliza Simms his wife is deceased. Then there is John Jones a Mulatto laborer born in Kentucky in this household as is Eliza Mathews who is 39, Black, and a domestic with \$1000 in RE and \$100 in PP from Kentucky. Presumably she owns the structure and runs it as a boarding house while Oliver Simons owns and works his farm, but lives in town.

There is George Johnson 28, a Mulatto butcher born in Missouri heading household # 197. His wife Larana is 21, Black and Kentucky born and their son is John 2, Black and born in Indiana. Also present is Loanna Griffin 16, Black and Kentucky born - possibly Larana's sister.

The Charles Lee family consists of himself, 46, Black, and Virginia born. His wife is Mary 22, Black and Kentucky born with their one year old son Benjamin, a Kansan.

Matilda Majors is a 38 year old Black woman from North Carolina who has \$100 in PP. She has two sons: Richard 10 and Drew 8 and a daughter Bell 4. The boys are Arkansas natives, but Bell is a Kansan.

The earliest record of a Black killed in Wabaunsee county was of one George Woods on approximately August 15, 1868 near the Dragoon settlement, probably by accident being mistaken for a horse thief by campers on the J.M. Lee place where he lived (Thomson 1901:24).

There is also a Charles Mathews 32, a farm laborer who is Black with his White wife Mary 32 and their five Mulatto children in household #11. Charles is born in Kentucky and has \$100 in personal property. Mary is Georgia born, but all the children are natives of Indiana. They are Isaac 8, Virginia 5, Caroline 3, John 2 and Samuel 1.

Further, a Martha Mathews is a Black 23 year old hotel cook who was born in Missouri living in household #125. A second hotel cook is Noah Morgan who is a 22 year old Black male and an Indiana native living in household #28.

The Norris family consists of Jack who is 43 and a Mulatto. He is a laborer with \$400 in RE and \$100 in PP. His Black wife and daughter is Kate 42 and Tennessee born, and Hannah 13 born in Virginia. Jack's place of birth is listed "IT" or Indian Territory.

The Stewart family consists of Stephen who is 64, Black and a barber. He is Missouri born. Next there is his wife Martha 37, Black and Tennessee born, "Abert" a 23 year old Black son, Lucy 13, Black, "Alazo" 8 and Black son. These children are Illinois born as is Edward Stewart who is Black, 22, a barber and Illinois born. Possibly he is married to Annie a 17 year old Mulatto born in Missouri as they are listed last in the Stewart household, and his is gainfully employed.

There are two Thomas families. The first is Richard Thomas a Black 33 year old stonemason who has \$450 RE. His birthplace is listed "Wls" which is Wales. With him is John Thomas, Black, 23 and a laborer with \$100 in PP. He was born in Ohio. He has a Black wife Lucy 17 and a Black one year old son Walter and both are Kansas natives.

The second is Edam Thomas 39 and his son Abram 7. He is a hotel porter born in Kentucky while his son is a Kansan. This is the E. Thomas of the 1865 census. His wife is apparently deceased and his older children probably married and moved out of the county.

The Turner family consists of Joshua who is a Black farm laborer born in Arkansas, his wife America 17 and Missouri born and their Kansas born son Eugene 4 months. Mother and child are Mulattos.

Then there is the Edmond Williams family. He is Black, 30 and Missouri born. He is a laborer who has \$500 in RE and \$100 in PP. Mary his wife is 26 and a Mulatto as are their two daughters: Kate 12 and Sarah 9. Mary and the children are Arkansas natives.

Finally, there is Richard Young, a 39 year old Black laborer born in Missouri. He is quite prosperous as he has \$500 in RE and \$300 in PP.

Interestingly, only three 1865 Riley county Blacks are listed in the 1870 census. They are Edam Thomas with his son Abram, i.e. Abraham Lincoln Thomas, and Oliver Simms, i.e. Simons. Both men appear to be widowers as no women are present in their households. Additionally, in 1870 there was only one Black living in Ogden. He was Jefferson Willis a 31 year old Black male farm laborer born in Missouri. Finally, eighteen of the Blacks in the 1870 Riley county census are recorded as Mulattos and two had White wives.

Conclusions

The evidence available suggests that the Underground Railroad in Kansas was mostly associated with the Lane Trail which started north at Topeka. The slaves came as a result of anti-slavery raids in western Missouri along the Missouri-Kansas border and within easternmost Kansas where Missourians and other slaveholding settlers had made claims. It operated mainly before the Civil War, between 1857-1861.

Although the Beecher Bible and Rifle Company of Wabaunsee had planned to be involved with the "railway" there is no good data documenting slaves passing through the county. In the 1865 Kansas census 3% of Wabaunsee's population was Black. These people came between 1860 and 1865 censuses, but when is unknown. However, these census data do point to Wabaunsee being strongly sympathetic to Blacks. President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1st, 1863 so it is possible some of these individuals came then, but if so they had no reason to flee north if they were free and safe in the west. Also, in horse and buggy days why travel 25 miles west only to backtrack those miles east again to Topeka, especially if there was no need.

Additionally, although there are claims that the Henry Strong "cave" cut in Bluemont hill was used to hide runaway slaves it was fundamentally the root cellar possessed by most farm families (Anon. 1976b:462; Pitts 2003). Manhattan was 50 miles west of the Lane Trail, and excepting house slaves at Ft. Riley none of whom

were reported running-away and who were gone when its Southern officers left to join the Confederate army, there were no slaves to rescue in the locality. Why bring runaways 50 miles west when they were safe in Topeka, the underground rail head.

Thus, there is no good historical evidence that Manhattan was an active “station” on the underground railroad basically because of this distance, and the lack of a slave population to rescue. Some of these claims may be based on the fact that Wabaunsee’s Enoch Platt was the brother of Jeremiah Everts Platt who settled in Manhattan in 1856, and became a professor at KSAC (Anon. 1976b:431), and some may be based on “wanting-it-to-be-so”.

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Last Will and Testament of Joseph A Hardy of Lee County, Virginia

November 14, 1866

I, Joseph A Hardy, of the County of Lee and State of Virginia, do make, publish, and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form, as follows:

After paying all my just debts & Funeral expenses, 1st. It is my will that my sister Elizabeth Hardy shall have the control of all my lands & All other property & Debts & Money, during her life or as long as she remains single & At her death or marriage, I give Samuel George Bales, son of Stephen Bales, Sr. dec'd, the tract of land which I live on & Two other small tracts, one on Entry & The other which I purchased from Francis Lyons & All my farming utensils & One horse worth seventy-five dollars if there is any horse on the place at her death or marriage. 2nd. I give to Joseph Tyler Bales, son of Stephen Bales dec'd. & Lilbourn Smith Bales, son of Stephen Bales, dec'd. The tract of land upon which Jessee Fletcher now lives & I also give to Joseph Tyler Bales & Lilbourn Smith Bales, sons of Stephen Bales, dec'd. all the remaining horses, cattle, & hogs that may belong to my estate at the death of s'd Elizabeth Hardy, & At the death of s'd Elizabeth Hardy I give to Cynthia Elizabeth and Martha Jane Bales, daughters of Stephen Bales, Sr. dec'd. All the household & kitchen furniture which s'd Elizabeth Hardy may own at her death or marriage. It is my will that the above named Samuel G. Bales shall pay to Joseph Allen Speak son of Samuel Speak, one horse worth eighty dollars, twelve months after he gets possession of the above mentioned estate. I further desire that there shall be no appraisement of my property. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Joshua Ewing, Executor of my last will and Testament & I desire that there shall be no security required of him. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 14th day of November 1866.

Joseph A. Hardy (Seal)

Witness

Daniel Bales

Caleb Bales, Jr

A.P Ewing

Virginia

At a County Court begun & held for Lee County on Monday, December 20th 1869. The last will and testament of Joseph A. Hardy deceased was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Daniel Bales, Caleb Bales, Jr. and A.P. Ewing, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

Teste: John B. West. D.C.

Virginia, Lee County to-wit:

I, Arthur T Burchette, Clerk of and for the Circuit Court of Lee County do certify that the foregoing isa true copy of the last will and testament of Joseph A. Hardy, deceased, as appears of record in this office in Will Book Nol. 3, Page 319.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of May, 1956.

Teste: Arthur T Burchette, Clerk

(Here begin some notes from papers found in an old house in Wabaunsee County, KS. by Gladys Bloomfield of Eskridge, Ks 66423. Ed..I have no sources for some of these items and only partial ones for others. What I have will be included.)

Wedding Invitation: Mr and Mrs. Alfred Rosedahl request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter, Maude Victoria, to Mr. Walfred B. Carlson, on Wednesday evening, May the twenty-third, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, at eight o'clock at the home. Frankfort, Kansas

Account of the wedding of Rosedahl-Carlson in the Frankfort Index. Names listed in the account: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rosedahl, Maude Victoria, their eldest daughter, the bride, Alfred H. Carlson of Topeka, the groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carlson. Eunice Carlson, a sister of the groom, sang with Mildred Rosedahl, a sister of the bride. Mrs. Carl Larson played the wedding march. Miss Ruby Carlson, sister of the groom, maid of honor, Clarence Rosedahl, brother of the bride, best man, Joy Rosedahl, sister of the bride, flower girl, Ruby Johnson, cousin of the groom, flower girl; Marcella Rosedahl, sister of the bride, bridesmaid. Leonard Carlson, cousin of the groom, bridesmaid's attendant. Rev A.T. Train of the Salem Luthrean Church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. August Larson, host and hostess at luncheon following the ceremony. Reuben Carlson of Topeka, a life-long friend of the groom, sang at the luncheon and toasted the groom. Mrs. Abel Johnson toasted the bride.

Guests from out of town were: Mr and Mrs. Alfred Carlson and children Ruby, Eunice, and Fritz of Topeka; Mrs. Tilda Carlson and children, Violet, Leonard, and Rudolph of Cleburne; Mr., and Mrs. C.H. Rosedahl and son Lyle of Whiting; Miss Tillie Ekholm of Kansas City, MO; Reuben Carlson of Topeka;

Wedding Invitation: Jessie Shehi to Fritz Ephraimson Mr and Mrs. H. Shehi request the pleasure of your company, at the marriage of their daughter, Jessie to Mr. C.F. Ephraimson, Wednesday, February fourteenth Nineteen Hundred, at 11:30 o'clock A.M., at their home at Spring Creek, Kansas.

Wedding Invitation: Mr and Mrs. C.F. Ephramson announe the marriage of their daughter Gladys Lillian to Mr. Albert L. Webster on Wednesday, December the seventeenth nineteen hundred and twenty-four, Bigelow, Kansas.

Envelope addressed to Mr. J. Ephramson, Cleburne, Kansas
An old quilt -- Alma Ephramson 1893

Wedding Invitation (Handwritten): Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Holt request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of our daughter, Hilma to Charles A Seaburg, Saturday December twenty-sixth 1891 at ten o'clock A.M. Cleburne, Kansas

Marriage Announcemenet: Mr. and Mrs August Hukriede (?) Announce the marriage of their daughter Florence Edna to Mr. Harry A Seaburg on Sunday, April the twenty-seventh one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, Cleburne, Kansas. At home after May fifteenth, Cleburne, Kansas.

Confirmation Certificate: (Alfred's confirmation written in pencil on the back) Document torn through the middle from top to bottom. Words writaten on the certificate in English are: John Alfred Carlson Mariadahl 10th April 1887; Mariadahl; Mariadahl 15 May 1887 J.H. Olson, Pastor.

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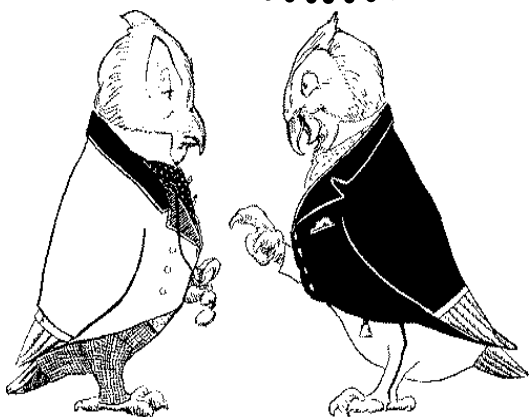
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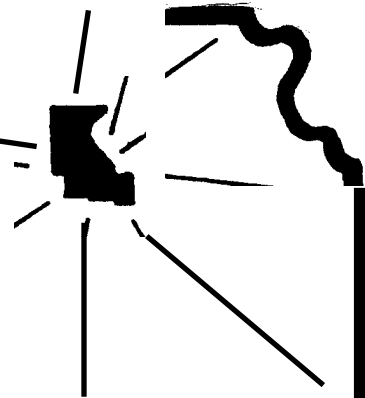
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The library will be closed

Independence Day July 4
Thanksgiving, Nov 26
Christmas, Dec 24, 25
New Years Day Jan 1, 2010

From the President

Howdy fellow family history buffs. Isn't it amazing how time flies? Just yesterday I wrote the President's column for this publication. Now it is due again.

We made it through winter and now it is time for April showers to bring May flowers and June brides. Now we can look forward to a green countryside and a renewal of life.

I was down in northwestern Oklahoma the weekend of April 18th. They had some severe storms in the area not far from the town where I grew up. Our high school alumni gathering was that night. I can count on one hand the number of times we've held the banquet and escaped without having severe storms.

While there, I caught up on information on my friends, friends of my parents, and, of course, the escapades from growing up. It is funny how much better we tell the stories of our greatness now!

This is all being said as a way to remind the "dear researcher" that the earlier we start gathering vignettes from our younger days or from our parents and relatives, the more information we will get and the more accurate it will be. It is never too early to interview our relatives for information about our families. This is the "flesh on the bones" of our family's history. We can gather all the facts like birth and death dates and their locations, the occupation of the person, but until we can fill-in the interesting things that were part of their lives, we have only a collection of facts. It will "read great and last a long time" if we make our family's history come alive.

Jim

Wish List—

It finally happened, our copier gave out and we had to buy another. Now our wish is for money to help defray its cost. Any little bit will help.

New Members

In Memorium

The 2009 conference presented by **The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and The Wichita Genealogical Society, featuring Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak** is scheduled for June 20, 2009 at the **Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kansas.**

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Lumber for the First State Capitol Near Fort Riley

fr Manhattan Mercury Jan 10, 1917

By Sylvester C. Ekart

Mr J.S.Williams 1203 Colorado Street yesterday afternoon brought in to the office of the Mercury an old letter from Wallace C. Regal who with Franklin G.Adams hauled the lumber from Kansas City for the old State House near Ft. Riley.

“One incident I must relate of my trip in connection with the getting of the lumber,” wrote Mr. Regal, “in going to Kansas City for the lumber we were wrecked by a wash-out and one wheel of our wagon was lost and one ox was drowned, and on our return trip crossed the Kaw at Ashland, carrying my clothes on my head, water up to my neck and one old ox scared to bellow because of the swift current and quicksand that took him off his feet! I can hear the roar yet--wagon made a noise like going over our St. Louis granite streets.”

The trip for lumber, Mr. Williams states, was made in 1855. Mr. Adams had a claim on McDowell Creek and Mr. Williams built his house there for him in 1855.

Some Old Settlers of Manhattan fr the *Manhattan Nationalist*, Oct 7, 1898

By Sylvester C. Ekart

Manhattan must be a pretty good place in which to live and but few Kansas communities can show a spryer lot of aged men than those in the following list written the other day by Dr. G. H. Perry. It could be increased to a hundred in number with a little more time:

Over 90 Years of Age

Welcome Wells

Over 87:

Judge John A. Pipher

Over 86:

Charles Lee

Over 84:

A. B.Irish

Charles Dimmoch

Over 83:

Joseph Rhodes

Over 82:

Ed Lofinck

Over 81.

M.Tippin

J.H.Brous

Dr. W. H.Stillman

Over 80:

Wm. E. Castle

G.W.Sigman

Over 79:

C. A. Russell

J. T. Allin

Over 77:

Joseph Parkinson

Marion McDaniels

J.E. Failyer

Oscar Fay

Over 75:

R. J. Harper

C. G. Howard

Wm. Winchip

Over 74:

N.P. Nelson

C. Buell

Over 73:

Aaron Matter

Fred Schaoneka

G. Green

Over 72:

S.I. Childs

Horace Clark

Captain Jackson

George W. Chandler

Dr. Patee

Over 71:

J..McDowell

Charles Warren

Rev. R.D. Parker

Rev. J.L. Gregg

Charles Mathews

Over 70:

John Hoard

David Taylor

W. H. Hope

Ashford Stingley

August Seeland

G.B. Phillips

P.W. Zeigler

Over 69:

George Brown

George W. Higinbotham

Dr. G. H. Perry

Asif Browning

W.H. Bowen
Warren Cooper
Barney Dempsey
Henry Aimen

Over 68:

August Meyer
Jerry Haynes
Rev . E.S. Riley
George Wells
Homer Stingley
J..C. Neal
Wm Knostman
J.N. Limbocker

Over 67:

Rev. R..M. Tunnell
Reav. W.C. Campbell
Hugh Jones
J.F Bixby
D.R. White
Levi E. Woodman
Dr. Mitchell

Over 66:

Richard Waltham
W.D. Allen
D. G. Lantz
Sol Whitney
M. Holbaert
Moses Thomas
Charles Briggs
Leonard Drury
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J.A. Combs
Newton Ewing

**Pottawatomie County Township
Officers Elected
Nov 7, 1876**

fr *Kansas Reporter*, Nov 16, 1876

By Sylvester C. Ekart

Belvue Township:

Trustee, Joseph Welch
Treasurer, B. Washington
Clerk, A.E. Travis
Constables, James Snodgrass, Irvin Snooks
Justice of the Peace, John McNay

Blue Township:

Trustee, Wm F. Allen

Treasurer, John Conroy
Clerk, Martin Conroy
Constables, George W. Parker, Merrit Legore
Road Overseers, John Hudson, R. S. Hays, U. Stephens,
J.L. Soupene

Blue Valley Township:

Trustee, A. G. Axelton
Treasurer, Jacob Welen
Clerk, A.V. Johnson
Constables, A. Nudson, C.A. Carlson
Road Overseers, John A. Johnson, C. J. Holt, H. Sud-
erland

Center Township:

Trustee, M.J. Benedict
Treasurer, J.M. Jordan
Clerk, A.W. McCoin
Constables, Jonathan Dawn, A.C. Norris
Road Overseers, B.R. Sudarth, L. Ringey
A.H. Kersey

Clear Creek Township:

Trustee, M.O. Kieff
Treasurer, J.S. Force,
Clerk, W. Dedrich
Constables, Martin Hasty, Paul Goodman
Road Overseers, J. Canfield, W. Beeler, James Cox,
James Knight

Emmett Township:

Trustee, R. Bartlett,
Treasurer, G.W. W. Derry
Clerk, William Franklin
Constable, J.S. Blaylock, James McMullen
Road Overseers, J.R. Hodgson, Thomas Devine, Dean
Bartlett

Green Township:

Trustee, George Gilliford
Treasurer, George Tilton
Clerk, M.J. Gillespie
Constables, R. Springer, E. Adkins
Road Overseers, George Springer, Wm. Phillips, Thom-
as Jones

Louisville Township:

Trustee, Wm. Clark
Treasurer, James Daniels
Clerk, James Cox
Constables, Alf Switzer, Ezra D. Perry
Road Overseers, E.T. Baker, Thomas Fortune, J.M.
Jones, J.A. Miller

Mill Creek Township:

Trustee, T.A. Giles
Treasurer, Charles Points
Clerk F.E. Giles
Constables, H.C. Hamar, J.M. Gibson
Justices of the Peace, N. Points, James Lewis
Road Overseers, Samuel Taylor, Amos Vance, H.
Hoover, A Schwarz, John Schneider, James Lewis

Pottawatomie Township:

Trustee, P. Marvel
Treasurer, G.W. Marvel
Clerk, James McAlister
Constables, George Area, M.C. Vance
Road Overseers, P. Noll, Phillip Immenschuh, M.S.
Davis, J.J. Paddoch, Charles Zabel

Rock Creek Township:

Trustee, G. H. Davis
Treasurer, Hiram Sherman
Clerk, Seth Ingalsbe
Constables, John Good, M. Hughes
Road Overseers, Joseph Siddens, A.R. Walker, John C.
Lolley, T.H. Rogers

Shannon Township

Trustee, J.C. Williams]Treasurer, H. Shehi
Clerk, James Foster
Justices of the Peace, Clark Slade, C.K. Stevens
Constables, J.I. Stevens, Frank Warren
Road Overseers, A.J. Case, J. Dollinds

