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Programs and Workshop Schedule:

RCGS Programs for 2012, Manhattan Public Library

February 19th: Cheryl Collins of the Riley County Historical Museum_ "Life 100 years ago: Manhattan and Riley County in 1912."

March 11th: Lori Cox-Paul, Director of Archival Operations, National Archives at Kansas City, 1940 Census On April 2, 2012, the 1940 Census will celebrate its 72nd birthday and become available to researchers for the first time! Learn what questions were asked, what is new since the 1930 Census, and what you need to know in order to successfully search for your ancestors. Explore what your ancestors' lives were like in 1940 by discovering this

Nov - Annual Meeting at Zeandale,

The library will be closed

Independence Day July 4
Thanksgiving, Nov 24
Christmas, Dec 25
New Years Day Jan 1, 2012

From the President

The year at Riley County Genealogical Society is underway with a well- attended January Board Meeting which handled the year's budgetary plan with efficiency born of past experience. New faces on the board are Jan Lange (whose father Larry Wisdom was a valued past member of RCGS) who will be handling publications and Marcie Schuley ,who administers the Vice Presidential duties with Janet Benson and Lyn Gesch. Judy Regehr leaves the publications position to assume the Public Relations position, which has been vacant the last few years. With the programs these members are planning, we will offer a lot to the Manhattan community and keep our momentum of the last year going. Our membership enjoyed an increase and we need to draw in more people to get to know our resources and the assistance that individual members are providing.

Maybe you don't feel you can devote yourself to an office this year, but there are so many ways you can encourage the officers by your participation in planned activities: 1). Be a "Barnabas" (an encourager) by just showing up at meetings, roundtables and the annual dinner; at our house we call it "showing the flag." Don't underestimate the importance of your presence in exhibiting to our guests and speakers that we are a vital, forward- thinking group of people who are working to keep opportunities open to learn, 2) Clip those Best Choice labels. They generate more income (in volume) than you might expect and they require a minimum of effort . 3) Indicate your willingness to be available for one time or limited projects (i.e. assisting Joe Ott in pruning, showing up for cleaning day, shelf reading, proof reading). We will find an activity that fits you and allows you to help keep the society viable. We have much to learn from each other and you will be surprised at the hardware advice, methodology, and sources that we have to share at Roundtable. Plus we like our coffee, pastries and comraderie.

We have an important legacy to leave and much work to be undertaken this year. I look forward to reporting some of the projects that are in the preliminary planning stages, but will be a major development for our society.

Rebecca

In Memorium



Life Members

*Agnes Chartier
Owen Duer*

New Members =

James Olson Leonardville, KS

Vickie Holverson, Manhattan, KS

Tess Tester Manhattan, KS

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.



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New Publications for Sale in 2012

- #218. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Weekly Manhattan Republic at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, between the Period of January 2, 1919 thru June 29, 1922 (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$37.00.
- #219. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Items Printed in The Manhattan Tribune at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, between the Dates of October 15, 1928 thru July 30, 1936 (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$28.00
- #220. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Onaga Herald at Onaga, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, between the Dates of March 1, 1928 thru April 30, 1936 (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$29.00.
- #221. 2010 Obituaries Clipped from Manhattan Mercury, Manhattan, Kansas; Wamego Smoke Signal, Wamego Times, Wamego, Kansas. Imogene Farley and Janeice Crosson. 2011. \$51.00.
- #222. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in Four Wabaunsee County, Kansas, News papers: (1.) Wabaunsee County Herald, 1879-1881; (2.) Home Weekly, 1881-1883; (3.) Wabaunsee County News, 1888-1889; and (4.) Alma News, 1889-1894 (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$29.00.
- #223. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Morning Chronicle at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, during the Period of October 1, 1916 thru February 28, 1925 (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$25.00.
- #224. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Onaga Herald at Onaga, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, during the Period of May 7, 1936 thru September 26, 1946 (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$34.00.
- #225. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Home Weekly, December 20, 1883 thru September 13, 1888 and in The Eskridge Star October 19, 1883 thru December 31, 1896 at Eskridge, Wabaunsee County, Kansas (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$32.00.
- #226. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Alma Enterprise during the Period of October 11, 1884 thru September 29, 1893 at Alma, Wabaunsee County, Kansas (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$29.00.
- #227. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Manhattan Mercury, October 1, 1919 through June 30, 1922 at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$35.00.
- #228. Index to Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Other Items Printed in The Alma Signal, September 7, 1889 thru December 28, 1901 and in The Alta Vista Record, April 10, 1891 thru August 31, 1894 Printed in Wabaunsee County, Kansas (Includes Every Name Index). Sylvester C. Ekart. 2011. \$35.00

New Books on Shelf

American Spirit Magazine, DAR Magazine

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Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Manhattan Tribune, Riley County, Kansas, during the period of 23 September 1915 thru 13 Oct 1928.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Manhattan Mercury, Riley County, Kansas, during the period of 1 Jan 1918 and 30 September 1919*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Morning Chronicle at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, during the period of 1 Oct 1916 thru 28 Feb 1925.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Onaga Herald at Onaga, Pottawatomie, Ks, during the period of 7 May 1936 thru 26 Sept 1946.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Alma Balde, Wabaunsee County News, Alta Vista Bugle, Alta Vista Record and Progressive, Wabaunsee County, Kansas, during the period of 14 March and 22 November 1895.*

Ekart, Sylvester *The Family of Joseph Weltsch and Margaret Hammerschmidt Weltsch, a family from Bohemia who settled in 1866 in Blue township, Pottawatomie County, KS.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Manhattan Tribune, Riley County, Kansas, during the period of 15 Oct 1928 thru 30 July 1936.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the weekly Manhattan Republic, Riley County, Kansas, during the period of 2 Jan 1919 thru 29 1922.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Onaga Herald, Pottawatomie, Kansas, during the period of 1 March 1928 thru 30 April 1936.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Four Wabaunsee County, Kansas, Newspapers.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Alma enterprise, during the period of 1884-1894.*

Ekart, Sylvester *Index to the births, marriages, deaths and other items printed in the Home Weekly, during the period of 1883-1888, and the Eskridge Star 1883-1896.*

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Farley, Imogene *2010 Obituaries clipped from Manhattan Mercury, Manhattan, Ks, Wamego Smoke Signal, Wamego Times, Wamego, KS*

Meyers, Richard B. *Eyes on the Horizon*

Family Tree Magazine

Mathews, Bruce *Elmwood Cemetery—Stories of Kansas City.*

Rippe, Jo *Rippe History*

Walter, Daniel Ray *Descendents and Ancestors of Daniel Ray Walter*

Kansas, World War I Veteran Collection, 1917-1919

**New on Ancestry
by Marcia Schuley**

“Cawker City Kansas Jan 19th 1919

Kansas State Historical Society.

In regards of our dear Son we got a telegram from Washington DC. Officially reported as killed in action September Twenty Second 1918 but are still looking that we might hear different news some time. There are lots of mistakes made but I will let you know about our boy as near as I can.” Written by Sophia Pauly Smith

My grandmother’s distinctive script took my breath away! I had clicked on the KS WW I Collection, under the New Additions to Ancestry. I expected to find lists of microfilmed resources, but instead found thousands of scanned images in this amazing collection of newspaper clippings, photos, service records, family letters, biographical sketches and more.

Source Information from Ancestry.com. Kansas World War I Veteran Collection, 1917-1919 (database on-line) states that “the Kansas State Historical Society, solicited and compiled items about Kansas veterans, asking specifically for ‘letters, especially from overseas; a photograph; and a brief biography containing date and place of birth, residence, parents’ names, occupation, and names of spouse and children.’ . Materials are filed by name, and the files vary widely in their contents. This is an image-only database, and there is no clear delineation between the files, but they are arranged alphabetically.”

I grew up sitting by my grandmother’s side, asking for stories of Uncle Jake...the first born son, who died at twenty-four, just five days short of his birthday, in the battle of St. Mihiel. He served as a bugler with the 89th Division, Co. G., 353 Infantry. She was a Gold Star Mother, attended all the conferences and used her stipend to send my father to Creighton University Pharmacy School. I knew she would have contributed to this collection. Not only did I find the four page letter referenced above, but an additional one, enclosing a dollar bill so that they would return the two photographs that were included. She said she had so ‘few’ pictures of her son and would feel so bad if these were lost. She also copied out the letter from Jake’s Captain, who tried to answer her questions as to where and how her son had died.

“...he had only two months yet (at the Lawrence Business College)...but was called to war and said he wanted to do his part. He sure was a good boy, didn’t have any bad habits and allways a smart boy in his studys.

“ That day I had a time warp experience and shared once again my grandmother’s grief, yet pride, in Jacob Lawrence Smith.

To view this collection, go to the Ancestry SEARCH button; click CARD CATALOG; in Title, enter Kansas, World War I Veteran Collection, 1917-1919.

Mocavo Hires Michael J. Leclerc as Chief Genealogist from Eastman's newsletter

Michael J. Leclerc has officially joined Mocavo as Chief Genealogist and will be working with us to help bring you the richest experience that the genealogical world has to offer. We're ecstatic to be working with such an industry guru, and our entire team is very excited with what Mocavo will bring to the field of genealogy in 2012.

Mocavo CEO Cliff Shaw said, "I couldn't be happier to have Michael joining our team. As Mocavo continues to grow and innovate in the space, Michael's incredible expertise will help us build an ever-improving experience for our users."

Mr. Leclerc said, "I am very excited to be joining the Mocavo team. I have been impressed as Cliff and his group have continually improved Mocavo during the course of the last year, and they are doing fantastic things for genealogical research. I am looking forward to being a part of the team making such a great difference for the future of family history."

You can read the entire announcement, including Michael Leclerc's bio, at goo.gl/TgNXXR

The Quebec Family History Society Launches New Website

The following announcement was written by the Quebec Family History Society:

MONTREAL, January 15, 2012 — The Quebec Family History Society (QFHS) is proud to announce the launch of its new website at www.qfhs.ca. Located at the same address as the genealogical society's original site, the website features several new sections, such as Gary's Genealogical Picks, research tips, surname interests, and a bulletin board.

QFHS members researching their ancestors in Quebec will benefit from the new Jacques Gagné Church Compilations in the members' section. Long-time member Jacques Gagné has compiled historical information and the location of records for more than 1,000 English and French Protestant churches across the province, from 1759 to 1899.

ABOUT QFHS

The Quebec Family History Society is the largest English-language genealogical society in Quebec, Canada. Founded in 1977, it is a registered Canadian charity that helps people of all backgrounds research their family history. Its members, in addition to researching their Quebec roots, research historical records in all Canadian provinces and territories, the United States, the British Isles, and Western Europe. At the QFHS Heritage Centre and Library, members have free access to a collection of 6,000 books, manuscripts, and family histories, plus thousands of microfilms, microfiche, historical maps, and periodicals, and access to billions of online genealogical records, including the world deluxe edition of Ancestry.ca.

100 Years Ago the Wamego Times January 18, 1912

Herman August Blume and Miss Cecil Fleming, both of the Broderick neighborhood, were married by Probate Judge Arr at his office Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The groom is a son of Mr and Mrs. Henry Blume and the bride, a daughter of Mrs. Samantha Fleming. This young couple have the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends, who join in extending hearty congratulations.

On Saturday, January 20, Philip Birk will open his new meat market and Wamego will have the most modern and up-to-date market in Kansas.

FGS 2012 Registration Is Now Open

The following announcement was written by the Federation of Genealogical Societies:

Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the "Old Southwest" A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists

January 16, 2012 – Austin, TX. Registration for the 2012 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, scheduled for August 29 - September 1, 2012, in beautiful Birmingham, Alabama, is now open. This year's conference theme is "Indians, Squatters, Settlers and Soldiers in the 'Old Southwest'," and the local host is the Alabama Genealogical Society (AGS).

This year's FGS conference offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history. Over 175 educational sessions and 13 luncheons are designed to balance the needs of genealogists at all levels, exploring a variety of records, strategies, and other tools available to those interested in researching their family history. Special sessions include a wide variety targeting members and leaders of genealogical and historical societies. In addition, special events, such as the Alabama Genealogical Society Opening Social at the Alabama Theater, the FGS Evening Social at the historic Sloss Furnaces, Spotlight on Societies, and daily sponsored lectures provide an excellent environment to meet and network with others interested in family history and genealogy. Session sponsors include FamilySearch, Ancestry.com, findmypast.com, the National Archives and Records Administration, and others.

Conference Highlights

Librarian's Day: On Wednesday, August 29, 2012, ProQuest is sponsoring a full day of sessions designed for librarians, archivists, and other information professionals serving family history researchers.

Conference Sessions: A wide variety of genealogy-related lectures and workshops for all experience levels. Topics include Southern research, Settlers and Indians, soldiers, strategies and techniques, technology, and writing.

Special Events: Include the AGS Opening Social at the Alabama Theater and the FGS Evening Social at the Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark—all providing an excellent environment to meet and network with others interested in family history and genealogy. This exciting week of genealogy closes with a Farewell Brunch on Sunday.

Exhibit Hall: Filled with a wide array of vendors and organizations, Cyber Cafe and lounge area sponsored by RootsMagic, and a special Spotlight on Societies area will showcase local and regional genealogical and historical societies.

There are more activities and research opportunities too numerous to list. However, you can learn all about the 2012 FGS Conference and register for this exciting four-day event at <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference>. Be sure to also visit or subscribe to the FGS Conference Blog at <http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org> for more information and travel advice. We look forward to seeing you in Birmingham in August!

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About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, FGS Forum magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

No Copying Grandma

Say that a cousin came across a family portrait from generations ago and you wanted a copy -- maybe of your mutual grandmother as a child. You ask the cousin if you can take it and get it scanned into the computer so that it can be shared with all the other cousins, too. No problem, your cousin says, and you make your way off to a store to have the image processed. And then, the store says they can't help.

Copyright prevents them.

Well, not really -- but they may object anyway. In the United States, by default, *the creator of the work owns the copyright over the work*. *In the case of a family portrait, the photographer owns the copyright*, not the person hiring the photographer to shoot the picture. (This is, in part, why portrait studios can sell sets of photos -- e.g. three wallets, two portraits, and an 8.5x11 -- at variable prices. You can't make your own copies.) Even if we don't know who took the picture -- and in the case of old family photos, we typically don't -- we still assume that someone out there holds the copyright. For works created before 1978, an unknown author or photographer retains rights over the work until ninety years after the item was "published" (a legal term of art) or 120 years after it was created, per U.S. law. So if that picture of your grandmother was taken "only" 80 years ago, you may be out of luck.

Of course, the law has exceptions, such as fair use (which is its own topic. But even then, the U.S. Copyright Office's list of frequently asked questions about fair use addresses this situation specifically:

"My local copying store will not make reproductions of old family photographs. What can I do?"

Photocopying shops, photography stores and other photo developing stores are often reluctant to make reproductions of old photographs for fear of violating the copyright law and being sued. These fears are not unreasonable, because copy shops have been sued for reproducing copyrighted works and have been required to pay substantial damages for infringing copyrighted works. The policy established by a shop is a business decision and risk assessment that the business is entitled to make, because the business may face liability if they reproduce a work even if they did not know the work was copyrighted.

And before you ask if any photo labs have prevented families from scanning family heirlooms, they have.

100 Years Ago The Wamego Reporter, Jan 11, 1912

A tramp was up before Judge Skinner the other day for picking poskets and the judge fined him \$10. They searched him and found only \$7.50. "Turn him loose in the crowd till he gets the other \$2.50," said the judge.

75 Years Ago

Scarlet Fever cases are increasing each week over the state. The rate of increase is so alarming that the public must awake to the fact that measures for the control of this disease should be enforced in every way.

Mrs. Fred Riat announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Marie, to Ray Chaffee, of Talmadge. The marriage will take place on December 27th. Mr. Chaffee, until recently was the owner of the I.G.A. store here and is now in business at Talmadge, Kansas .

Date 3/12/79

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No. _____ on chart _____

Name of Compiler Evelyn Arehart

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4 Pliney Arehart ✓

B 12/7/1863

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D

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Troy Trune Arehart ✓

B 1/14/1893, Scotland Co. Mo.

M 3/29/1915

D 9/9/1970

R Gorin, Mo.

5 Amy F. Hustead ✓

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D

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Hollis Bob Arehart ✓

B 7/13/1924, Scotland Co. Mo.

M 6/1/1947, Kirksville, Mo.

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R Rt. 1, Box 109, St. Geo. Ks.

Spouse Evelyn D. Arehart (adoptive name) Barker - birth surname

6 Robt. Abram Parrish ✓

B 6/9/1862

M 4/4/1886

D 2/4/1944

R Gorin, Mo.

Zella Blanche Parrish ✓

B 7/8/1891, Scotland Co. Mo.

D

7 Louisa Snelling ✓

B 3/2 /1866

D 8/17/1941

8 Wm. M. Arehart ✓

B 6/5/1813

M 12/25/1838

D

1883

R Butler Co., O., Cincinnati, O.

Knox Co., Mo., 1856

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9 Jane Garrigus ✓

B 10/3/1823

D 7/3/1915, Rutledge, Mo.

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B=Born

M=Married

Publications for Sale—All Publications are Kansas Related

Prices good through May 1, 2012

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Cleburne News, Nov 25, 1890.....\$11
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George Washington

I hate war as only a soldier who has
lived it can, only as one who has seen its
brutality, its futility, its stupidity.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

The only things worth learning are the
things you learn after you know it all.

Harry S. Truman

I believe that in every country the people
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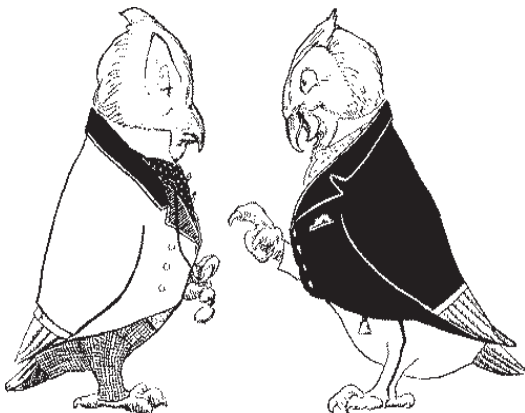
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See Page 11 for a list of new publications for sale.



There is a rumor going 'round that some members have not yet paid their 2012 dues. But I hope you are not one of them. Remember, you won't get the May issue of the Kansas Kin unless your membership is up to date.

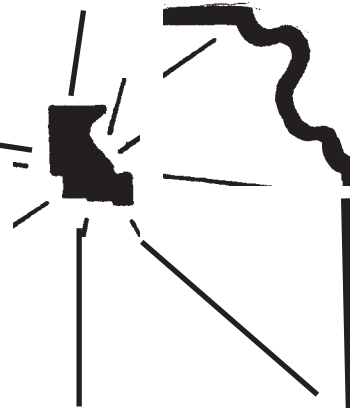
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Programs and Workshop Schedule:

RCGS Programs for 2012

May 6, 2:00 p.m. Manhattan Public Library Auditorium -- "Why Can't I Find What I'm Looking For? Ways to Search More Effectively Through Online Resources," by Jessica Edgar from the National Archives-Kansas City.

June 3, 5:30 p.m. RCGS Annual Picnic on the front lawn of the Platt House. Chicken dinner (Reservations required.) and music by Hieberts Dulcimers, a husband/wife duo playing a variety of musical selections on varying combinations of dulcimer, guitar and autoharp. The Hieberts play folk tunes, work songs, gospel, ragtime, waltzes, cowboy songs, old-time fiddle tunes, movie themes, and popular songs.

