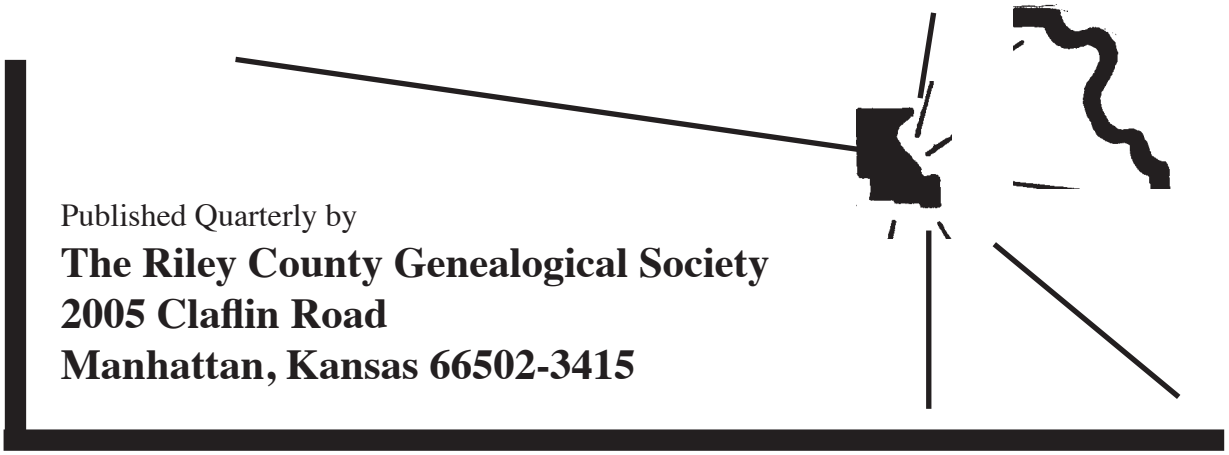
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Nov_ November - Annual Metting and Dinner,

Nov - Annual Meeting at Zeandale,
Check the website for an updated list.

The library will be closed

On all National Holidays and during inclement weather.

From the President

As the 2015 President of the Society I greet all readers, old and new, to this issue of Kansas Kin. Although I have had no family in Riley County, prior to my own immediate one, I have many family members, direct ancestors and collateral lines, who have been born, lived in or have passed through Kansas. I find it fascinating to trace out the movement and lives of allied families across space and time and their place in history.

The Society looks forward to building on the accomplishments of the past several years, particularly the well-developed website with direct links to cemeteries, digitized on-line publications, the library catalogue, announcements of events and much more. The library has holdings not only for Riley County but for most of the others in Kansas plus about 4,000 volumes including many for other regions of the US. In addition society members hold a free-wheeling monthly roundtable every 3rd Friday at the Blue Stem Bistro in Aggieville; how-to workshops for beginning to advanced researchers at the Manhattan Library; and special presentations by speakers on Kansas history, society and culture, usually planned for the Manhattan Library. These are all open free to the public as is use of the library. A marvelous resource indeed! Please check out the website: http://www.rileycgs.com/

This year's goals are not finalized but center on community outreach, visibility, coordination with other organizations and increasing not just membership but also use of the society's resources and activities by one and all. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Barry Michie
President, Riley County Genealogical Society

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.



Membership Dues --

We send good wishes for a healthy and rewarding 2015. As membership secretaries we encourage members to use this time of new beginnings to renew membership dues. Members may send a check made payable to Riley County Genealogical Society in the amount of $30.00 to Riley County Genealogical Society Library, 2005 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502. Alternatively, members may bring a check to the library or pay on-line at our website: www.rileycgs.com. We look forward to hearing from you and assisting you in your family history search.