St. George Township

Trustee, Richard Armstrong
Treasurer, G.W. Cheney
Clerk, C.T. Shipp
Constables, P. Clampitt, George W. Diehl
Road Overseers, George W. Diehl
P. Clampitt, H. Coffrin, J. Plummer

St. Marys Township:

Trustee, John Wilber
Treasurer, John O'Flanagan
Clerk, J.G. Bauerlin
Constables, George N. Ullerich, Samuel Glasgo
Justice of the Peace, G.B. Ullrich
Road Overseer, Ed Leonard

Vienna Township:

Trustee, D.A. Cook
Treasurer, S.E. Leinbach
Clerk, R.W. Jenkins
Constables, N.R. Jennison, J.L. Day
Road Overseers, Benjamin Michael, H.S. Hallock, B.S.
Mekemson, Frank Smith, John McFarland
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Wamego Township:

Trustee, W.D. Embley
Treasurer, A. Uhrich
Clerk, A. Follett
Constables, W.C. Adkins, Wm. Deweese
Road Overseer, John Malcolm

**Pottawatomie Co. Township Officers,
1878-79**

**Fr St Marys, Kansas Democrat,
Nov 15 & 22, 1878**

By Sylvester C. Ekart

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Area, G.B., Constable, Pottawatomie Twp
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Baker, C.N. Trustee, Wamego Twp
Bauerlein, J.G., Treasurer, St Marys Twp
Benton, C.O. Trustee, Vienna Twp
Blaine, G.W. Constable, Vienna Twp
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 VanDusen, G.T., Treasurer, Pottawatomie Twp
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Deaths In Manhattan and Area, 1896 Fr Manhatan Republic, Jan 1, 1897

By Sylvester C. Ekart

Lemuel H. Mitchel 5 mo died, January 18
 Peter Busch 85 yrs. Died, February 5
 Margaret Allingham 87 yrs died, February 8
 Sophia E. Enslow, 85 yrs, died February 13
 Maurice L. Pickett, 51 yrs, died February 14
 Haidee L. Clark, 45 yrs, died February 15
 Emma Thomas, 50 yrs, died February 18
 Eugene Varney, 5 mo., died February 19
 E.D. Brown infant son, 2 mo, died February 27
 Lucy L. Blank, 39 yrs, died February 29
 Mary Ann Kimble, 69 yrs, died March 6
 Clinton R. Brown, 5 yrs, died March 22
 John G. Butler, 45 yrs, died April 9
 Rosa Coffman, 30 yrs, died May 8
 Jennie Jackson, 30 yrs, died May 17
 Mercy A. Mowry, 74 yrs, died June 2
 Mira C. Amos, 5 yrs, died June 4
 Gilbert and Nancy Owen Infant, 1 mo, died June 7
 Mary S. Green, 52 yrs, died June 12
 Henry Williamson, 11 mo, died June 21
 Margaret Ayers, 73 yrs, died June 24
 Clara Mabel Parker, 2 mo, died June 30
 Henry M. Moffett, 62 yrs, died June 30
 R.L. Hardy, died July 1, body removed from Concor-
 dia and buried here.
 Arthur J. Morris, 43 yrs, died July 10
 Arthur C. Allingham, 6 wks, died July 12
 Emil Lundgren, 32 yrs, died July 17
 Lloyd Keele, 9 mo, died August 1
 Evelyn Webb Hoyt, 4 mo, died August 31
 Mary Jane Whinnery, 69 yrs, died September 1
 Jacob Shull, 74 yrs, died September 3
 Myrtle Blach Theakston, 13 yrs, died September 12
 Frank H. Williston, 38 yrs, died September 12
 Frank Blinkhorn, 69 yrs, died September 29
 Chas. A. Nutting, October 27, removed from the farm
 of Mrs. Bardwell in Zeandale and buried in one grave
 with Orange S. Bardwell
 Orange S. Bardwell died October 27, removed from
 the farm of Mrs. Bardwell in Zeandale and buried in
 one grave with Chas. A. Nutting
 Herman Robinson, 73 yrs, died November 22
 Frank T. Edwards, 38 yrs, died December 3
 Miriam A. Hughton, 48 yrs, died December 9
 Mary Todd, 69 yrs, died December 18
 Laura C. Lee, 58 yrs, died December 22
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Recollection of Early Days, by Dr E. L. Patee Fr *Manhattan Enterprise*, July 31 through September 20, 1878 Copied by Sylvester Ekart

In May 1861, about the commencement of the war between Freedom and Slavery, I and a few others started for Leavenworth to enlist ourselves in the then forming 1st Kansas Volunteer Infantry, a three months regiment. It was very rainy and there was mud until you couldn't rest, and yet on the evening before and the morning we started the sun came out as if for the occasion. Our comrades came in from Junction City, during the night and by morning we presented quite a formidable appearance. By sun-up we formed in line for forward march. Our shoes were black, our clothing clean, and some of them showed signs of starch and ironing. After a very early breakfast in camp, our commander, Captain R. McClure, ordered our company wagons to move out, and for the first time, we heard the roll of the drums and the command to fall in.

All along the road to Wabaunsee there was considerable stir. Men, women, and children on horseback and on foot, came out to greet us, waving their hats, Handkerchiefs and little hands, and some saying, "Go on, Brave men, we will soon come if this call is not enough."

In a few hours we were at Wabaunsee, after being reinforced by some more as brave men as any, we marched ten miles further to Mulberry Creek, to camp for the night. Muddy, wet and weary as we were, the miles looked long and not a few of us, before we came in sight of camp, expressed ourselves as too tired to cook supper, which was the intention of all to defer.

But upon arriving on the ground we found the campfires already lighted, good Union ladies (thank God, there were but few others in Kansas at that time) had our supper already spread, our coffee hot, and with no better cheer have we ever seen a supper dispatched than on that occasion. We had been completely flanked; yes, outflanked by these grand, heroic Old New England daughters, our wants completely anticipated. And every one of us felt rested and willing to bless the ladies of Wabaunsee for our comfort. And long shall we remember the kind offices of those men we met on the way, among whom were Wm. Earle and Wm Bisbee, who are yet alive and were among those to cheer us on.

After Leaving Mulberry Creek we seemed to cut loose from all friendly relations, and adopt a soldierly
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air. Every resting place, before Breaking anks, we were lectured on temperance and orderly conduct. On our march the object of the war or what we intended to do was scarcely referred to, only our mistakes, and that was that on so long a march in a wilderness of prairie, hills and timber, here was not a pistol, gun or any firearms, except Captain J.R. McClure's sword. A half dozen rebels could have captured the whole company.

At Mill Creek on the Pottawatomie Reservation, we halted for refreshments. After noon we marched to near the Baptist Mission to camp for the night. With no other regrets expressed than that the ladies who had entertained us the night before would not be likely to do so tonight, we retired on a soldier's fare.

At the tap of the drum at daylight, the reveille called, and we came forward, cooked our coffee and bacon and dispatched it. After the order to fall in, we were put through the drill, without arms, of left face, right dress, etc., preparatory to our lecture, which was as invariable as the calls. After all of which, the attention, right face, ranks step, forward march, was given and we "struck out", this time for the Capital, beautiful morning, May 1861.

Our company was really a fine one, men of a uniform size. Our drill master was a fine looking gentleman and a soldier all over. I think ever since I have been a Methodist that I never came nearer shouting than I did when we made our first appearance on the hill west of Topeka. We were greeted on every hand; the old flag waved proudly and for once I could hope that I would really see my promise fulfilled that the old stars and stripes should wave in pride and none to make afraid on the U.S. post office and all other buildings in the United States. Only a few days before I had stood the mortification of seeing the rebel Jeff Thompson drag that glorious emblem from off the government buildings St. Jo, Missouri from which place I hastened to my home in Manhattan, Kansas, and there did all I could to raise the company I was now a member of, which numbered over one hundred men and we were soon to join hundreds and thousands more.

Topeka was not our objective point and the affairs of the 1st Kansas Regiment could not be explained to the satisfaction of our officers, so they decided to march to Lawrence, and amidst good feeling, we bade all good-bye and crossed the raging Kaw River and came to a halt on the sands of what is now the site of North Topeka.

Towards night we passed on a few miles and camped, muddy, tired, and not much the worse for the acquaintance we had made in Topeka. During the night the boys got up the idea of a change in commanders of our company which loomed up considerably in favor of A.B. Spinney in place of J.R. McClure, our present captain., which was talked of pretty loudly all the way on our march next morning, until we came to Lawrence.

In camp here, cross words could be heard everywhere among the boys and we were much afraid the company might become so demoralized as to be scattered, becoming parts of many companies that were not quite full and thus we would lose our identity as an individual company for this section.

J.H. Lane had his friends there, and his enemies had their friends at work. Speech after speech was made on the street. We were fearful of the consequences, and we went to Captain McClure with a proposition, for we very much preferred him as our commander. Now McClure was, for some reason, an enemy of J.H. Lane and the boys who favored the change in the company had a great deal of confidence in what Lane would advise. I saw Mac and told him that if he would be less hostile to Lane, I would get him to make a speech to the boys and they would not be opposed to him any more for the captaincy, to which he agreed.

So Lane made the speech, all was quiet again and we made ready to march to Leavenworth to be mustered in as we were when we left Topeka, an organized company from Riley County.

We had lots of fun of which I might tell, but I won't. Poor Lane is dead and the rest of us soon will be and so much might be scratched up to fight over again. Nevertheless, I liked Lane and McClure both well enough to have made them better friends if I could.

Leaving Lawrence we met strangers with no other trouble. Many of us, wet to the hide, waded through the mud carrying our boots in our hands. Cold and shivering we rested that night, with no one to provide for us but Indians who proved to be very hospitable, but had no dry clothing for us. Next morning we did not come into line as usual, preferring to pick our way. Every fellow was for himself until we got to Easton. Our captain wanted to make some moral demonstration and the call to fall in was obeyed with a will, for it was reported we might hear or see some rebel stock there, but nothing of the kind sprang up, and we passed through the main streets without hindrance. Today we were to report at

Leavenworth for muster, as we had been told, and from everyone with a heart beating with fear that we might be rejected.

It affected our captain so much that he mounted stage and advanced to headquarters to find out, returning in a few hours, mad, I guess for he had on one hand an even bottle full of, I don't know what; but it made lots of them as mad as he was, when he told us that we must march down to the city, spend a day, and return to Lawrence. Some thought it was bad; some were tired of war, but the most said "Stick to it" and on the gray morning after, we were all enroute for Lawrence again.

This was long before the sacking of Lawrence by Quantrell, or we could have seen more use of our marching and counter marching about that historic city. Most of the men were inclined to take it pleasantly, and some of them did really repeat: "Were you ever a soldier, did you ever train?"

Lawrence was made this time in all shapes. My feet were sore, shoes on or off. It took lots of medicine, I tell you. The boys were getting sick, lame, and discouraged about there being any war at all. Some went home and then came back to the company again and some didn't. In

Lawrence we got good quarters. The ladies treated us very nicely. They made strawberry suppers and other soldier parties, to which we were invited "free" or what would we have done? We had not been paid off.

But Lawrence was not our home for in one early morning we were ordered to break camp and march to Wyandotte. Ordered, well that was not so funny or was marching, but we went all the same, and when we got there, took up our quarters in the large, commodious brick house near the landing on the Missouri River where company by company we had our separate compartments, for we, the Second Volunteer Infantry, were all ready to be mustered.

Each company was full and lettered. Our company was Company B, Captain E. Our history hereafter will be the history of a regiment, but we will try to keep our company in view, from time to time as it makes itself more or less conspicuous. James P. Downes, for who does not remember him of the boys, a grand, good-natured, jovial old soul, chock full of fun and goodness to every one but himself.

Well, he was our second lieutenant. You will well remember I told you A.B. Spinney was our first lieutenant, and I will take the

occasion to say that Eddie Lines was our third lieutenant and whose shirt was full of a brave man when he was in it. He dares lead where anyone dare go. We were very impatiently waiting orders to be mustered in, for my promise to see the old flag set right had not been lost sight of, and those fellows across the river were somewhat in need of our soothing effect.

But the orders came, as orders do come, and we marched to Kansas City, Missouri, where on the 20th day of June 1861, we were mustered into the U.S. Volunteer Service, for three years or during the war. The strangest part of our story up to this time was that we were not out of the large building more than an hour when it fell to the ground, a mass of ruins. We all considered it providential that we were not buried in the ruins.

Once mustered in we began to move on the enemy in some direction or other and a disposition was manifested in many to settle old scores, from '56 down. Milt McGee had several to pay up, which he did in a very satisfactory manner. Colonel Eldridge our quartermaster had been out one fine horse for years and McGee seems to have been the debtor. Unlike many he advised the Colonel to call at his stable and take his choice which was done and the Colonel rode off the day we marched very much to his satisfaction and of all concerned.

In other ways we found McGee willing to pay up, for he treated all the boys to a waterproof coat who had to stand watch. It rained all the time and that may be the reason he thought of giving the outfit. On the morning we left, we all felt that the old Border Ruffian chaps had quite a number of good men among them, for all had treated us quite nicely at Kansas City.

We marched by way of Westport, down the state line toward the Blue where we turned east into Missouri again. In the meantime we were joined by the 1st Kansas Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Dutchler and a column of regulars, 1,200 strong, including two batteries, Latton's and Dubois's all in command of Major Sturgis, which made things look dangerous, so that those who were for us came in and those who were "fornist" kept away.

This day while we bivouacked for noon, came one of the first cases of an American citizen of African descent, to help on our cause, and our humble servant engaged his services as a servant. We rejoiced that we the citizen and myself could thus mutually aid each other. But when we came to march, I heard words and

saw looks which forewarned me that one did not want the rebels killed by that “nigger,” or that nigger to get hurt by the rebels, one or the other, so I told him to keep “dark” until night.

And we had marched only a little ways before we saw one of them looking for his “black boy” as he said it, but his “boy” was not here, and we confessed that we did not know a thing of him, only that he went into the woods by himself and acted for all the world as if he was looking for something. And I thought he was hinting it yet, anyhow, I did not know where he was. Captain McClure said he had no idea and he went to our Colonel Robert B. Mitchell.

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DNA Accepted as Mayflower Descent Proof

This could be a landmark decision for lineage societies. The Mayflower Society has now accepted DNA evidence as proof of a descent from one of the passengers on that little ship.

John Hawes married a granddaughter of Mayflower passenger John Howland, Desire Gorham. Therefore, John and Desire Hawes’ children were descendants of a Mayflower passenger. They had a son John Hawes, who left New England and popped up in North Carolina. Same person? If so, his issue could join the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Historian General Ann S. Lainhart and Assistant Historian General Alicia Williams recently accepted this line — on the basis of a Hawes DNA study of the Hawes Y chromosome.

Everyone involved in DNA genealogy seems to agree that the various lineage societies would accept DNA evidence sooner or later. The fact that the acceptance came from Ann Lainhart and Alicia Williams further reinforces the acceptance. (Ann Lainhart is one of the nation's top experts on Mayflower and other New England genealogy while Alicia Williams is another expert in all the Mayflower genealogies with special expertise in the John Alden family.)

Lainhart notes in an article in the June 2006 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly* that the Myles Standish family and the Pilgrim Edward Doty Society are starting Y-line DNA projects. That’s the male line, also known as the surname line. For information, visit www.myles-standish.org and www.edward-doty.org.

Riley County—Some Interesting Facts About its Early History

From the *Manhattan Republic*

Copied by Sylvester C. Ekart

Riley County was the border county among those organized by the Territorial Legislature of 1855. As then organized it consisted of the present eastern half of this county and the western two-thirds of Pottawatomie County. The line which now separates Fancy Creek and Jackson Township, May Day and Swede Creek, Bala and Grant was then its western boundary, while the eastern border was marked by the line which now separates Lone Tree and Mill Creek Townships in Pottawatomie County. Marshall County was the northern boundary of Riley, and the Kansas River was its southern line. Subsequently the Blue River was made the eastern boundary; the western boundary was extended eight miles, providing another tier of townships, and the southern border has been several times changed by additions and subtractions, leaving the present irregular boundary. Riley is the most irregularly shaped county in Kansas. Its present area in round numbers is about 600 square miles. On its longest continuous line from north to south, it is 34 miles; at its widest place it is 26 miles across it from east to west; at its narrowest point, it is 12½ miles across it.

The county received its name directly from the military post of Ft. Riley and indirectly from Gen. Benjamin Riley, an officer of the United States Army. In July 1852, army officers had recommended the establishment of a military post at or near a point on the Kansas River where the Republican Fork unites with it. In the autumn of 1852 Major E. A. Ogden and others selected the present site of Ft. Riley. The first encampment there was May 19, 1853, by the Sixth Infantry and the place was called “Camp Center.” July 26, 1853, it took the name of Ft. Riley. The first buildings at the post were constructed under the direction of Major Ogden, who died there of cholera in July 1855. At the highest point on the post reservation, a fine monument has been erected to his memory. The monument is made of limestone taken from a quarry in the neighborhood. On the east side of it is inscribed the following; “Erected to the memory of brevet Major E. A. Ogden, the founder of Fort Riley. A disinterested patriot and generous friend, a refined gentleman, a devoted husband and father, and an exemplary Christian. Few men were more respected and loved in their lives, or more lamented in

their deaths. As much the victim of duty as of disease, he collectedly closed a life in the public service distinguished for integrity and faithfulness." The west side bears the following: "Brevet Major E. A. Odgen, Assistant Quartermaster United States Army, died at Fort Riley, August 3, 1855, aged forty-four years. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me: Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labor, and their works do follow them." This monument stands almost exactly in the geographical center of the United States.

The first settler in Riley County was Samuel D. Dyer, who located about one mile below Rocky Ford, on the Blue River, in the latter part of 1853. At this point, called Juniata, he ran a government ferry. Soon after, the government built a bridge here, but in 1855 it was swept away by a flood. Mr. Dyer was a pro-slavery man, but was good and kind hearted to all. His house which was quite a public place in that day is described as "one story high and two stories long." Mr. Dyer died in February, 1875.

One of the next settlers was Rev. Charles E. Blood, who came from Mason, New Hampshire, and commenced his labors as a home missionary at Juniata, November 4, 1854, having with others, in his own words, "left their homes in the states, nor simply to improve their worldly interests, but to fight the battles of freedom and save this beautiful country from the blighting curse of slavery." Mr. Blood organized the First Congregational Church in Manhattan, January 6, 1856. He also preached the first sermon ever delivered in Manhattan. This was April 22, 1855, and his text was, "Those that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." The sermon was preached in a tent, with a trunk for a pulpit. This was the second church organized between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains.

In connection with this early history, it may be interesting to note that probably before the year 1800 there was located on what is known as the Welcome Wells farm, two miles east of Manhattan on the north banks of the Kansas River, the principal village of a tribe of hostile Indians, known as the Kanzas Tribe, which had been driven from their old home on the Missouri River by other Indians and by the traders of the Mississippi Valley. This village was abandoned about the year 1830, the tribes establishing several villages lower down the Kansas River. In 1880 the site of this ancient Indian village was surveyed and mapped, under the supervision of Judge F. G. Adams, secretary of the State Historical Society, Topeka, himself one of the first settlers in this county. It was after this tribe of Indians that the state was named, as it was the dominant tribe found in the Territory when first visited by white men. The name was spelled in nearly 20 different ways, all having similar phonetic expression. Edward Everett Hale, in his history, issued in 1854, spelled the word K-a-n-z-a-s, insisting that Kansas was a more "fashionable" way of spelling the word, at that time just adopted, and there is no doubt that Mr. Hale was correct as to the proper spelling of the word, if we consider its derivation. Kan and Kaws are French contractions of Kansas, and have been used for many years in designating this tribe of Indians and the river which still flows through their ancient domain. Kansas is said to mean "smoky," in the language of these Indians, and the south fork of the Kansas River is still known as the "Smoky" Hill River (1).

Our "Riley County History" stated last week that Reverend Chas. E. Blood preached the first sermon ever delivered in Manhattan. Perhaps the next man to preach here was Rev. J. S. Griffing, whose widow still lives on College Hill. He came to this vicinity in 1854, and one of the first letters he wrote home, still in the possession of the family is dated "Waters of the Big Blue, November 24, 1854." Mr. Griffing was certainly the first Methodist preacher in these parts. His headquarters were at Wakarusa, with Dr. Abram Still, a Methodist missionary among the Indians; and one of the co-laborers was Rev. Wm. Good, though he frequently traveled with Mr. Blood. In one of the letters dated at Wakarusa, Mr. Griffing writes about just having returned from a journey 200 miles west to the Big Blue and the Wild Cat. Mr. Griffing came here from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he first began preaching, but his home was at Owego, New York. His missionary work extended from Kansas City to Ft. Riley and he often preached to the Indians through an interpreter. The family still holds the claim which he took two miles east of Topeka in 1855, when the future capital was being staked out (2).