June 17, 2:00 p.m. Manhattan Public Library Auditorium -- "140 Years of Soul: A History of African-Americans in Manhattan, Kansas, 1865-2006." by Geraldine Baker Walton.

November - Annual Meeting at Zeandale,

The library will be closed

Independence Day July 4
Thanksgiving, Nov 22
Christmas, Dec 25
New Years Day Jan 1, 2013

From the President

Spring brings new developments at RCGS! We have purchased two new computers equipped with updated software for patrons and members to use and are halfway to purchasing a large screen monitor through contributions from the membership. This will enable small classes and demonstrations to be held at the Platte House. For a long time we have discussed the dream of a class for young genealogists in the making. William Richter opened the door to this program when he mentioned the possibility to USD 383 Superintendent Shannon. Now we need to form a committee to write a brief proposal and develop a realistic plan to begin this project. Suggestions for and participation in the committee are welcome. Our membership has many retired educators with a lot of experience and knowledge; we need to draw on their talents to make this program a reality. This is not an overnight project; it needs to be tailor-made for the targeted age group and will take some time to produce a polished unit, but we have the time and talent to pursue this.

April 27 was Platte House Clean up Day. Helpers came at 10:00 a. m. with their yard maintenance tools and inside cleaning equipment, prepared to do a few hours work with a convivial group. Spring clean up is a important part of our physical representation. We want to be ready for the 1940 census enquirers by being good neighbors and stewards of county property. Joe Ott directed the grounds cleanup and Wann Towers oversaw the cleaning of the interior of our library.

Another upcoming date to mark on your calendar is our Oldest person in the world at 115 yrs. Besse Cooper once gave her own explanation for a life lived so long that her birth (August 26, 1896) predates by seven years the Wright Brothers invention of the airplane: "I mind my own business," she said. "And I don't eat junk food." third annual Picnic on the Grounds, scheduled for June 3. This is a good time to attend and bring your family, friends and neighbors to a fried chicken dinner and a program that received so much positive feedback, it is returning for another concert of traditional music and instruments. When Marcie and Judy send out the flyer, please forward it to three people who might enjoy the food , music and family at Riley

New Members

Gwen Hinderliter Wichita, KS
Catherine Dyck Manhattan, KS
RoxAnne Sweany Old Hickory, TN

KCGS Annual Conference, June 23, 2012, Emporia State University Julie Miller's Lectures:

Methodology

The 5 Steps of Genealogical Proof
Genealogical errors and inconsistencies abound today, especially with online data. How can we evaluate the information that we find and the information that we present?

Census

Make the Census Work for You! Don't just collect census records, learn how to extract all of the information from them.

Military

When Grandpa Went Off To War: U.S. Military Records Wars have been a part of American life from the earliest colonial wars up to the present War in Iraq. It is probable that some of your male ancestors participated in one of these wars.

Preservation

An Ounce of Prevention: Making a Genealogy Disaster Plan Genealogy documents, photographs, mementoes, and databases are a family's most prized possessions. They can be lost in an instant in the event of a disaster. This lecture focuses on how to plan before the crisis occurs, so that loss is minimized and your genealogy legacy is preserved for future generations.

Brochures are online and at your library. Register so you won't miss a good conference.

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.



The Haudenosaunee and almost every other Indian group shaped their environment, at least in part, by fire. ...

Native Americans systematically used large-scale fires to transform the American landscape in the centuries before European dominance of the continent:

“Adriaen van der Donck was a Dutch lawyer who in 1641 transplanted himself to the Hudson River Valley. ... He spent a lot of time with the Haudenosaunee [tribe], whose insistence on personal liberty fascinated him. ... Every fall, he remembered, the Haudenosaunee set fire to ‘the woods, plains, and meadows,’ to ‘thin out and clear the woods of all dead substances and grass, which grow better the ensuing spring.’ At first the wildfire had scared him, but over time van der Donck had come to relish the spectacle of the yearly burning. ‘Such a fire is a splendid sight when one sails on the [Hudson and Mohawk] rivers at night while the forest is ablaze on both banks,’ he recalled. With the forest burning to the right and the left, the colonists’ boats passed through a channel of fire, their passengers as goggle-eyed at the blaze as children at a video arcade. ‘Fire and flames are seen everywhere and on all sides...a delightful scene to look on from afar.’ ...

“[From] Hudson’s Bay to the Río Grande, the Haudenosaunee and almost every other Indian group shaped their environment, at least in part, by fire. ... For more than ten thousand years, most North American ecosystems have been dominated by fire. ...

“Fire is a dominating factor in many if not most terrestrial landscapes. It has two main sources: lightning and *Homo sapiens*. In North America, lightning fire is most common in the western mountains. Elsewhere, though, Indians controlled it - at least until contact, and in many places long after. In the Northeast, Indians always carried a deerskin pouch full of flints, Thomas Morton reported in 1637, which they used ‘to set fire of the country in all places where they come.’ The flints ignited torches, which were as important to the hunt as bows and arrows. Deer in the Northeast; alligators in the Everglades; buffalo in the prairies; grasshoppers in the Great Basin; rabbits in California; moose in Alaska: all were pursued by fire. Native Americans made big rings of flame, Thomas Jefferson wrote, ‘by firing the leaves fallen on the ground, which, gradually forcing animals to the center, they there slaughter them with arrows, darts, and other missiles.’ Not that Indians always

used fire for strictly utilitarian purposes. At nightfall tribes in the Rocky Mountains entertained the explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark by applying torches to sap-dripping fir trees, which then exploded like Roman candles. ...

“Indian fire had its greatest impact in the middle of the continent, which Native Americans transformed into a prodigious game farm. Native Americans burned the Great Plains and Midwest prairies so much and so often that they increased their extent; in all probability, a substantial portion of the giant grassland celebrated by cowboys was established and maintained by the people who arrived there first. ‘When Lewis and Clark headed west from [St. Louis],’ wrote ethologist Dale Lott, ‘they were exploring not a wilderness but a vast pasture managed by and for Native Americans.’

“In 1792 the surveyor Peter Fidler examined the plains of southern Alberta systematically, the first European to do so. Riding with several groups of Indians in high fire season, he spent days on end in a scorched land. ‘Grass all burnt this day,’ he reported on November 12. ‘Not a single pine to be seen three days past.’ A day later: ‘All burnt ground this Day.’ A day later: ‘The grass nearly burnt all along this Day except near the Lake.’ A month later: ‘The Grass is now burning [with] very great fury.’ ... ‘These fires burning off the old grass,’ he observed, ‘in the ensuing Spring & Summer makes excellent fine sweet feed for the Horses & Buffalo, &c.’ ... Captain John Palliser, traveling through the same lands as Fidler six decades later, lamented the Indians’ ‘disastrous habit of setting the prairie on fire for the most trivial and worse than useless reasons.’ ...

“Carrying their flints and torches, Native Americans were living in balance with Nature - but they had their thumbs on the scale. Shaped for their comfort and convenience, the American landscape had come to fit their lives like comfortable clothing. It was a highly successful and stable system, if ‘stable’ is the appropriate word for a regime that involves routinely enshrouding miles of countryside in smoke and ash.”

Author: Charles C. Mann

Title: 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Site

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, USA, "The Wall" now has carved into it the names of the 58,272 American military personnel (eight were women) who were direct casualties of the war, including about 1,300 who are still considered Missing In Action (MIA) but officially classified as "Died, body not recovered."

When The Wall was built, there were 57,159 names. A few names have been added each year: those where lost records of wartime death were found later and names of men who died after the war from physical injuries as a result of the war. The US Department of Defense established the criteria of geographic boundaries and beginning and ending dates. Each of the branches of the Department of Defense made and continues to make the determinations of eligibility.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) raised the money to build the memorial from donations of more than 275,000 private citizens and organizations."

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

The link above is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with the names, biog's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family, can look them up on this site.

First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their biog and medals. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create this site.

Forgotten Settlers of Kansas

Many of the early pioneers who have helped make Kansas a great state have been lost in history because no other information existed except in family records. In order to gather information on these pioneers, the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will issue a certificate to any person submitting evidence that their ancestor was in Kansas before 1901. Complete Forgotten Settlers Certificate Application in PDF Format is available in the KCGS Website. <<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/Index.html>>

Applications are grouped into volumes and the volumes can be purchased from KCGS. (see ***Kansas Review*** or KCGS website). In addition the original materials submitted as proof of the pioneer's eligibility are archived in the Kansas State Historical Library.

Three categories for the pioneers to be so honored are:

••**Territorial** (Pioneer was in Kansas prior to January 29, 1861)

••**Pioneer** (Pioneer was resident between January 29, 1861 and December 31, 1880)

••**Early Settler** (Pioneer was resident between December 31, 1880 and December 31, 1900)

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D 15 Sept 1928 MINN
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5 Phillipa DOWER ✓

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D 9 Jan 1935 MINN.

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Betty Jean GADWAY

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R OREGON, WASH., NEVADA

6 JAMES HASKELL MONTAGUE ✓

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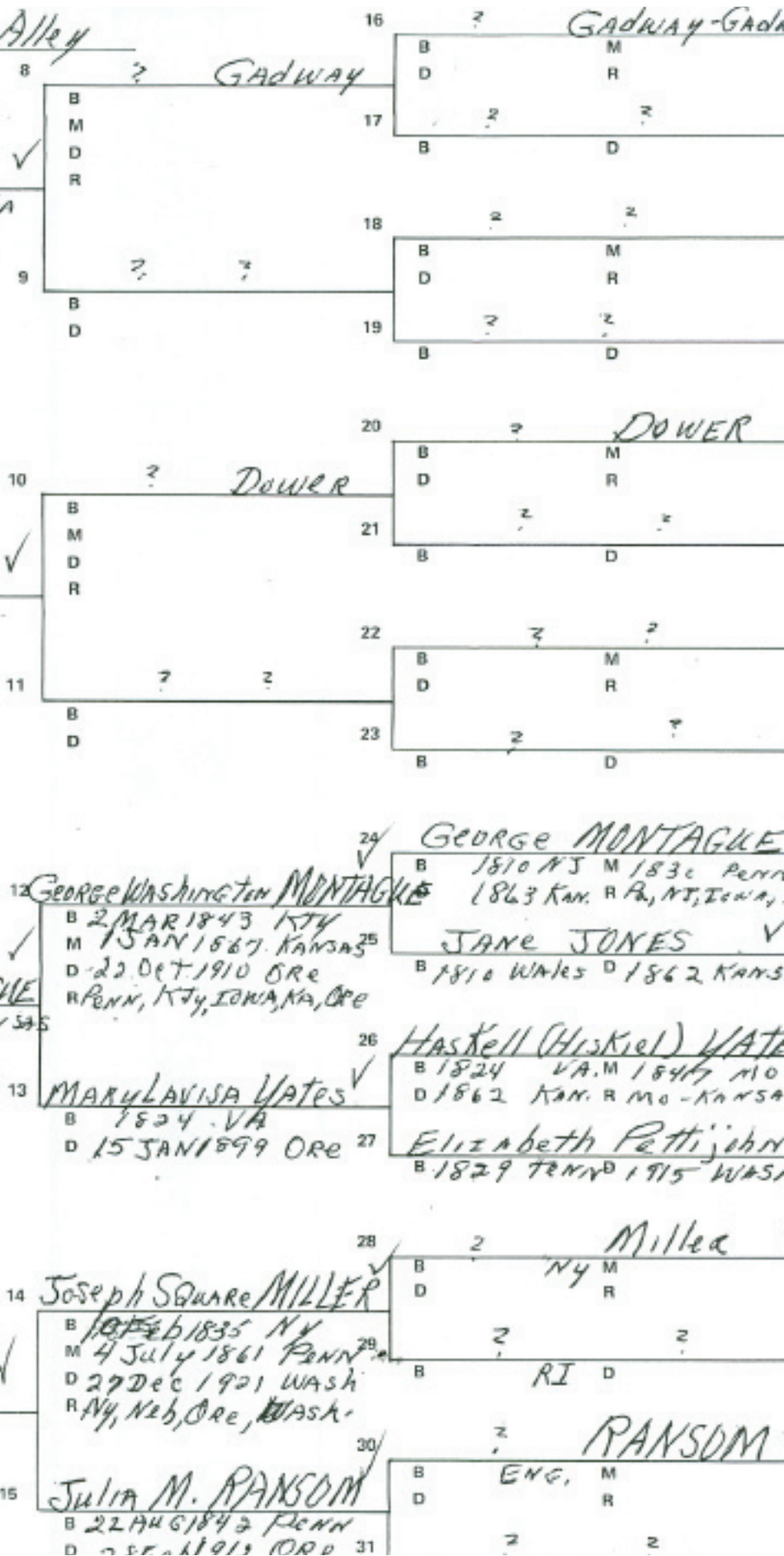
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RILEY COUNTY KANSAS TOWNSHIP OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1885/1886

From the *Randolph Echo* of 13 February 1885, copied by Sylvester C. Ekart

The Riley Board of County Commissioners met February 9 and elected John Condray as Chairman. On February 10 the votes for Township Officers was canvassed and the following were declared as elected.:

Ashland Township: Trustee, S. J. Yenawine; Treasurer, H. E. Beckwith; Clerk, S. A. Black; Constables, C. W. Huse and C. Fisher and Road Overseers, District Number 1, C. L. Welton and District Number 2, D. Bills.

Bala Township: Trustee, J. R. Warner; Treasurer, W. H. Sikes; Clerk, J. K. P. Jenkins; Constables, Z. F. Brawner and Henry Debus and Road Overseers, District Number 1, George Colthorp; District Number 2, Joe Harner; District Number 3, O. Stewart; District Number 4, J. A. Mabry; District Number 5, Robert Hessler and District Number 6, Thomas Starcher.

Center Township: Trustee, T. W. Osborn; Treasurer, H. Gridley; Clerk, J. G. Anderson; Constables, Wm. Mayes and George C. Pickett and Road Overseers, District Number 3, J. Poots and District Number 4, O. J. Gridley.

Fancy Creek Township: Trustee, J. J. Myers; Treasurer, Peter Skow; Clerk, Chris. Miller; Constables, Wallace Harner and John Schwartz and Road Overseers, District Number 1, T. Olson; District Number 2, C. Meller; District Number 3, R. M. Rundquist; District Number 4, Joe Snyder; District Number 5, Charles Linstrom and District Number 6, P. Hanson.

Madison Township: Trustee, Joseph Roberts; Treasurer, S. C. Baker; Clerk, J. R. Randall; Constables, J. M. Lock and Titus Setchell and Road Overseers, District Number 1, Titus Setchell; District Number 2, C. D. Adams; District Number 3, A. J. Carpenter; District Number 4, M. Z. Baird; District Number 5, S. A. Sargent and District Number 6, Robert Walker.

Manhattan Township: Trustee, R. H. Kimball; Treasurer, James Gahan; Clerk, H. Hougham; Justice of the Peace, George F. Brown; Constables, Wm. Rayfield and James Allingham; Road Overseers, District Number 1, N. H. Knight; District Number 2, E. L. Talkinton; District Number 3, George W. Deibler; District Number 4, C.P. Parks; District Number 5, George Hawkinson; District Number 6, E. W. Kimball and District Number 7, Whitney.

Ogden Township: Trustee, C. C. Emerson; Treasurer, G. W. Campbell; Clerk, R. C. Mallon; Justices of the Peace, J. W. Martin and Steven Hoag; Constable, J. M. Seigel and J. W. Martin; Road Overseers, District Number 1, Jesse Bannister; District Number 2, Henry Thierer; District Number 3, R. C. Mallon; District Number 4, M. Mercer; District Number 5, D. C. Estes; District Number 6, R. Creighton, District Number 7, Wm. Morganfield, District Number 8, Joseph R. Taylor and District Number 9, W. J. Jackson

by O. C. Barner, Secretary. '.

Oldest person in the world at 115 yrs. Besse Cooper once gave her own explanation for a life lived so long that her birth (August 26, 1896) predates by seven years the Wright Brothers invention of the airplane: "I mind my own business," she said. "And I don't eat junk food."

Riley County, Kansas Township Officers for the Year 1886-1887

From the *Randolph Echo*
Nov. 12, 1886, by Sylvester C. Ekart.

TRUSTEES:

J. M. Kimball, Manhattan Township. S. J. Yenawine, Ashland Township. I. R. Warren Bala Township. T. W. Osborne, Center Township. C. L. Caley, Fancy Creek Township. J. W. Paul, Grant Township. George Hungerford, Jackson Township. J. E. Powell, May Day Township. Joseph Roberts, Madison Township. C. C. Emerson, Ogden Township. Charles Morris, Sherman Township. C. J. Larson, Swede Creek Township. W. W. Billings, Wild Cat Township. Henry Earl, Zeandale Township.

TREASURERS:

James Graham, Manhattan Township. John Hall, Ashland Township. Roland Davies, Bala Township. S. A. Byarlay, Center Township. Peter Skow, Fancy Creek Township. George J. Warner, Grant Township. C. A. Johanesmeyer, Jackson Township. Norris, May Day Township. D. Dyer, Madison Township. George W. Campbell, Ogden Township. P. B. Wilson Sherman Township. Fred Toburen, Swede Creek Township. Jerome King, Wild Cat Township. George R. Parker, Zeandale Township.

CLERKS:

James Allingham, Manhattan Township. O. T. Dix, Ashland Township. D. R. Jenkins, Bala Township. George Pickett, Junior, Center Township. Chris Miller, Fancy Creek Township. Jesse white, Grant Township. W. F. Peter, Jackson Township. John Vittetoe, May Day Township. J. R. Randall, Madison Township. L. F. Pickett, Ogden Township. L. A. Gillett, Sherman Township. Albert Person, Swede Creek Township. E. E. Morris, Wild Cat Township. John Kent, Zeandale Township.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:

George F. Brown, Manhattan Township. J. C. VanEvern, Manhattan Township. James Irving, Ashland Township. A. E. Huse, Ashland Township. James Campbell, Bala Township. James Sharples, Bala

Township. George Pickett, Senior, Center Township. Isaac Moon, Center Township. M. Senn, Fancy Creek Township. Peter Skow, Fancy Creek Township. C. C. Olson, Grant Township. R. W. Forseman, Grant Township. James Crowder, Jackson Township. James Dow, Jackson Township. T. W. Goff, May Day Township. Jesse Marine, May Day Township. D. C. Waldbridge, Madison Township. A. Southwick, Madison Township. S. C. Hoag, Ogden Township. I. Martin, Ogden Township. E. Freeman, Sherman Township. J. S. Hohman, Sherman Township. H. H. Rice, Swede Creek Township. J. N. Palmer, Swede Creek Township. John W. Hair, Wild Cat Township. D. O. Orr, Wild Cat Township. J. H. Akin, Zeandale Township. Harvey Marshall, Zeandale Township.

CONSTABLES:

T. E. Cash, Manhattan Township.; Isom Tull, Manhattan Township; John M. Hugh, Ashland Township; J.D. Horesberger; Ashland Township; H. Wilcox, Bala Township; Z.F. Brawner, Bala Township; Wm. Mayes, Center Township; F.M. Spurrier, Center Township; Wm. Harner, Fancy Creek Township, John Schwartz, Fancy Creek Township; T. Sweet, Grant Township; G. Carswell, Grant Township; S.A. Moon, Jackson Township, Frank Walls, Jackson Township, Isaac Mayes, May Day Township; Dan Baird, May Day Township; E.T. Satchell, Madison Township; J.M. Lock, Madison Township; J.W. Seigal, Ogden Township; W. Martin, Ogden Township; J.P. Watson Sherman Township; 1. Whitehead, Sherman Township; John Dennison, Swede Creek Township; George Cobb, Swede Creek Township; George Wales, Wild Cat Township; John Dobson, Wild Cat Township; Joseph Crowl, Zeandale Township; Wm. Watson, Zeandale Township.