Ted Hopkins and Joyce Marr

In Memorium

Geraldine "Gerry" Walton
Pauline Adolph

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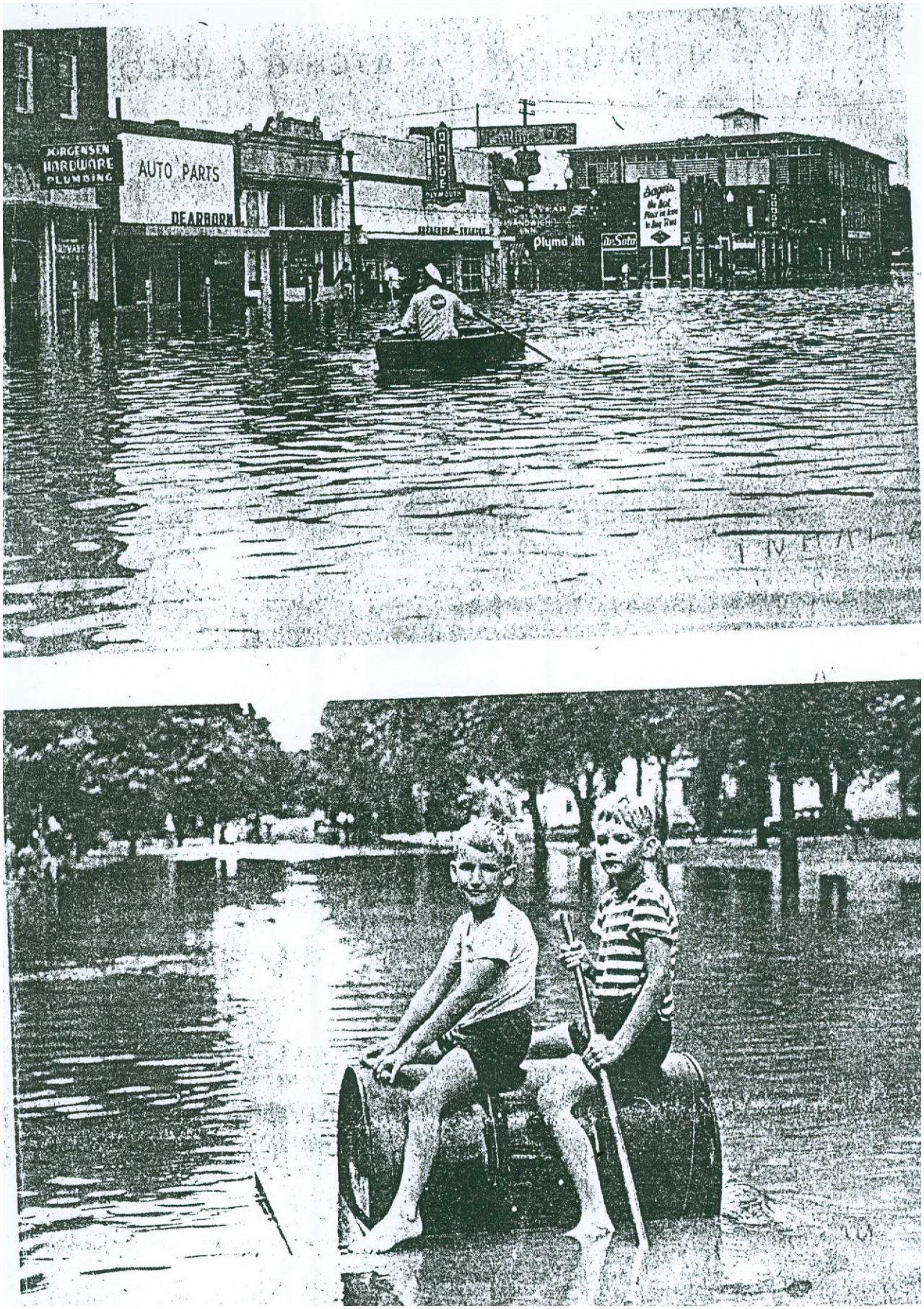
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1951 Flood in Manhattan, Kansas

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Two photos taken during the 1951 flood of Manhattan and surrounding areas.
Top photo is the Coca Cola deliveryy man rowing along near 2nd and Poyntz Avenue.

The bottom photo is of Norman Hoerman age 6 1/2 and his brother Stanley Hoerman aged 8 1/2 riding a barrel raft on S. Manhattan Avenue. This picture was taken from Yuma St. looking north on S. Manhattan Avenue.

On the 2nd week of July in 1951 the water was about 3 feet deep in the streets.

Rules of Conduct for the Teacher from a school bulletin...1915 published by Dear Abby

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are not to keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
4. You many not loiter downtown in ice cream stores.
5. You many not travel beyond the city limits unless you have the permission of the chairman of the board.
6. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your father or brother.
7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
8. You may not dress in bright colors.
9. You may under NO circumstances dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must not be shorter than two inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the schooroom neat and clean, you must:
    Sweep the floor at least once daily;
    Scrub the floor at least once a week with hot, soapy water;
    Clean the blackboards at least once a day;
    And start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.

European Migration Evident in DNA Patterns

A study of people in 40 countries illustrates long-established changes in Europe's population. Going back a few thousand years, researchers find that everyone on Earth is related to everyone else.