The proclamation for the first election in Kansas Territory was issued by Governor Reeder, November 10, 1854, and provided that S. D. Dyer's house at Juniata, near Rocky Ford should be one of the sixteen places of election in the territory. Another election place was the home of Thomas Reynolds, near Ogden, he having settled there in June 1854, becoming the first settler in

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Davis (now Geary) county. Still another election place was the trading house of Marshall and Woodward at Marysville, Marshall having first come to Marysville in 1849, and after whom the county is named. There is another interesting and historical spot in Riley County. The great object of the first settlers who came up the Kansas River was to discover the head of navigation of this river. No one doubted but that it was navigable as far west as the confluence of the Republican and Smoky Hill and hence at this point, near Ft. Riley a company of early town-site boomers organized the Pawnee Town Association, in November 1854, Capt. J. R. McClure, now of Junction City and who had settled upon a claim on Lyon Creek the year previous, was a member of this company. If this was to be the head of navigation, beyond which boats could not go, and where steamers would load and unload, it was necessary that a levee should be built and in December 1854, considerable time and money was expended in the construction of this levee. The growth of Pawnee was rapid, scores of houses were erected, and hundreds of people settled on the town-site. Governor Reeder gladdened the hearts of the ambitious founders of this then promising town by agreeing to hold the first legislature at Pawnee, if proper buildings were provided. The Pawnee town folks now thought they were strictly in it, and visions of the future Kansas capital, with a population of thousands, quickly passed before their eyes. A public meeting was called, and one of the speakers was General Nathaniel Lyon, afterwards killed in the battle of Wilson's Creek.

In July 1855, the first Territorial legislature, according to Governor Reeder's promise, met at Pawnee. But the fond hopes of the citizens of the new town were soon to be shattered. A dread and unwelcome visitor made its appearance in Ft. Riley about this time. It was Asiatic cholera. Over 175 people died at the Fort and 8 at Pawnee. The legislature became terribly alarmed and passed a bill for an adjournment of the session to the Shawnee Manual Labor School, in Johnson County, on the eastern border, nearly 200 miles away. Governor Reeder vetoed the bill, but the Territorial Court sustained the measure, and Pawnee lost the capital.

In September 1855, the town of Pawnee was almost completely destroyed by the soldiers from Fr. Riley, it having, by a change of the boundary lines, been brought within the limits of the military reservation. The reasons for abandoning Pawnee, above given are taken from a brief history of Davis (now Geary) County, but there is another side to the story. The legislators ig-

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nored all provisions which the citizens of Pawnee had made for their care and comfort. They came in tents, and evidently had no thought of remaining long. They were in the main pro-slavery men who had been elected by "imported" settlers. They were too far from their Missouri home out here, and hence embraced the first excuse for an early adjournment to Shawnee Mission. It would seem then, that Providence must have favored these men when he sent the Asiatic cholera into that vicinity and enable them to use this as a pretext for getting away.

S. D. Houston was a member of the Council from this election district. He was the only free-state member of the committee on credentials. All the free-state men in both Houses were unseated except Mr. Houston, who resigned, refusing to so far endorse the proceeding as to remain a member of the Council.

The walls of the two-story stone "capitol" building, erected at Pawnee, still stand, a monument to this interesting chapter of early state history and early Riley County history. The structure is within 25 feet of the Union Pacific Railroad, but doubtless there are few passengers that pass this spot who know anything of its history. This capitol building and an old unroofed stone store building are all that remains of what once promised to be the great metropolis of Kansas. Honorable Robert Klotz, who was Pawnee's hotel keeper was afterwards a member of the 47th Congress from Pennsylvania. Thus do Kansas men get to the front.

Governor Reeder's executive office was located at Pawnee. On his way to this first capital city, early in 1855, he crossed the Blue River at Juniata, near Rocky Ford, stopped with S. I. Child, now a resident of Manhattan and afterwards appointed him sheriff of the region of country from Council Grove to Marshall County, north and south, and from the Pottawatomie Reservation to the Rocky Mountains east and west. But the legislature of 1855 elected John T. Price the first sheriff of Riley County.

W. H. Bower furnishes some interesting facts about the organization of the Republican Party in Riley County referred to in our early history in last week's issue. He had helped organize the new party in Springfield, Illinois during the Fremont campaign in 1856. When he reached Kansas in February 1858, he found two political divisions, free-state and pro-slavery. Soon he began to encourage the organization of the Republican party; but the local free-state leaders nearly all oppose him, saying it was too early to organize. Mr. Bower now

nearly 68 years old, says several of “us young fellows,” who rather held the balance of power, concluded to organize in spite of the opposition, and so early in 1859 they held a meeting one evening just north of where the main school building now stands, in an empty old frame house. About a dozen men were present, among them W. H. Bower, Chas. Waring, James Humphrey, Simeon Perry, U. S. Rosa and Cyrus Bishop. The following week another meeting, better attended, was held in an old building in the block where Chas. Tegmeier now lives; and the subsequent week another meeting at the same place, when the house was full and much interest was manifested. The local free-state leaders – prominent S. D. Houston – continued to protest that it was too early, until the third or fourth meeting had been held. After each meeting they promptly and diligently inquired about the proceedings. Finally, Mr. Houston attended one of the meetings, made a big speech and then became one of the young party’s fastest friends. Other local leaders also came in, when they found the new movement was bound to win, with or without them.

It seems queer to read about Messrs. Bower and Waring being present at the birth of the Republican party in this county, when they had been Greenback “cranks” and all the other kinds of political “cranks” for so many years; and yet the very same spirit and purpose that dominated the Republican Party during the glorious history of its first ten years have actuated those who have been identified with the various reform movements, under whatever name and the people’s movement of today is but the counterpart of the political upheaval from ’56 to ’66, and will crown its brave followers as gloriously.

Mr. Bowers recalls the first political convention he attended in the county. It was held the first day after he and Albert Griffin arrived here, coming by stage from Leavenworth. It was about March 1, 1858. The convention was a free-state gathering to nominate senator, representative and minor officers, and was held in the old stone school house that until within a few years stood on the site of the present school building on west Poyntz Avenue. W. Marlatt, I. T. Goodnow, Jos. Denison, S. D. Houston. Rev. Cullom and Albert Griffin are among those whom Mr. Bower remembers were present. Houston and Griffin were opposing candidates for the senate. Houston won, and Mr. Griffin was offered the place of representative but declined, and Mr. Goodnow was nominated. February 18, 1856, the county commissioners made the following order: “That until Kansas Kin

the court house be erected in the county seat of Riley County, the courts of said county are to be held in the town of Ogden, and we will rent a house belonging to C. R. and R. D. Mobley at a stated sum per month.” This building stood on the south side of Riley Street, in block 19, the cellar over which it stood being still visible, the walls of which remain and west of which stands a large cottonwood that will mark its site. The house was small, cheap wooden one, ill contrasting with the Reeder mansion across the street, a two-story log mansion of ten rooms which had been removed from Pawnee. Some businesses for the country seems to have been transacted at the hamlet of Riley City, a place south of the Kansas River, not far from Fort Riley, for in the following journal entry for March 25, 1857, stands recorded: “The country commissioner went to Riley City this day and brought from there the secretary, table, seals and what records they could find, and deposited them in the clerk’s office.”

The probate court had been held in a log house at Ogden, owned by Lemuel Knapp. It was fourteen feet square and nearly minus windows. But June 1, 1857, an agreement was made with J. U. Parsons to lease his most easterly house, on Riley Street, for the purpose of holding probate and county courts, at \$12 per month, payable every three months.

Preparatory to a vote on the permanent establishment of the county seat, four election precincts were established, December 21, 1857, viz: Randolph, Manhattan, Ogden and Montague. At the election on October 5, the vote at Ogden was, Randolph 9; Manhattan 3; Ogden 158; Montague 23, total votes 193. At Manhattan, Randolph 11; Manhattan 127; Ogden 3; Montague 21, total 162. Majority for Ogden, 31. A belief that fraud had been practiced at Ogden existed so strongly in the minds of the citizens of Manhattan, that they delegated John Pipher and W. M. Snow to go to Leecompton and obtain some remedy at the hands of the Territorial Governor, but he refused to do anything in the matter. Then the examination of the tally sheet was the next thing attempted, but the officers in charge of it refused to have it examined. However, Judge Pipher summoned Lemuel Knapp before him at his court in Manhattan, to give testimony concerning the names of minors and soldiers at Fort Riley on the list, and through him mainly it was established that there had been over fifty illegal votes cast, which established Manhattan as the county seat.

Daniel Mitchell, who had been country clerk for nine months, a most efficient officer, resigned his office,

December 12, 1857 and was succeeded by Dr. J. W. Robinson, of Manhattan. December 10, Judge Westover ordered that the books, papers, stationery, furniture and all chattels belonging to the country, be delivered into the hands of the sheriff, subject to the order of the probate court. On the 11th, the sheriff made the following return: "The within has been duly served. Did not get the books on account of the clerk being under bonds not to give them up. He came to see the Judge. D. A. Butterfield, Sheriff of Riley County."

Dr. Amory Hunting, one of the county commissioners, on December 14, 1857, deposed and said that on December 12, he, as one of the commissioners, received the resignation of Daniel Mitchell, clerk of Riley County and recovered from him sundry books and papers, and things belonging to the county. Six or more men assaulted him and Judge Westover, and they thereby embezzled the said county property. The sheriff having a search warrant for said property, made this return: "The within has been duly served by bringing county seals, desk, table, three blank books, two small blank books and ink stand. Papers and documents of file not found. D. A. Butterworth, Sheriff of Riley County, December 14, 1857."

The following preamble and order was adopted, December 21, 1857, at the first county commissioners' meeting held at Manhattan: "Whereas, the commissioners in and for the country of Riley in the Territory of Kansas, have neglected and refused to cause to be erected or otherwise procure suitable courthouse for the holding of the courts in and for the said county; therefore be it ordered that the probate court be held in the Hoar Building, in the city of Manhattan, during the remainder of the December term of court, and until other suitable rooms can be erected or otherwise be procured for the holding of said court and for the office of the clerk of said court."

June 1, 1858, following journal entry was made: "Ordered that the clerk be authorized to purchase of West, James and Strouse, of Kansas City, Missouri, the building and lot in the First Ward of the city of Manhattan known as the Scammon Building, for county purposes, provided a good and sufficient title can be obtained, at an amount not to exceed \$600, payable in county bonds in twelve months, with or without interest, as said clerk may elect."

August 16, 1858, the clerk was authorized to issue specifications and call for proposals for building a county jail of stone, 14 x 20 feet, with walls eight feet

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in height, and to rent of Robert Wilson four rooms in the east end of the Barnes Building, on Poyntz Avenue, for the use of the county officers, at a rent not to exceed \$60 per annum. The stone jail here referred to still stands on the southwest corner of First and Pierre Streets, east of George C. Widler's home.

On November 8, 1858, Andrew J. Mead received \$45 for four and one-half months' rent of a stone building for district court purposes. The Scammon Building was destroyed by fire, August 23, 1859. The Barnes Building, one of the first erected in Manhattan, and originally used for a hotel, stood just south of Perry Brothers chicken yards, at the foot of Poyntz Avenue, and was destroyed by fire several years ago. The material for this building, all ready to set up, was brought here on a steamboat with Judge Pipher's Cincinnati Colony.

Manhattan's Patriarch, Judge John Pipher, the Founder of Manhattan, now Past 86 Years of Age, talked to a Republic Reporter: Last Saturday morning, The Republic office was favored with a visit from Judge John Pipher, Manhattan's patriarch. He is not the oldest man in the city, Welcome Wells being a few years his senior, but he is the oldest man who has been identified with Manhattan continuously from the beginning, indeed he is the founder of Manhattan. Judge Pipher is an interesting character; and as he enters the shadows of life, his stories or early local history become more interesting and more valuable, for when he is gone many important details with reference to early Manhattan will be buried with him. The Judge's face is not seen on the streets as often as in former years, for he is taking good care of himself; but when he comes down town and gets to relating early incidents of the city's history, an interested crowd always gathers around him. The Judge was feeling well Saturday morning, and for two hours he talked very entertainingly about the early days. Some of the things he said we shall repeat as briefly as possible.

The Judge corrects the statement in our "Early History" last week that the Scammon Building was destroyed by fire. Originally this structure stood near the corner of Second and Pierre, in vicinity of where Lyman once had his livery stable. Subsequently it was moved to where Coons' shoe store now stands, and was used for a post office for many years, when Mr. Pillsbury was postmaster, and afterwards his daughter, now Mrs. J. R. Young. Later, this building was moved to the corner just east of the county jail, where it was remodeled and is now used as a dwelling.

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Judge Pipher was Manhattan's first postmaster, being appointed before there was a post office here. The mail was brought down from Juniata some four miles up the Blue, every day and much of the time the Judge carried it in his hat. This was convenient. When high water carried off the government bridge at Juniata, a government ferry was put in here just below the waterworks pumping station, bringing government traffic here, and causing the establishment of a post office. The first office was kept in what was known as Miller's store, located on the corner now occupied by Houghton's livery stable. The old building now stands in the rear of this stable, and is an interesting relic.

The old Hoar Building referred to last week stands in the rear of the Purcell block and is occupied by M. Arnold's family. During the country seat controversy between Manhattan and Ogden, this building was used as a court room. For a few weeks after the county seat election reported last week, there was great excitement over this matter. An investigation was held in this Hoar Building, Judge Pipher presiding, and he tells several interesting and amusing incidents of these proceedings. Before the question was settled, several trials were held, for one offense or another and this building was headquarters. The most conspicuous character was a drunken lawyer named Herbert, who was also a candidate for State senator. One day while waiting for a jury to come in, Herbert, pretty drunk was persuaded to make a political speech. Concluding with great difficulty, he undertook to be seated on a bench, but he missed it and sprawled out on the floor, to the great amusement of the crowd and delight of his political opponents. Herbert afterwards became a rebel general.

The first printing outfit ever brought to Manhattan came with Judge Pipher's Cincinnati colony, on the steamer *Hartford*, which first touched at Manhattan in May 1855. The material belonged to a man named Stephens, but it was attached for debt enroute and put in charge of the Judge. He stored it in the rear of his house, then located near where Perry's egg depot now stands. After the Herald of Freedom had been destroyed in Lawrence in May 1855, men came up with teams and took the material to that place, where it was afterwards used in the publication of that paper.

When the steamer *Hartford* reached St. Louis on its way from Cincinnati to Manhattan, the pro-slavery men called it an "abolition" boat and came nearly making the colonists trouble. They paid a pilot \$750 to take the

boat to Wyandotte. The water was low and they were nine days on the way, not traveling at night. The steamer had to wait at the mouth of the Kansas for higher water. In the meantime, Judge Pipher, A. J. Mead and Hiram Palmer, grandfather to George Hiram and Maylon Palmer, started overland for Manhattan. The first night they stopped near Grasshopper Falls, now Valley Falls, the second night at St. Marys' Mission, the third night at Mr. Eubanks' on the Wild Cat and then to Ft. Riley.

Judge Pipher was the first major of Manhattan, being elected before the Hartford, with the colony, reached here. He was also the first mayor of the town established where Junction City now stands.

The steamer *Hartford* was destroyed by fire at St. Marys' Mission, while the Judge was in Cincinnati. He had sold the boat there for \$7,000 and just after the papers were executed a telegram was received announcing the destruction of the boat. It was insured for \$3,500. Some Indians, disappointed because the officers of the boat would not give them tobacco, set fire to some hay on the shore. The wind blew the fire toward the boat, resulting in its destruction. Subsequently the Judge drove down to the Mission secured the bell that was on the boat, and had it put in the belfry of the church, the building now used as a Catholic Church. The very same bell, the bell which first called the colony on board the boat before it pushed away from the shore of Cincinnati early in 1855, still calls the people to worship at the Methodist Church, and doubtless will toll the years when the venerable Judge is by loving hands carried to the silent city on yon western hill.

When the matter of the Judge's reappointment as postmaster came up, Mead and others fought it. The Judge went to Washington, and in company of Tom Ewing, Chet Thomas and Jim Lane, all celebrated Kansas characters, called at the post office department. In rough but emphatic language Jim Lane told the postal authorities what was wanted. This was Saturday afternoon. Lane told the Judge to wait until Monday, and he would get the appointment all right. Monday morning Lane met the Judge on Pennsylvania Avenue with the remark, "It's all fixed, you can go home."

The subject just now nearest the Judge's heart we did not breach. It is the coming Methodist conference. For several years it has been his desire to have the conference meet here before he died. His face is one of the most famous ones at Kansas conferences, which he has

attended for many years, and largely out of courtesy to him, the conference at Atchison last March agreed to meet here this year. Then the Judge wanted the Methodist Church building enlarged, not only to accommodate the work here, but to make ample provision for the conference. He headed a subscription paper with \$500, and with Rev. Gill and others set about it to build an addition. Our readers know the rest; and in two weeks the conference will be welcomed into one of neatest, largest, most convenient church edifices in the State.

We suspect that when the conference shall have closed its work, Judge Pipher will feel somewhat as did Simon of old when he had seen the world's Savior, "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace (6)."

On May 31, 1859, the following order was made by the county commissioners: "That a county jail be erected immediately, 18x24, of stone, and that the chairman and clerk be appointed a committee to receive proposals for building same on court house lots, provided the same can be done for county bonds, payable in six months, at ten percent interest." During the next year there were many complaints by taxpayers concerning the proceedings of the board. July 5, 1860, the board declared, regarding these complaints, "that the purchase of the courthouse and lot are legal and legitimate transactions" "therefore we recommend the taxpayers of the county, as law abiding citizens, to bear the burdens for the present year." November 10, 1865, on a proposition to borrow \$15,000 for the erection of county buildings, the vote was 150 for and 140 against the loan. Douglas County boarded Riley County prisoners in 1866 and 1867, and received about \$750 therefore.

An election was held April 20, 1867, on jail bonds, the vote was 262 for and 46 against. Jacob Winne had the contract for building the jail for \$10,441.33. The building was located in the southeast corner of what was then known as the "public square." It is the same building now used for a jail. The commissioners voted bonds to the amount of \$8,000 for "cells and appurtenances," in addition to the cost of the building, and these were sold to George E. Higinbotham and Company, for 67 cents on the dollar. In the early days the county officers were scattered all about town, and this continued until last July, when for the first time in the history of the county, all its officers have been located in the same building. From the organization of the county, the county seat question has been a live issue, and this has prevented the erection of suitable courthouse.

There have been many changes in the townships of Kansas Kin

Riley County. The names given to the townships April 2, 1856, were Ogden, Manhattan, Dyer and Pierce. Dyer included nearly the whole of what is now Pottawatomie County. January 17, 1859, the municipalities were designated Ogden, Manhattan City, Blue Mont, Kent, Indiana, Randolph, Madison and Kansas Falls.

The early officers of Riley County were as follows, those first named having served in territorial days, County Commissioners, Clay Thompson, Thomas Reynolds, Clairborne R. Mobley, Fox Booth, Thomas N. Lily, Stephen B. White, Lorenzo Westover, Amory Hunting, F. N. Blake, Jesse Ingraham, George Taylor, Jonas Kress, Amasa Huntress, O. E. Osborne and J. K. Whitson. In 1861, A. Huntress, O. E. Osborne, J. K. Whitson; 1862-63, J. P. Ryan, Ambrose Todd, E. Warner; 1864-67, S. I. Child, M. Condray, E. Warner, (in 1860, J. M. Myers was elected to take the place of E. Warner); 1868-69, Edward Secrest, R. Allingham, J. M. Myers; 1870-71, W. J. Hunter, W. W. Taylor, J. M. Myers, in 1871, William K. Rich; 1872-73, W. J. Hunter, William K. Rich, George Pickett, 1874-75, T. S. St. John, C. E. Eastman, George Pickett; 1876-77, T. S. St. John, A. D. Phelps, G. T. Polson; 1878-79, Samuel Long, C. M. Dyche, G. T. Polson, (in 1870, P. W. Zeigler was elected to take the place of Samuel Long); 1880-81, P. W. Zeigler, Henry Tidyman, G. T. Polson, (in 1881, John Condray was elected to take the place of G. T. Polson); 1882, Cyrus Foltz, Henry Tidyman, John Condray.