Isaac T. Goodnow was married August 28, 1838, to Ellen D. Denison, of Colerain, Massachusetts. She was a daughter of Maj. David and Lucy (Avery) Denison, and was a sister of Rev. Joseph Denison, whose name is closely identified with the early history of Kansas. They were not blessed with children of their own but they reared as a cherished daughter a niece of Mr. Goodnow, Miss Harriet A. Parkerson, who survives them and is a universally esteemed resident of Manhattan, a lady of culture and many accomplishments. Mrs. Goodnow survived her husband for six years, leaving in her passing from life memories of noble qualities and a blameless existence.

DAR TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVING GOD, HOME AND COUNTRY

On Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10:00 am, the Polly Ogden Chapter of the National Foundation of the Daughters of American Revolution (NFDAR), Manhattan, Kansas held their Centennial Anniversary Celebration at the Manhattan Country Club. By 2012, the Polly Ogden Chapter will have reached the goal of 100 members. Following in the footsteps of the women who founded the Polly Ogden chapter in 1912, today's Polly Ogden is comprised of 100 outstanding women leaders in the community, state, and nation.

Polly Ogden Chapter, DAR was organized in Manhattan, Kansas on April 9, 1912. The chapter was named for the great grandmother, Mary Polly Ogden, of the Organizing Regent, Elizabeth Hoyt Purcell. Mary (Polly) Ogden was the wife of Ebenezer Cole, a Minute Man in the American Revolution. Polly Ogden was born in 1762 to Josh Ogden and Mary Terry of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. -- A brief synopsis of early DAR officers and their community achievements in Manhattan lists the following:

- Elizabeth Purcell, Regent (1843-1924), founding regent of Polly Ogden Chapter of the DAR, also instrumental in securing funds for the Manhattan Andrew Carnegie Library and founding member of the Manhattan Domestic Club.
- Eusebia Mudge Irish, Vice Regent (1852-1942), was founder and first president of the Riley County Historical Association in 1914.
- Esther Butler Fox, (1843-1931)corresponding secretary, whose husband, Simeon Fox, was active in genealogy and purported to be the first genealogist of Kansas. He operated the first bookstore in Manhattan and sold to Guy Varney in 1895.
- Evangeline Kneeland Wareham, Registrar (1877-1958), wife of William Wareham whose descendants were and are actively involved in the Wareham properties in Manhattan.
- Dr. Belle Little, Board of Management (1871-1952), first woman doctor in Manhattan and with her father in 1915 founded the Charlotte Swift Hospital. The Girl Scout Little House on Sunset was originally known as the Little House and named for Dr. Bell Little.
- Mary Caldwell Purcell (1876-1933) was the daughter of the first Regent Elizabeth Purcell.

Congratulations to Polly Ogden Chapter, DAR

Sincere congratulations on the 100th milestone of your local chapter. The interests of the Riley County Genealogical Society and Polly Ogden developed hand in hand and our goals and projects complement each other. We are closely linked in purpose and are proud that twenty of our present members are also members of Polly Ogden. We have shared many members over the past and several of our members have served as Chapter Regents: Grace Woldt (1980-83), Ruby Williams (1983-86), Wanda Booz Williamson (1986-89), Roberta Albrecht (1992-95), Rebecca Rose (2005-2007), and Nancy Williams (2009-2011). We are encouraged by your growth and valuable contributions to the community. The NSDAR has proved invaluable in tracing ancestry and providing an application structure which promotes long term research methods and fascinating discoveries of how our families developed and melded into the current generation of Americans. Many people have pursued their lineage at the RCGS library after exposure to the paper trail of their Revolutionary War ancestor. Survival for 100 years is evidence of success in the goals you have continued to pass through the generations and in the quality of your organization. Your strength and longevity have benefited our organization and the Riley County Genealogical Society salutes you (our sister organization) at this milestone birthday!

Rebecca Rose, Riley County Genealogical Society, President,

New Books on the Shelf

Heisey, John. *Virginia Genealogy Guide*. -- Heritage House,

Van Guilder, Jeremiah T. *Little Town on the High Prairie: Lasita, Riley County, Kansas 1880-1935*. --

Brummett, Katie. *Henry Moehlman's Dream: Moehlman Bottoms, Riley County, Kansas 1854-1951*. --

Wellauer, Maralyn A. *Record Keeping and Archives in West Germany*. --

Eakle, Arlene *Virginia I*. Family History World, 1989.

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Breitkrentz, Sandra L. editor *Saline County Roots, Stories & Genealogies From the Crete News Quasquicentennial Series 1992-1993*

Farman, Don Scott. *Lafayette Lodge No. 16 A.F. & A.M. Manhattan, KS*. --

Manhattan - Celebrating 150 Years Progress. --

Strong School Dist. #1, Riley Co., KS 1921-1922. --

Walter, Dan. *The Harrison Building Scrapbook, 1915-1998*. --

In 1793, French-born Stephen Girard, the Philadelphia merchant who became the richest man in America, risked his own life during a catastrophic yellow fever epidemic to save the lives of hundreds of his fellow citizens:

Stephen Girard's finest hour occurred during Philadelphia's great yellow fever epidemic in 1793. That episode, largely forgotten in American history, was one of the greatest disasters to befall any American city. The gravity of the epidemic increases when one realizes that Philadelphia was at the time the nation's temporary capital. Yellow fever, so named because the victim's skin turns a yellowish hue, is fatal to as many as half of those who contract it. If the afflicted does not successfully resist the disease, he dies a tortuous week-long death filled with bouts of high fever, chills, black vomit, and diarrhea. Were this not awful enough, the alleged cure for the malady, the one pushed by Philadelphia's leading physician, the famed Dr. Benjamin Rush, involved bloodletting and mercury purges. Rush, like Girard, bravely stayed in town and tried his utmost to aid the sick. Unfortunately, Rush's harsh treatment plan caused untold deaths.

"In 1793, the population of Philadelphia and its suburbs was approximately 45,000. Diseased mosquitoes slipped into the city during the summer, on the same ships that brought two thousand French-speaking West Indian refugees to the capital. ... Unfortunately, the mosquitoes also found Philadelphia a hospitable habitat. ... Before the epidemic ended with the November frosts, some four to five thousand Philadelphians, about 10 percent of the city's population, lay yellowed and dead in pools of vomit and excrement. In a typical day just prior to the plague, an average of three Philadelphians died. On October 11, at the peak of the plague, 119 persons met their excruciatingly painful end.

"Yet the numbers do not tell the whole story. When the existence of an epidemic was announced in mid-August, the city fell into complete panic. The 'Fever' did not discriminate: rich and poor, young and old, doctors and dockworkers were all coming down with the disease. ...

"Stephen Girard could have, indeed should have, simply left town [as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and twenty thousand other Philadelphians had done.] But instead, he chose to risk his life to save others. Though awkward physically, Girard was no coward. ... He rolled up his sleeves and plunged into the fight, the fight against the disease itself, the fight against physicians with quack cures, the fight for the honor of the French refugees who many blamed for the scourge, and the fight for his business and reputation. ...

"Girard knew that the afflicted desperately needed his help. When the call went out for volunteers, only thirty-seven stepped forward. Clearly, the hospital [established for yellow fever victims] at Bush Hill was no place for the faint of heart; the stench of death, vomit, and excrement filled the nostrils, overpowering even the strongest. After inspecting conditions at Bush Hill, Girard realized that such a small number of volunteers would prove insufficient unless they were efficiently organized. Therefore, at the September 16 meeting of the emergency plague committee, Girard and fellow Philadelphian Peter Helm offered to supervise the volunteers. Girard's actions, which many viewed as a death sentence, took observers aback.

"But Girard was not suicidal. He had experienced a brief bout of fever in August but brushed it off, proudly announcing that 'Frenchmen do not die as easily as Americans.' Like Hamilton, Girard, who was conversant with the principles of medicine due to his youthful experience as a sailor, shunned Dr. Rush's harsh treatments in favor of the milder approach [advocated by] Dr. Edward Stevens. Moreover, Girard did not believe that the disease was contagious, attributing the far-reaching nature of the epidemic instead to the widespread distribution of the city's filth.

"Girard and Helm quickly went to work at Bush Hill. ... It was a daunting task made all the more difficult by the fact that Girard had to convince the emergency committee that his preferred choice of medical chief, a French doctor who had seen yellow fever before in the West Indies, should lead the staff, not an American team influenced by Rush. Girard prevailed, so mercifully no bloodletting or mercury purges took place at Bush Hill

"For sixty straight days Girard managed the make-shift hospital and cared for the ever-growing number of sick. When overcrowding became a problem, temporary shelters sprang up around the mansion house. A contemporary observer noted that Girard had to perform 'many disgusting offices of kindness for [the patients], which nothing could render tolerable, but the exalted motives that impelled him to this heroic conduct.' In the words of one historian, 'for the dying, Girard acted as confessor and chaplain, comforter and attorney.' "

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100(+) Years Ago, The Wamego Reporter, June 22, 1911

The marriage of Sheriff W.W. Huey and Miss Mamie O'Connell, daughter of Mrs. Catherine O'Connell, north of Belvue, took place at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Wednesday morning. Rev. Father Hundt officiated. Miss Rose McCoy and Mr. O'Connell, brother of the bride, attended the couple.

June 29, 1911

J.L. Chapman died at his home in this city, Sunday evening, June 25th. For some time he had been failing in health and his death was known to be not far distant. In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Chapman came from New York and located on a farm in Wabaunsee County, where they resided until they moved to Wamego about ten years ago. John Lowndes Chapman was born February 26, 1832, in Stockport, England. He left his home to come to this country at the age of 16 years. He was married May 2, 1885, to Miss Caroline Marie Clark, and to them were born six children, four sons and two daughters.

Louis B. Leach, president of the Wamego State Bank of Wamego, Kas., and Mrs. Minnie Humphreys, of Reading Kansas were married by Probate Judge John T. Sims of Wyandotte County.

October 5, 1911

The marriage of Miss Margaret Downey, daughter of M. Thomas Downey, of Wamego, and Mr. Theodore Immenschuh, of Flush, was celebrated in St. Bernard's Kansas Kin

Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. The bridal couple was attended by the bride's sister, Miss Gertrude Downey, as bridesmaid, and by Mr. Anthony Repp, of Flush, as best man.

October 19, 1911

Miss Mary K. Birk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Birk of Wamego, and Mr. Frederick A. Kropf were united in marriage at Topeka, Wednesday morning by the Rev. Mueller at the German Evangelical Lutheran Church. Miss Margaret Lonsinger and Mr. Carl Birk accompanied the couple to Topeka and acted as witnesses to the ceremony.

November 2, 1911

The sad news came to this place Thursday night from Topeka that Geo. Anderson, who married Miss Minnie Weeks of this place some three months since, was dead. The Weeks families here did not know that Mr. Anderson was dangerously sick, though he had not been feeling well for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had only recently gone to housekeeping in Topeka and this is a terrible blow to her and all concerned.

November 30, 1911

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Stewart entertained with a dinner Monday in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson of Herington, whose marriage was celebrated at that place last week.

Miss Martha Ashman of this place, and Mr. Lewis Kirkpatrick will be married at 2 o'clock today at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Ashman.

75(+) Years Ago, the Wamego Reporter June 11, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson and Miss Ona Johnson entertained with a dinner on Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lee Andrick of Harper, who were recently married and Miss Regina Julien and L.E. Hediurg, who will be married Tuesday, June 16th.

September 3, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Virginia Mary, to Richard Meisburger, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Meisburger of Overland Park. The marriage took place in Overland Park, Monday, August 31, 1936. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith accompanied their daughter and attended the ceremony. The bride is a charming and attractive young lady.

May 2012

She graduated from Wamego High School and has attended Washburn College, and also taught school several years in Wamego. They will reside in Lawrence and both will attend K.U. this year. Mr. Meisburger is studying medicine.

October 1, 1936

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Burgess, of Westmoreland, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zoeller, of Manhattan were called to Shawnee, Oklahoma, last week, by the death of their son-in-law and brother-in-law, F.M. Murphy, the husband of Adeline Burgess, formerly of Wamego. Mr. Murphy, with five others, was killed by a boiler explosion at the oil fields where they were working. It happened just after they had exchanged shifts for night work at 5 p.m. Thursday, September 24. Mr. Murphy and Adeline Burgess were married at Ada, Oklahoma, August 5, 1936.

June 18, 1936

Recent orders have been received at Relief headquarters that all WPA workers must accept harvest work, if it is offered to them. This is mandatory, and refusal to accept same, if and when offered, will automatically affect eligibility for WPA work. In accepting work during harvest season, clients must report same to their foreman if on WPA jobs--then when harvest is over the men will be taken back if they still need the work.

December 3, 1936

Miss Josephine Kraushaar and Lloyd Blanka, of St. George, Kansas, were united in marriage at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W.E. Holdren in Wamego, Wednesday, November 25, at 8 p.m.

100 Years Ago The Wamego Reporter, February 29, 1912

Wamego people were greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death from pneumonia of Joe Lafontaine an old and respected citizen of this community. For many years Mr. Lafontaine was a resident of Wabaunsee township and served two terms as county treasurer of Wabaunsee County. Several years ago, he removed to Kingsville with his son, Henry, but a few weeks ago he returned to Wamego to make his home here, always claiming Wamego as his home town. Funeral services will be held in St. Bernard's church either Saturday or Monday depending upon the arrival of Henry Lafon-

taine who is now in Texas.

February 15, 1912

Announcements were received here this week of the marriage of Miss Janet Arnold and Mr. Fred L. Grutzmacher which took place at Westmoreland Sunday, February 11. Mr. and Mrs. Grutzmacher will be at home in Westmoreland after March 1st.

According to a new ruling by the State Board of Health which went into effect February 1: Public funerals are prohibited where death has resulted from cholera, small pox, diphtheria, epidemic cerebro spinal meningitis, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, acute anterior poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, measles or whooping cough.

February 22, 1912

Latest reports from Mrs. Della Ross who is at a hospital in Topeka, is that she is not improving. It was discovered after she was admitted to the hospital that she was suffering from typhoid fever. Mr. Ross spends as much of his time at her bedside as is possible.

75 Years Ago, The Wamego Reporter, February 11, 1937

D.A. Rogers, oldest son of the late J.C. and Mary Rogers, died last Sunday, February 27, 1937. Duke has only been really ill about a week. On December 16, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Florence Ames at the Ames House, one of the most elaborate functions ever held at that popular hostelry. To this union three children were born: Murial, (Mrs. O.H. Parkinson) and John, both of Beverly Hills, California, and one child which died in infancy.

Bonus fact: In 1928, Canadian attorney Charles Millar died, leaving his half a million dollar fortune behind. According to mentalfloss.com, per his will ... his wealth was to be given to the Toronto-area woman who had the most babies in the ten year period ending in 1938. Four women split the prize, having given birth to nine children apiece.

The Family of John Lawrence Umscheid and Maria Anna Schmitt, 1861 Settlers in Pottawatomie Twnshp, Pottawatomie County, Kansas

By Sylvester C. Ekart, great-great grandson of John Lawrence and Maria Anna Umscheid.

John Lawrence Umscheid was born on 14 July 1814, in Grossheubach, Bavaria, Germany. He was the son of Michael Adam Umscheid (1774-1817) and Marie Eva Breitenbach 1772-1839), grandson of Michael Umscheid (1737-1825) and Anna Marie Zoller (1746-1813) and great grandson of Mathaus (1702-1756) and Elizabeth Umscheid (1703-1763). John Lawrence Umscheid was married on 23 April 1838 in Grossheubach to Maria Anna Schmitt who was born on 2 March 1813, in Grossheubach. Maria Anna Schmitt was the daughter of Franz Joseph Schmitt and Rosina Brand [1].

John Lawrence Umscheid and Marie Anna Schmitt were the parents of 8 children all born in Grossheubach. (1) Ignatius Umscheid born 1 February 1839 and died on 28 January 1846 both in Grossheubach, (2) Augusta Umscheid, (3) Magdalena Umscheid, (4) Maria Umscheid born on 24 March 1845 and died on 10 August 1848 both at Grossheubach, (5) Julia Umscheid, (6) Mary Umscheid, (7) Vincent Umscheid and (8) Balduin Umscheid born 1 November 1853 and died on 13 November 1853, both at Grossheubach. Maria Anna Schmitt Umscheid died on 17 November 1853 in Grossheubach and was buried at that place [1].

John Lawrence Umscheid came to America in 1861; he landed with 5 of his children on 23 March at New Orleans, Louisiana. They were aboard the ship Nuremberg sailing out of Harve, France. The following children were with him Augusta, Magdalena, Julia, Mary and Vincent. Also aboard the same ship was a first cousin of John Lawrence who was John Joseph Umscheid and his family; John Anton Straub, John Anton wife and daughter and Josephine Noe. Mrs. John Anton Straub was a cousin of John Lawrence Umscheid [4]. In late 1861 Josephine Noe, at that time identified as Josephine Noe Umscheid, bore a child that was later identified as John Lawrence Umscheid's child [3]. On 15 January 1862 Josephine Noe Umscheid and John Reiner were married in Pottawatomie Township by Justice of the Peace, Stephen Hopkins [2]. The child of John Lawrence Umscheid and Josephine Noe was a daughter named Theresa who was married to Albert Tetlinski at St. Joseph Church, Flush, Kansas on 9 February 1880 [2] [3]. Interested readers should see Kansas Kin, Volume XXXIX, Number 2, May 2001, Riley County Genealogical Society for an article about John Reiner, Josephine Noe Umscheid, Teresa Umscheid and Albert Tetlinski and family.

According to family stories, John Lawrence died late in 1861 aboard a ship on his return to his home in Germany; he presumably was buried at sea. John Lawrence and Maria Anna Schmitt Umscheid children who came to America lived out their lives in Pottawatomie County, except Julia who lived in the Ogden, Kansas area.

The oldest John Lawrence Umscheid child who came to

America was Augusta Umscheid who was born on 6 November 1840 she married (1) on 20 October 1861 in Pottawatomie Township Christian Getz who was born in 1820 in Prussia, he died in 1871, she was married (2) on 28 January 1872, at Ogden, Kansas John Tiekling who was born on 25 August 1842 at Hanover, Germany and he died on 25 October 1891. Augusta died on 21 January 1890; all three died in Pottawatomie Township and are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush, Kansas. Christian and Augusta Umscheid Getz's had 3 sons. The oldest was John Lawrence Getz who married (1) on 12 April at 1887 at Flush, Kansas Anna Marie Costanzer; he was married (2) on 28 March 1893 at Okeene, Oklahoma to Emma Minerva Prosky who was born on 21 December 1870 in Missouri. The only information we have about Anna Marie Costanzer is her marriage record. John Lawrence Getz and Emma Prosky Getz lived at Beaver, Oklahoma and are buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Beaver, Oklahoma. The middle son was Eli Getz born on 16 December 1864 and died on 5 June 1931, the youngest son was Louis Sebastian Getz born on 27 July 1869, died on 14 July 1939. Eli and Louis Sebastian Getz were born in Pottawatomie Township, they lived just south of Manhattan, they never married and are both buried in Ashland Cemetery, Riley County, Kansas.