The Huns and the Slavs made incursions into Eastern Europe about 1,500 years ago. Migrants moved from Ireland to England in recent centuries. Populations in Italy and Spain have been comparatively stable. None of this is breaking news. But scientists were able to see it anew by examining the patterns of genes in 2,257 people now living in 40 countries on the continent.

You can read more in an article by Eryn Brown, published in the Los Angeles Times, at http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-75820523/

THE PETER MATTHEW BARY AND WILHELMENA AMANDA EBERT BARY FAMILY - EARLY SETTLERS IN POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS.

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The major source of information for this article is a history of the Peter Bary family by Carl and Velma Nelson Mayetta, Kansas. It has been supplemented with newspaper articles and other information.

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Peter Matthew Bary was born in the Green Mountain area near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on 5 October 1849. The Bary family was from Berlin, Germany and arrived in America before 1849. Peter Bary had four brothers, Joseph, Andrew, William and Valentine and two sisters, Mary and Margaretha. Family history records that two brothers, Joseph and Valentine died in Andersonville Prison during the War of the Rebellion. Peter's father died when he was 5 years of age, his mother died following her second marriage while Peter was yet young. Following his mother's death he worked on a farm near Pittsburg for a Mr. Rhodes.

Peter met and married Wilhelmena Amanda Ebert 17 May 1872 or 31 May 1973, both dates are in their obituaries. Wilhelmena was born on 12 April 1846 in Saxony, Germany. She came to America in 1949 with her family. Following their marriage Peter worked in a Pittsburg Steel Mill. Wilhelmena came to America when she was about 6 years of age. The date of arrival is listed as 1848 to 1852 in various records. The exact date has not been learned. Wilhelmena had several brothers, Emil, August, Louis, Albert and Gustus. Emil Ebert settled in Pottawatomie County near Flush in 1854, being one of the first settlers to take up agricultural practices. Emil was married twice first to Dorothea Weist and then to Mary Umscheid. August Ebert came to Pottawatomie County with Peter Bary and later lived with his brother Emil Ebert. Emil and August are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Flush.

Peter and Wilhelmena came to Pottawatomie County in 1878 located near Flush and worked for his brother-in-law Emil Ebert. Peter's obituary gives the date of arrival as the spring of 1879. They traveled down the Ohio River from Pittsburg, then on the Mississippi to St. Louis and then up the Missouri to Westport, near the present day Kansas City, and then west to Pottawatomie County. After about a year Peter rented a farm in the Myers Valley area. In 1883, Peter left the Myers Valley area and purchased a farm on Booth Creek near Olsburg. In 1902, he sold the farm and purchased lots in Olsburg where he built a home. He lived there until his death on 25 April 1942 at the age of 92 years. Wilhelmena died on 1 August 1918 at Olsburg both she and Peter are buried in the Olsburg Cemetery.

Peter and Wilhelmena had five children. The (1) first born was Charles Bary who died at birth and is buried at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(2) the second born was Edward Markus Bary who was born on 16 December 1875 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At various times he was a jeweler, photographer and optician at Olsburg and at Kansas City. He died at Kansas City on 21 November 1921 and is buried in the Olsburg, Cemetery.

(3) the third born was Margaretha Amelia "Maggie" Bary who was born on 1 March 1878 in Pittsburgh, she married on 1 February 1905 John Lyndon Inskeep. They

had the following children (a) Joseph Lee Inskeep who was born on 25 June 1906 and died at birth and is buried in Carnahan Creek Cemetery, near Olsburg, (b)Wilhelmena Elizabeth Inskeep born on 29 October 1907 at Olsburg, she married on 19 March 1927 at Manhattan, Kansas Philip Alfred Chalmers who was born on 23 November 1905 at Stockdale, Kansas, Margaretha died on 20 April 1993 and Philip died on 4 July 1992 at Topeka, both are buried in the Grandview Cemetery near Riley, Kansas.