County Clerks: John S. Reynolds, Daniel Mitchell, John W. Robinson, William M. Snow and R. J. Harper. In 1861, R. J. Harper; 1862-65, A Huntress; 1866-71, S. G. Hoyt; 1872-73, Wm. Burgoyne; 1874-79, Wm. Burgoyne; 1880-82 F. A. Schermerhorn.

County Treasurers: Samuel Dean, John M. Morris, Henry Condray and Amory Hunting. In 1861, Amory Hunting; 1862-63, James Humphrey; 1864-65, E. L. Patee; 1866-69, A. Huntress; 1870-73, John M. Morris; 1874-77, J. W. Blain; 1878-81, John Tennant; 1882, William Burgoyne.

Sheriffs: John T. Price, Steven B. Williams, William H. Davis, David A. Butterfield, Scott Newell, W. J. Bassett, C. M. Dyche, George W. Higinbotham and Samuel Long. In 1861-63, Samuel Long; 1864-65, G. J. Haulenbeck; 1866-59, John C. Peck, 1870-73, J. VanAntwerp; 1874-77, J. D. Brown; 1878-81, A. L. Houghton; 1882, J. M. Myers. Probate Judges: Clay Thompson, Thomas Reynolds, John S. Randolph,

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**May a rainbow be certain to fol-  
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be near you;**

**May God fill your heart with  
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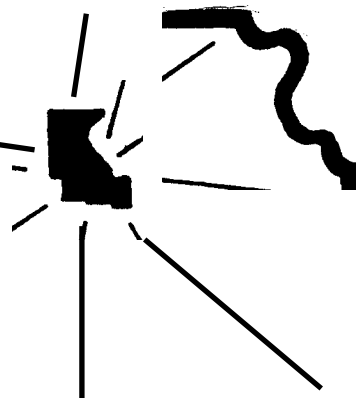
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The archives have original records of Fed Court cases from the mid-west states. They also have extensive microfilm records of military conflicts. Rev War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Indian conflicts, and much more.

We will leave from the Library at 7:00 A.M. and arrive for a 10:00 tour and then have the remainder of the day for research.

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Annual Meeting: Mon.–Nov.9– Zeandale Comm. Church “Black Settlers on the Kaw Indian Reservation”

Jim Sharpe, speaker

The library will be closed

Thanksgiving, Nov 26
Christmas, Dec 24, 25
New Years Day Jan 1, 2010

From the President

I have a question for all of you.

How many mysteries have you solved? Have you had a roadblock? Have you ever tried an online search and got the dreaded “could not find” text in red? I have had that happen just this week. Searching for the surname Kaine and using a first name did not get a “hit.” However, changing the surname spelling to Kane and using the same first name caused the whole family we were looking for in that census to be displayed. The surname was Kaine in one census and Kane in the next census for the same family.

In my research, both for me and for Marian, I sometimes specify the Soundex spelling of the name being searched. Of course this will usually get you a “few hundred” people; some will be surnames that are not even remotely close to the one in whom you are interested. When this happens is when you need some other discriminator to help narrow the field of surnames. Maybe a birthplace, or spouse’s name, or sometimes gender will help. Of course the state and county will also help. Many of you already know these things.

All this is said to lead into: But did you interview your living ancestors and listen carefully to the oral histories and legends? Check for the siblings of the ancestor causing a roadblock. Maybe they will provide a clue as to what happened to your direct ancestor. In another instance, that is how we found a family we were looking for in Oklahoma.

This was not meant to be a lesson in research. It is just to say that some times there are things we can do that will break the logjam and open up the roadblock.

Until next time,

Happy Hunting!

Jim

*Generations pass like
leaves that fall from our
family tree...each sea-
son, new life blossoms and
grows, benefiting from the
strength of those who went
before us.*

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Wish List—

It finally happened, our copier gave out and we had to buy another. Now our wish is for money to help defray its cost. Any little bit will help.

Save Those Best Choice Bar Codes

They are worth money to our society. Just remember to include the whole thing, especially the numbers below the lines. Bring or mail them to the library. Pauline will take it from there.



100 Years Ago **The Kansas Agriculturist, Wamego**

January 14, 1909

The new board of county commissioners appointed Dr. Toothaker of Havensville, county health officer, and Dr. A Morrall physician for the poor farm.

Floyd Funnell and Walter Pitney went to Omaha, last week intending to bring Walter's new steam automobile home, but after taking a good look at the snow covered roads and noting that the thermometer stood at zero and was heading south rapidly, they concluded that they had better return by rail and make another trip after the machine.

July 8, 1909

The Agriculturist is 30 years old this week....Thirty years has made a wonderful change in Wamego and in this county. Few of the present inhabitants of our handsome little city can remember how Lincoln Avenue looked when the boardwalk on the west side of the avenue was on "stilts," and the "jumping off place" was from a large dry goods box, about where the post-office is now located. Early boosters of Wamego were Judge J.E. Clardy and E. Weller.

Onaga boasts of 40 automobiles. J.E. Codding was appointed warden of the penitentiary yesterday.

The R.C. Hulburt Drug Co. purchased the drug store at Belvue this week and will put in an up-to-date stock of drugs, patent medicines and druggists' sundries. Dwight Hulburt will be in charge of the Belvue store.

L.B. Leach, was in Kansas City last week.

July 8, 1909

Mrs. Will Tennant, of Manhattan, lost an eye as the result of a Fourth of July celebration. She had gone with her husband to the Harry Tennant farm in Ashland, to spend the day. On their arrival they found one of the sons of Harry waiting for his uncle Will to help him fire off some dynamite caps he had secured. The dynamite was enclosed in copper shells about the size of a 22 "long" cartridge and were set off with a fuse. A fuse was lighted and the dozen or more people who had gathered at the Tennant house scattered to watch the explosion from a safe distance. Mrs. Tennant had taken refuge behind a small tree, about 40 feet from where the cap lay. The fuse was slow in burning and she was in the act of peeping out from behind the tree when the shell exploded. At the same moment Mrs. Tennant felt something strike her brow and sight left her right eye.

(ed: In another holiday incident a Westmoreland boy lost a hand.)

July 15, 1909

Z.R. Detwiler expects to leave this week for Excelsior Springs, MO, with the hope of benefitting his rheumatism, his recovery from his severe attack in the spring being very slow.

The following make up a camping party this week four miles west of town on the Kaw River. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Detwiler, Mr.

and Mrs. Henry LaChane, Mrs. Mary Breymeyer, Miss Ella Plesse, Mr. Frank Miller, Mr. Henry Ruehman.

July 22, 1909

Miss Valeria Herr, who has been manager of the Kansas and Missouri Telephone office here, resigned last week after seven years service. Miss Etta Herr, assistant operator, has also given up her position with the company.

Miss I. Isabelle Smith will give an exhibition of hand-painted china at Miss Chapman's, the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, July 27. She will be assisted by her pupils: Mrs. Robert O. Hulburt, Mrs. Benjamin Brunner, Mrs. Mary Breymeyer, Mrs. Elwood Sesler, Mrs. Frederick M. Detwiler, Mrs. Harry Lambert, of Belvue, Miss Alta Smith, Miss Gale Parsons, Miss Myrtle Mertz, Miss Elizabeth Chapman, Miss Grace Eaton, Miss Edna Chadwick, Miss Harriet St. John, Mr. Louis Parsons.

Onaga is about ready to get into the county seat fight. There has been more or less talk of moving the county seat for years but nothing like the Onaga movement has been started.

D.A., Waraner, carrier on Route 2, now delivers the mail with an automobile. Lonny has a long route and the ease and speed with which he can cover the route now is a great pleasure to him and the patrons on the route.

75 Years Ago **The Wamego Reporter** **May 3, 1934**

Miss Clara Pageler, daughter of J. H. Pageler, and Wilmont Breymeyer, son of the late Gottlieb Breymeyer were married last Wednesday, April 25th at 2:00 P.M. at the Evangelical Church of Wells Creek. The Rev. C. J. Raase read the wedding services. The bride wore a gown of blue silk crepe with white accessories and carried an arm bouquet of pink and white carnations. She was attended by Miss Merna Breymeyer, niece of the groom. The groom was attended by Carl Pageler. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's brother, Ed Breymeyer, with whom he has made his home for some time.

May 10, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blankenship, who were married last week, were pleasantly surprised on Monday evening when the Wamego Band came to serenade them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Duncan.

Then the band went to serenade Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartloff, who were married on Sunday.

The Commencement Exercises of St. Joseph's School, Flush, will be held Sunday, May 20, 1934, at St. Joseph's Church at 8 P.M. This year the class numbers eight, as follows: Gervase F. Ebert, Ellen L. Floersch, Mary Eileen Heptig, Rita Siebert, Eugene J. Umscheid, Regina Umscheid, Loretta M. Unterberger, Loretta M. Winter. We congratulate these fine young people upon the satisfactory completion of their high school work.

May 17, 1934

An Unfortunate incident occurred Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Maschlin, who had left Wamego immediately after their marriage, and were enroute to their home at Inglewood, California.

They stopped at Wichita for a noon lunch and during that time a gladstone bag of clothing was stolen from the car. Mrs Maschlin telephoned from Oklahoma City Monday night, telling her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Knoebber, of the loss.

May 23, 1934

The Columbian was filled for the outstanding event of the school year, the annual commencement exercises....The class roll follows: August A Applegate, Armond C., Atkinson, Catherine Irene Barclay, Leon C. Blanchard, Katherine Mary Bohn, Carl Bonstein, Mildred K. Bowman, Margaret Josephine Brown, Marietta Mae Brown, Elvira Aileen Burke, Kathryn E. Burkholder, Roy Dean Chrest, Loretta Belle Cox, Burl H. Downey, Joseph E. Farrell, Cora Elon George, Esther Mae Heston, Mildred Lavina Holzhter, Ruth Ella Julien, Nellie Genevieve Lambert, Margaret Landrum, Esther E. Leonard, Robert Clay Leonard, James Porter McKinnon, Mary Belle Noe, Harold C. Noller, Josephine Loraine Parsons, Robert Lee Peddicord, Eldon Retzer, Gorocia E. Rhodeman, Robert D., Rightmire, Arthur D. Rob, Wilbur Charles Schutte, Velma Louise Straub, Opal Lorena Tabler, Argel E. Weeks, Louise Marie Weeks.

Graduation exercises of the class of 1934 of St Joseph's High School were held in St. Joseph's Church, Flush, May 20 at 8 P.M. Rev. J. Karnowski presented the diplomas to the following graduates: Gervase Ebert, Ellen Foersch, Mary Eileen Heptig, Rita Siebert, Eugene Umscheid, Regina Umscheid, Loretta Unterberger, and Loretta Winter.

May 31, 1934

Mrs. Clara Chrest, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chrest, of Louisville, and Mr. Ed Riat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Riat, were married Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, at St. Joseph's Church, Flush, with the Rev. Fr. Karnowski officiating. The bride, who wore a white swagger suit, was attended by Miss Viola Riat, who wore a pink summer frock. The best man was Al Umscheid. The couple left for a short honeymoon trip, and are at home on his father's farm north of Louisville.

June 7, 1934

Miss Edith Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hoffman and Raymond Hofman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hofman, of St George, were married Friday, June 1 at Lindon, Kansas. The Rev. George Clay performed the ceremony. The bride and groom were accompanied by Miss Olive Edwards and Delmar Hofman. Following the ceremony the bridal party were entertained with a seven o'clock dinner by the Rev. and Mrs. George Clay. They returned to St. George where they will be engaged in farming. The bride is well known in Wamego, having taught in our grade school the past two years.

Miss Ruth Glover and John Wilson surprised their friends by getting married in Junction City, Saturday, June 2. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Glover of Wabaunsee. She attended high school three terms in Alma and finished the last year in St. George in 1933. Since then she has been employed by a family in Fort Riley. Corporal Wilson is from Arkansas and has been stationed in Fort Riley the past 18 months and will be promoted to Sergeant July 1.

Notable Deaths from Wamego Reporter

January 14, 1909

U. Burno died at his home in this city, Tuesday. He was one of the early settlers and for many years had been sexton at the city cemetery. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

With the coming of the New Year, Friday morning, one of the oldest, and at one time the best-known citizen of the Wabaunsee county, passed away suddenly and without warning. IN the 60's no man in the county was so well known as **Sam Weed**. In 1861 he was elected register of deeds and again in 1867. In 1862-64-66-68 he was elected clerk of the court. in 1863 and 1865 he was chosen county treasurer. In 1867 he was elected county clerk, also county surveyor, and in 1868 he was selected as representative. ..There were no vaults, few books and no clerks in those days. Sam Weed carried the funds in his pockets and records in his head. He could tell any settler the number of his land, the condition of his title, the amount of his taxes, and anything else he wanted to know at any place and at any time he met him....

January 22, 1931

Word was received here yesterday of the death of **Dr. J.M. Jennings**, a resident of Wamego for over 50 years. About two years ago he left Wamego for the east, where he made his home with a relative. When Wamego was young he located here and practiced medicine. He at one time owned property in Wamego and a farm north of town. He was Master of Wamego Lodge No. 75, A.F. & A.M. for seven terms and was a veteran of the Civil War, and was over 90 years of age.

February 5, 1931

John Deweese, one of the builders of Wamego, died last Thursday. John Terry Deweese was born in Grayson County, Kentucky, January 20, 1848, and after a brief illness, died at his home in Wamego, January 29, 1931, at the age of 83 years and nine days. When a young man he came to Kansas locating in Wamego in 1871. For many years he owned and conducted a transfer business in Wamego, and in later years was engaged as a cooper and carpenter. There was not much of Wamego that he did not see built and like others of the pioneer citizens, took a lively interest in the growth and betterment of the town of his choice as a home.

May 14, 1959

Frank Hirsch, 99-year-old Wamego citizen, died Wednesday of last week at Genn Hospital. Mr. Hirsch was a familiar figure in downtown Wamego where he collected boxes and cartons in a small cart which he pulled along the streets. Mr. Hirsch, who came to the United States from Germany in 1881, had enjoyed good health until six days prior to his death. Born in Muhlahnsen, Baden County, Germany, December 17, 1859, Mr. Hirsch came to Wamego and had farmed north of town for many years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lydia Hirsch, of the home, and a stepson, Henry Strimple of Topeka. Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch had been married 54 years.

Immigration Files Offer Hidden History of America

By Andrea Stone, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The federal government is opening the immigration files of millions of refugees, war brides, “enemy aliens” and other foreign nationals in the USA in the first half of the 20th century.

A gold mine for historians, genealogists, scholars and descendants, the files include private details on such public figures as Spanish artist Salvador Dali as well as family heirlooms confiscated from Chinese laborers.

“Individually, these files represent the story of just one immigrant,” says Gregory Smith of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, “but as a collection, they document the story of American immigration ... with its many wonders and its many blemishes.”

The immigration service signed an agreement Wednesday to transfer at least 21 million files to National Archives facilities near San Francisco and Kansas City. A searchable index is at www.uscis.gov/genealogy.

The files were compiled under the Alien Registration Act of 1940. They include photos, visa applications, birth certificates, personal letters and transcripts of interrogations of celebrities and unknowns.

Documents in Guerino DeMarco’s creased brown file show the gardener was arrested in 1942 and held for three months at New York’s Ellis Island after visiting his mother in Italy.

Another Italian, Raffaele Annunziata, registered when he arrived from Salerno in 1948. Like others, he certified that he and his kin were not “idiots,” “imbeciles,” “feeble-minded” or “insane,” and that he was not a “professional beggar” or “anarchist.”

French crooner Maurice Chevalier, a 1930s Hollywood star who spent World War II in Europe, applied for re-entry in 1949. He wrote that he would live with his son on a farm in Alabama. The application apparently was turned down. The actor did not return until the mid-1950s, after suspicions that he collaborated with the Nazis and later harbored communist sympathies had dissipated.

Dali lived in the USA during World War II. His thick file contains many forms he filled out over the years. The surrealist artist, best known for the melting timepieces in his painting *The Persistence of Memory*, apparently couldn’t remember his height. Various documents list him as 5 feet 4 inches tall, 5-7, 5-8 and 5-10.

A bad memory could mean deportation for thousands under the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the nation’s first race-based immigration law. For 60 years, strict quotas forced Chinese immigrants to endure lengthy interrogations. Some came under false identities as “paper sons” of Chinese Americans.

Jennie Lew, a San Francisco documentary maker whose father claimed such kinship, says the files and artifacts, once “a source of fear and torment,” hold special meaning.

“This opens an important and hidden chapter in our history,” Lew says.

Glasnevin Cemeteries in Ireland to Build €12 million Museum and Visitor Centre

This sounds like it will be a high-tech cemetery, complete with touch screen access to over 1.5 million burial records. The following announcement was written by the Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin, Ireland:

Oct 24, 2008 – Work commenced today on a new €12 million [roughly \$15 million US dollars] museum and visitor centre located at Glasnevin Cemetery. The state of the art building is scheduled to be completed by spring 2010 and will house an underground museum and over 1.5 million archived burial records compiled since the Cemetery opened 176 years ago in 1832. The innovative project, which is being funded entirely by the cemetery owners and operators, Glasnevin Cemeteries Group, is to complement ongoing restorative work at the Cemetery which began in May 2007 under the direction of the Office of Public Works (OPW).

The Glasnevin Cemetery Visitor Centre, which has been designed by award winning architects A & D Wejchert, will encompass 1,900 sq metres (20,300 sq. ft.) of facilities and will be over spanned by a curvilinear roof. The part of the building will include an innovative underground museum, “The Crypt”, located under the information centre in the original culvert or drainage system which predates the Cemetery. The pipes and vats of the drainage system will be visible through a glass floor in the Crypt Museum.

The underground museum will include:

Genealogy Services: Facilities to view and search manually or via touch screen all 176 years of archived records exceeding 1.5 million burials. These records details of the burials of Daniel O’Connell, founder of the Cemetery, Charles Stewart Parnell, Michael Collins, and many other people who have shaped Irish history. The “Poor Ground” records of Famine, Cholera and Small Pox epidemic victims and records of children interred in the “Angels Plots” will also be available through the genealogy services.

Exhibition Space: The museum will be designed so that visitors can walk through exhibition areas and interactive displays on Ireland’s varied and turbulent past. Proposed exhibitions for this space include:

- Daniel O’Connell – “The Liberator”
- The 1916 rebellion
- Foundation of the Modern Irish State
- Famine, Cholera, smallpox, pestilence outbreaks

Speaking at the commencement of construction works, the Chairman of the Glasnevin Cemeteries Group, Mr John Greene said: “The Glasnevin Cemetery Visitor Centre will be a user-friendly and informative tourist destination that will deepen the nation’s understanding of Ireland’s modern history while respecting our primary role as a place of rest for the deceased.” He added: “The centre will also provide much needed facilities such as a restaurant and indoor seating areas for people who wish to visit the graves of their loved ones. Indeed we are confident that such comforts will lead to an increase in the number of people visiting the graves of families and friends.”

As part of the ongoing restorative work in association with the OPW the Glasnevin Cemeteries Group are integrating with the Botanical Gardens and Tolka Valley Linear Park to create a verdant

green park of over 200 acres. When combined, this will create the second largest green space amenity in Dublin City after the Phoenix Park.

The Museum will also provide new and improved facilities for the visiting public and staff at the cemetery. The ground floor will contain visitor information points, a restaurant and public facilities along with family rooms. The first floor will house conference rooms, exhibition areas, The Daniel O'Connell lecture hall, Glasnevin Cemeteries Committee boardroom, staff offices and facilities.

You can read more at: <http://www.glasnevin-cemetery.ie>.

Entire 1911 Census Now Available Online for the First Time

The following announcement was written by findmypast.com:

Records for Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man and military serving overseas now online

Following the initial release of the Southern English records in January 2009, 1911census.co.uk now hosts the complete 1911 census records for people living in England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. What's more, for the first time in a British census, full details are available of British Army personnel and their families stationed overseas. There were 135,866 people serving in the British Army and 36,804 people serving in the Royal Navy across the British Empire in 1911, including 69,785 serving in India.