Augusta Umscheid Getz and John Tiekling also were the parents of 3 sons all born in Pottawatomie Township. The oldest was Herman Henry Tiekling born in October 1872, he never married, died on 5 October 1903, he is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush, Kansas.

The middle son was August Vincent Tiekling who was born on 13 May 1874, he never married, he died on 20 July 1912, at Kansas City, Missouri and he is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery. The youngest son was William Joseph Tiekling born on 24 February 1877, he married on 19 February 1922 at Concordia, Kansas Mary Fahringer; he died on 4 December 1937 and is buried at Concordia, Kansas.

The second child of John Lawrence and Maria Anna Umscheid who came to America was Magdalena Umscheid who was born on 19 October 1842 she married on 24 July 1864 at Flush Charles B. (or Carl B.) Mayer who was born on 4 November 1828 in Tristolz, Ellwangen, Leutkirch, Wurttemberg, Germany. Charles (Carl) B. Mayer was the son of Anton Mayer (1779-1860) and Maria Anna Kolher (1797-1836). He was the grandson of Johannes Baptist Mayer (1730-1814) and Maria Anna Menig (1745-1811). Charles B. Mayer came to America in 1852. Charles and Magdalen resided on a farm a couple of miles northeast of Flush where they lived out their lives. Magdalena Umscheid Mayer died on 11 July 1934 and Charles B. Mayer died on 26 July 1901, both are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Flush. They were the parents of 4 children. The oldest child was Charles Vincent Mayer who was born on 7 May 1865, on 27 March 1894 at Westmoreland, Kansas, he married

Mary Immenschuh, daughter of Joseph Immenschuh, she was born on 17 November 1873. Charles Vincent Mayer died on 18 April 1946 and Mary Immenschuh Mayer died on 6 July 1968; both are buried at Wamego, Kansas. The next old-

est child was Augusta B. Mayer who was born on 10 April 1867 she married on 23 January 1890, at Westmoreland, Kansas George B. Havermale who was born on 20 June 1865 at Pennington Point, Illinois. Augusta Mayer Havermale died on 6 June 1961, George B. Havermale died on 24 November 1938 both are buried at Los Angeles, California. The next to youngest child was Annie Magdalena Mayer who was born on 2 October 1869 she died on 22 July 1870 and is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Flush. The youngest child was Emil Joseph Antone Mayer who was born on 12 October 1869 he married (1) on 27 August 1894 Lillian "Lillie" Weber, the daughter of John Weber, she was born on 26 February 1874; he was married (2) on 5 June 1924 to Carrie Melvina Morse, widow of August Blanka. Lillian Weber Mayer died on 2 August 1914, she is buried in Admatha Cemetery, Pottawatomie County. Emil Joseph Mayer died on 6 September 1959 and Carrie Melvina Morse Blanka died on 4 May 1984 both are buried in the Westmoreland Cemetery, Westmoreland, Kansas.

The third child of John Lawrence and Maria Anna Umscheid who came to America was Julia Umscheid who was born on 11 April 1864 she married on 11 April 1864 at Fort Riley, Kansas John Fox who was born on 4 October 1824, at Engeldorf, Prussia. Julia Umscheid Fox died on 1 October 1911 at Manhattan and John Fox died on 2 February 1905 both are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ogden. Julia and John Fox were the parents of 7 children four of them lived to adulthood. The three deceased children died as infants and their names are not known at this time. The oldest child of Julia and John Fox was John L. Fox who was born on 11 April 1865 he married, date unknown, Rachel Dickerson who was previously married and brought children to the marriage. John Fox and Rachel Dickerson had no children. John L. Fox died on 11 July 1941 he is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ogden. The next to oldest child was Vincent Fox who was born on 10 January 1867, he never married, he died on 30 April 1956 and is buried at Alma, Kansas. The next child, third born, was Anna Fox who was born on 16 October 1870 she married on 13 April 1891, in St. Joseph Church, McDowell Creek, John Lewis Wood who was born on 28 February 1861 in Missouri. Anna F. Fox Wood died on 11 July 1952 and John Lewis Wood died on 12 April 1936 both are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ogden. The last child, 7th born of Julia and John Fox was Augusta Fox who was born on 29 December 1877 she married on 24 February 1903 at Junction City William J. Kramer who was born in 1879. Augusta Fox Wood died on 4 August 1970 both are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ogden, Kansas.

The fourth child of John Lawrence and Maria Anna Umscheid who came to America was Mary Umscheid who was born on 15 August 1848 she married on 8 July 1866 at Flush widower Emil Ebert who was born on 18 November 1829 at Saxony, Germany. Emil Ebert was first married on 25 December 1861 at Flush to Dorothea Weist who was born in 1838 she died in 1863 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. Emil and Dorothea Weist Ebert had a daughter Augusta Ebert who married Albert Muckenthaler of Newbury, Kansas. Emil Ebert died on 9 March 1900 and Mary

Umscheid Ebert died on 26 December 1910 both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. Emil and Mary Umscheid Ebert had 12 children; they are in order of birth (1) Rosa, (2) Anna S., (3) Louise, (4) Julia, (5) Louis Emil, (6) Charles Emil, (7) Amelia, (8) Vincent Lawrence, (9) Elizabeth, (9) Mary Mathilda, (10) Elizabeth Josephine, (11) Ida and (12) Lawrence Emil.

The first born Rosa Ebert was born on 1 September 1867 she married on 15 September 1887 at Flush Eli Noll son of Andrew Noll and Julia Fessler. Eli Noll died on 28 October 1908 and Rosa Ebert Noll died on 17 August 1910 both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The second born child Anna S. Ebert was born on 5 March 1869 she married on 14 May 1901 at Flush Frank J. Hieger who was born on 3 October 1872. Frank J. Hieger died on 4 January 1944 and Anna S. Ebert Hieger died on 3 March 1946, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

The third born child was Louise Ebert who was born on 9 January 1871, she was a Roman Catholic nun, she died on 18 March 1960 and she is buried at St. Louis, Missouri. The fourth born child was Julia Ebert who was born on 25 November 1872, she died on 25 January 1876; she is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The fifth born child was Louis Emil Ebert who was born on 28 February 1875; he married on 24 May 1904 at Wamego Mary Sester, daughter of Cyrus Sester, she was born on 5 March 1882. Louis Emil Ebert died on 31 January 1955 and Mary Sester Ebert died on 27 May 1963, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

The sixth born child was Charles Emil Ebert who was born on 21 March 1877 he married on 29 May 1902 at Flush Anna Eckart, daughter of John Eckart, she was born on 10 April 1878. Charles Emil Ebert died on 30 November 1967 and Ann Eckart Ebert died on 13 December 1960, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The seventh born child was Amelia Ebert who was born on 19 November 1878 she was married on 23 May 1905 at Flush John Joseph Hieger, son of Nicholas Hieger, he was born on 25 January 1877. John Hieger died on 10 May 1930 and Amelia Ebert Hieger died on 6 November 1950, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The eighth born child was Vincent Lawrence Ebert who was born on 12 October 1880, he never married, he died on 23 October 1970 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The ninth born child was Mary Mathilda Ebert who was born on 2 June 1884, she was a Roman Catholic nun, she died on 7 April 1921. The tenth born child was Elizabeth Josephine Ebert who was born on 2 June 1884; she married on 24 May 1910 at Flush Frank Joseph Sester, son of Cyrus Sester, he was born on 12 January 1880. Frank Joseph Sester died on 19 March 1955 and Elizabeth Josephine Ebert Sester died on 20 December 1942, both are buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Wamego, Kansas. The eleventh born, child was Ida Ebert who was born on 29 November 1888, she never married, she died on 5 May 1951 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The twelfth born child was Lawrence

Emil Ebert who was born on 29 September 1890 he married on 29 October 1924 at Flush Margaret Schmitz, daughter of Joseph Schmitz; she was born on 10 January 1890.

Lawrence Emil Ebert died on 30 June 1974 and Margaret Schmitz Ebert died on 25 September 1984, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

The fifth child of John Lawrence and Maria Anna Schmitt Umscheid who came to America was Vincent Umscheid who was born on 19 July 1851; he married on 10 January 1875 at Flush, Anna Louie Riffel, daughter of John Riffel, she was born on 17 July 1855 in Switzerland. Vincent Umscheid died on 27 November 1913 and Anna Riffel Umscheid died on 10 January 1930, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. Vincent and Anna Umscheid were the parents of 13 children. The children in order of birth are (1) Rosa Amelia Umscheid, (2) Mary Josephine Umscheid, (3) Magdalena Umscheid who was born on 22 November 1879, she died on 13 October 1883 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush, Kansas, (4) Ernestine Louise Umscheid who was born on 5 January 1880, she died on 13 October 1883, she is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush, Kansas, (5) Monica Aurelia Umscheid, (6) Julia Umscheid, (7) Augusta Umscheid, (8) Vincent Lawrence Umscheid, (9) Anna Mary Umscheid, (10) Elizabeth Matilda Umscheid, (11) Lawrence John Umscheid, (12) Amelia Clara Umscheid and (13) Anthony Charles Umscheid. All of the children were born in Pottawatomie County. Only the ten children who lived to adulthood are discussed in the following paragraphs.

The oldest child of Vincent and Anna Umscheid, Rosa Amelia Umscheid was born on 1 July 1876 she married on 17 May 1897 at Flush Joseph Hugh Cunningham, son of Daniel and Sarah Ann Shiner Cunningham, he was born on 1 March 1870 in Blue Township, Pottawatomie County. Rose Amelia Umscheid Cunningham died on 25 August 1943 and Joseph Hugh Cunningham died on 23 June 1945 both are buried at Topeka, Kansas. The next oldest child was Mary Josephine Umscheid who was born on 22 May 1878 she married on 15 November 1898 at Flush Anton Ekart, son of John and Barbara Reiter Ekart, he was born on 5 July 1864 in Smolau, Bohemia, Austria. Mary Josephine Umscheid Ekart died on 22 March 1956 and Anton Ekart died on 28 May 1923, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The next oldest child, the fifth born, was Monica Aurelia Umscheid who was born on 17 June 1882 she married on 29 May 1905 at Flush Monroe Abrams who was born on 14 March 1881 in Pottawatomie County. Monica Aurelia Umscheid Abrams died on 4 April 1940 and Aaron Monroe Abrams died on 30 May 1945 both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan. The sixth born child was Julia Umscheid who was born on 14 February 1884 she married on 25 October 1911 at Flush Henry Daniel Bonawitz who was born on 24 August 1876 in Pennsylvania. Julia Umscheid Bonawitz died on 7 November 1950 and Henry Daniel Bonawitz died on 4 April 1954 both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan. The seventh born child was Augusta Umscheid who was born on 15 September 1885 she married on 29 April 1912 at Flush Fred Herbert Morse who was born on 2 February 1888 in Pottawatomie County. Fred Herbert Morse was married a second time and lived in California. Augusta Umscheid Morse died on 10 December 1938 at Manhattan and Fred Herbert Morse died on 18 June 1973. Augusta Umscheid Morse is

buried at Topeka, Kansas and Fred Herbert Morse is buried at Yuba City, California. The eighth born child was Vincent Lawrence Umscheid who was born on 29 October 1887 he married on 6 June 1917 at Flush Mary Helena Weltsch, daughter of Charles and Margaret Cecelia Parker Weltsch; she was born on 3 January 1892 in Pottawatomie County. Vincent Lawrence Umscheid died on 16 January 1951 and Mary Helena Weltsch Umscheid died on 9 June 1976, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush, Kansas. The ninth born child was Anna Mary Umscheid who was born on 4 February 1889 she married on 15 January 1912 at Flush Walter Walker Cochran who was born on 8 April 1892 at Topeka. Anna Mary Umscheid Cochran died on 26 January 1929 and Walter Walker Cochran died on 14 June 1962, both are buried at Topeka, Kansas. Walter Walker Cochran married a second time to Gertrude Teter Stewart. The tenth born child was Elizabeth Matilda Umscheid who was born on 24 May 1890 she married (1) on 15 January 1912 at Flush Henry William Smith who was born on 12 January 1889 at Norcatur, Kansas; Elizabeth married (2) on 10 May 1941 at Topeka Clifford Castello. Elizabeth Matilda Umscheid Smith died on 26 April 1957 and Henry William Smith died on 13 September 1945, both are buried at Topeka, Kansas. The eleventh born child was Lawrence John Umscheid who was born on 29 March 1892 he married on 7 March 1923 at Flush Barbara Rebitzer, daughter of Wenzel Rebitzer and Mary Eckert, she was born on 29 August 1904 in Weissen-sulz, Bohemia, Austria. Lawrence John Umscheid died on 19 January 1956 at Westmoreland and Barbara Rebitzer Umscheid died on 8 April 1974 both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

The twelfth born child was Amelia Clara Umscheid who was born on 12 February 1895 she married on 12 April 1920 at Flush Albert Benedict Weltsch, son of Charles and Margaret Cecelia Parker Weltsch, he was born on 7 November 1893 in Pottawatomie County. Amelia Clara Umscheid Weltsch died on 13 August 1973 and Albert Benedict Weltsch died on 14 July 1959, both are buried at Topeka, Kansas. The last born child was Anthony Charles Umscheid who was born on 14 September 1897 he married on 8 November 1921, at Topeka Elsie Eleanora Cochran, daughter of William Thomas and Nancy Pauley Cochran, she was born on 20 October 1904 at St. Marys. Anthony Charles Umscheid died on 8 December 1970 and Elsie Eleanora Cochran Umscheid died on 17 February 1999 both are buried in Topeka, Kansas.

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- [1] Records of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Grossheubach, Bavaria, Germany.
 - [2] Pottawatomie County Kansas Marriages, 1856-1886, Riley County Genealogical Society, 1981.
 - [3] Records of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Flush, Kansas.
 - [4] United States National Archives Records.

Renting Babies to Beggars

In the early part of this century, South Africa had a reputation — a well-deserved one, at that — for being one of the most violent, crime-ridden cities on the planet. A BBC article from 2002 quoted two guide books discussing the crime rate in Johannesburg: one guide noted that “violent crime is rampant” while the other another warned the reader that the city had “lots of guns.” At the time, the murder rate in South Africa hit 59 per 100,000, roughly ten times that of the United States’ (6 per 100,000). It was a scary place to be.

The crime rate has improved somewhat, but in a nation where, officially, one quarter of the population is unemployed and a large percentage of the population lives on a wage equivalent to roughly one U.S. dollar per day, poverty is still rampant and many downtrodden turn to crime. In Pretoria, the nation’s administrative and de facto capital city, some are taking an odd and illegal step to compete with their fellow downtrodden man: beggars are renting babies and using them as props in order to garner sympathy and, they hope, more (and larger) donations.

The baby-rental process is not, however, initiated by parents looking to make a buck. (Thankfully?) Rather, corrupt day care centers are behind the deed, loaning out the children to vagabonds — unbeknownst to the parents. Officials suspect that a more formal and nefarious crime syndicate is behind the program, and caution parents only to entrust their children’s care to government licensed child care providers. In light of the above, that is probably a good idea.

Jumping Over Babies

The Feast of Corpus Christi is a religious celebration marked by Catholics (and a few Anglican churches) annually, typically in late May or early June. The occasion is typically marked with a mass and a procession, and, in most cases, not much else. But near Burgos, Spain, the Feast of Corpus Christi is a big deal. Or, rather, a lot of small deals. Baby-sized. Perfect for jumping over.

On the day of the Feast of Corpus Christi, the town has its own tradition, called El Colacho. As seen in the photo above (from this gallery of five such photos), a man dresses up in a red-adorned yellow jumpsuit -- representing the devil -- and soars over as many as a half-dozen dolled-up infants lying on a mattress as their parents and the rest of the town watch. Symbolically, the devil’s leap cleanses the babies of original sin, putting them on the path to a good life and entrance into heav-

en. Not-so-symbolically, the leap puts a half-dozen babies at risk of being injured by an airborne guy pretending to be Lucifer and carrying a whip and baton.

The tradition dates back to 1620, but its origin has been lost to antiquity. There are, thankfully, no known reports of injuries to the children, but the Pope apparently has recently asked local area priests to try and downplay the tradition’s connection with Catholicism.

June 1, 1890: the Census Bureau Can Finally Keep Tabs on a Growing Nation

The basis of the computer was invented for use in the census? Yes. It was all the brainchild of Herman Hollerith, a New York statistician. He invented the device for the U.S. Census Bureau for use in the 1890 census. That is the census that was later destroyed by a fire and by the water used to quench the fire.

Determining the results of the 1880 census proved to be a monumental task, requiring eight years to complete. The Census Bureau knew that there had to be a better way and asked for bids from companies to improve the process.

Hollerith invented a tabulating machine to quickly count information that had been entered on punched cards that were the size of an American dollar bill at that time. (The dollar bill was later reduced in size but the so-called Hollerith cards remained at 3.25 by 7.375 inches.) On January 8, 1889, Hollerith was issued U.S. Patent 395,782.

Data for Herman Hollerith’s invention was counted by a machine that employed spring-loaded needles capable of reading whether or not a hole had been punched. An electric contact was made when a hole was recognized, which rang a bell and sent the data to a counter.

The 1890 tabulator was capable only of counting. Subsequent models, developed by Hollerith himself, were also able to add, which made the machines useful for accounting, warehousing, and shipping applications. Between 1902 and 1905, Hollerith also developed an automatic card feed and a method for reading cards in motion and settled on a standard card format.

Punch cards remained popular in computers through the 1970s. Hollerith also remained successful when he founded a company to build more tabulating equipment, called the Tabulating Machine Company. In 1911 four corporations, including Hollerith’s firm, merged to form the Computing Tabulating Recording Corporation. It was renamed in 1924 to International Business Machines Corporation IBM

The 1890 census tallied 63 million people. (The most recent count, in 2010, reached nearly 309 million.) Computers are now very popular, although the Hollerith card has finally disappeared.

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A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.
-Charles Evans Hughes, jurist (1862-1948)

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The oft-quoted Chinese curse, 'May you live in interesting times', does not exist in China itself, scholars say."

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Nobody can be lucky all the time; / so when your luck deserts you in some fashion / don't think you've been abandoned in your prime, / but rather that you're saving up your ration.
-Piet Hein, poet and scientist (1905-1996)

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All know that the drop merges into the ocean but few know that the ocean merges into the drop. -Kabir, reformer, poet (late 15th century)

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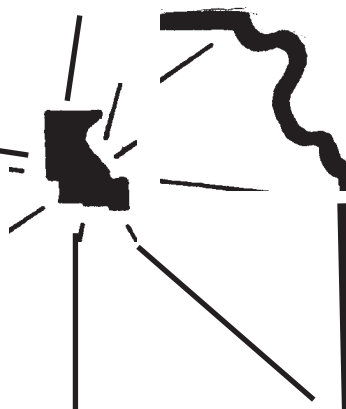
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From the Editor:

You really ought to come in to the library this summer. We have lots to show you. With the new computers we have more capacity for keeping digitized records available. For example, we have copies of all the books that RCGS has published available on computer which makes searches quick and easy. The librarians and CA's are eager to be of help.

We have a new collection of memorial cards from the Yorgensen Meloen funeral home. They are available from 2006 to present for browsing and copying. Most contain pictures and other information not available in a simple obituary.

The 1940 Federal Census is mostly digitized and available on the web. You can check your ancestors and see where they were living at that time, just before WWII began.

The Acquisitions committee has been working to increase our collection of Kansas records and our Kansas Room is bursting at the seams.

Sy Ekart has been busy indexing more microfilmed newspapers for us.