(4) the fourth born was Clara Bridget Bary who was born on 17 April 1881, near Flush, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, she married on 25 March 1910 at Manhattan, Kansas Robert Emanuel Allen who was born on 2 November 1884 at Wheeling, West Virginia. Clara died 16 November 1928 and is buried in the Junction City, Kansas Cemetery. Robert died on 12 February 1966 at Junction City and is buried in the Milford Cemetery, Milford, Kansas. Clara and Philip had 3 children, (a) Virginia Clara Allen born on 30 July 1912, near Olsburg, Kansas; she married on 5 October 1944 at Bridgeton, New Jersey Francis Edward Dobkins who was born on 12 September 1910 at Abilene, Kansas. Virginia died on 19 January 1999 at Hutchinson, Kansas, Francis died on 27 September 1976 at Abilene, Kansas, both are buried at Abilene, (b) Robert Peter Allen was born on 15 June 1915 near Manhattan, Kansas, he was married (1) on 9 March 1942 to Clara Belle Hilbish, they divorced in 1944 at Junction City, he married (2) married Dorothy Soper Randall who was born on 5 February 1921 at Cherokee, Iowa, and (c) Louis Lee Allen was born on 26 October 1919 near Junction City, Kansas, he married (1) on 3 December 1942 at Manhattan, Kansas Alyce M. Tidquist who was born on 28 November 1919 at Cleburne, Kansas; Alyce married (2) in 1968 Clyde Simon. Louis Lee married (2) Patricia Murray. Louis Lee died on 10 June 1982 at Medford Oregon, he is buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Medford; Alyce died on 5 October 1998 at Topeka, Kansas, she is buried in Mount Hope Mausoleum, Topeka.

(5) the fifth born child was Amanda Wilhelmena Bary who was born on 2 October 1888 near Olsburg, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, she died on 16 November 1965 at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, she was married on 1 or 7 April 1926 to Oscar Frederick Linder who was born on 30 December 1882 at Cleburne, Pottawatomie County, he died on 1 October 1966 at Manhattan, both he and Amanda are buried in the Maridahl Cemetery. They were the parents of two children: Barbara LaVerna Linder and Carl Frederick Linder. (a) Barbara LaVerna Linder was born on 13 March 1927 at Randolph, Riley County, Kansas, she was married (1) on 8 May or April 1944 to Elvin Leroy Hanson Carlson who was born on 3 May 1922 near Olsburg, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, he died on 9 December 1961 and is buried in the Olsburg Cemetery, Barbara married (2) on 12 January 1965 at Olsburg Dale Edward Hanson who was born on 24 May 1920 near Garrison, Kansas. (b) Carl Frederick Linder was born on 30 April 1933 near Cleburne, Kansas, he was married (1) on 24 May to Nancy Jane Dugan who was born on 14 July 1938, he was married (2) on 11 October 1984 to Claudette Caldwell who was born on 23 July 1938 at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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100 Years Ago The Wamego Reporter
April 2, 1914
Miss Enid Tanner, the daughter of Alice Tanner of this city, and Ray Arganbright of Burlingame, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Arganbright of Wamego, were married in Topeka yesterday. They at once went to Burlingame and will make their home on a farm near there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Kolterman returned from Kansas city Friday where they were married on Wednesday. The Bride was Miss Frances Wilson, living near Wamego. They have gone to housekeeping on one of the Wm. Kolterman farms near Westmoreland.

April 16. 1914
Tin Can Day was a good clean-up day. Wamego is cleaner than ever before. Now a good dandelion day will put Wamego in good shape. Next year when the city hall is surrounded by blue grass and flowers the party making the start Tuesday will be the ones to receive credit for the excellent work they did.

The marriage of Miss Marie Cecelia Doll and Mr. Robert Herbert Drauden was celebrated in St. Joseph's Catholic church, at Flush, at nine o 'clock, yesterday morning. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doll, and Mr. and Mrs. Drauden will make their jome on the Doll Farm at Louisville. Those in attendance at the wedding from Wamego were Mr. and Mrs. F. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leonard, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Leonard.

April 23, 1914
Henry W. Crane died at his home in this city Monday morning, after an illness of several years. Since retiring from the employ of the Union Pacific, Henry had known few well days. A winter in California gave him temporary relief, but the fatal disease was too far advanced to be comquered by the most skilled physician. He died from Bright.s disease. Henry came to Wamego in 1871 and was an employee of the Union Pacific railway for 17 years. About three years ago he retired as an engineer on a liberal pension.

April 30, 1914
Tuesday morning, Miss Katherine Cecelia Kahler was married to George S. Umscheid of Flush. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Kahler and Mr. Heptig acted as best man to the groom. The Rev. Father Francis Hundt was officiating priest and the ceremony was followed by high mass. After the service a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party and relatives at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Barbara Kahler.