The 1911census.co.uk website service has been developed by UK-based family history website findmypast.com, owned by brightsolid, in association with The National Archives. Completed by 36 million householders on Sunday, 2 April 1911, the census records show the name, age, place of birth, marital status and occupation of every resident in every home as well as their relationship to the head of the household and the online records include images of our ancestors' own handwriting. For the first time the enumerators' summary books for the whole of England and Wales have also gone online today, recording details of all properties in the country in 1911 - a great resource for anyone interested in local history or house histories. The 1911 census records have been released three years earlier than the scheduled 2012 date as a result of public demand for the 1911 census, which will be a key resource for family historians.*

Debra Chatfield, Marketing Manager at findmypast.com, says: "We're delighted that the final records from the 1911 census have been published online including

the military records and the records for Wales, the Isle of Man and Channel Islands. We hope people of all ages will gain a huge amount of valuable information about their ancestors by consulting the records and that they'll discover new chapters of their family history that they previously knew very little or nothing about."

Oliver Morley, Director of Customer and Business Development at The National Archives, commented: "It's wonderful to see that so many people are discovering a new passion for family history through the 1911 census. Bringing this project to completion has been one of the most exciting events for us this year, and to know that so many people have been able to access part of their personal history online shows how valuable it can be to make these records available via the web."

The Life-Saving Secrets in Your Family Tree

The Wall Street Journal has a great story that tells how genealogists can even save or prolong the lives of the people that mean the most: their loved ones.

In the article, Anna Wilde Mathews writes:

Heredity plays a strong role in many health problems, ranging from Alzheimer's disease to macular degeneration and immune-system disorders like Crohn's disease. Though scientists have discovered genetic markers tied to many illnesses -- and tests have been developed to determine which patients have such markers -- these currently account for only a small portion of the risk for some diseases. That's the case with maladies such as stroke, most types of epilepsy and schizophrenia.

Many doctors say that keeping track of your family history can be a better way to gauge your risks than getting genetic tests. Family records might turn up correlations that tests can't yet fully explain.

You might want to read the entire article at <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124467618643403993.html>.

It's never too late to be who you might have been.
George Eliot

From Back on the Farm

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*I'd compiled a report
In my office one day
On my god old computer--
'Twas the best in its day.*

*I turned on the priter
To print the thing off
But it sugalled and then stopped
With a clunk and a cough.*

*So, Straight to the phone book
A repairman to find,
"We fix any printer,"
Were his words, not mine.*

*It seemed that I'd surely
Found just the right guy
But his yellow page ad
Had been a big lie.*

*"How old is the printer?"
He asked right away.
"Well, it's ten or twelve years,"
I heard myself say.*

*He paused not a moment
And apologized not,
And said, "We don't work on
Stuff old as you've got."*

*No use to remind him
Of the words in his ad
Whoe'er gets my business
Will not be that lad.*

*So I sweated and stewed
For a week and then two
And nerved up to tackle
What I had to do.*

*Growin' up on the farm,
The best trick on the shelf--
When machin'ry was busted
You fixed it yourself.,*

*Whether baler or combine
Or worn out old tractors,
Your brain and yur hands
Were relied-upon factors.*

*A search of the cowlng
(The printer's top case),
Revealed two screw heads*

In a well-hidden place.

*I unscrewed the screws,
Pressed some clips at the side,
Then pulled off the cover
And set it aside.*

*With rollers and cogwheels
And servos displayed,
I tinkered and fiddled
And prodded and played.*

*Tryin'hard notto break things
But see how they worked,
And tryin' to find where
The malfunction lurked.*

*And, finally, I saw
A spring-loaded knob
That seemed out of place
To do any job.*

*Nearby was a wheel
With a spiral-shaped groove;
The knob wuld just fit it
And govern its mover.*

*I made the adjustment
And gave it a spin,
Put the cover back on
And plugged the thing in.*

*Well, wonder of wonders,
It printed like new.
Althought my misgivings
Had been not a few.*

*Wife asked how I did it--
I answered with pride,
"A do-hickey dropped
out of a groove
In the thingamajig
At the end of a gizmo inside.*

*"I put it back in there
And it works like a charm;
Just usin' my know-how
From back on the farm?"*

*The story is absolutely true except for
the last two stanzas and the fact that the
printer clunked but did not cough.*

June 2009 Acquisitions RCGS

***Abstracts of Obituaries: Hope, KS
Newspapers 1901-1930.*** Purchase.

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son County Historical Society.
Purchase.

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Dingler, Helen. ***Past and Present
Towns of Dickinson County, KS.***
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ety, 1999. Purchase.

***Guide to Bankruptcy Files: U.S.
District Court, KS 1867-1878***
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KS 1854-1919.*** Dickinson County
Historical Society, 1991. Purchase.

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vertiser 1981-1999. Purchase.

Indian Hill Cemetery: Dickinson
County, KS. Purchase.

***Personal Property Tax Rolls 1873,
1880-1885,*** Dickinson County, KS.
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***Prairiedale Cemetery: Flora
Township, Dickinson County, KS.***
Purchase.

Scheele, Lynda. ***Dickinson County
KS 1854-1919.*** Dickinson County
Historical Society, 1991. Purchase.

Union and Zion Cemeteries:

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Buckeye Township, Dickinson County, KS. Purchase.

More Notable Deaths from the Wamego Reporter

October 19, 1933

Mrs. Frank Kolterman, Duluth, was instantly killed yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock when the car in which she and her husband were riding (collided) with Roscoe Melton's new Chevrolet coupe on a blind corner at the Rolling Prairie school house, five miles south-west of Onaga.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolterman had driven to the Ernest Wegner home after apples, and were returning to Duluth on the Rolling Prairie road, going north. Mr. Melton, who was attending to life insurance business, was driving west. The roads approaching the corner are obscured by a hedge, and the road coming from the east is on a steep hill.

The two cars collided squarely, the Kolterman Willys-Knight sedan turning over from the impact. Mrs. Kolterman was thrown out of the car. Both Mr. Kolterman and Mr. Melton were bruised and scratched up considerable, but remained in their cars. Mr. Kolterman is vice-president of the the First National Bank of Onaga, and operates a general store at Duluth in partnership with Ernest Berges.

Death Reported in Kansas Agriculturist

December 13, 1906

Charles Foveaux died at his home in this city Thursday afternoon, December 6th. At no time after the day he was found on the floor of his office was there any grounds for believing he would recover from the state in which an attack of paralysis had left him. He had been justice of the peace and police judge for several years and previous to that time had worked at his trade.

October 10, 1907

Julius Leach, of this city, died suddenly Wednesday morning, while sitting at the breakfast table. He had been feeling a little indisposed for several days but was not thought to be seriously ill. He had been on the street before the attack and the announcement of his death came as a shock to the entire community, as everybody knew and respected "Uncle Jule," as he was familiarly called. Mr. Leach leaves a family consisting of his wife and five children, Harry and Glen, who reside in Chicago, Forest, Nellie, and Grace (Mrs. Lamphere) who reside here, as well as a number of grandchildren and other relatives.

September 19, 1907

William H. Hecker died suddenly at Excelsior Springs, Friday morning, September 13, 1907. Mrs. Hecker went to Excelsior Springs Thursday morning, and was with her husband when the end of his life came.

November 5, 1908

E.V. Noll was born February 22, 1861, died October 28, 1908, at his home on Brush Creek, aged 47 years and 8 months. He was married to Rosa Ebert September 15, 1887 and to them were born six children, all living except one who died in infancy. During the summer he was overcome with heat and had never regained his health. He had a stroke of paralysis Wednesday morning from which he never recovered, his death occurring in the evening of the above date.

The Wamego Times

September 25, 1958

Jay Thomas Hill, 67, who had faithfully served as postmaster in Wamego for 22 years, died of heart attack in Kansas City, Friday morning. Mr. Hill died suddenly in a Kansas City hotel where he had gone with Mrs. Hill on a short pleasure trip. He was born February 4, 1891, in Wamego and had lived here all his life. Before taking over as postmaster, Mr. Hill was employed 17 years by the First National Bank of Wamego.



Jenkins Cemetery South of Onaga

Furman stones





**Polly Creek Cemetery,
Onaga Road**



Riley County—Some Interesting Facts About its Early History

(cont. from May Issue)

Harper. In 1861, R. J. Harper; 1862-65, A. Huntress; 1866-73, S. G. Hoyt; 1874-82, H. C. Crump.

Surveyors: Daniel Mitchell, Davina Furrow and Davies Wilson. In 1861-63, Davis Wilson; 1864-71, J. H. Pillsbury; 1872-75, J. W. Paul; 1876-77, C. D. Greenley; 1878-80, J. W. Paul; 1881, S. D. Moses; 1882, J. W. Paul.

County Attorneys: Abraham Barry and M. L. Essick. In 1861, M. L. Essick; 1862-63, A. H. Case; 1864, C. K. Gilchrist; 1865-66, A. M. Burns; 1867, James Humphrey;

1868-70, R. B. Spilman; 1871-72, George S. Green; 1873-74, R. C. Walter; 1875-82, R. B. Spilman.

Superintendents of Public Instruction; Wm. A. McCullom and Washington Marlatt. In 1861-62, Washington Marlatt; 1863-64, J. M. Lackey; 1865-68, J. E. Platt; 1869-71, Elbridge Gale; 1872, R. B. Spilman; 1873-80, J. F. Billings; 1881-82, J. H. Lee.

Coroners: F. C. Sonnamaker, Henry Condray, Ambrose Todd, R. C. Whitney and Jesse Ingraham. While a State, Ingraham A. Carlton, E. L. Patee, W. P. Higinbotham and H. S. Roberts have had the office previous to 1882.

District Judge: 1861-64, Jacob Safford; 1865-66, C. K. Gilchrist; 1867-60, James Humphrey; 1870-74, Wm. H. Canfield; 1875-80, James H. Austin; 1881-82, John T. Morton.

District Clerks: 1861, N. D. Horton; 1862-66, William H. Bower; 1867-82, R. J. Harper.

Riley County has had a prominent part in the political history of the Territory and State of Kansas, some of which has already been detailed in these articles. Below is given a brief record of her delegates, councilmen, senators and representatives, in the early days. Constitutional Conventions, Topeka Convention, Dr. A. Hunting and Robert Klotz were elected from Riley County, October 9, 1855, as delegates to this convention, which assembled October 23, 1855. Dr. Hunting was the oldest member of the convention (61 years of age), a Republican, a native of Massachusetts, although he came from Rhode Island to Kansas. Mr. Klotz was a merchant, 35 years of age, a Democrat, a native of Pennsylvania, and afterward a member of Congress

from the state. Martin F. Conway was a delegate from the St. Marys and Silver Lake precincts, at that time a part of Riley County. December 15, 1855, Pawnee polled 45 votes for the Topeka Constitution, St. Marys,

Lecompton Convention, on June 15, 1857, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties elected C. R. Mobley, J. S. Randolph, P. Z. Taylor and Robert Wilson delegates to this convention, which met September 7, 1857. Taylor and Robert Wilson were delegates to this convention, which met September 7, 1857. Under this constitution, N. Berry was elected representative and Dr. Hunting senator for the district of which Riley was a part.

Leavenworth Convention, March 9, 1858, Riley County elected I. T. Goodnow, Freeman N. Blake and George W. Higinbotham delegates to this convention, which met April 30, 1858. At a convention to nominate officers under this constitution, Dr. John W. Robinson, of Riley County, was named for commissioner of school land.

Lecompton Constitution (English bill), the vote of Riley County, August 2, 1858, on this constitution, submitted by the bill of Congressman English, of Indiana, was: for 22, against 258. Wandotte Convention, March 28, 1859, Riley County gave 119 votes for and 54 against this convention. In June 1858, S. D. Houston was elected a delegate from this county.

Councilmen and Representatives, in 1855, S. D. Houston was a member of the House and John Donaldson a member of the Council. Russell Garrett was elected to the House in 1856, Abraham Barry and Charles Jenkins represented Riley and Pottawatomie Counties in 1857; Benjamin Harding and A. J. Mede were councilmen from the district composed of Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha, Marshall, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties. In 1858, Abraham Barry and Thos. R. Points were elected representatives from Riley and Pottawatomie Counties. In 1859, J. B. Woodward was elected councilman from Riley, Clay, Davis, Dickinson, Wabaunsee and Morris Counties; D. L. Chandler was representative from Riley and Clay Counties. In 1860, Walter C. Dunton succeeded Mr. Chandler and was the last representative from Riley County while Kansas was a Territory.

State Senators: 1861, S. D. Houston; 1862, M. L. Essick; 1863/4, Thomas H. Baker; 1865/6, E. C. Manning; 1867/8, James M. Harvey; 1869/70, A. A. Carnahan; 1871-73, Philip Rockfeller; 1873/4, V. P. Wilson; 1875/7, Harlan P. Dow. During these years the senatorial district was changed several times. There were

first Riley and Pottawatomie; then Riley, Marshall and Washington; then Republic and Cloud were added; subsequently Riley, Clay and Dickinson composed the district until the biennial sessions began, in 1877. In 1870, T. C. Henry was senator; 1881, F. H. Burris. The district was then changed to Riley, Davis and Wabaunsee, as it now stands, being represented by George S. Green, J. K. Wright, A. E. True and John E. Hessin respectively.

Representatives: Riley and Pottawatomie Counties were represented in 1861 by Frederick N. Blake, Ambrose W. Mussey, Thomas Pierce and Wm. H. Smythe. Here are the names of the representatives from 1863 to 1883, 1863/4, Bradley E. Fullington; 1865/6, James M. Harvey; 1867, Henry Booth, 1868, D. M. Johnson, 1869-70, Ed Secrest, 1871, John M. Morris; 1872, John M. Pinkerton; 1873, W. J. Hunter; 1874, H. P. Dow; 1875, George Pickett; 1876, C. F. Little; 1877, T. St. John and A. S. Edgerton; 1879, R. B. Spilman and J. J. Myers; 1881, George S. Green and N. Green; 1883 George S. Green; 1885, P. S. Loofburrow; 1887, Wm. Fryhofer; 1889, Rowland Davies; 1891, Josephus Harnier; 1893/5, Wm. Knipe and 1897, George T. Polson.

In the autumn of 1854, Colonel George S. Park, of Parkville, Missouri located a town site on the Kansas River, where southwest Manhattan now stands, and called it Poleska. S. I. Child built the first house on the town site. Later the same season, Samuel D. Houston, of Illinois, Judge Sanders W. Johnson, of Ohio, Judge J. M. Russell, of Iowa, E. M. Thurston, Maine and Dr. A. H. Wilcox, of Rhode Island, met at the mouth of the Blue and located a town site calling it Canton.

March 24, 1855, Isaac T. Goodnow, Luke P. Lincoln, C. H. Lovejoy, C. N. Wilson, Joseph Wintersaid and N.R. Wright, a committee of a New England company, which left Boston March 6th reached this place and at once decided to consolidate the two town companies with their own and make one good town. The improvements then consisted of a log cabin, built by Colonel Park for a blacksmith shop, and a dugout at the foot of Bluemont. March 26th Mr. Goodnow pitched his tent upon Park's claim and protected it with sod walls. April 3, 1855, the consolidation was effected. The 24 persons present organized as the Boston association and named the town Boston. Several rough claim houses were erected and placed upon the most important quarter sections of the town site to hold them from claim jumpers. One of these houses was used as a store; it stood near where Wm. H. Smith now lives, a block east of the Kansas Kin

main entrance to the city park, and was the first store in Manhattan. The names of the consolidated Boston town association were, George S. Park, S. W. Johnson, E. M. Thurston, Charles Barnes, C. W. Beebe, C. E. Blood, A. Browning, M. F. Conway, John Flagg, W. E. Goodnow, Amory Hinting, L.P. Lincoln, H. B. Neeley, T. J. Roosa, Frank B. Smith, B. Welden, S. D. Houston, J. M. Russell, H. A. Wilcox, Stephen Barnes, Cyrus Bishop, G. H. Brown, S. I. Child, James Denison, I. T. Goodnow, John Hoar, C. H. Lovejoy, J. H. McClure, E. C. Person, Freeman Shattock, Newell Troften, T. C. Wells, S. Whitehorn and C. N. Wilson. Of these only six remain, Stephen Barnes, A. Browning, John Hoar, S. I. Child, E. C. Persona and T. C. Wells.

April 27, 1855, the Cincinnati Colony started for central Kansas, and on June 1, 1855, unloaded 75 persons on the north shore of the Kansas in what in now southwest Manhattan. The name "Manhattan" had been agree on before the colony left Cincinnati, these early "becomers" having in mind a future city like New York which is situated on "Manhattan" Island. What an ideal! As recently explained in these columns, Judge Pipher, A. J. Mead and Hiram Palmer laid out the town of Manhattan where Junction City now stands, but in their absence, the irrepressible John W. Pipher "interviewed" the Boston association, the result of which was that half the Boston town site was given to the Cincinnati Company and Boston became Manhattan know everywhere in Kansas as the "Beautiful City" (9).

Zeandale Township: J. H. Pillsbury, father of Mrs. J. R. Young, settled in this township in 1855 and named it. The name is a combination of the Greek word "zea" (meaning corn or spelt) and the English word "dale", together signifying corn-dale or corn-valley. This may explain why Zeandale Township captured the recent Dewey prize of \$75 offered to the township that would deliver the most loads of corn. Zeandale Township was originally a part of Davis County, was afterwards transferred to Wabaunsee and finally in 1871 became a part of Riley County.

In 1851, John M. McCormick, C. P. McDonald and William Wiley located their claims. Daniel S. Bates, J. M. Burleigh, H. D. Hull, E. R. McCurdy and John C. Mossman settled in the township in 1855. Abner Allen, Jesse Allen, Robert, Earl and G. R. Moses, in 1856; D. M. Adams and Harvey Marshall in 1857. A town was laid out and Mr. Adams was appointed postmaster; the first post office was kept at the house of J. H. Pillsbury.

A Congregational Church was organized in 1858 and a church edifice was begun but not completed. Rev. Harvey Jones, of Wabaunsee, preached here alternate Sundays during 1856. Mrs. M. Pillsbury taught at her home the first private school in 1858. Miss Mattie Keyes, in 1859, taught the first district school in a small building on the farm of Abner Allen. In 1862 the first school house was built. It was made of hewn logs, and called "conic section," because of its hexagonal shape. Mrs. E. Van Antwerp taught the first school in the building. Ernest McCurdy, son of E.R. McCurdy, was the first child born in the township, April 26, 1856. Rev. Harvey Jones performed the first marriage ceremony, December 11, 1856. The parties united were C. P. McDonald and Mary E. McCurdy. Clinton H. Pillsbury, infant son of J. H. Pillsbury, died early in 1857, the first death in the township. The recorder of the weather from Christmas 1855 to February 11, 1856, gives the average temperature at eight degrees below zero; the coldest stood 31 degrees below. The snow, February 1, 1856, was three feet deep.

Ashland Township. This township was originally a part of Davis County, and was transferred to Riley in 1873. Thomas Reynolds made the first settlement early in 1855, on section 10-11-7. April 22, 1855, a colony arrived from Covington, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio consisting of 35 members. They came to Kansas City by steamer and thence by emigrant wagons. The settlement was made on McDowell Creek. These people were great admirers of Henry Clay and so named the township and the city which they attempted to build after the town in Kentucky where he lived. F. G. Adams, now secretary of the State Historical Society, was president of this town company; N. B. White, father of Rev. A. J. White, was vice president; Henry J. Adams, treasurer; C. N. Barclay, W. H. Mackey, John E. Ross, C. L. Sanford, William Stone, father of Mrs. J. A. Koller, M. Weightman and J. S. Williams were among the members.

In March 1855 Ashland became the county seat of Davis County and remained so until November 1860, when it gave way to Junction City. There were several terms of the Territorial district courts held here, Rush Elmore, judge. In 1858, a post office was established; M. D. Fisher, postmaster. Dr. E. L. Patee was the first country clerk; he settled in the township in 1856. He was county treasurer of Riley County in 1864 and 1865.

Miss Marcia Woodward taught the first school. It was Kansas Kin

in 1857, and the first school house was erected in 1865. Rev. N. B. White married the first pair, William Stone and Matilda Williams, December 13, 1857. John McDonald, of the Ashland colony, died on the day after his arrival, April 23, 1855. Clarence Patee, son of Dr. E. L. Patee was the first child born March 6, 1857.

In 1860 a Christian church was organized which was afterwards transferred to Manhattan. Little remains to mark the site of the town of Ashland.

Ogden Township, this township was named after Major Ogden who died at Ft. Riley on August 3, 1855. Thomas Reynolds was the first settler. In June 1854, he erected a 10x12 log cabin on the southwest quarter of section 6-11-7. S. J. Cook now owns the quarter section. It was the first dwelling in the present limits of the county.