Yes, it is hot outside, but it is cool and comfy in the library. Come let us help you find those missing links, break down that brick wall.

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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.



Eureka Electric Park 1909 - 2011

Manhattan, Kansas by Ann Murphy

The most magnificent park in Kansas opened in a “blaze of glory” 100 years ago. Families and sweethearts could visit a magnificent park just outside of Manhattan, Kansas. It was named the Eureka Electric Park.

Visitors could stroll the fine grit walks through fragrant summer gardens in full bloom. Fourteen statues from the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair were mounted on pedestals throughout the woods. Strollers would stop and admire the surrounding beauty. Fountains bubbled and splashed cool, clear water provided by a gasoline powered water pump. Five acres were devoted to a baseball diamond. There were five acres of lakefront forested land for picnicking. Visitors could rent boats and row leisurely across the waters of Lake Eureka. A soda fountain and dance pavilion ensured that visitors could stay well into the evening hours. Thousands of electric lights twinkled in the branches above the walking paths.

Just prior to the official opening on July 4, 1912, a reporter from The Daily Mercury accompanied owner and developer W.R. West for a preview of the park. The reporter later wrote that it was “unquestionably the finest (park) in the state of Kansas.”

In the summer of 1912, the Manhattan, Kansas newspapers were full of articles about the expectations for a new park. The builder of the park was William Reed West who was born in Pennsylvania in 1849. He joined the Union Army and after the war, he went to Kansas. There he married and lived in several different towns until 1908 when he and sons Charles, Joseph, Earl, and William moved to Manhattan, Kansas.

The West family had plans to build an electric streetcar system that would eventually run from Manhattan to Fort Riley. By 1911, Mr. West and his sons were bringing in supplies to build the railway. The family decided to build an electric park along the proposed route. Mr. West chose a wooded area on the banks of Eureka Lake to make a park. The lake was formed when the river had changed course many years earlier. In 1909, Mr. West bought about 30 acres on the East End of the lake and began the three-year process of clearing the site and making it into a park.

“One of the prettiest parks in the west is going to be the park at Eureka Lake,” said a visitor.

In 1912, the West families were getting the word out to the public. A professional gardener had been hired to lay out the gardens. Flowerbeds were full of asters, petunias, coleus, roses, iris, and daylilies. Fourteen pieces of statuary brought from the World’s Fair in St. Louis stood on stone pedestals around the grounds. There was a merry-go-round, a lunch hall, ice cream parlor, lily ponds, and thousands of electric lights strung between the trees. The headlines in the 1912 papers declared the park was unquestionably the finest in the state of Kansas.

In 1913 there was some trouble with the electric trolleys, but the park hosted more than 3,000 people. The paper reported that the citizens of Manhattan celebrated the nation’s birthday at a beautiful spot. Eureka Electric Park, with its silvery lake, flowing water, beautiful gardens was the scene of Manhattan’s greatest celebration.

In 1914, July 4th in the park was reported to be attended by 5,000 people for a glorious day. The merry-go-round or carry-all was in operation until midnight. The big dance pavilion was busy all day. The Junction City Nationals baseball team won the first game while the Manhattan Romblers pulled out a win in the second game.

The park was a place for people to gather from 1912 to 1923, but the world was changing. The Great War was changing the way people spent their time.

The family car was becoming more common. William Reed West and family had made important contributions to the growth of Manhattan, but it was time to close the interurban railway business and sell the park.

The West family sold the park grounds to the Free Methodist General Conference to be used as the summer campsite by the Kansas Annual Conference of Free Methodist. The camp committee made plans to renovate the park into a conference and camping center.

By 1924, 400 people were at the camp for meetings and evangelistic services. The members were housed and fed in some of the existing buildings, small cabins, and tents. Families visited, children played, and all gathered at worship time. The camp was used for many years, then the Free Methodist West Kansas Conference merged into the Kansas Conference and the camp was sold in the early 1960’s to Mr. Woodward for future development. Two acres of the site were sold for commercial purposes, and the rest of the park was unused.

In 1975 the Murphy family purchased the old park/campground. In the summer of 1978 the Murphy's, with the help of a Kansas State University construction science teacher, began to build a home. At the end of the year, they moved into the lower floor and finished the house in the next four years.

There were always signs of the old park. Every Spring, perennial flowers would emerge in various parts of the 27 acres of the park. Trees were surrounding pipes and hydrants from the old water system. Old foundations were scattered throughout the trees. The old outhouses were still in place. The block house built as showers for the church campers was utilized to store tools and housed the wood heating system for the Murphy home. The concrete slab under the merry-go-round building later used as a chapel was the site of family basketball games.

For years the enameled dishes used by the camp would surface, often after a rain. The porcelain light bulb bases that held the lights that went from tree to tree were everywhere, by the thousands. Occasionally one of the wonderful majestic trees would fall and an insulator encased by the tree would do damage to a chain saw.

One fountain still stands below the oak tree from which water spouted. The residents of the old park and campground greatly enjoyed the place as they raised their family and improved the grounds. The majestic trees, birds, and wildlife, were daily companions. The lake eventually filled in with sediment and it was called the swamp-which gave perfect habitat for huge mosquitoes. All in all, it was a unique place to raise children, 4-H animals, and be a sheltered home for a family.

In 2009, the proposed change to the route of highway K-18 was going to happen. The new KDOT highway would bring about condemnation of the middle of the old park and campground. Most of the original Eureka Electric Park land and the Murphy home would be destroyed.

Today, the park has not completely given up. As the bulldozer passed through the area, the pipes from the old water system would rise out of the ground. The pedestals of the statues would roll against the shiny blades. The 100+ year old great trees fell to the ground but on the remaining land, there are iris, daylilies, spirea, and bushes still blooming as they did 100 years ago. There is one formal garden area and one fountain that survives to hold onto the glory of days past and a reminder of the West family, who contributed to the growth of Manhattan, Kansas. The memories of a church group that played and prayed together, and a family and their residents who lived on the site of Eureka Electric Park.

In early history, the Eureka Lake drew other investors. The lake also got the attention of the Dewey family of Manhattan who built a resort in 1899, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the Eureka Electric Park at the West End of the lake. A 1903 flood caused great damage to the Dewey resort. In 1906, the site was purchased and the land was used by the Rebekah Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF).

(Photos courtesy of the Riley County Historical Museum.)

People by the Carryall/Merry-go- round 1912-1917





Paula & Craig Murphy & The Fountain Today



Tree that Spouts Water into the Fountain

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Old Settlers Tie for Honors During Jubilee

403 Persons Register During Jubilee Week in Contest Local Woman in Tie

from *Manhattan Kansas Tribune* Oct 21, 1929

Three-cornered tie for first place was the result of the old settlers contest which was conducted in Manhattan during the Jubilee week. The tie was in that section of the contest for old settlers now residing in Riley County.

First honors were divided among Mrs. M.E. Lyman, 718 Houston, W.K. and J.C. Woods, both of Zeandale, All three of these folk came to Kansas April 7, 1855, 74 years ago. Each was awarded a \$10 prize.

For oldest settlers registered at the Jubilee, living outside Riley County but in Kansas. First place went to Mrs. Kate Gillispie Walker, St. George. Mrs. Walker celebrated her ninety-third birthday a short time ago. She recalls seeing the Hartford steam up the Kansas River with the company that founded Manhattan. Clair M. Patee, Lawrence who was born in Riley County in 1857, was awarded second prize of \$10. First prize amounted to \$20.

E. Williams, Of Woodward, Oklahoma, was awarded first prize of \$20 for being the oldest settler living outside of the state who registered. Mr. Woodward's first connection with Riley County dates back to 1855. Etta Higinbotham Scott, 3422 Gillham Road, Kansas City, was awarded second prize in this division, having come here in 1862.

403 persons registered in the old settlers contest during the Jubilee. All were names of persons who settled in Manhattan or vicinity in 1875 or before. George Wells of Manhattan was the oldest person to register being over 99 years.

A. Platt Dead

From *Manhattan Republic* January 8, 1903

Death Occurred at Phoenix, Arizona Where He Had Gone to Benefit His Health

The funeral of H.A. Platt was held at the Congregational Church yesterday Afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Wm.W. Bolt of the Tabernacle Congregational Church of St. Joe, Mo., officiated. Prof H.J. Lee of this city assisted.

Henry Augustus Platt was born June 16, 1862 in Wabaunsee, Kansas. He was a son of Prof. J.E. Platt, who for nineteen years was a professor in the State Agricultural College here.

Platt's boyhood days were spent in Manhattan. In 1882, he entered Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, but later returned here and entered the Agricultural College and graduated in 1886

Since his graduation he had always led a busy life. He was clerk of Wichita County for four years and at one time was assistant county clerk of Wabaunsee County. For two years he traveled in the interest of the Combe Printing Co. of St. Joe and later became business manager of the Guthrie Daily Leader.

At the opening of the Cuban war Mr. Platt volunteered from Oklahoma and served as quarter master of his regiment and it was while serving Uncle Sam in line of duty that he received the wound which finally resulted in his death at Phoenix, Arizona, January 2, 1903.

H.A. Platt was married to Miss Mollie S. Smith at Louisville, Kentucky, Oct 1888, and Mrs. Platt and two children survive him.

Mrs. Jennie Platt who lives on College Hill, is mother of the deceased. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

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B 1 Feb 1855 Fulton Co. Ill
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The Route of the LK&W

Submitted by Jim Bradley

The following article ran in *The Riley Countian* beginning October 19, 1989. The railroad right-of-way crossed land owned by our families. I remember the vacated right-of-way crossing a corner of the pasture on the Classon farm where I was born. It continued into the neighboring Higgins farm. Margery Carlson Higgins and my father, Harold E. Classon, were first cousins. Our home was located quite a way in the land and in bad weather we could not get in or out of our lane. My dad drove our car on the vacated right-of-way, crossing the Higgins property, in order to get to and from the blacktop highway. That was the only way we could get to and from our home. So this article was of interest to me as that is how I remember the LK&W Railroad.

Aneta Mae Classon Hagemnaier

The Route of the LK&W

The *Countian* is beginning a series of articles on the LK&W Railroad which ran from Leavenworth to Miltonvale, Kansas during the years 1871 to 1935. These articles come from a booklet compiled in 1980 by Leon Lowry of Wetmore, Kansas entitled "The Route of the Leavenworth Kansas and Western Railroad". We will begin the series at Onaga and continue west through towns served by the LK&W to Miltonvale. Surely some of our readers will recognize names from the past.

The Leavenworth Pawnee and Western Railroad was established after the signing of the treaty with the Delaware Indians in 1860. In 1863 the Leavenworth Pawnee and Western Railroad was changed to an Eastern division of the Union Pacific Railroad with General Fremont as president. In 1871 the Leavenworth Pawnee and Western Railroad was renamed the Kansas Central. In 1897 the Kansas Central Railroad went into receivership and the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western was organized to take over the property. Jay Gould, the owner of the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad sold the property to the Union Pacific Railroad in 1908 who made the road into a standard gauge line. •

The Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad started at the Union Station in Leavenworth, Kansas. The Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad used the Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks till they reached the East edge of Ft. Leavenworth. From the East edge they laid their own track and it passed through the North side of the Leavenworth Federal Prison. Through some of the towns the railroad passed, the people renamed the railroad. Some called it the Look, Kuss and Wait; the Lord Knows When or Leave Kansas and Walk. The Union Station is still in Leavenworth and it is now used as a roofing, heating and air conditioning company operated by a man named Beset.

ONAGA

In 1909 Onaga had a population of six hundred and twelve people. Onaga was named after a Pottawatomie Indian Chief whose name meant Small Potatoes. The first town site was surveyed in 1887 by Frank Alvord. The first building in the new town was a hotel built by Amos Landon in 1900. A Mr. Havens turned the first shovel of dirt for the new town site. The next building after the hotel was a grocery store erected by J. B. Hubbell. The next building was a saloon by David Scott of Elk Creek

By 1878 the new town had eighteen business places. Henry Roifs, a merchant from Chicago, came to Onaga in 1878 and erected the first stone building. Mr. Roifs' stone building was three stories high and a public hall was on the third floor. Henry Storch arrived in town in the spring of 1878 and erected a stone building for making butter. The first year he shipped over thirty thousand pounds of butter. A lumber yard and hardware store was operated by four Thomas brothers who came from Muscotah, Kansas. The Roger brothers, a competing firm, also sold a line of hardware, furniture, carpets and stoves. The Roger brothers also sold Buckeye Reapers, mowers, Brown and Evans sulky plows and Harrison Wagons. C. A. Stokes operated a drug store in town in 1879. George Walker had a shoe store and sold a large variety of men and women's shoes. R. S. Reihl operated a harness shop.

The town had two livery barns. One livery was built and operated by J. H. Randal, George C. Clowe and P. M. Askrew had the other livery barn. The town newspaper, called *The Onaga Journal*, was first printed by S. A. Stauffer, who came to Onaga in 1878.

The first school in town was held in 1863. The first school teacher only taught school three months and her salary was eleven dollars and sixty cents a month. In 1869 the wooden school house was replaced by a stone building with only one room. Joseph DeGraw gave the land for the school so the new school was named for him. On Sunday morning church was held in the new school house. The second winter after the new school was built, there were seventy pupils and the building was only planned for forty pupils. The school was too small for the extra pupils so a new building was built in 1880 at a cost of five thousand dollars. The new school house had four rooms.

In 1878 a Congregational Church was built in town. A Catholic Church was built in 1880 and a Methodist Church was dedicated in 1881 which had the first bell. The First Baptist Church was dedicated on October 4, 1890. Onaga had a town band which played at all special events. The Onaga Cemetery was chartered in 1880. N.R. Jettison was the first person interred in the new cemetery on October 30, 1880.

Frank Pinet in 1880 made the first mortar used in building the first stone buildings in town. He dug a pit ten by ten which he used to mix lime and bank sand to make the mortar. Frank sold the new mortar for ten cents a bushel. Eli Pinet, a son of Frank's, still lives on his father's place where the mortar was first made.

WHEATON

The post office was established here on July 27, 1870 and was renamed Leghorn. The Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad, a branch of the Union Pacific, laid their track through town in 1880. A Mr. Stone built a store east of the present town site hoping the railroad would lay their track by his store but they never did. Mr. Wheaton, living one mile west of town, gave land for the new town site. The new town was named after Mr. Wheaton.

The post office was re-established in Wheaton on October 17, 1883. Mr. Stone, who built the first store in Leghorn, moved to Wheaton and built a store at the southwest corner of the city park. Mr. Washburn also moved his store from Moodyville, a settlement four miles from Westmoreland, Kansas. Mr. Washburn built his new store just south of Mr. Stone's store.

A Mr. Clark built a hotel about where the late Mrs. Mary Sale's house is now. Later the new town had a few other new business places. J. N. Wilson had a hardware store and it was later purchased by a man named Kufahl. A general mercantile store was built by Mr. Gallagher where Art Schwandt's store is now. East of the general mercantile store was built a drug store operated by Nets Force. West of Schwandt's store was built another store. West of that store was a harness shop and west of the harness shop was a café.

The first school in Wheaton was built at the southwest corner of the Congregation Cemetery and the school was later moved into town and used for a depot. The first Graduating class of the Wheaton school was in 1913 with Mrs. Esther Henneberg and Mrs. Clara Ward as the two graduates. Mr. Bahret was the first high school teacher.

Wheaton had a big fire in 1907 which destroyed the grocery store, drug store, hardware store and the telephone office. The men of Wheaton donated their time and material and built a small telephone office and living quarters for Mrs. Harrison who owned the business when it burned. The telephone was installed in Wheaton in 1906. The street lights and new curbs were built in 1930. At one time Wheaton had three doctors who made house calls by horse and buggy.

Wheaton over the years had a grain elevator, lumber yard, theater, millinery store, butcher shop, barber shop, livery barn, blacksmith shop, garage, bank and a produce station. The Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad ran two passenger trains through town daily. There were also two freight trains through town daily. Wheaton in 1909 had a population of two hundred twenty-five people.

BLAINE

Before 1870 the St. Louis Colony Association was organized and the land was purchased from the railroad and resold to the Irish Catholics who came to St. Louis with the colony. The town of Blaine was first named Butler in honor of Father Ambrose Butler who came with the colony from St. Louis. Father Butler built the first church at Butler from 1880 to 1881 at a cost of two thousand dollars which was a wooden structure. The second church was built by Father Patrick Smith in 1906 and it was dedicated in 1908. A third church in town was a Methodist Church and Mr. Hunter was the minister.

In 1883 James G. Blaine was running for office for the president and his political friends decided to rename the town in his honor so in 1884 Butler was renamed Blaine in his honor. On the land titles Blaine is still named Butler. In 1898 the population of Blaine increased so rapidly that by 1903 there were three mail routes. In 1879 the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad built their tracks through town. In 1899 the Kansas Southern and Gulf Railroad used the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad's depot and ran a small branch line seven miles southwest to Westmoreland, Kansas.

Blaine in 1886 had a population of two hundred people. There was a general mercantile store owned and operated by Fred Jones. A Farmers Union Bank opened for business and it closed in 1935.

A Ford garage was owned and operated by Henry Higgins from 1917 to 1926. There were two elevators and the lumber yard was owned and operated by Harrington and Cummings.

There were two doctors in town. One town doctor was named Flynn. There was also a feed store and a town post office. Mrs. Ada Keating who still lives in Blaine was the postmaster from December 31, 1948 to December 31, 1975. At the junction where the two railroads crossed was built two hotels and many rooming houses to accommodate the passengers who would stay in town overnight. In 1909 Blaine had a population of one hundred fifty-six people. Eight passenger trains passed through town daily.

FOSTORIA

In 1909 Fostoria had a population of sixty people. When the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad built its tracks through town the first depot agent was Leo Rawley. The last depot agent when the railroad closed down in 1935 was Dick Dickinson. Dick is gone now and his wife Cora lives in Wamego, Kansas. A lumber yard in town was operated by Charles Dye and later by a man named Avis.

There was a hotel in town for travelers and for the people who came to town by train. Mrs. Walt King operated the town hotel in 1920. Mrs. Cathrine May worked at the hotel from 1920 to 1921.

Harry Claywell operated the restaurant in town. Clark Gillett was the town barber. Bill Flemming operated the blacksmith shop. There were two general mercantile stores in town. One store was operated by a man named Hart and the other store by a man named Pittenger. Sam Coop had a garage which later in 1919 was operated by the Pittenger brothers.

A man name Grable was the town postmaster and a few years later William Pittenger was the postmaster. The bank in town was named the Dunn State Bank. T. J. Poague worked in the bank and a few years later Chet Childard worked there. A. T. Berridge in 1941 had a John Deere dealership in town and also sold hardware and Pontiac cars. George May now living east of town graduated from high school in 1940. The two principals in school were M. C. Ferrin and C. J. Whisnat. There was a grade school which is closed now and the building is used for a community center. The first church in town was a Baptist built in 1885. A United Brethren Church was built afterward and a few years later a Methodist Church was built.

The town was first named after a Mr. Foster who owned the lumber yard and later the town was named Fostoria. Henry Hartman operated the elevator and one year at Halloween the town kids got a buggy and took it apart and put it back together again on top of his elevator.

OLSBURG

The first town site was one and a half miles north of where the town is now and it was named Olesburg after O. Fragerberg who came from Sweden. The town was moved to the present site which is one and a half miles south of the old town site and it was renamed Olsburg.

There were two banks in the new town. One bank was named the Farmers State Bank. The first store in the new town was owned and operated by Oscar and Chancy Fragerberg. Nichols Pittenger operated a general mercantile store in town in 1881.