Dr. Chandler, the Dixon brothers, James, John, Patrick and Thomas, C. M. Dyche, B. B. Edmonds, Robert Mallon, Daniel Mitchell, C. R. Mobley, R. D. Mobley, John M. Morris, Joseph Myers, P. O'Malley, J. U. Parsons, Jacob Theirer, Moses Walker, Josephus Warner, M. D. Waters and S. B. White were among the first settlers. John Dixon died in August 1855 and a Mr. Allen the same month. In July eight died of cholera at Pawnee.

The first marriages in the township were that of Thomas Dixon and Mary Hoffman, May 1, 1856, C. M. Dyche and Miss B. A. O'Malley in December 1856. Alla the daughter of C. R. Mobley, was the first birth, born in 1856, Robert Wilson, at Pawnee in 1855 opened the first store in the township; a Mr. Johnson, of Kansas City, the first store at Ogden. D. L. Chandler, B. R. Edmonds, J. U. Parsons and Moses Walker brought in the first saw and corn mill in 1856, and they manufactured considerable meal and lumber. Mrs. E. Myers taught the first school in 1859; James Weston taught the second one. In 1857, religious services were held, and a Congregational church was organized and Rev. J. U. Parsons preached, and a neat stone edifice was erected in 1859. The first Roman Catholic church in the county was organized at Ogden in 1865. The church property is valued at \$1,200.

The Ogden Town Company was chartered by the Legislature of 1857, and the town was at once laid out in blocks and lots. The streets running north and south are named Elk, Walnut, Park and Oak. There are seventeen streets running east and west.

Ogden had one hotel in the early days. West of it was the residence of Daniel Mitchell, one of its early

est and most prominent citizens; east of it was the log residence of Governor Reeder, moved from Pawnee after its extinction. This is the most notable landmark in Ogden. Theodore Weischselbaum, its prominent merchant came in 1860, and for years did a large freighting business across the plains and had five stores out at western forts (10).

Madison Township, this township was organized April 2, 1872, and took its name from the creek, which was given it in honor of the fourth President of the United States. The first claims were near the head of Wild Cat Creek, taken by the Hairs, in May 1855. Jonas Hair located on the southwest quarter of section 7-9-6; T. R. Hair on the southeast of section 12, and J. P. Hair on the northwest quarter of section 7-9-6. In 1856, George Lyall settled on the northwest quarter of section 12-9-5, on the upper Wild Cat; John Forman, Bradley E. Fullington, Lorenzo Gates, and A. B. Whiting located on Madison Creek; A. D. Reed on Timber Creek. In 1857, James Kester settled on the northwest quarter of section 11-9-4 on Timber Creek. In 1858, among the new comers were George Avery, Lewis Parish, Gilbert Street and D. C. Wallbridge.

In 1860, George Avery and H. Whiting, in company with some teams from Manhattan, started for Denver with corn. It was the first attempt to find a western market and it proved successful. For years afterward there was considerable freighting across the plains from this vicinity. In 1861, George Avery brought the first threshing machine into the settlement that was owned west of Manhattan, and in 1882, the power was still used by B. F. Fullington on a corn cracker.

Joseph Roberts once kept a Central House, which was the half-way place between Manhattan and Clay Center. The first marriage in the township occurred March 30, 1856. The parties united were James Johnson and Mary A. Hair. In 1857, Thomas was born to E. C. Bartlett and wife; Alice, to A. H. Bartlett and wife, the first white births.

Bala Township this township was named after a town in North Wales. In 1862, A. D. Phelps located near the present town site of Bala. Twelve miles distant on the north was Rowland Spurrier, his nearest neighbor; nearest on the east, Rev. Aaron Silvers, eight miles distant; on the south, A. B. Whiting and B. E. Fullington. In 1870 a Welsh colony was organized in the State of New York, under the name of "The Welsh Land and Emigration Society of America." James H. Jenkins, general agent of the company, bought on time considerable of

the Kansas Pacific Railroad Lands. With this colony came Thomas Daniels, Rowland Davies, J. Griffin, John E. Hughes, Owen R. Jones, Theodore Morgan, William Randall, Richard W. Roberts, J. P. Thomas, David Watkins, E. C. Williams and others.

Bala post office was established in 1871, succeeding the old Timber Creek office. There used to be a post office called Alembia in this township. The first marriage was Christopher Young and Mary Lock in 1866. George Corringan was the first child born in the township. There are several churches in the township; Welsh, English, and Swede. The first cheese factory in the county was erected in Bala in 1876 by James Sharples. Leonardville, the largest town in the township, was started in October 1881, and was named after Leonard T. Smith, of Leavenworth, formerly president of the Kansas Central Road.

Fancy Creek Township, this township was named after the creek which runs through it. The creek was named by the Randolph family, who settled near the mouth of the creek early in 1855 and has reference to the charming valley and other attractions of this beautiful creek. The township was organized in 1879, and embraced the south half of what was then May Day Township. August Winkler settled in this vicinity in 1857. Soon after came Fred Winkler, C. L. Caley and J. J. Myers. August Winkler built the first permanent grist mill in the county, and one dealt quite extensively in sheep.

Center Township and May Day Townships were still too large, and so in 1881 the north third of Fancy Creek and the south third of May Day were made into a new township and appropriately named Center because it laid between the other two townships. These three townships are all the same size. Of course Center Township, being organized in later years has no early history.

May Day Township this township was organized in 1872, the territory being taken from Jackson Township. Its name was suggested by A. S. Edgerton, postmaster of an office established in the township in 1869 and first called Stanton. This name was changed to May Day because there was another post office in the state named Stanton. Frank Droll and Rudolph Niehenke settled in this township in 1857. Soon after came Peter Dick, A. S. Edgerton, O. E. Osborne, George Pickett and Fred Schwartz. In 1871, Sol Weichselbaum established a store in May Day. The first marriage was that of A. Brockhart and Sarah Morris in 1862. The first birth was John H. Schwartz, August 1, 1859 (11).

Swede Creek is the northeastern township of the country. It was organized in 1879, and receives its name from the creek which flows through it. The creek was named in honor of Peter Carlson, a Scandinavian who settled on it in 1857. In 1858 L. Pierson settled just below the mouth of Swede Creek and N. Christenson, a Dane, settled a little farther down the Blue. The same year Meyer Brothers and Fred Toburen made a settlement in the township, and later Mr. Toburen's parents and his brothers, Herman and Adolph. Big Timber was one of the early post offices, now discontinued. In 1877, a German Evangelical church was erected in the township. Cleburne, a station on the Blue Valley Railroad, is located near the home of M. Vilander, and is the only trading point and post office in the township.

Jackson Township, the early settlers of this township came from Jackson County, Indiana, hence its name. Formerly it embraced all the territory included in Jackson, May Day, Madison, Bala, Wild Cat and part of Grant townships. Early in 1855, Gardner Randolph, with a large family, grown up and married, made the first settlement near the mouth of Fancy Creek. They claimed all the land between Peter Heller's and the mouth of Baldwin Creek, except a small tract; also, a slice east of the Blue called Timber City. Though the Randolphs came from Illinois, they avowed their purpose to aid in making Kansas a slave State. In November 1856, three young men, natives of Switzerland, but recently from Seymour, Jackson County, Indiana came up the Blue River and built the first log cabin on the river above Fancy Creek. They were Ed and Sol Secrest and Henry Shellenbaum. Early in 1857 they settled on Fancy Creek, where they were joined by John Fryhofer. The father of the Secrests joined his sons in 1860. Wm. Fryhofer and Peter Heller came in 1863, and the father of the Fryhofers in 1864.

Fancy Creek Valley is settled with some of the best farmers in the county, who are largely Germans and Swedes, many of whom settled here when Kansas was a territory. The first school was taught by J. M. Byarly in 1863. The first school house was built in 1867; the first church in 1876, by the Germany Evangelical Association. The first regular religious meetings were held at Mr. Randolph's, early in 1857. The first marriage was that of Lewis Baldwin and Matilda Randolph in 1856, and the first birth was that of her son in 1857. Randolph was first called Waterville, and was laid out in 1856 by J. K. Whitson. The first inhabitant, G. L. Ruthsteno, established the first store. The first post office was in Kansas Kin

Gardner Randolph's house, and it was on the weekly mail route between Ogden and Marysville.

Grant Township, this township was formed from Jackson and Manhattan Townships in 1870, and was named in honor of President Grant. In 1855, Henry Condray and his sons, Mincher, William and John settled near the mouth of Mill Creek in this township, near the present village of Stockdale. They built dwellings and started a mill and blacksmith shop. In 1856 came Jonas Kress, in 1857 and 1858, Lemule Knapp, Samuel Kimble, George Slye, John Warner and his sons John and George, Lorenzo Westover, Jesse White and Joshua Williams. The first school house was built in 1859. The first marriage was that of Wm. Frake to Catherine Condray in 1856. The first births were Newton Frake and George Eubank.

In 1882 Grant Township was divided and the south half of it became Wild Cat Township.

Wild Cat Township, the first settlers were S.D. Houston and Henry Eubank who settled on Wild Cat Creek in 1855. In a year or two came Samuel Kimble and others. The early history of this township has been reported heretofore in connection with the history of surrounding townships.

Manhattan Township, this is the most important township in the county, but is so closely connected with Manhattan City and with the general history of the county that there is nothing more to be said of it than has already been said in this series of articles concerning the early settlement of Manhattan.

Sherman Township, this is the youngest township in the county, having been organized in 1884. We are indebted to John Underwood, an old resident of this township, for what follows concerning its history. The greater part of Sherman Township was taken from Jackson Township. There were two causes for organizing a new township. First, the people of Randolph and vicinity gobbled up all the township pie every year; second, the majority of the land that was taken out of Jackson Township was owned by non-residents whose road-tax, instead of being worked out on the public highways, was paid in money, consequently found its way into the hands of the township treasurer, and the township board spent the money in bridging the creeks and improving the roads in the vicinity of Randolph, and left the people of Sherman to wade the creeks and get through the muddy ravines the best way they could. Consequently J. W. Winslow and J. B. Stevenson secured the services of J. W. Paul, then county surveyor, to map out a tract

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of land to form a new township. They commenced at a section line near the residence of Andrew Anderson on the Blue River; thence west on the said section line to the section corner west of the residence of George Lyall, on the head of Mill Creek; thence north on section line five miles, thence east to the Blue River, near where John Randolph used to live, now owned by N. A. Peterson; comprising about 36 sections. A petition was then presented to the county commissioners asking for a new township, which was granted. It was called Sherman because it was bounded on the north by Jackson, after: "Old Hickory," and on the south by Grant, after the great war general, and it was thought Sherman would look well in the center.

The oldest settlers at the time of its organization were Andrew Anderson, James Harper, George Lyall, A. B. Ellis, C. S. Lungren and C. F. Larson. The eastern part of the township is bluffy, containing nearly never failing springs of water, which make it very valuable for pasture, the western is beautiful upland prairie. The principal crop raised is corn, which is fed to cattle. The principal feeders are F. L. Clark, Dr. White, Alex White, James Watson, Henry Jahnke, C. S. Lungren, N. A. Peterson and his three sons August, Victor and Ludwick and R. G. Allen.

At the time of the organization we had a railroad through the township but no depot; now we have two, Garrison Crossing and Walsburg; then no post office, now two Monterey and Walsburg; then no church, now two the United Brethren and Methodist Episcopal, then no blacksmith, now one at Walsburg; then no store, now one at Walsburg, then only three schoolhouses (one being of logs) now six – five stone and one frame, all furnished with modern school furniture. We have one of the finest flour mills in the state owned and operated by P. Anderson and Company.

The majority of the residents of this township are Scandinavians, a very industrious and law-abiding class of people. There have been but three lawsuits in the township since its organization, one criminal and two civil, none of them serious. We have the largest nursery in the county, J. W. Blachly, proprietor. We also have two skimming stations in the township.

The Agricultural College, we close our history and incomplete review of the early history of Riley County with a brief reference to the most important factor in connection with the growth of the county.

In 1857 the Bluemont College Association was char-

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tered to build a college at or near Manhattan, under the management of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Joseph Denison, I. T. Goodnow and Washington Marlatt were prominent in the movement. By the sale of Manhattan town lots, which had been donated to the College, and by personal contributions obtained chiefly in the east, a considerable fund was obtained, and in 1859, a three story stone building was erected a mile west of where the present College buildings stand. In 1863, the trustees offered the property of the school to the State, provided the State Agricultural College was located here, and the offer was accepted. In 1873, the College was reorganized, and placed upon a thoroughly industrial basis, and in 1875, the site of the College was changed, being located one mile nearer Manhattan.

The changes in the course of study and general policy of the school were as radical as the change in location. Instead of the old fashioned six years' classical course, fitting students chiefly for the professions, agriculture and the mechanic arts were given a prominent place, and the course reduced to four years. Educational labor on the farm and in the trades became a feature of the school. The Institution, under this vigorous progressive policy made rapid growth, received national attention and has come to be recognized in these later years as the largest and best school of its kind in the world.

Make Your Mark Count

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

Chinese Proverb

The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thought, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy.

Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie.

William Shakespeare

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May a rainbow be certain to fol-  
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**May the hand of a friend always  
be near you;  
May God fill your heart with  
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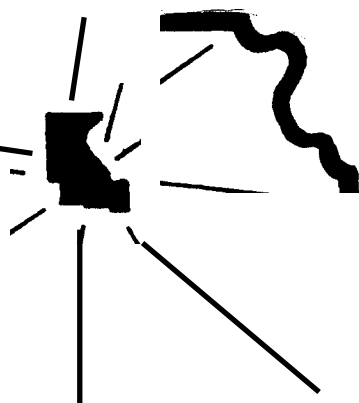
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Jim Sharpe, speaker

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It is time, once again, to pay your annual dues to support your Riley County Genealogical Society. Please make your check for \$30 and mail to or bring by the library.

The library will be closed

Thanksgiving, Nov 26
Christmas, Dec 24, 25
New Years Day Jan 1, 2010

From our President—

Driving down the road this time of year, you are sure to see dust rising from the fields where combines are cutting grain. Trucks going to the elevator are sometimes back-to-back traveling the highway, some empty and some full. Harvest is in full swing and is one of the busiest times of the year for farmers. It's also an exhausting season, with our area farmers pushing constantly against time and weather. One can only appreciate the efforts so diligently displayed by the farming community, making sure to provide food for their families and neighbors and for the nation as a whole.

November is just around the corner. That means RCGS Annual Meeting time. We should be mindful of what it takes to keep the Society's Library open and useful. We could not operate without the diligent effort of all the volunteers that make the Society what it is. The RCGS is a small Society by comparison to most other societies. It is through the dedication of these volunteers that we have become, and remain, viable.

Your Board of Directors has recently embarked on a plan to improve our web presence. More and more a web presence is necessary in order to compete. We must move toward having a virtual presence for our Society in order to serve both the local and the distance members. This is not unlike what is happening in the academic world. We must compete with the Internet genealogy services. For more on this subject I refer you to the Fall 2007 FGS Forum, "Society Spotlight: Societies Going Virtual," by David E. Rencher.

We need your input. Annual Meeting is where you elect the new Officers for the Board of Directors. Please plan to attend and make your voice known. Be sure to call in a reservation if you wish to attend the meal that will be avail-

able. Information on the Annual Meeting may be found elsewhere in this issue of KS Kin. See you there.

Jim Bradley

In Memorium



Effie Roberta Albrecht died September 11, 2009. She was an avid genealogist and library volunteer, serving as Tuesday librarian for many years.

New members—

D.C. Weaver, Jr. and Larry Weaver, both of Manhattan

Save Those Best Choice Bar Codes

They are worth money to our society. Just remember to include the whole thing, especially the numbers below the lines. Bring or mail them to the library. Pauline will take it from there.



Photo Album and Family History

(ed note: This file of family information was rescued at a recent auction. It concerns the following Wisconsin families. The material will be sent to Wilson County Historical Society in hope someone recognizes the names and would like to have the file.)

John Abernethy's Family

John Abernethy b. Addison Co, Vermont, Dec 25, 1790 d. Feb 6, 1859, age 68 yr, at Sun Prairie, WI

father of:

Electa Lavira Abernethy Angel d. at Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Henry Abernethy d. at Sun Prairie, WI

Louise Abernethy Egbertson d. at Sun Prairie, WI

Ellen Abernethy Stowe d. at spirit Lake, Iowa

Laura Ann Abernethy Smith d. Sep 1, 1893 at Sun Prairie, WI

Alden B. Abernethy d. at Sun Prairie, WI

Parmelia (Bailey)Abernethy, wife of John and mother of the children above

b., Salisbury, Addison Co, Vt. May 19, 1799; d. Mar 8, 1872, age 72 yr. at Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Laura Ann Abernethy married **Gillespie Moffatt Smith** b. Feb 13, 1832, on Oct 12, 1853 at Sun Prairie, Dane Co Wisconsin; d. Kalamazoo, MI, Dec 26, 1902.

Heber Smith, bro of **Gillespie Smith** was born Dec 20, 1817; **M. Elizabeth Campbell**, Jan 30, 1838, died July 14, 1866 in Salina, Kansas age 71 yr

Other family names include:

Kelsey	Nichols	Toffey	Campbell	Shadowen	Labore	Gilbert
Dugas	Duvall	Brown	Edgar			

(ed note: Other siblings and family information is given on the pages. There is also a family record of John and Pluma (Bailey) LaBore.)

John LeBore's grandfather was an episcopalian minister who removed to France where the family name was changed from Farmer to La Bore. **John LaBore** was born in England, was a cabinet maker by trade. **Pluma** was a sister of **Parmelia**, wife of **John Abernethy**.

Children of John and Pluma LaBore:

Francis

Cyrus

Edwin

Wesley

Jane (Vance)

Ellen (Mitchner)

Both families lived in Sun Prairie, WI. These families have some Kansas connections in Cawker, Salina, Coffeyville.



Celenie Nattier, widow of Arthur Nattier. Born in France, came to Wisconsin in early youth, married and went to St. Peter, MN.

One of the Nattiers, possibly **Lillian**.



Eliza Nattier

Aurora Nattier, b. near Chauny, France, in 1843. Came to US about 1856 with her mother Victorine Nattier. Aurora's father had been mayor of Autreville and was assassinated. They went first to a farm in Wisconsin near Port Washington.

Aurora married abt 1863, Lorenz Junker b. in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. They moved to Ft Scott,

KS, in 1870 and then to Neodesha, KS, accompanied by Albertine Nattier, dau of Emile and Eliza Nattier, Aurora's niece. Aurora d 1914, b. in Bethel Cemetery as are her mother and her husband.

These *orphaned photographs* were also rescued at a recent auction. They can be claimed by wrting to the Wilson Co Hist Society

100 Years Ago

Kansas Agriculturist July 29, 1909

Mr. and Mrs Robert Banks and daughter, Golda, and Miss Olive Banks, are now at the Seattle Exposition.

Ralph Dacquet is the happy possessor of the little white Buick the Rogers Supply Co., has been showing.

Wm. Fleck is getting around on crutches, having a leg badly bruised by a horse.

Word has been received from Z. R. Detwiler that he is experiencing but little benefit from the treatment he is taking at Excelsior Springs.

August 5, 1909

James Willson has been sick for some time.

Mr. Jesse Ross and Miss Bertha Garrett were united in Marriage in Topeka last Thursday.

About 40 neighbors and friends enjoyed a picnic at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rawson....Present were Mrs. Charles Peytrie and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mansfield and two children, Mrs Lillian Heath and two children, Mrs. W.R., Lattimore, Mrs. Will Lattimore and children, Mrs. James Mansfield, Miss Pauline Mansfield, Fred Talbott, Mrs. D.M. Childers and children, Ronald and Harriet Deweese, Miss Nell and Miss Edna Chadwick, Miss Elizabeth Goehring of Broderick, Mrs. Ben Johnson and children, Muriel Timmons.

W.B. Duncan and others have arranged to open a factory for the manufacture of all kinds of cement blocks.

August 12, 1909

Upon the orders of the State Board of Health, Superintendent Fairchild of the State school department has sent instruction to local school authorities to abolish the common drinking cup in all the school houses.

Margaret and Lucy Plesse spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Gilmore who are camping in the Louisville park this week.

Levi Theirolf, Pat Sullivan and Bill Coder have corn fields which will be good for one hundred bushels to the acre this year.

August 19, 1909

Mr. and Mrs. George Coggins moved this week into their recently completed cottage.

Miss B. E. Stonecipher of Kansas City was in

Wamego Saturday in the interest of the Mexico International Land Co. and arranged for a free illustrated lecture to be given by Mr. George Almond.

A party of Wamego people out riding in a motor car narrowly escaped a serious accident Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Will Julian and their niece, Miss Perine, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burkholder and babe occupied the Julian car, which was struck by a railroad locomotive at the Rock Island crossing between Zeandale and Manhattan.

August 26, 1909

Miss Katherine Bittmann went to Independence Saturday, being called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Anna Kemper-Peters. She is suffering from a severe attack of malaria fever.

75 Years Ago

The Wamego Reporter June 28, 1934

Mr. and Mrs Hamilton Mitchell who have been guests of Miss Maude Mitchell will leave Saturday for Lansing, Kansas. Mr. Mitchell will be psychologist at the State Prison.

Kenneth Mensch and Milton Rightmire celebrated their birthdays on Sunday

Miss Annie P. Merritt is enjoying the pleasure of a house party with her five daughters. Sister Mary Libentia arrived Wednesday from Tacoma, Washington, and Mrs. G.J. Breaklein came from Kansas City. Mrs. Elizabeth Dennison of Lexington, Oklahoma and Miss Grace Mitchner of Kansas City had come previously. Mrs. Madeline Garretson resides here with the mother.

July 5, 1934

George Bennett, 49, of Wheaton, Kansas, was killed when a truck in which he was riding plunged off a highway near Onaga last Thursday, slightly injuring Otto Teske and L.R. Kenworthy, who were with him.

Miss Elsie Rand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rand, and Delbert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, were married in a simple ceremony last Thursday, July 5, at 3 P.M.. The ceremony was performed by Rev A.E. Retzer. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Floud .

July 19, 1934

Mr. and Mrs Bert Tanner had as guests Sunday, Mr.

and Mrs. Wm. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. David Deweese, Miss Ida McKowen, W.H. McKowen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mensch, and Walter Dawn.

July 26, 1934

Ed and John Ulrich, E.A. Hesse and J.A. Larson bought the player piano now in the Commercial Club rooms and will undertake to pay for it by a series of entertainments, after which it will be presented to the club.

Delbert Downey has opened a restaurant in the building just east of the Balderson shop.

September 2, 1934

Arvle D. Howard and Mary E. O'Neill were married September 2, 1934 at Salina.

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A Voice from the Past

**From the Manhattan Nationalist Dec. 14, 1915
by Sylvester C. Ekart.**

Mrs. Lillian Green has an interesting keepsake in the form of a small handbill advertising an entertainment given in Peak's Hall, Manhattan April 7 and 8, 1876. The entertainment was termed a new centennial drama, a patriotic piece in two acts, called, "One Hundred Years ago," or "Our Boys of 1776." Manhattan people who took part in the play were: W. C. Howard, George A. Gale, A. A. Stewart, Sam Kimble, Junior, S. C. Schuemaker, C. S. McDonnell, O. C. Barner, W. F. Hoyt, Miss Esther Evans, Miss Ella M. Gale, Miss Nellie Sawyer, L. B. Rogers and F. B. Quinby. Selections of vocal and instrumental music were given by the choral union and Manhattan string band.

An American Legion Post Organized

**From the Manhattan Nationalist
June 26, 1919,
by Sylvester C. Ekart.**

The meeting to organize and petition for a charter for the American Legion was well attended and 49 signers to the petition were secured. The temporary officers are Father A. J. Luckey, post commander; Lee DeArmond, post adjutant; Arthur Brewer, post finance officer and Percy Hacker, master-at-arms. A list of the singers to the petition, the length of ser-

vice (month, day and year 1916 thru 1919) and their regiment are as follows:

Aiman, Ed H., 4/28/17 – 2/6/19, Inf.

Bates, T. E., 5/8/17 – 6/21/19, 354th Inf.

Best, Harry E., 4/6/17 – 5/9/19, 137th Inf.

Bottger, James M., 8/5/17 – 5/7-19, 117th Am. Train Co. E.

Boucher, H. D. 8/5/17 - 5/15/19, 117th Am. Train.

Brewer, Arthur H. 5/14/17 - 5/14/19, 2nd Eng. Co. A.

Budden, Fred H., 7/15/18 – 2/5/19, Squadron I.

Budden, S. E., 6 3/3/19, 464 Inf. Co. F.

Case, Roy M. 5/17/18 – 1/28/19, C. M. 2, C. U. S. N. R. F.

Cave, r. R. 6/1/17 – 4/6/19, Mo. C. Attached British.

Clarke, D. C., 7/26/18 - 1/29/19, 28th F. A. Battery A.

Conron, A. D., 4/1/18 – 12/5/18, Co. 25, 164 D. B.

Dundore, C. E. 4/5/17 - 3/17/19, 137th Inf. Co. I.

Dundore, George K., 4/3/17 – 4/17/19, 32 Aero sq.

Ferrier, George C., 5/17/18 – 2.28/19, U. S. Navy.

Frank George J., 8/17 - 6/19, 117th Am. Train.

Grooms, Leslie A., 4/10/16 – 1/11/19, 1127th Am. Train, H. G. H. B.

Hacker, G. P., 8/14/17 – 3/15/19, 356 Inf.

Harper, D. H., 11/5/16 – 6/19/19, 137th Inf. Co. I.

Hestwood, Charles W., 7/13/18 – 12/2/18.

Hollister, L., 8/5/17 – 5/15/19, 117th Am. Train.

Howe, Clarence B., 6/20/16 – 3/15/19, 137th Inf.

Hutto, Dale N. 4/3/17 – 5/6/19, 137th A. C.

Hutto, E., 9/17/17 – 2/12/19, Inf.

Irwin, Fred A., 4/19/17 – 5/21/19, Field Art. Sgnl. Bn.

Jordan, F. N., 5/18/17 – 2/12/19, 356 Inf.

Karlanski, W. A. , 5/14/17 – 12/27/18, 44th Co. C., C. D. S. H.

Leland, A. C, 8/15/7 – 6/21/19, 354 Inf.

Light, Carl V., 6/30/17 – 5/15/19, 117th Am. Train Co. E.

Luckey, Arthur J., 8/13/18 – 11/30/18, 164th D. B. 1st Reg.

Mortensey, O. M., 3/13/18 – 5/29/19, Air Serv. Band.

Mosshart, D. J., 9/28/18 – 12/3/18, 46th Btry. F. A. Co. O. T. S.

Newell, Clell A., 4/20/16 – 2/191/19, 127th Inf. Co I.

Owen, O. A., 8/14/18 – 11/30/ 18, C. T. O. C. S. 2, Co. I. Bat.

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Some Memorial Obituaries— from out of town newspapers

“BJ” Drayer i 86, passed away at 3: 30 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009, at Barnes Hospital.

Born in ‘Mahattan, Kan., she lived a full, healthy and joyful life.

As a professor of American hisfory and sociology for 42 years, she influenced a number of young lives at Yankton College in South Dakota, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Monticello and Lewis and Clark Community College. She was an active member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Alton as a member of the choir, Altar Guild and St. Flrances Guild. She was a patron of the arts, both in Alton and St. Louis, with season tickets to the symphony, the repertory and Opera Theatre of St. Louis. Over the years, she was active in many civic organizations, including Delta Kappa Gamma, the League of Women Voters, Upper Alton Women’s Club and Soroptimist International.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara; her sister-in-law, Vada; four nephews, and one niece. Her family and friends will miss this vibrant, lovely lady.

A memorial Mass will ‘be celebrated by Father David Boase at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul’s Episcopal Parish of Alton.

The Neptune Society is handling arrangements.

[B.J. Drayer was dau of Lester H. and Lenora Rude Drayer. Sosters Barbara Booth. Clay Cemter. KS Brother Donald Drayer deceased. Graduated Manhattan High School 1940. Graduated K-State 1943. Taught K-State History Dept ‘45 to ‘48. Graduated Masters in History K-State, 1948. Member Congregational Church, Manhattan, KS]

Blake and Mary Paisley of Cosa Mesa, Orange Co, CA died the week-end of July 5-6, 2008, from injuries incurred in an auto accident.

John Blake Paisley was born on July 31, 1923, in Manhattan, Kansas. Mary was born Mary Louise Ogelsbee on September 25, 1920, in Ft Worth, TX. They moved to Orange County, CA, in the early 1950’s. Blake was a member of the Newport Beach Fire Department and was also an entrepreneur in many businesses.

They are survived by two daughters, Karen Jacobs and Candy Marder and daughter-in-law, Marilyn Paisley widow of their son Dick Paisley who died in 2000.

Frances Elsie Himes, born May 3, 1909 in Idana, Kansas, to William D. Nichols and Katherine J. (O’Hara) Nichols, died May 129, 2008 in Baldwin Park, CA.

She is survived by her daughter Andrea F. Victor and son-in-law, Paul H. Victor of Pasadena, CA, nephews Dr. William L. Nichols, JR of Rochester, MN, Donald Himes of Goleta, CA, Timoty Rellafor of Newport Beach, CA, and niece Karen Grawe of Mar Vista, CA.

Mildred Bradley, born in Leonardville, Kansas, in 1903 to Frank and Harriet Erpelding, died on January 6th, 2009 in Belmont, CA.

She married William Bradley in 1925 and lived in Alhambra where Bill died in 1956.

She was buried on January 13th her 106th birthday. She is survived by son, Dr. Don Bradley, daughter-in-law Lana Gamache-Bradley, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ralph Aaron Gates, died October 27, 2008 in Orange County, CA.

He was born in Vliets, Kansas, on March 29, 1910. He taught in elementary school in Anaheim and married fellow teacher, Dorothy Alice Hall in 1934.

Dorothy passed away in 2001. Ralph is survived by cousins, Jon Gates and Dr. Richard Gates, nephews, Gale Hall and James Isham and by his daughter Cate Gates.

Kansas Dead Town List **or** **Lesser Known or Extinct Towns of Kansas**

Compiled by Mrs Mary E. Montgomery
KS State Historical Society, Topeka, KS

There are 20 bound volumes of information on early Kansas towns, which are listed in alphabetical order. Parts of the information were typed, while additions must have been made as information was researched. It would seem this compilation may have been completed by the 1930's. Mrs. Montgomery listed her frequently used citations, and their abbreviations.

The following towns are listed for Riley County KS.

Alembic – also spelled Alembria or Alembia.
Location: 28 mi NW of Manhattan, 15 mi E of Clay Center in Bala Twp. (S 10, Twp 8, R 5) The name was changed to Leonardville which was established on railroad in Oct 1881. L. Kilbourne was postmaster for Alembic and Leonardville. Alembic was in existence a short time. Another notation says the post office was established in March 1881, with Lucien Fulbourne as postmaster. Ref: Andreas; Gazeteer of KS; and US Official Register; Riley County Atlas 1881.

Alert

Location: May Day Twp, (SE ¼ S 17, Twp 7, R 5). It was on Otter Creek, 5 mi from Leonardville, 30 mi from Manhattan, and 15 mi from Clay Center. The P.O. was established about 1871, with Chas S. Caley as post master. The P.O. was discontinued by 1888, and mail sent to May Day. This was a small settlement. Ref: Ag Rept; Gaz; US Off Reg; Riley Co Atlas 1881.

Batcheller – Riley Co. (later in Davis Co.)

Location: 6 mi NW of Ft Riley, (S 19, T 10, R 5)
P.O. established 1862 with Abraham Barry as postmaster. The name and P.O. changed to Milford in 1868. Milford remains as P.O. Ref: KS Annual Register; US Off Reg.

Berlin

Location: in Grant Twp –1 mi W of Grant on west side of Wildcat Creek. (S 20, Twp 9, R 6)

P. O. established 1872 with Richard Duval as postmaster. P. O. discontinued before 1877. Ref: Agr Rept; Gaz; KS Hist Coll.

Big Timber

Name changed to Cleburne in Dec 1886 or Jan 1887. Location: Swede Creek Twp, 29 mi N of Manhattan, 9 mi from Irving, on the Big Blue River (S 11, Twp 6, R 7). P.O. established about 1867, with S. Long as postmaster. Henry J. Allen was postmaster in Feb 1874. A Swedish settlement. Ref: Agr Rept; Andreas; Blackmar; Gaz 1878; KS Hist Coll.

Blake's Town (formerly Davis Co., now Riley Co.)

Also see KS Falls, Davis Co. Location: 6 mi W of Junction City, (S 30, Twp 12, R 5). P.O. in 1859, when F.R. Blake was a postmaster there.

Bloomington

Location: on the head waters of Wildcat Creek. Oct 1869 – “citizens of Riley Co and some men from IL laid out a town in corner of Twp 8 & 9, R 5 & 6, on a portion of farms of John S. Lock and Stephen Soars. They intend to establish a mail route and P.O.” Ref: Manhattan Standard – 16 Oct 1869, pg 3.

Blue Bottom

A registering place for election. Ref: Original election returns, Archives Dept; Manhattan Express, Sep 17 & 24, 1859.

Blue City

Location: 10 mi N of Manhattan, on Blue River, south of mouth of Mill Creek, on the road to Republican City. Ref: Lawrence Herald, 12 Mar 1859.

Bluemont

Also known as Bluemont City in 1860. Townsite near present Claflin and Vine Sts in Manhattan, now in Agri College grounds. One house built as base of hill. List of voters here, 11 Sep 1859. Site of Bluemont College. Site vacated in part by Laws 1869. The incorporation act was never recorded in Laws or Archives. Town shares were to be sold in 1860, as payment on salary of Rev. Washington Marlatt, which was to be \$600 a year as principal teacher. Unsold town site shares are probably in the vault with others. Ref: Census 1860 – names residents; KS Hist Coll.

Bodaville

Location: 35 mi NW of Manhattan, 13.5 mi from Barnes, (S 8, Twp 6, R 5 approx). P.O. established ca 1897; with Otto Anderson as postmaster. P.O. discontinued Jan 1906, with mail to Barnes. This was a country post office and comprised of German settlers. (added note – on Fancy Cr Br) Ref: Blackmar; Gaz 1900; US Off Reg; USPG.

Boston

This is one part of present Manhattan, east of Parkville. The Boston Assn took over site of Poleska or Parkville from Geo S. Parks and united with Cincinnati Co. in the name of Manhattan. Ref: Andreas; Hist Plat Bk 1881; Hist Qtrly; KS Hist Coll.

Bradford

Location: W of Republican River. A list of voters, 1859. Ref: Manhattan Express 11 Sep 1859.

Canton

Location: at mouth of Big Blue River and in NE part of present Manhattan. The townsite was located by S. D. Houston, Geo S. Park, Judge S. W. Johnston and others. A dugout at base of Bluemont was the only improvement in fall of 1854. It was absorbed with other townsites into Manhattan in 1855. Ref: Andreas; Blackmar; KS Hist Coll.

Carter Creek

Location: (see Carter Creek, Clay Co). P.O. established week ending w/27 Apr 1872, with James Fiely as postmaster. By 1875, it was listed in Clay Co. Ref: Top Com 2 May 1872, p 4, c 2. Carter Creek, Clay Co. lists location as 2 mi NE Clay Center. (S 6, Twp 6, R 4) The name was changed to Fact by 1884, and moved 1 mile SE. It had been named for James Carter who lived on Carter Creek. Ref: Ag Rept; Clay Co Atlas; Gaz 1878; KS Hist Coll.

Cincinnati

Location: at present Manhattan. Townsite established by Cincinnati & KS Land Co which was organized 25 Apr 1855, in Cincinnati, OH, by Mead, Pipher, Millard, Davis, Vattier, Palmer and Hollingshead, to locate a town site, run steamboats and sell merchandise. The company dissolved by mutual consent 15 Aug 1857. The site included land S of Poyntz Ave, united with

the Boston Townsite Co. and est Manhattan. Ref: Andreas; Blackmar; KS Hist Coll.

Clarkson

Location: 5 mi from Randolph, on the Union Pacific RR, 26 mi NW of Manhattan. P.O. established 1891 with N. Christensen as postmaster. Ref: Gaz 1891 only.

Clayton

Location: “where Clayton is now located”. Incorporation act 1858, house bill # 116, introduced by Barry. Inc by Glover, Edmonds, Webster, Parson and Dean. (3 were of Riley Co.) Ref: House Journal 1858; L 1858; Orig inc act 1858.

Condeley's

Location: no information P.O. A place for enrollment of militia, 1857, named in Lane's order. (later note – this may be a mis-spelling of the name of Henry Condry, a prominent man of Riley Co.) Ref: KS Hist Coll.

Conroton

Location: 7 mi NE Junction City and on Clark's Creek, E of Ft Riley. (Twp 11, R 6 on the adjoining corners of S 25 & 26, 35 & 36). (The book lists this as in Davis Co.) P.O. 1882 P.O. discontinued by 1883. (later note – situated about ½ mile NE of junction of Humboldt Creek with Clark's Creek.) Ref: Ag Rept; Andreas; Gaz; KS Hist. Coll.

Covington

Location: In Riley Co. 1873 by change of county lines. An act to incorporate House Bill #445, in 1858, introduced by Barry of Riley Co. It was a voting place in Aug 1858, where James Ryan, Tim Ryan and John Nash were appointed judges of the election. James Ryan came to Davis Co. in April 1856. A colony from Covington, KY and Cincinnati, OH settled on McDowell Creek 1855. Ref: Ag Report 1877, Andreas 1883, 1859 Census Davis Co.; Riley Co Atlas 1881.

Eureka Lake

Formed by changes in the Kaw River. A 15 acre tract on the north side of the UP RR bought about 1900, by C.P. Dewey of Chicago. This tract included the lake, on the east part of which he erected a large hotel of 80 rooms. The lake was about 1 ½ mi long, upon which

there was placed steam launches, and a diving tower. UP trains stopped here, but mail came from Manhattan, about 3 miles away. It was offered for sale in 1900. Bought and dedicated in 1906, by the Rebecca Lodge of Odd Fellows as a Home for the Aged, later in 1913, a Children's Home was added. The old hotel burned in Nov. 1916, replaced by a new building in 1919. See also misc. stories by Mrs. Reta Morris Hadden, whose father was the first owner of the tract incl. the lake, in Eureka Valley, 1855. There was a station on the UP RR, 6.5 mi west of Manhattan, but no post office. Ref: Manhattan Express 11 September 1859; Manhattan Mercury Souvenir Edition, pp 18, 19-21.

Fairport

Location: On the road to Fort Riley. Ref: Well's Map of 1858.

Garrison's Crossing

Location: on Big Blue River and UP RR, opposite Garrison in Pottawatomie Co. 5 mi south of Randolph, (S 2, Twp 8, R 6). Ref: Ag Report 1887 – pg 88.

Georgetown

Location: (S 28, Twp 10, R 9)
This should be St. George, which was incorporated in 1857, and still existing in 1933, on a map in Riley Co. Atlas, 1881. In 1855, this location was in Riley Co. By 1857, by a change of county boundaries, creating Pottawatomie Co. St George was located in there. Ref: Riley Co. Atlas 1881, pg 73; Private Laws 1857, pp 338-340.

Gilead Falls

Location: on the road from Bachelor, Riley Co. to Marysville on the Republic River. Ref: Original Council Bill, 1858, Sec. 134, pg 9.

Grant

Location: on Wildcat Creek and K & N RR, 10 mi NW of Manhattan (S 28, Twp 9, R 6). Established in 1882, H.C. Kennedy, postmaster. P.O. discontinued by 1900. Mail sent to Keats. Ref: Everts Atlas 1887; Ag Report 1887-88, pg 415 (map).

Hackberry Grove

No information given. Ref: Law. H of F. November 5, 1859, p 1, c 1; Law H. of F. December 10, 1859 p 1.

Kansas Kin

Hamilton Loc: Twp 12, R 6 (Twp 12 would later be in Davis Co.) Incorporated 1857, by Robert Wilson and Chas. Reynolds. Incorporated 1858, act House Bill # 332, introduced by Bassett of Leavenworth. Ref: House Journal 1858, pg 198; KS Hist. Coll. Vol. 12, pg 479.

Harvey

Location: 17 mi from Manhattan, 10 mi from Wakefield in SW part of Riley Co. Named for Gov. Harvey, who served from 1869-1873. This was probably a settlement only, with no record of a post office. Ref: Agr Report 1876, pp 259 and 262; Gazeteer 1878, pg 321.