J. W. Stewart was the town doctor in 1881. Ole Johnson operated a drug store which had furniture and sold caskets. A general dry goods store was operated by G. H. Half. Moore operated a hardware store. Fred Marble edited and published the town newspaper which was named the *Olsburg Gazette*.

Keeney had a hotel and it was later operated by Emil Anderson. Hanna Oronson owned and operated the millinery store in 1909. Price and Richards owned and operated the lumber yard. Ed Berry had a photo shop and jewelry store. J.B. Coats had the town café and it was owned later by Carl Carlson. Soder and Sumner operated the two blacksmith shops in town. Pearson owned a garage and repaired cars. The town movie hall was operated by a man named Schell. Harry Miller had the town livery barn. Morris Wamplor was the depot agent for the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad in Olsburg.

The town once had a saloon which was raided by Carey Nation and her women followers which closed and never reopened. Matson was the town barber in Olsburg. P L. Coop operated a harness shop in town, Forsberg was the section foreman for the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western Railroad at Olsburg. A few years later Ed Gustafson was the section foreman.

PETRO

It was a siding three miles southwest of Olsburg where rock was quarried and used for ballast to build the road bed up between towns.

GARRISON

In 1909 Garrison had a population of one hundred sixty people. William Sikes had the first store in town in 1880. Reverend William Knipe sold the land near Garrison in 1879 to the railroad for the road bed. B. J. Shriek owned the town blacksmith shop.

A spring above town supplied the town with water. Garrison had L.P. Lodge Hall which was above Sikes Store. The bank of Garrison was organized in 1920 with Elmer Glunt as president. A man named Cook was the first Cashier at the new bank. The Bank of Garrison closed in 1932. Elmer Glunt has a son living in Olsburg, Kansas. A Methodist Church in town burned on January 12, 1936. There was a resort hotel in town so the Leavenworth, Kansas, and Western Railroad ran a special train to accommodate the people who would travel by train. The hotel caught fire in 1908 and it burned killing two colored children.

Garrison had a high school and a grade school. William Telfer, the town mail carrier, drove a team of horses to carry the mail. Garrison was without electricity so in 1919 the townspeople collected one thousand nine hundred dollars to bring lights to town. John Floberg was the engineer for the railroad living in town and Jim Lake was the train conductor. Garrison and Garrison Crossing were named after Cornelius Kingsland Garrison who purchased the railroad from Jay Gould.

GARRISON CROSSING

It was a railroad crossing near the town of Garrison. A café was here operated by a man named W. W. Graves. A water tank set close to the depot where the train crews got water for their engines. A row of houses was built near the depot for the section crew and their families to live in. The section crew, a minority group of people, were brought in from different towns. Most of the section crew were Spanish speaking people.

WALSBURG

In 1909 Walsburg had a population of fifty people. George Mast owned and operated the general mercantile store in Walsburg. There was a hand operated gas pump in front of the store and George sold gasoline for cars. A box car set on the siding which was used for the depot. There was a stock yard and the farmers shipped a lot of cattle by railroad. Grain was brought to Walsburg and scooped on the train cars by hand for there wasn't any elevator. Walsburg was named after Walnut Creek which passed through town.

LEONARDVILLE

In 1909 Leonardville had a population of three hundred fifty-three people. In 1910 Leonardville was a town with two banks. One bank was the Farmers and Merchants State Bank with O. M. Stewart as president and H. Diefendorf as cashier. The other bank was the Leonardville State Bank with Ed Nickelson as cashier.

Wedde and Hoszapfel operate a café in town. A corner drug store was operated by Chas. Johnson. A One Price Store was owned by Richard Burk. The Newman Brothers operated the town Pharmacy. A general mercantile store was owned and operated by Lenhart and Bradley. Kopachecks had a dealership and sold and serviced the Mitchell automobile. There were two hardware stores in town. Stafford had one and A. H. Chaffee had the other hardware and sold implements.

C. S. Johnson was the manager of the Alexander. Lumber Co. The Swingle Hotel was owned and operated by A. J. Swingle. There were four churches in town. A German Evangelical, a Swedish Evangelical Chapel and also a Methodist Episcopal and a Mission church. There was a high school and a grade school in town.

W. H. Sikes started a general mercantile store in town in 1881. The Woodman Ball Team of Leonardville was managed by Henry Schwartz. Leonardville was named in honor of Leonard T. Smith who was the president of the Kansas Central Railroad. Leonardville was platted on September 26, 1881 as Leonard, Kansas by Lucien Kilbourne, J. C. Ford and Lambert Erpelding.

The towns Leonard and Lamed were named similar that each town got their mail mixed up so to keep the town mail from getting mixed Leonard was renamed Leonardville. Leonard Summers was the first child born at Leonardville.

LASITA

In 1909 Lasita had a population of thirty-five people. Ed Senn operated the first general mercantile store in town. The store was later sold to Art and Frank Lund. The Lund brothers sold the store to A. B. Cookson. Cookson later sold the store to a man named Pelicheck. Later Pelicheck sold the store to Truman Mall. After a few years Mall again sold the store to Herbert Gustafson.

A box car was set on the siding for a depot. One end was for freight and the other end was used for selling tickets to the passengers who rode the train. Lund operated the elevator in town which shipped all kinds of grain by railroad. A school was located just west of the elevator. A cream station was located close to the school and the cream was shipped by railroad. Later the cream station closed and the building was used for a blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop closed later and the building was made over into an ice house and the ice used in the wintertime from the nearby creek.

GREEN

In 1909 Green had a population of two hundred and nineteen people. Dr. Morton was the town doctor. There was an opera house which showed moving pictures. The opera house later was used as a roller skating rink.

By 1924 there were twenty-seven business establishments in town. A Farmer Alliance Store was started in town in 1887. A cooperative store which was owned by a mercantile association was started in town by a man named Pfeifey in 1913.

There were two banks in town. One bank was the First National Bank and the other bank was the Bank of Green. The town had a high school and a grade school. The first general mercantile store was operated by Nimrod Young. There were two elevators in town. One elevator was operated by S. R. Di'linger and the other elevator by Andy Wilson and Charles Appleton.

George Young owned and operated the telephone exchange in town. A Mr. King built a hotel in town in 1913. A harness shop and a hardware store were operated by Elmer Hainey and later by Blevins. Another harness shop was operated by Giffie. An International Harvester dealership was operated by Grant Chafin and later by Charley Habour. O. A. Smith operated the mortuary in town and also sold furniture. The lumber yard was operated by Pete Sanneman. Guy Barley was the town barber. There was a livery barn where the townspeople fed their horses hay and grain and the farm people also kept their horses here while they were in town shopping.

Putnam in the early nineteen hundreds built a hotel in town. Over the years there were two postmasters in town. One postmaster was Clarence MacArthur and later the other one was Charles Toothaker. At one time there were five gas stations in town where you could buy gasoline for cars. Herbert McArthur operated a Model T garage in town. Perry Caley operated a second garage in town, Perry Caley and his brothers owned the garage and later it was sold to Oral Newton. Mr. Newton operated the garage for over twenty years.

Charles Bigler operated the produce house and cream station in town. Ludwig operated the town blacksmith shop. The town of Green was named after Nehemiah Green who became governor in 1868 and also was a Methodist minister. Mr. Green offered a church bell to the town who would name their town after him. This town in Clay County was named Green so the governor gave the Methodist Church a new bell.

CLAY CENTER

Clay Center in 1909 had a population of three thousand, two hundred forty people. Alonzo Dexter came to Kansas in 1862 and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land for the new town site costing sixty-five cents an acre. It was land which now is near the Republican River.

Mr. Dexter found gold in California in 1853 and he saved thirty-five thousand dollars which he used part of to purchase the land for the new town site. Alonzo Dexter's brother John built the first house at the new town site. The new house was made of logs hauled from Leavenworth, Kansas. The Dexter brothers used a steam engine to saw lumber in 1866. Later in 1867 they had a grinding burr made and again used the steam engine to grind corn.

The Dexter brothers also operated a grist mill. In 1866 Mr. Dexter opened a store at which is now Fourth and Lincoln Street. The store was built from logs which had been sawed at the Dexter saw mill. He opened the store with a stock of goods amounting to forty thousand dollars. It was a general mercantile store selling food of all kinds and also a line of clothing for all of the family. The two store clerks were William Anthony and C. W. F. Dammas. The first water powered flour mill was built on July 4, 1876. In 1881 the Dexter brothers shipped a lot of grain by railroad. In 1886 the new town got its first electric light plant. A town park was named after the Dexter family. Mr. Dexter was the superintendent of the court house in town and he had his living quarters in the basement of the building.

The Clay County Bank was established in 1873 with John Higginbotham as president. In 1877 a Farmers and Merchants Bank was established with H. H. Taylor as president. A Republican Valley Bank was established in 1885 with J. E. Quimby as president. In 1913 the Citizens Bank merged with the Peoples National Bank. In 1901 a Union State Bank was organized with John McKee as president. John McKee in 1914 became the postmaster in town.

The high school in town had seventy-two pupils in 1881 with a man named Stevenson as the school professor. The first school in town was made of cottonwood logs and the first teacher was Mahsla Weir.

A town band called the Dispatch Band was organized in 1885. Street cars pulled by horses were used in town from 1886 to 1889. Barnes built a mill in town and it burned down in 1953. The Bonham Hotel and Opera House was built in 1886. Clay Center was named after Henry Clay, a famous writer, orator and statesman.

IDANA

Idana in 1909 had a population of one hundred seventy-five people. Emerson D. Kemp, now living in Idana, was the last postmaster in town and the post office is now closed. Emerson's father was the town postmaster before him from 1916 to 1946. Frank Stoffel had a blacksmith shop in town.

Charley Halbedel had a garage in town and repaired cars. A town livery barn was owned and operated by Reese Davis. Carl Printz operated the telephone office in town. Harry Cassel was the town barber. There was a town lodge hall where the I.O.O.F., Woodman and Rebekah Lodge held their meetings.

Harvey Rankin once worked in the town bank which was named the Bank of Idana. Gene Baldwin owned and operated the café in town. Arthur White operated the town hardware store. A rooming house with a restaurant owned and operated by Louis Trudell. Campbell had the town cream station and shipped the cream by rail

road. Robert Stewart owned the operated the town hotel. The lumber yard in town was operated by Scott Fullington. There were two elevators in town. One was operated by Williams and the second was operated by Rudy Trechsel.

Dr. Moore, the town doctor, had his office and operating room in his home. Dr. Moore also operated the town drug store. Ed McMurray owned the town livery barn. A store was owned by a man name Campbell. There was a grade school in town but it is closed now.

Helen Johnson still lives in Idana and can remember her good old days in town. At one time there were three cream stations in town which shipped their cream by railroad. Gentry and Halm owned the general mercantile store in town and sold gasoline for cars. A. F. Walker operated the town plumbing shop.

There were two churches in town. One church was the I Pres. and the other was a United Brethren which was later changed to a Wesleyan Methodist Church. Trechsel had a garage in town and repaired cars. He also sold International Harvester Implements, feed and sold gasoline for cars. James Chestnut operated a gasoline bulk station and sold gas to the farmers nearby. Idana has a cemetery which is about a half a mile west of town on the south side of the road and named the Idana Cemetery.

MILTONVALE

Milton Tootle of St. Joseph, Missouri, proposed to officials of the Kansas Central Railroad to lay their track to his town of Miltonvale which was named after him. His proposition was approved so the town was platted Nov. 21, 1881 and recorded at Concordia, Kansas on December 1, 1881. The new town was to be the Western terminal for the Kansas Central Railroad. The people of the new town first used Mr. Tootle's first name which was Milton and someone suggested since the town lay in a valley it should be named Mittonvale. The name stuck so that was the way the town was first named. The first building on the new town site was a home of George Myer built in 1879. Mr. Meyer built the second building which was a livery barn on March 7, 1882. Dud Hathaway invested eighteen hundred dollars and he and W. T. Matthews opened the first general mercantile store with the post office in the store and W. T. Matthews was the first town postmaster in 1882. John Squires in 1884 started his business career with the names of Bright and Squires who sold pumps, windmills, coal and grain. John over the years was the town mayor, police judge, councilman and a member of the school board. Jim Stogdill moved his blacksmith shop to town just West of the Matthew's store in 1882.

In 1882 the Kansas Central Railroad came into town with its run on schedule. C. E. McDaniel built the first new complete store building which was a thirty by sixty building. Anna McDaniel was the first baby born in the new town.

Jim Matthews built the second store in town which had groceries and a line of hardware. The first newspaper in town was named the *Miltonvale News* and it was published by Pinkerton and Bower on August 18, 1882. In 1898 a man named Miller purchased the newspaper. Later the paper was sold to DeVinney who changed its name to the *Miltonvale Record*. J. H. Miller operated the Miltonvale Hotel and offered board by meal, day or by the week. Bob Catlin operated a Dispatch Hotel in town in 1885. A Merchants Hotel was built in 1886 and operated by a man names Eaves.

There were a few doctors in town over the years. Dr. S. V. Fairchild came to town in the spring of 1882. In 1890 Dr. George Beattie came to town, Dr. W. A. Farr came to town in 1889. Dr. James Hall was another doctor who came to town in 1885. Dr. Hall was also the town postmaster from 1897 to 1906. Dr. Ben P. Smith graduated from the school of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri in 1900 and received his degree in 1904 and came to Miltonvale to start his doctor's practice. Dr. T. C. Kimble completed his medical degree at the St. Louis Physicians and Surgeons College in 1898 and came to Miltonvale to practice in 1908. Dr. Charles Smith served the community a few years before and after 1894 as the town dentist. A Dr. Wolfe was the town dentist from 1898 to 1900. Dr. Skinner and a Dr. named Hollowell operated a dentist office in 1901. There was a fire in town in 1904 and Dr. Hollowell lost all of his equipment in the fire. Dr. S. E. Rose, a veterinarian, started his business in town in 1909 and he still has a business in town.

There were a few lodges in town over the years. United Workmen, Odd Fellows, Knights of Phthias, Woodmen, Sons and Daughters of Justice, Grand Army of the Republic, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Good Tem-

plars, Betterment Club, P.E.O., W.C. T.U., V.T.W., American Legion, American Legion Aux., Veteran of Foreign Wars Aux. were some of the town lodges.

The first bank in town was The State Bank established in 1882 til 1888 and it was operated by Hathaway and Stowe. The first Miltonvale Bank stated it's business in 1886 with Edward Week as cashier till 1890. The Bank of Miltonvale was established in 1891 till 1897 with C. E. McDonald as president and John B. Morris as cashier. A Drover's State Bank was organized in 1898 with Frank Koster as president and John B. Morris as cashier. In 1902 a new bank was established by the officials of the First National Bank of Concordia with C. M. Walker as the cashier. A Home State Bank was organized in 1910 by C. E. Emick and Charles Proctor was president and W. Earl Emick was the cashier.

A site for a new cemetery was purchased from Mr. Tootle January 20, 1884 for the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollar's. A mill and elevator was operated in 1882 by Shay, Catlin and Angelo. T. C. Bond built a grain elevator in town in 1893 and later it burned and the fire was thought to have started from the sparks from the train.

In 1899 Gordon operated a livery barn in town. A livery barn operated by McNeil caught fire and burned down Saturday night, February 13, 1904. There was another fire in town April 24, 1904 which destroyed seventeen buildings. A United Presbyterian Church was organized in 1882 at a cost of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars. A Methodist Church, a frame building twenty-eight by fifty feet, was erected in 1885. A Christian Church was organized in 1884 with a charter of twenty-six people. The people in the Christian Church held church services in the school house or in the Methodist Church till the Christian Church was built in 1886. The new church was a brick building thirty by fifty, which cost thirty-three hundred dollars. In 1909 Rev. R. J. Mattingly was appointed resident priest and with his untiring effort built a Catholic Church in 1910 which was a brick building sixty by thirty-two at a cost of five thousand dollars and most of the material was the labor was donated. The Wesleyan Church people for forty-seven years held their church meetings in the College Chapel. A Wesleyan Church in memory of F. C. Hill was finally built in September, 1956.

Mr Tootle donated and land were the first grade school was built. A frame building thirty-one by forty-one was completed in 1884. The new building was not big enough for all the children so a larger building was built on the same site. The old school building was moved three blocks east and it was used for a printing shop. The second school building was struck by lightning on August 21, 1904 and it burned down. In 1905 a third school-house was built on the same site which had four rooms. A new grade school was built a few years later two blocks north and two blocks west of the old school site and the new school had all of their rooms on the ground floor. Milton Tootle again sold ten acres of his land for the amount of twelve thousand dollars for ,a new site for the Miltonvale Wesleyan College which was built in 1909. S. W. Bond was the president of the new college. A Miltonvale Rural High School was built in 1920. While the new high school was being built, classes were held in the KP Hall, Masonic Hall and a room in the old lumber yard. R. E. Snow was the first high school professor.

In 1893 John Squires became the new manager of the Merchants Hotel. Mrs. S. P. Smith rented rooms and-served meals from 1903 to 1914. Miltonvale in 1885 held the record for the champion baseball team and they held that record for quite a few years. The baseball team was undefeated till they started to play for money and hired outside players. No admission was charged to see the games so a hat was passed to collect money to buy bats and balls. The ball players played bare handed and the only one with a finger glove and a mask was the catcher.

In 1892 some rain making people were hired to make rain for the parched crops. A contract was signed and the citizens of the town and the surrounding neighbors payed four hundred dollars to the rain makers for them to make it rain one inch of moisture. Al l the rain that they could produce was three quarters of an inch and they were short a quarter of an inch. Miltonvale had a tornado in 1901 which tore the back off of the Lemon Kennedy building. That same day at the railroad yards the railroad cars were also picked up by the tornado but the engine was left standing. A Kulmle Opera house was built by Kale Kuhnle in 1887 and on top of the building was placed the town fire bell. The new opera house was used for all kinds of town activities. A saloon in town was raided by Mrs. Jolm Spires and her women followers in 1898. Mrs.Spires and her women followers armed themselves with hatchets and axes of all sizes and wrecked the saloon. The Miltonvale telephone company was

organized in June 1901 which Frederick Koster as owner and manager. Earl and John Emick purchased the phone business in 1908. Mr . Ballard purchased the phone business in 1912 and resold it to Joe Foster in 1947. Ella Koster, a daughter of Frederick Koster, was the first telephone operator in town. The first light plant in town was in 1913 with two fifty-horse Fairbanks Morse engines which turned a generator to make electricity. Later there was too much voltage being used and the generator was overloaded so an agreement was made with the Kansas Power and Light Co. of Abilene to bring a high voltage line from Oak Hill to Miltonvale. The city water wells were first dug near the light plant and near the railroad depot.

The Tootle Estate in 1916 gave the city ten acres for a new city park. A swimming pool was built in 1926 at a cost of one thousand dollars which was raised by popular subscription and the balance of the money was paid for by the city.

A ladies band was formed in 1888 to 1890 which played at special town events. Another band was formed in 1900 which included both men and women. A town orchestra was formed in 1908.

Bert Barber beginning at the age of nineteen was the engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad for thirty-nine years.

H. D. Lee in 1882 built the first completely new mercantile store. Dempster Scott operated a town drug store in 1882 and it burned down when the town had a fire in 1883. A Farmer's Union Store was established in 1918 with C. E. Horn as the store manager.

C. W. Ming in 1910 had a repair shop in town where he would overhaul and repair farm machinery and repair cars. Three town beauty shops were started in 1926. The three shops was the Bailey Shop, Mabel Hazlett had a shop in her home and the other shop was in the home of Rex Blackwood. Miss Mina Wendt had a town millinery shop and she made her own hats and dresses and advertized them for sale in the *Miltonvale News* in 1882. A few years later Cora Miller also owned a millinery shop and she also make her own hats.

W. T. Lowry in 1884 operated a grocery store which was the first store in town to sell bakery bread. From 1913 to 1915 J. C. Haist bought cream for the Farmer's Union creamery in town.

A quarter of a mile of the old railroad track is still east of town and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad still use part of it to back grain cars down to the elevator.

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Dinner is by prepaid reservations (\$12), mailed to the RCGS, 2005 Claflin Rd, Manhattan, KS 66502 or payment made during RCGS Library hours. Reservations are required by October 30th.

Amazing entrepreneurs, innovators, and community stories can be found in rural Kansas. Wilson will discuss entrepreneurs and community leaders who are doing good things in rural communities in every corner of the state, from small business development, agriculture, arts and tourism, history and technology.

"Tumbleweed Tales of Amazing Kansans" is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau featuring presentations and discussion about Kansas and what it means to be a Kansan over time and across generations.

From the President

On July 25 LeJuan Shrimplin passed into the family history records she had made so many efforts to preserve. LeJuan was a great contributor to the Riley County Genealogical Society in many capacities. A reservoir of energy, she applied her efficient, thorough approach to publications, society librarian, beginning genealogy teacher, mentor, and lately, photographer and recorder of RCGS activities. She was the encouragement behind the current monthly Roundtable which was an outgrowth of her "Gatherings," to educate the librarians and computer assistants. Utterly without pretensions, LeJuan was appreciated for her honesty, her toughness in adversity, her boundless enthusiasm for new ideas and technology and a mind that eagerly absorbed new adventures in travel and experience.

She and Jane Brown were the charter members of Margarita Night, which has grown to twelve members who meet socially once a month for a Carlos O'Kelly special and dinner. Actively participating in the online "Find a Grave" project, she entered data for her family and gathered local information and photographs for any who requested her services. She was so dedicated to preservation that she took extensive photographs of the Manhattan Downtown before the landscape and buildings were changed by 3rd Street redevelopment.

She and Pete would board the camper and travel to meetings and fascinating destinations. If a land vehicle couldn't make the trip, they took a boat and cruised. Her fertile imagination was always devising new ideas, new ways to improve processes. She was the motivator behind many novices' start in genealogy and her love of teaching transferred from high school physical education to assistance in income tax preparation with H and R Block and still later, as volunteer for Senior Citizens preparing Income Tax forms. LeJuan never left any project without making an improvement in that area and in the people she worked with. Although she prided herself on being frank, she never

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bordered on unkindness and was very careful to avoid damaging anyone's feelings.

Many members join Pete, Charla and Chelsea in grief over the irreplaceable, irrepressible force that was LaJuan. "Golly" we will miss her and there will never be a margarita raised by her friends without thinking of LaJuan. She left a lot of good memories in her wake.

Rebecca



*LeJuan Shrimplin
Arlene Hopkins*

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**The Derastus Torrey & Anna Moore Torrey
Family, 1854/55 Settlers
In St George Twp or Pottawatomie Co., KS**
Researched by Sylvester C. Ekart

Derastus Torrey was born on 28 March 1802 in New York. He came to the St. George, Kansas area in 1854 or 1855. He was the ninth child of the 10 known children born to Noah Torrey 1756-1826 and Abigail Knapp 1763-1830. His younger sibling was Anna born in 1804; his older siblings were Hiram born in 1800, Henry born in 1797, Nancy born in 1795, Allen born in 1791, Ira born in 1789 Noah born in 1787 Clarissa born in 1783 and Abigail born in 1781. Derastus Torrey is identified as a descendant of James Torrey 1612-1665 and Anna Hatch 1626-1691.

Derastus Torrey and Anna or Annie Moore Torrey was married in 1833 in Adrian, Michigan. They had 7 known children. The oldest was Julia born in 1835 in Michigan, followed by Sophronia born in 1836 in Michigan, then William W. in 1838, Nelson M. in 1840 in Indiana, Abigail in 1842 in Indiana, Ira Allen in 1845 in Indiana and Homer in 1850 in Indiana. In 1840 and 1850 Derastus and his family was living in Lake County, Indiana. Derastus has been identified as a Major who served in the Army during the Blackhawk War of May 1832 in Illinois. In some records the family is identified as having moved to St. George as late as 1856 and 1857.

He was the first postmaster at St. George, Kansas and in 1858 he was operating the Eldon Post Office and Black Jack Station Stage stop on the Kansas Stage Company line. The Black Jack Station was identified as being 25 miles west of St. Marys and 2 miles north of St. George, Kansas; see the map for the location of the stage stop in relation to St. George. In 1860 Derastus is identified as living in St. George Township with his wife Anna, his daughter Abigail, his son Ira, his son Homer and also living with Derastus is Francis W. Cook a male stage driver who was born in Pennsylvania.

In 1857 Derastus served as an election judge in the first election at St. George. He is identified as a pro-slavery Democrat. In 1858 the Board of County Commissioners viewed a proposed road from the California Crossing on the Oregon Trail south of Westmoreland to St. George following the old road that lead to Derastus Torrey's place. In 1858, on August 2, Der-

astus Torrey cast one of the three votes recorded for the pro-slavery Kansas Constitution and on that day 58 votes were cast against this constitution. In 1863 Derastus present a petition to sell liquor at St. George that was denied. The town of St. George before 1860 received its mail from Derastus' Stage Stop where he kept a small store that supplied urgent wants of travelers. It appears that whiskey and tobacco were the most sought after needs.

Derastus Torrey died on 7 September 1869 at his home near St. George. A newspaper article that appeared in the Wabaunsee County Herald on the 16 of September 1869 recorded his death. In 1870 the census gave the cause of his death as inflammation of the bowels. In the years after Derastus' death Annie Moore Torrey lived at times with her son Ira and her daughter-in-law Mrs. Nelson Moore Torrey, nee Sparks. Annie Moore Torrey was born on 3 March 1812 in Indiana; she died 24 October 1897 at the home of her daughter-in-law Mary Ann Sparks Torrey. Derastus and Anna Moore Torrey are both buried in the St. George, KS Cemetery, just north of the town. Anna's grave is marked by a small stone with the initials "A.T."

(1) the oldest child of Derastus and Anna Torrey was Julia A. Torrey born in 1835 in Indiana, she apparently died before 1869 as she is not listed as one of the children in Derastus' will that was probated in 1869 and settled in 1874. The 1874 settlement of Derastus' estate identified Helen P. Tower as the only child of Julia A. Torrey who was deceased. Helen P. Tower is identified as being 10 years of age.

(2) the second child of Derastus and Anna Torrey was Sophronia Torrey who was born on 1 April 1836 and died on 6 February 1880. She married on 4 July 1859 widower James Andrews McKowen who was born on 5 May 1822 in Pennsylvania. Andrew's first wife Louisa Maria Priddy died in 1858. Andrew was living in Hancock County, Indiana and came to Kansas in 1857. He was in 1862 a teamster for the Union Army and was discharged because of sickness. He returned to Indiana and remained there until 1865 when he returned to Kansas and purchased a farm in Center Township. Sophronia died on 6 February 1880, Andrew died on 15 February 1905. Both are buried in the Laclede Cemetery, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. Andrew and Sophronia's children were (1) Annie

Laurie McKowen born 4 October 1860 who married Vernon Pittenger on 11 December 1881, (2) George Walter McKowen who was born on 6 January 1862, (3) William Henderson McKowen born on 26 November 1863, (4) Maria Louise McKowen who was born on 16 December 1865 and who married in 1884 Silas Freemont Pinick, (5) Julia Fidelia McKowen born on 17 February 1867 and who married in 1888 Lyman Ault, (6) Thomas Durastus McKowen born on 26 September 1869, (7) Hulda Jane McKowen born on 20 September 1872 and who married in 1896 Chauncey Agranbright, (8) James Edwin McKowen born on 4 August 1874, and (9) Martha Elizabeth McKowen born on 21 April 1877 and who married in 1900 William Dawe.

(3) the third child of Derastus and Anna Torrey was William Wallace Torrey born in 1838. He died in May 1880 in San Jose, California. He is identified as having married Susan P. who was listed as his widow and as living in Kansas City, Missouri in 1880. In 1875 William is living in Howard Township, Labette, County, Kansas, on a 176 acre farm. The 1875 Kansas and 1880 U. S. Census identifies William and Susan Torrey's children as (1) Anna Viola Torrey, (2) John W. Torrey, (3) Walter C. Torrey and (4) Emma O. Torrey.

(4) the fourth child of Derastus and Anna Torrey was Nelson Moore Torrey who was born on 25 March 1840 in West Creek Township, Lake County, Indiana, he was married on 13 May 1866 to Mary Ann Sparks who was born in January 1847 in Perth, Canada. Mary Ann Sparks came with her family to Kansas in 1863 and settled near St. George. Nelson died on 19 January 1894 and Mary Ann died on 14 November 1925. Both are buried in the St. George Cemetery. The tombstone in the St. George Cemetery gives Nelson name and dates, but no marker was located for Mary Ann Sparks Torrey. Nelson and Mary Ann had seven children (1) Harry E. Torrey born 16 January 1868 died on 19 June 1937, (2) Austin Torrey born in February 1879 died on 19 September 1914, (3) Dudley P. Torrey born on 17 October 1870 died 13 March 1952, (4) Nellie Mary Torrey born on 6 January 1872 died on 2 November 1960, she married William Francis Ekart on 25 November 1891, (5) Cora Josephine Torrey born on 27 February 1874, she died on 10 February 1967, she married on 17 February 1896 Daniel

A. Glenn, (6) Arthur Derastus Torrey was born on 17 September 1875 he died on 4 September 1958, and (7) Alice Torrey was born on 25 April 1884, she died on 24 November 1948 in California, she married Edward W. Disney on 1 April 1901.

(5) the fifth child of Derastus and Anna Torrey was Abigail Torrey who was born on 25 June 1842 at Green Lake, Indiana, she died on 25 September 1927 at Clay Center, Kansas, she was married in 1863 to Enoch Cummings at Guittards Station in Marshall County, Kansas on the Pony Express Route and Oregon and California Trail from St. Joseph Missouri. Enoch Cummings was born on 7 April 1839 in Virginia, he died on 14 January 1911 at Clay Center; they are both buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Kansas, Clay Center. The Guittards Station was established in early 1857 by Xavier Guittard. Enoch Cummings was a stage coach driver of much merit for it was said that he had driven in Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah and all the states west along the route west to Placerville, California. At the time of his retirement in 1868 he was credited with having driven 100,000 miles and had been involved in a number of Native American encounters in the 16 years on the road. Abigail Torrey and Enoch Cummings were the parents of 10 children. (1) Lizzie Cummings born in 1864 at Guittards Station, she died young and is thought to be buried in the Guittards Cemetery in Marshall County, (2) Addie Cummings born on 18 April 1855 at Guittards Station, she died on 4 January 1928 at Clay Center, Kansas, she was married on 9 June 1889 to Alfred Jacob Held, he died on 21 January 1926, both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, (3) George Guittard Cummings was born on 14 December 1868 at Salina, Saline County, Kansas, he died on 19 February 1929 at Omaha, Nebraska, he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Kansas; (4) Mamie Cummings was born on 2 September 1869 at Clay Center, she died on 25 December 1947 at Clay Center, she was married in 1900 in Colorado to Walter Williams who was born on 10 September 1879 in Iowa, he died on 21 June 1941 at Berthoud, Colorado, (5) John E. Cummings was born on 14 January 1871 at Clay Center, he died on 31 August 1948 at Clay Center, he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, (6) Rosa A. Cummings who married James N. Sackett 1871-1952, they lived in Denver, Colorado, (7) Charles Cummings was born in about

1905 MAP OF THE SAINT GEORGE AREA OF
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS

Location of the Derastus Torrey land and of the Black Jack station operated by Derastus on the Kansas Stage Line, the road in the south 1/3 of the land is the route of the Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth Military Road. In 1905 as shown on this map, the land was owned by Fritz Busch, C. S. Thomas and James Lee.



1877, he died on 28 December 1878, he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, (8) Minnie Cummings died on 13 May 1879, she is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, (9) Frank Cummings was born about 1880, he died on 2 November 1881, he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center and (10) Edwin Enoch Cummings was born on 22 January 1883 at Clay Center, he died on 22 March 1902 at Clay Center, he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center.

(6) the sixth child of Derastus and Anna Moore Torrey was Ira Allen Torrey was born on 2 February 1845 at West Creek Township, Lake County, Indiana, he died on 9 November 1924 at Silverton, Colorado, he is buried in Hillside Cemetery, he was married (1) to Sarah Elizabeth Stoddard who was born on 18 August 1851 at Knowlesville, New York, she died on 12 October 1925 at Long Beach, California, he was married (2) on 11 June 1902 to Annie Kornaley she died on 18 June 1935 at Ash Mesa, near Delta, Colorado. Ira was involved in mining and mine ownership in Colorado and had lived in Aspen, Telluride, Ouray and Silverton. He once fired at some other miners was tried and discharged. He was identified as "The Hermit of Deer Park" in one newspaper article as a result of his long interval between visits to the town.

(7) the seventh child of Derastus and Anna Moore Torrey was Homer Derastus Torrey who was born in 1850 in Indiana, in 1870 he was living in Louisville Township and identified as an drayman, in 1888 he was living in Kansas City, Kansas and is identified as a man who shoes horses. No information has been located for Homer Torrey after 1888.

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North Dakota State Archives to Place 500,000 Photos Online

The following was written by the North Dakota State University:

The North Dakota State University Archives is offering you a glimpse of how Fargo looked a century ago. A new project by the NDSU Archives is combining history with geography through Historypin.com. The dynamic website allows users to "pin" historic photographs onto a Google map.

The site gives viewers the opportunity to see historic photographs superimposed onto the current Google street view map, and compare what present buildings looked like in the past. Historypin was created by the non-profit organization We Are What We Do in partnership with Google to allow archives, libraries, schools and individuals from around the world to share historic photos to tell the story of the past.

So far, the NDSU Archives has uploaded five collections of photographs ranging from 1876 to 2009. They include the NDSU/NDAC campus, Hawthorne neighborhood, Clara Barton neighborhood, downtown district and the tornado of 1957.

Additional collections will be added over time to cover other parts of North Dakota. Visit the Historypin Web page at www.historypin.com/channels/view/id/12313037.

The Riverside Club

Contributed by Sherry Butler

In most homes today, bits of memorabilia can be found. This was true of our ancestors' homes, too. Recently, we were contacted by Becky Turner, who discovered membership booklets for the Riverside Club among her late grandmother's possessions. She has offered them to the Riley County Genealogical Society.

Her great grandmother, Lena Knox was a long time member, and her grandmother, Myrtle Knox Martin, was President of the Riverside Club from 1944-1945. The Knox family land was in Manhattan Township, Riley County, Kansas. Knox Lane in present day Manhattan was named for the family, as the street passes through what was their farm. The Knox family biography appears in our book, *Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie*. The Riverside Club, organized August 4, 1909, and "federated with the State and District, April 1910..." consisted of a group of women who resided in rural Manhattan Township, and most were wives of farmers there. A quick check of the names among the membership roll in 1930, bore this out. Of the 32 women listed, the ladies' ages ranged from 22 to 65. All the names searched and located in Manhattan Twp. for 1930 were on seven successive pages in the federal census.

Brochures of the Riverside Club list their constitution, their by-laws as well as their programs for the year. It appears the ladies met twice monthly from September through June. In August, a club picnic was the only summer item. One of their members, Lulu York, must have possessed musical talents, as she was listed as the composer of the Riverside Club song in 1930. It was to be sung to the tune of the chorus of Long, Long Trail. Before this, the club song was "America". The club flower was the white carnation and the club colors were pale blue and white. Their motto – "Look Up, Lift Up" continued through the decades.

The booklets contributed by Ms. Turner began in 1927 and are complete through 1949. After a gap in the 1950's, there is one for 1960, and again a run from 1979-1987. By the mid 1930's the club also listed a single woman among its members. By 1960, it was noted in their constitution, "Membership shall be limited to the women of this community within the following boundary lines; the Blue River along Casement Road to highway 13; then south to the college ground along the east boundary of the college to a line even with the golf course; along the golf course to the north road on Bluemont Hill; then east to the Blue River and north along the Blue River." Within a decade, an amendment was passed stating "all boundaries concerning membership shall be eliminated." Annual dues had increased by then to \$1.00 annually.

Each booklet lists the current officers and committee members, the charter members as well as former presidents and names listed under Memorial. The membership appeared to be between 20 and 35 throughout this period. It is believed the club disbanded about the beginning of the 21st Century. Should any past members have further information concerning the Riverside Club, your comments sent to RCGS would be most welcome.

Riverside Club Booklet for 1927-1928

Officers

President – Alice Pfuetze
Vice President – Minnie Griffing
Secretary – Helen Currie
Treasurer – Flora Isles
Corresponding Secretary – Hilma Garrett
Chorister – Virgie Knox

Flower Committee

Carrie Shumway
Ivy Allen
Lena Knox

Year Book Committee

Mabel Hanlin
Minnie Griffing
Medora Hamilton

Charter Members

Mrs. Rachel Bayles Coffman
Mrs. Nellie A. Edkins
Mrs. Nora Ingraham Baxter
Mrs. Blanche Collister Inskeep
Mrs. Anna Sweet Nixon
Mrs. Carrie Ingraham Shumway
Mrs. Carrie Boadman Smith

Mrs. Jessie Pierce Sweet

Ex-Presidents

Mrs Carrie Shumway 1909-11
Mrs. Nora Ingraham 1911-12
Mrs. Blanche C. Inskip 1913-15
Mrs. Melicent Savage 1915-17
Mrs. Carrie Smith 1917-18
Mrs. Helen C. Currie 1918-19
Mrs. Anna Nixon 1919-20
Mrs. Olive Goheen 1920-21
Mrs. Susan Collister 1921-23
Mrs. Mable Hanlin 1923-26
Mrs. Ida Criswell 1926-27

Roll of Members

Mrs. Ivy Allen Mrs. Olive Teagarden

Mrs. Faye Brannic

Mrs. Flora Brown

Mrs. Ella Carroll Mrs. Rachel Coffman Jun 1910

Mrs. Pearl Carlson Mrs. Lucy Knight Sep 1910

Mrs. Alice Coffee Grandma Hepler Feb 1913

Mrs. Susan Collister Grandma Steuart Jan 1917

Mrs. Myra Currie Mrs. Clara Young Mar 1919

Mrs. Helen Currie Mrs. Julia Keefer Apr 1921

Mrs. Belle Chandler Miss Mary Brewer Sep 1926

Mrs. Gertrude Failyer Mrs. Eliza Frey Aug 1926

Mrs. Hilma Garrett

Mrs. Minnie Griffing

Mrs. Gillium

Mrs. Medora Hamilton

Mrs. Mabel Hanlin

Mrs. Carolyn Holm

Mrs. Nora Ingraham

Mrs. Blanche Inskip

Mrs. Flora Isles

Mrs. Lena Knox

Mrs. Virgie Knox

Mrs. Alice Loomis

Mrs. Ruth Morton

Mrs. Jane Munger

Mrs. Anna Nixon

Mrs. Elizabeth Noll

Mrs. Alice Pfuete

Mrs. Susan Packard

Mrs. Melicent Savage

Mrs. Lela Savage

Mrs. Ruby Settle

Mrs. Carrie Shumway

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The Riverside Club 1928-1929

For the year 1928-1929, the officers from the previous year kept their positions. The membership list was updated as listed in the new booklet.