Henryville

Location: Shannon Twp, 10 miles from Louisville, on the north side of Mill Creek, near Big Blue River, 12 mi NW of Manhattan. (Approx. S 4, Twp 9, R 7) P.O. in 1859, with Henry Condray as postmaster. Discontinued in Feb 1870. Henryville may have been absorbed by Stockdale, a mile or less north, settled and P.O. established by 1873. Ref: Census 1860 pp 73-75; Colton's map of KS & NE, 1859; Blackburn's Directory & Gazeteer, 1870.

Kenilworth

Location: On the East bank of the Republican River, 15 mi above the mouth. This was probably a name proposed for the town of Milford, old Bachelde Ref: KS Hist Coll, Vol 12, p 481; Max Greene's "KS region" pg 142.

Lamoille

Location: near the Clay County line, on Madison Creek, 15 miles NW of Manhattan. (S 29, Twp 9, R 5) P.O. was established the week ending 4 June 1881, with Lewis Parish as postmaster. It was discontinued by 1884, with mail now from Magic. House bill 459, incorporation bill, was introduced in 1858. The town was most likely named for Lamoille Co. VT, from whence came several families. Ref: Cloud Co. Atlas p 15; Gazeteer 1882 – 1886.

Lasita

Location: about 7 mi NW of Walsburg, and on L.K. & W. RR in Fancy Creek Twp. P.O. in 1894, listed C.F. Seabring, postmaster. The P.O. was discontinued by July 1935, and mail from

Green. A Swedish settlement.

Ref: Gazeteer 1894 to 1912; Sec State Report, 1933-34; Blackmar Vol. 2, 1912, pg 107.

Louisville

No information except a reference.(There was a Louisville Springs in Pott Co. by 1869.) Ref: Laws 1857, pg 323.

Madison

Location: Milford Twp, at the mouth of Madison-Creek and near Bachelder. This was listed as Davis (Riley) Co. (S?, Twp 10, R 4 E) The settlement made 1856, by Major A. Barry, Ma shall Barry and G. Taylor. Settlement in 1856, same creek, L. Gates, A.B. Whiting, B.E. Fullington, and John Foreman. Lorenzo Gates moved to Clay County at Gatesville. Ref: Ag Report 1877-78, p 170-171 & 384; KS HistColl, Vol 12, p 482.

Magic

Location: 7 mi East of Milford, 15 mi W of Manhattan, 14 mi N of Junction City. (S 2, Twp 10, R 5). Established Feb 1882, with W. Beard, postmaster. The P.O. was discontinued by 1891, with mail from Junction City. Ref: Everts Atlas 1887, pg 84; KS Hist Coll. Vol 12, pg 482.

May Day

Location: on Fancy Creek, 12 miles NW of Waterville. (S 31, Twp 6, R 5) P.O. in 1870, with S. Weichselbaum as postmaster. It was discontinued by 1908. Prior to 1870, it was called Stanton. Ref: Gazeteer 1878-1904; Ag Report 1874, pg 241.

Montague

No information on location or post office. George Montague, Riley County Judge, and election candidate for legislature in 1857. George located a claim on the south side about 8 miles W. of Fort Riley, on the Republican River, near Curtis Creek. He was at Pawnee City July 1, 1855. Montague was a contestant for county seat in 1857. Ref: KS Hist. Coll Vol 7, p 374; Orig. Council Bill 1858 roads section 24, pg 3; Andreas pg 1304.

Monterey

Location: Sherman Twp 4 miles S of Randolph, 18

miles NW of Manhattan. (approx. S 35 Twp 7, R 6) P.O. established 1890, with Wm Winkler, postmaster. Discontinued by 1904. Ref: KS Hist Coll, vol 12, pg 483; Riley County Clippings, Vol 1.

Ogdenburg

Location: on the Kansas River, & UP RR, 11 mi SW of Manhattan. (S 7, Twp 11, R 7) P.O. 1859, with John F. Schmidt as postmaster. Chartered as Ogden in 1857, by Legislature, and that is the name of the RR station on the UP. Population in 1910 was 190. Ogdenburg must have been a local pronunciation, as the P.O. was always Ogden. Ref: Blackmar Vol 2, pg 384; Ag Report 1877-78, pg 384 (map).

Parallel

Location: in May Day Twp, and on road to Clay Center on Fancy Creek, 12 mi SW of Waterville. (S 4, Twp 6, R 5) P.O. in 1866, with postmaster Nathan S. Cloud, as of week of Jan 16, 1875. The P.O. moved from Washington Co into Riley Co. by 1867, and back to Washington Co in 1869, and to Riley Co again in 1877, then back to Washington Co by 1882. (See Parallel in Washington Co.) Ref: Ag Report 1874, pg 244; Andreas 1883, pg 1302.

Parkville

Location: the SW part of present day Manhattan. It was named for Geo. S. Park of Parkville, MO, President of Parkville and Grand River Rd. Co. (also called Poliska.) It was located as a townsite in 1854, by Col. G. S. Parks. Ref: Andreas, pg 1306; KS Hist Coll. Vol 4, pp 146, 247-249.

Poliska

(also spelled Poleska, Pulaski, Polaski.)

Location: Riley Twp, SW part of present Manhattan, on the Blue River. Located in fall of 1854, by Col. Geo. S. Park. It was consolidated with adjoining townsites of Canton and Boston, into present day Manhattan by 1858. A newspaper called "The Central American" to be published by Park and Patterson, editors of Parkville, MO whose office was destroyed. It was named for Count Casimir Pulaski, a major general in the Revolutionary War, in the American forces. Ref: Andreas, pg 1306, 1310; Blackmar Vol. 2, 1912, pg 213; Riley Co. Clippings, Vol 2, p 1 & 130.

Powys Colony

Location: 25 miles NW of Manhattan in Bala Twp. (S 36, Twp 8, R 4) P.O. Bala post office in 1871, with Roland Davis, postmaster. A Welsh colony at Bala. Settled by a Welsh Colony which came in 1870, they organized in NY under the supervision of Jenkins, the name originated in the ancient principality in Eastern Wales. The corporate name was the "Welsh land and emigration Co. of America." Among the members were the Davies, Jenkins, Jones, Morgan, Williams, and others. Rev. Henry Davies organized the First Congregational Church and a Union Church was also started. The streets of Bala included Welsh, and Powys which was named for Powys. Powys was an ancient Celtic principality in Eastern Wales. Ref: Andreas p 1302; Riley Co. Clippings, Vol 1, pg 58-59.

Reynolds (formerly Davis Co.)

Location: 10 miles SW of Manhattan, near later Ogden. (SW ¼ S 6 Twp 11, R 7) A voting place in November 29, 1854, 9th Elec. Dist. At house of Thos. Reynolds. Site on a knoll a little east of the iron bridge which crosses Seven Mile Creek near Ogden. Reynolds was a county commissioner in 1855. Ref: Andreas pg 88-89, 1301, 1304; Annals, pg 53.

Riley Centre

Location: on Wildcat Creek, 20 miles NW of Manhattan. (S 2, Twp 9, R 5) P.O. 1871, with Thomas Sours as postmaster. It was settled in 1870, and also called Union. The name was changed to Riley, the week ending 3 March 1888. Ref: Blackmar 1912 pg 583, 585; Everts Atlas 1887, pg 84.

Rocky Ford Station

Location: on the UP RR, & Big Blue River. (S 25, Twp 9, R 7) There was a mill site in 1877. This was on or near the site of the old Tauromee, (1856). The place was abandoned by 1900. Ref: Ag Report 1887-1888, pg 415 (map).

St George (listed as Riley, then Pottawatomie Co.)

Location: 6 miles W of Wamego. (E. ½ S 9, Twp 10, R 9) P.O. 1860-61 with Geo. W. Gillespie as postmaster. The original plat was made Feb 1857, and vacated in 1879. The new site is on SW ¼ S 9, Twp 10, R 9. By 1860, St George was moved a short distance SW and located on the K.P. RR. Ref: Andreas p 983; Laws

1857, p 338.

Shannon

Location: on Shannon Creek and/or on Wild Cat Creek, between the Vermillion River and the old town of Pawnee. (S 16, Twp 10, R 6) P.O. established 3 March 1855, with Samuel D. Houston as postmaster. It may have been named for Nilson Shannon, governor of OH, from which state Houston came. It was also located on Houston's farm. Ref: Annals, p 240; Colton's Kansas & NE, pp 78, 83; Manhattan Express 14 Feb 1860.

Simpson

No information other than the following. Council Bill No. 165, in 1858, presented by Crozier of Leavenworth. Ref: See Orig. Manuscript.

Spring Lake

Location: west of Manhattan on the lake formed by the old river bed. This was another name for Eureka Lake. Ref: there were no references listed.

Stanton

Location: in May Day Twp, NW corner of the county, on Fancy Creek. (S 31, Twp 6, R 4) P.O. established in 1869, with A.S. Edgerton as postmaster. The name was changed to May Day by 1870. Ref: Ag Report 1874, pg 241 (map); Andreas pg 1300, 1302, 1303.

Stockdale

Location: about 10 mi NW of Manhattan, at the end of the Manhattan and Blue Valley RR, on the Big Blue River, and M & N RR. (S 4, Twp 9, R 7) P.O. in 1873, with Andrew Sweet as postmaster. In 1930's there was still a post office. Ref: Gaz 1878 – 1912; Ag Report 1874, p 241.

Tabor Valley (previously a part of Wabaunsee Co.)

Location: in Deep Creek. (S 5, Twp 11, R 9 E.) It was named for H.A.W. Tabor, later a mining magnate in CO. He owned the farm upon which Tabor Valley was located. He lived there from 1855-1859. Ref: none listed.

Tauromee

Location: on the old territorial road along the Blue River from Manhattan to Marysville, on the west side

of the Blue River. (S 25, Twp 9, R 7) P.O. 1856, and discontinued 22 March 1858. Some other spellings were: Tauroma, Tarromee and Tauroru. (Also see Juniata and Dyer's Town in Pott. Co.) Tauromee was at or very near the site of later Rocky Ford Station. Ref: Council Journal 1857, p 83; KS Hist Coll Vol 9 p 87, Vol 12, pp 426-427, 488.

Timber Creek

Location: in Bala Twp. on Wildcat Creek, 25 miles NW of Manhattan. (S 36, Twp 8, R 4)
P.O. 1870, with A.D. Phelps as postmaster. Bala was the postoffice in 1930's.
Ref: Ag Report 1877-88, p 384, 386; Andreas p 1302.

Union

Location: in Wildcat Creek Twp, 20 miles NW of Manhattan. (S 1 & 2, Twp 9, R 5 E) P.O. was called Riley Center. The name Union was changed to Riley Centre about 1871. The Union Town Co. filed a charter 7 April 1870. It was a candidate for county seat honors in 1860. Ref: Ag Report 1874, pg 241 (map); Andreas pp 1300-1302.

Vinton

Location: SW corner of county 16 mi SW Manhattan, at the head of Three Mile Creek. (S 2, Twp 11, R 5) P.O. about 1870, the postmaster was George M. Walker. The P.O. was discontinued in Feb 1888. The residence of Ex-governor James M. Harvey was across the road from Vinton School House. D.H. Vinton, settler, was a member of the "Pawnee Association", which originated 27 Sept 1854, one of 19 members, of which 14 were Army officers. The town site adjoined the Ft Riley Reservation. Ref: Dodge Globe, 28 Feb 1888; Everts Atlas 1887.

Walsburg

Location: was a station on the UP RR, 25 mi NW of Manhattan (S 36, Twp 7, R 5) P.O. in 1904 listed A.K. Longren as postmaster. It was an RFD route from Leonardville by 1935. Ref: Blackmar 1912, p 871; Gaz 1904, p 1098.

Waterville

Location: (S 11 and 14, Twp 7, R 6 E). P.O. – no listing It was the town site laid out in 1856, by John K. Whitson, a free-state man, as a rival to Randolph, which was laid out by Gardner Randolph, avowed Kansas Kin

pro-slavery settler of 1855. Mr. Randolph was the first P.M. of the P.O. of Randolph established in his house on the territorial road from Manhattan to Marysville. His town site included the land of Mr. Whitson, et al. The Randolph Inc. act failed to pass the legislature. J.K. Whitson and John Kress "jumped" the Randolph town site in 1858, but the P.O. name was never changed, although Whitson became the second P.M. in 1861. Ref: Archives: Legis. Journals, 1858; Andreas p 1302.

Waverly

Location: on Wildcat Creek. No further information listed. Ref: Gunn & Mitchell map of 1862, marked.

Wild Cat

Location: on Wild Cat Creek, about 10 miles NW of Manhattan, 8 miles from Bala. (S16, Twp 9, R 6) P.O. in 1871, Cyrus W. Knapp was postmaster. It was discontinued in 1891. Ref: Ag Report 1874, p 241 (map); Andreas p 1303.

Winkler's Mills

Location: 28 miles N of Manhattan, and on Fancy Creek, 8 miles from Randolph. (S 35, Twp 6, R 5E) P.O. by 1874, R. Burke was postmaster. The name was shortened to Winkler between 1894 and 1900. August and Fred Winkler were settlers of 1856. They had a mill at an early date on Fancy Creek. It was a German settlement. Ref: Everts Atlas 1887, p82, 84; Gaz 1878 pg 796.

Zeandale

P.O. The post office was discontinued Jan 1, 1944. Mail delivery was from Manhattan. No other information was listed.

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The Kansas State Agricultural College Stadium will be built as a memorial to the following men who gave their lives in the World War:

Altman, Henry Private, died at Fort Logan, Colorado, April 11, 1918.
 Baird, Emory Ellsworth Corporal, died of wounds, Bois Bellieux, June 22, 1918.
 Ball, Joseph Parker Private, killed in action, France, November 1, 1918.
 Baker, Ralph V., Farrier, died of disease, Base Hospital Number 45, France, October 4, 1918.
 Blackledge, Walter M. Sergeant, killed in action, Battle of Argonne, September 26, 1918.
 Brueckmann, Walter Otto Private died at fort Riley, October 13, 1918,
 Brush, Macarthur B., Private, died at fort Riley, March 15, 1918.
 Comfort, Willis E. Captain, killed in action, second battle of Marne, July 18, 1918.
 Cunningham, G. A., Lieutenant died at Detroit, Michigan, October 20, 1918.
 Davis, Glenn W. Private, died at Camp Polk, North Carolina, November 30, 1919.
 Giles, George R. Private, killed in action, battle of Marne, July 21, 1918.
 Glover, Roy F., Private, died at Portland, Oregon, November 16, 1918.
 Gover, Ray Franklin Lieutenant, died from accident, Langley Field, Virginia, October 14, 1918.
 Hamil, Lester D. Sergeant, killed in action, St. Mihiel Drive, September 12, 1918.
 Hopp, Arthur Sergeant, killed in action, Chateau-Thierry, June 13, 1918.
 Irwin, Calvin Lafayette, Private, died from accident, Honolulu, Hawaii, December 8, 1917.

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Keller, Clede R., Lieutenant, killed in action, battle of Argonne, September 28, 1918.
 Lane, Wilbur F., Sergeant, died from accident, Damp Dodge, Iowa, April 14, 1918.
 Lasswell, Carl Corporal, died of disease, Base Hospital Number 66, Neufchatea, October 9, 1918.
 McKinney, Walter Private, died at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, October 6, 1918.
 Pollock, Delbert Thomas, Seaman, died at Naval Station, Seattle, Washington, October 6, 1918.
 Shaw, Cedric Hadaway Lieutenant, killed in action, St. Mihiel Drive, September 12, 1918.
 Slade, John Lieutenant, died at Camp Hunt, September 18, 1918.
 Taylor, Fred Private, died at Fort Riley, October 12, 1918.
 Vorhees, Lloyd B. Lieutenant, died from accident, Issoudum, Indre, France, July 11, 1918.
 White, Edward David Lieutenant, killed in action, St. Mihiel Drive, September 12, 1918.
 Wingate, George Lee Private, killed in action, France, July 15, 1918.

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> * If you plant honesty, you will reap trust
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 > * If you plant goodness, you will reap friends
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 > * If you plant humility, you will reap greatness
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 > * If you plant perseverance, you will reap
 > contentment
 >
 > * If you plant consideration, you will reap
 > perspective
 >
 > * If you plant hard work, you will reap success
 >
 > * If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation
 >
 > * If you plant faith in God, you will reap a harvest
 >
 > So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later..
 >
 > "Whatever You Give To Life, Life Gives You Back"

Missouri Planning for 150th in 2011

submitted by Dorothy Dickerhoof

In 2002, a grassroots group of Missouri businessmen and citizens formed the "Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center", a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. This organization, preserving the story of both sides of the American Civil War in Missouri and without bias to either side, is dedicated to the preservation and study of Missouri and its involvement in the American Civil War. While attempts were made to locate centrally in the State, the opportunity arose to locate instead at Historic Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis, the oldest, active military base west of the Mississippi River since 1826. To learn more about the history of Jefferson Barracks, the military gateway to the west, visit http://www.mcwm.org/history_jbttimeline.html

In 2003, the group acquired the old "Officer's Post Exchange and Gymnasium Building" at Jefferson Barracks, a beautiful old Federal-style building, built between 1903 and 1905, which is currently being refurbished to it's original state, and which will become the Missouri Civil War Museum. The group also acquired the neighboring, smaller officer's post exchange building, which was built during World War I in 1918, and which is being refurbished to it's original state for use as the Missouri Civil War Library and Research Center. To date, over 2000 volumes have already been collected for the library. Membership in the organization is quickly growing and is now over 400 members. To learn more about the Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center, please visit <http://www.mcwm.org>

Big plans are underway throughout the State of Missouri and at Jefferson Barracks, in anticipation of the many ceremonies and commemorances being planned for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in 2011 (only 2 short years away). The Civil War is still considered to be one of the most popular subjects in America, and State Tourism has stated that Civil War sites are still one of the biggest tourist draws. Jefferson Barracks is currently going through a great renovation/revamping phase. The whole of the approximately 2000-acre Jefferson Barracks campus will become a destination for military historians from all over the country, with museums throughout Jefferson Barracks dedicated to all of the various wars. Thus, with the expected influx

of visitors from all over the country, and most probably also from foreign countries to Jefferson Barracks, the Missouri Civil War Museum, Library and Research Center will be in a vital position to help direct visitors interested in Civil War history to other key Civil War sites located throughout the State of Missouri, including the well-known Civil War sites at Wilson's Creek (near Springfield), Pilot Knob (Fort Davidson), Westport (Kansas City), Cape Girardeau, Belmont, Palmyra, Lexington, Carthage, Nevada, Jefferson City, St. Louis and the many other Civil War sites throughout the State of Missouri.

The Missouri Civil War Museum (MCWM) wants the story of every county told, and wants every County in the State accounted for and represented at the museum. And, they are working on creating links from their website to the Civil War link of every County in the Missouri GENWEB system. As most of you know, soldier's military records and pension records, can sometimes contain a great wealth of family and genealogical information, often solving many of those "brick walls" and "dead ends".

The MCWM hopes to some day have a file created for every Missouri soldier from every county, including military records and pension records, and this will include soldiers from other states who served in Missouri, or who lived in Missouri after the war, and/or who are buried in Missouri soil. If you would like to help, please send any information or pictures you have about any Civil War soldiers to the MCWM. Also, if you, or anyone you know, has Civil War artifacts or books (and especially Civil War books about your particular county), please consider donating them to the MCWM. All donations are tax-deductible and appropriate paperwork is supplied to the donor, and staff members will make arrangements to pick these items up from you, if you can't deliver or ship them.

Despite the tough times, good things are happening, and this memorial to our Missouri Civil War ancestors is long overdue. Here's a chance to make Missouri history and help preserve the memory of our Missouri Civil War ancestors. Please consider spreading the word about the Missouri Civil War Museum, and if you really want to help, please consider becoming a member at <http://www.mcwm.org/imgs/Museum%20Membership%20Form.pdf> (put to the attention of "John")

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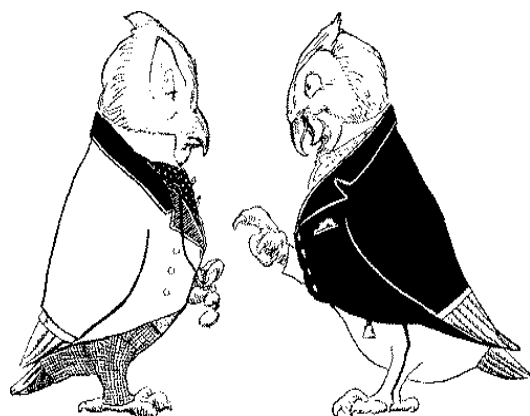
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