The Year Book Committee consisted of Elva Loomis, Myra Currie, Minnie Griffing and Leila Savage.

Roll of Members Since Previous Year

Mrs. Katherine Currie

Mrs. Ida Criswell

Mrs. Nancy Dix

Mrs. Eunice Gillilan

Mrs. Leah Holt

Mrs. Lulu York

Associate Members

Mrs. Elizabeth Noll

Mrs. Flora Brown

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Some Curry's Come From Scotland

No, not all Curry's come from Ireland. They originated in Scotland under the MacPherson Clan. The MacPherson Clan's crest is a Sitting Wildcat Proper and the Motto is, "Touch not the Cat without a Glove."

The Clan shares its origins with Clan Mackintosh and forms part of the Clan Chattan or Cat Conferation.

England shipped many Scots to Ireland into forced labor. They stayed together as much as possible, shunning the Irish. While they were born in Ireland thereafter, they kept the strong Scottish traditions.

Clan MacPherson actually had to go to the Irish Curry's to get a Chieftan at one point.

Yes, Curry's are Irish, but originated in Scotland.

THE JOSEPH WEL TSCH AND MARGARETHA HAMMERSCHMIT WELTSCH FAMILY
OF BLUE TOWNSHIP, POTTA WATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS

by Sylvester C. Ekart, Riley County Genealogical Society Member, Bismarck, North Dakota.

JOSEPH WEL TSCH was born in Muttersdorf, Bohemia, Austria on 12 April 1821; he was married before coming to the United States in 1866 to Margaretha Hammerschmit who was born on 12 August 1831 in Berg, Bohemia, Austria. They settled on an eighty acres farm in the upper Elbo Creek area of Blue Township, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. The land that they settled is identified as the West OneHalf of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24. A school known as the Weltsch School was located almost directly across the road west of the Weltsch home. The Weltsch family owned also land in Section 13 of Pottawatomie Township. The family was a member of St. Joseph's Church at Flush. Joseph died on 22 December 1898 and Margaret died on 23 June 1915, they both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush, Pottawatomie County.

An 1888 census identifies Margaretha as the daughter of Anton Hammerschmit, however this census does not list the father of Joseph Weltsch. The 1900 United States Census reports that Margaretha Hammerschmit Weltsch came to the United States in 1866[3].



"1898, Joseph Welsh (Weltsch) an old and respected resident of Pottawatomie Township, (Blue Township) died at the residence of John Natchman (Knightman) near Myers Valley on Thursday (December 22) of last week. The funeral services were held from St. Joseph's Church, Myers Valley on Saturday (December 24) conducted by Rev. Father Hundt and the remains interred in the Catholic Cemetery at that place. Mr. Welsh was a good man beloved by all his acquaintances. May he rest in peace" [1].

"1915, Mrs. Margaret Weltsch died at the home of her daughter Mrs. John Knightman, June 23, and was buried at Flush, June 25, 1915. She was 81 years old and was the mother of five children, four of them living, who are Charles Weltsch, Manhattan, Lena Helget, St. George; Rosa Knightman Manhattan and Monica Zoeller, St. George. Her husband died December 22, 1898. Six of her grandsons were pallbearers [2]. The deceased child is Mary (Mrs. Anton) Weltsch Straub.

A son Charles Weltsch and a daughter Magdalena Weltsch were born in Bohemia and came with their parents to Pottawatomie County.

Railroad Photo. Co. HUTCHINGS.

Joseph and Margaret Weltsch

(1) Charles K. Weltsch, (2) Magdalena Weltsch, (3) Maria "Mary" Weltsch, (4) Rosa B. Weltsch and (5) Monica Margaret Weltsch.

(1) Charles Weltsch was born in AJM Berg, Bohemia, Austria, on 19 July 1858, he was married on 8 April 1891 in St. Patrick's Church, Elbo community, to Margaret Cecelia Parker. Charles died on 10 April 1944 and Margaret died 1 April 1950, both are buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Wamego, Kansas. Margaret was born on 29 July 1870 in the Elbo community; the daughter of George Washington and Anne Ormston Parker.



front row: Alice, Charles, Margaret, Genevieve; back row: Leo, Albert, Gerard, Mary

Charles and Margaret were the parents of (a) Mary Helena Weltsch born 3 January 1892 and who married Vincent Lawrence Umscheid, (b) Albert Benedict Weltsch born on 7 November 1893 who married, Amelia Clara Umscheid, (c) Leo Hillary Weltsch Who was born on 1 August 1897 and who married, Mary Helen Ekart, (d) Gerard Paul Weltsch who was born on 13 March 1899 and who married, Virginia J. Umscheid (e) Genevieve Ann Weltsch who married Joseph Anthony Lenherr, (f) Alice Viola Weltsch who was born on 7 September 1906 and who married Henry Francis Sable and (g) Charles Weltsch, Junior who was born and died on 3 August 1915.

(2) Magdalena Weltsch was born in 1862 in AIM Berg, Bohemia, Austria; she was married on 10 February 1885 in St. Joseph's Church, Flush to Wenzel Helget.

Wenzel Helget lived about a quarter mile east of the Weltsch home in Pottawatomie Township. Wenzel Helget immigrated to the United States in 1881. The Wenzel Helget family lived in the Medicine Lodge area of Barber

County, Kansas as their two children were born there. Magdalena and Wenzel were the parents of two children, Anna H. Helget who was born on 1 August 1891 and who married Antone Weixelman and Leo Joseph Helget who was born on 3 April 1892 and who married Irene C. Unterberger. Wenzel died in 1926 and Magdalena died 15 February 1936, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

(3) Maria "Mary A." Weltsch was born on 5 August 1871 in Blue Township, Pottawatomie County, Kansas; she was married on 27 April 1892 to Anton Straub who was born on 1 November 1865 in Pottawatomie Township. Anton and Mary were the parents of two children. An unnamed stillborn child born in 1893 is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush and Anna Martina Straub was born on 1 January 1896 in Pottawatomie Township. Anna Martina married Thomas R. Hamilton and they lived in Oklahoma. Mary Weltsch Straub died on 14 August 1896; she is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush and Anton Straub died on 19 July 1936; he is buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Wamego, Kansas. Anton Straub following Mary's death married, Helena Winter.

(4) Rosa B. Weltsch was born on 29 June 1873 in Blue Township; she was married about 15 January 1892 probably in Minnesota to John Joseph Knightman. Rosa and John Joseph were the parents of four children. Mary Josephine Knightman was born on 13 March 1893 in Pottawatomie Township; she was married on 22 April 1919 at Flush to Joseph Edward Kluber. Mary Josephine died on 23 February 1942 at Manhattan; she is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. Joseph Edward Kluber died on 25 April 1957; he is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan. The second child Rosa Knightman was born on 24 October 1895 in Pottawatomie County, she died on 7 November 1929 in Blue Township' she is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The third child was John Joseph Knightman, Junior who was born on 8 November 1897 in Pottawatomie Township; he died of an accidental gunshot wound on 20 May 1916 at Manhattan. He is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Flush. The fourth child was Monica Knightman who was born in October 1898 and who married J. Alfred Allison. No additional information about Monica and Alfred has been located. Rosa Weltsch Knightman died on 16 October 1949 at Manhattan and John Joseph Knightman died on 2 August 1937 at Manhattan, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

(5) Monica Margaret Weltsch was born on 16 September:~.874 in Blue Township, she was married on 14 February 1893 at Flush to Herman Elias Zoeller. Herman Zoeller was the son of Elias Zoeller and Bertha Huckstadt and grandson of Gabriel and Barbara Kerl Zoeller some of the early settlers of the Flush community. Monica and Herman were the parents of five children. The first child was Henry J. Zoeller who was born on 10 July 1894 in Pottawatomie Township; he married, Violet Burgess. The second child was John W. Zoeller who was born on 4 December 1894 in Pottawatomie Township; he died on 9 December 1981 at Frankfort, Kansas. He is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The third child was Louis W. Zoeller who was born on 7 January 1897 in Pottawatomie Township. He died on 20 February 1970 at Westmoreland, Kansas; he is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush. The fourth child was Bertha Helen Zoeller who was born on 19 December 1899 in Pottawatomie Township; she married Edward Glen Guilfoil. Bertha died on 1 January 1981 at Westmoreland and Edward died on 3 October 1972. Both are buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Wamego, Kansas. The fifth child was Melvin Claude Zoeller who was born on 1 August 1920 in Pottawatomie Township. He married Cecelia Louise Bennett. Melvin died on 21 August 1994 at Manhattan; he is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Flush.

- [1] Saint Mary, Kansas Star, 29 December 1898.
[2] Westmoreland Signal, 1 July 1915.
[3] Census of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, 1888.

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Mount Sunflower is the highest point in Kansas

The U.S. Geological Survey identified this spot in Ed Harold's pasture as the highest elevation point in the state in 1961 at 4,039 feet above sea level. Mount Sunflower was one of the 24 finalists for the 8 Wonders of Kansas Geography. Ed's family homesteaded this area in 1906. It's located north of Weskan in Wallace County. Ed and his family erected a memorial at the site to their family and to Mount Sunflower. Though on private property, people may cross the cattle guard and either drive or hike to the highest point in the state.

101 Years Ago The Wamego Reporter

August 10, 1911

Early Wamego Settler George Trout Dies

George Trout, one of the early settlers of Wamego, died Monday morning, August 7th, from the result of a paralytic attack four weeks ago. Mr. Trout did not regain consciousness after the attack and it was known for some time that he could not recover. Funeral services were held Tuesday evening at the Trout home, at 6 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Ruffle, rector of St. Luke's Church. During the exercises the casket, covered with flowers and the Stars and Stripes, stood on the large front porch. The funeral was one of the largest held in Wamego, and was a handsome tribute of respect to one of Wamego's oldest and most highly respected citizens.

June 20, 1912

A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the nuptials in St. Bernard's Catholic Church on Tuesday morning, of Miss Alice Weybrew, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weybrew, and Mr. George Farrell, Rev. Father Hundt read the service which was followed by nuptial mass. Miss Marie Schroepfer and Mr. Neal Farrell attended the bridal couple. ...The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell. The young couple will be at home on their farm east of Wamego after a honeymoon visit to Atchison and Webb City, MO.

August 1, 1912

William Jennings Bryant started the ball rolling at Wamego's first Chautauqua last Saturday afternoon, with about 2,000 people in attendance. The big tent was full, for of course everybody who had not heard Mr. Bryant speak before, was eager to improve the opportunity. While it may be safely said, that those most anxious to have a good place for seeing and hearing, were those who were not listening to Mr. Bryant for the first time.

August 8, 1912

It is a significant fact that every speaker on the chautauqua platform last week, without a single exception, spoke in favor of Women's suffrage. Miss Kearney put it strikingly when she said, "I hope when you men of Kansas go to the polls next fall, you will give the women of your state a chance to catch up with the women of China."

September 5, 1912

Accident May Be Fatal

A peculiar and perhaps fatal accident occurred yesterday at the farm of Fred Doll, northwest of Louisville. Mr. Doll had purchased a barrel which had been used to hold alcohol and was cleaning it out. After giving it what he supposed was a thorough cleaning, he lit a match to hold in the barrel to make sure, when there was an explosion and Mrs. Doll, who was standing near, was seriously if not fatally injured. Portions of the barrel struck her and tore the flesh on one of her limbs severely and broke the other in two places, one of the pieces of bone being driven through the flesh. A trained nurse was brought from Topeka last night and an effort will be made to save Mrs. Doll's life without resorting to an operation. But she is in a very precarious condition.

September 12, 1912

Dr. Bender is very enthusiastic over the results obtained from his new system for painless dentistry. The beauty of the system is that the anesthetic is administered by the patient who knows better than the doctor the amount required.

September 19, 1912

The marriage of Miss Martha Cruthers McBride and Mr. James A. Bothwell, both of Wamego, took place in Manhattan, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bothwell returned in the afternoon and a reception and wedding supper were given in their honor at the home of the Bride's mother, Mrs. George McBride. About thirty friends were present.

Formed a Library

The Philathea Class of this city is undertaking a project that if successful will fill a long-felt want in this community. Their plan is to form a library by soliciting books from the townspeople. The Philathea Class would be taking charge of the books and opening the library once or twice a week for the exchange of books. The gift of a book will make one a member of the Library Association and the books will be rented to mem-

Index to the Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Items, Printed in the Manhattan Mercury and Manhattan Daily Nationalist at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, During the Period of February 1, 1936 Through April 30, 1937.

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Paupers, Workhouses, Midwives, Health Acts, Possibly More

from the Donegalair Newsletter

‘ “Rattle my bones over the stones, I am an old pauper that nobody owns” (Workhouse saying)

(In Ireland during the 19th century) Paupers were Government Property and each morning at 7 a.m. dressed in their rough work house clothes and brogues and assembled waiting in the central hall for prayers. After the roll call, they were inspected for cleanliness. Once finished, they took their pannies and tin mugs and lined up for their stir-about and milk, and their daily routine had begun. Finally, they were set to their day's labours. Their days were long and they could not return to their dormitories until 8 p.m. and that was only to sleep; there was no social life. The main classes of persons within a workhouse were sturdy beggars, disorderly women, the old and the infirm, and orphan children.

By 1847 the fever in Ireland had reached an epidemic proportion, all over the country, it being made rampant by the fact that no accommodation was adequate and the sick and dying were crowded into wards, sometimes as many as four and five or more to a bed. It is recorded that in Fermoy as many as thirty children were crowded into three beds. Hygiene was not at all at its highest and at Lurgan the fever dead were buried not far from the hospital around the well which supplied the workhouse water.

Mortality was high as those who had succumbed to the fever had not yet recovered from the famine, medical and nursing facilities were scarce. Mortality even among staff was high.

The tragic aspect of the workhouse was the separation of families. Children over two years of age were put in children's wards. Mothers and daughters under two years went into female quarters, fathers and sons into the male quarters. Many families never saw each other alive again. If a member of these separated families survived, no record of who a child belonged to was kept except there might be a parish register listing a baptism to the parents.

Death became a way of life in the workhouse and the, Irish Poor Law Relief Extension Act of June 1847, empowered the Guardians to buy land adjacent or near the workhouse for use as burial grounds for deceased inmates of the workhouse, as the ordinary graveyards were unable to cope with the vast numbers of workhouse dead. These workhouse graves, are the loneliest patches of soil in Ireland. The burying ground of the stranger

among the friendless poor, these lands became known as the Paupers Plot, or the Potters field. Deaths were numerous and many were buried without coffins.

The Guardian did have power to arrange for the burial of poor person's but corpses were often left in the cabins that they had died in and when they were knocked down, the dead were entombed. When conditions improved in the country somewhat, the relatives and friends that were able to afford it, claimed the bodies of inmates dying in the workhouse and arranged those burials so some did not become burials of paupers.

Paupers' graves were gradually discontinued and eventually the local sanitary authority became the main burial board for the provision of graveyards and decent burials under the Burial Act 1856 and the Public Health Act 1878-1879. These acts also helped to offset some of the abuse under the Anatomy Act of 1832 which decreed that 'unclaimed bodies of paupers who had died in workhouses should be made available to medical schools where they could be used for dissections in anatomy classes.'

A summation on the 1851 Census of Ireland stated: "No person has recorded the number of forlorn and starving who perished by the wayside or in the ditches, or of the mournful groups, sometimes of whole families who lay down and died, one after another, upon the floor of their miserable cabins, and so remained un-coffined and unburied till chance unveiled the appalling scene. NO SUCH amount of suffering amid such misery has been chronicled in Irish History and yet, through all, the forbearance of the Irish peasantry and the calm submission with which they bore the deadliest ills that can fall on man, can scarcely be paralleled in the annals of any people." (Dawson Papers PRO Ireland)

By 1862 care for the sick was improved. The Poor Relief (Ireland) Act 1862, provided for the admission to the hospital, wards of the workhouse, people requiring medical and surgical aid. Admission was at the discretion of the Guardians and a charge was made. The Guardians were also able to send any inmate of workhouses who required treatment to any hospital (including Voluntary hospitals) willing to receive them, and to pay the cost of treatment and conveyance. Also the Act repealed the section of the 1847 Act which prohibited the giving of relief in a workhouse to a person who had over a quarter of an acre of land (prohibition of granting outdoor relief to such persons remained in force until 1921)

Originally no qualification were prescribed for nurses, and so therefore unqualified and inexperienced persons were often employed. In 1861, the Sisters of Mercy, who were dedicated to the relief of sick poor as qualified nurses (still raises a question on where they were trained) were appointed to do this work. These sisters were also covered by a vow of service to human needs.

So this brings us to the often asked question "Why can't I find a headstone for my family?" In this time frame to have a stone erected, you would have had to have had money, and at least a living member of the family to record your passing, I can say for sure that in the area of Rathdrum in Co. Wicklow there was a diligent priest at the time who recorded in his parish records the deaths from the workhouse there, but those books are in the custodial keeping of the priest at Rathdrum and for you to see them you would need to make a donation, a plea, and an appointment long in advance of your trip to said place.

Stones often erected for the family in this time frame were erected by a member of the family who had found himself well off in far off Australia or USA. They can be found in the parish churchyard, of the place that person was born in. This does not mean that the mortal remains are buried there, but the thought that binds the family together is the raising of a stone.

The public hospital system in Ireland evolved from the Workhouses, and together with County infirmaries of which there were 27, and County Fever Hospitals of which there were 12 established under enactments of

1763, 1805, 1806, 1814, 1817, which were administered apart from the Poor Law, provided a framework which went some way towards meeting the medical needs of the poor . However it was not until 1851 that the Medical Charities Act laid the foundation of what was to become known as the Poor Law Medical Service. The Boards of Guardians were empowered to divide each Union into dispensary districts, appoint medical officers, and supply medicines and appliances. The Medical officer was required to give free medical service, treatment and medicines to the poor persons resident in the dispensary district. This system was eventually replaced by 'Choice of Doctor's Scheme' for medical card holders under the Medical Health Act of 1970.

Midwives were also provided under the act in a tentative attempt at a system of public health nursing. These 'Midwives' received no formal training and were popularly known as 'handy-women'. It was not until 1895 that midwives appointed by the Boards of Guardians were required to have a certificate from a recognised Lying-in-Hospital as to their competency of midwifery, or produce satisfactory evidence of approved practical knowledge of midwifery.

The Workhouse was the most dreaded and feared institution in Ireland,. The Workhouse system of poor relief was imposed on the Irish people in spite of the opposition of Catholic, and Protestant, landlord, and labourer. It was said it would never work, and it did not work, During the famine years countless thousands died within the workhouse walls, even more, who were denied admission, died outside.

Further reading *The Workhouses of Ireland ' The fate of Ireland's Poor* -John O'Connor
Collection of surviving drawings of workhouses are housed in the Irish Architectural Archives . (Brilliant web site of workhouses etc can be located at 23 Union Indoor Workhouse Registers which give documentation of inmates

Poor Law Union papers can be found in NAI Dublin plus PRO

<http://www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk/EssentialResource8.htm>

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*Thoughts for The Day:*

*If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart? -Alexander Solzhenitsyn, novelist, Nobel laureate (1918-2008)*

*There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. -Elie Wiesel, writer, Nobel laureate (b. 1928)*

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I don't know ... some say life is too short, others say it is too long, but I know that nothing that we do makes sense if we don't touch the hearts of others ...

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