May 14, 1914
Fred Streiner, Sr., was killed by being struck by a runaway team Monday evening, shortly after 6 o'clock p.m. The accident occurred just south of the Wamego river bridge. Mr. Streiner had been working that day for Wm. Osmer and they returned from the field shortly after 6 o'clock. In returning from the field Mr. Osmer urged Mr. Streiner to remain for supper, but he declined, stating that his family would be waiting for him and started to walk the short distance to town. Lloyd Julien was preparing to come home from a day's work and was driving a team belonging to his father W.W. Julien. Just after starting the end gate fell out and he left the team and wagon

to get it. The team thereupon ran away. Not realizing that the team was running away Mr. Streiner stepped to the side of the road and was struck by the runaway.

May 28, 1914
Memorial services were at the M.E.Church Sunday. Only three old soldiers were present namely: Capt. John Fish, William Lucy, and Sinclair Tilson, Sr. The number of the old veterans gets smaller each year, but the survivors do not lose interest and thus it should be.

Miss Grace Dixon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon of Wamego, and John Weiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weiler of Westmoreland, wellknown residents of this county, were married Wednesday, May 27, 1914, at Manhattan, by Rev. John m. White. Miss Dixon taught this year in the grade schools of Wamego. Mr. and Mrs. Weiler left for a short trip to Grand Island, Neb., where they will visit relatives. They will make their home on a farm north of Louisville.

June 19, 1913
Very simple and yet most beautiful and impressive in all its details, was the wedding celebrated at noon yesterday in St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In the presence of immediate relatives and a few intimate friends was performed the ceremony united Miss Ella Plesse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Plesse, and Mr. Harry Ruehmann, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruehmann. The Rev. Frederice C. Rufle, rector of St. Luke's read the service and the beautiful ring ceremony of the Church of England was used. Mr. and Mrs. Ruehmann left immediately after the ceremony for a few days visit in Kansas City. They have taken a cottage on the corner of Sixth and Vine streets.

July 2, 1914
A wedding of much interest to Wamego people was that of Miss Celia Hesse, who for the past nine years has made her home in Wamego, and Mr. Frederick I. Hall, of Westmoreland. The wedding was celebrated Tuesday, June 30, 1914, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hesse, in St Marys, in the presence of thirty guests of relatives and a few intimate friends.

July 9, 1914
Roy Helm of Topeka, while being assisted by his brother last week at his home, fell and sustained a fracture of the leg. The serious accident which befell him in Wamego a few years ago, which deprived him of the use of his limbs, makes this serious injury the more deplorable. HIs many friends in Wamego learned of the accident with deep regret. His cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Stelzner of Wamego, visited him Sunday and it had not yet been determined what the outcome of the accident would be.

July 23, 1914
Joe Newell, a lineman employed by the Zeandale Telephone Co., was killed instantly by a falling pole Wednesday, July 22. Joe was working on a 35-foot pole just north of the U.P. track at St. George at the bridge crossing. The pole carried two wires. He cut one and the other broke and the pole fell with Joe underneath. He was killed instantly. The accident occurred between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning. Joe was well known in his own community and throughout the three counties, being a number of years ago a player on the fast St. George team.

The Kansas City Times, of Friday, had the following,"The last 24 hours has been marked by storms in Kansas and reports of cyclones are frequent here. None of the reports has been confirmed. Wamego reported destroyed by a tornado between 5 and 6 o'clock."Wamego people know nothing of a tornado here. We had close to an inch of rain which greatly assisted in saving the corn, put an end to a long hot spell and caused happiness among our people, but further than this no damage was done here by the "tornado."

July 30, 1914
Mrs. Fry of Junction City, who is visiting her daughtaer, Mrs. S.O. Harrell, met with a very painful accident last Wednesday by stepping on a board in the yard which caused her to fall and broke one of the bones in her left wrist. Dr. Finney of St. George, was called, put her arm in splints and she is getting along well at present.

August 13, 1914
Miss Mary Leonard returned from Wamego, Monday, where she had been the past ten days at the bedside of her brother James' baby. She reports the baby is improving slowly.

Father Herr of Flush, Kansas, will leave his parish by the first of Setember to take up work as professor at St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. In that institution the students of Theology prepare for the priesthood. At the present his successor in Flush has not yet been appointed by Bishop Ward. Father Herr presided over St. Joseph' parish at Flush for six years and two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lintz celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day August 12th with High Mass at St. Bernard's church. Father Schneider of Pratt, Kansas, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lintz, officiated. Among other relatives from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Schneider, of Louisville, Ky, and Louis J. Lintz of Johnson, Neb. All the children were present also granchildren and great-grandchildren.

August 20, 1914
Sam Carl was badly injured at the St. Marys races yesterday. While crossing the trace he was knocked down by one of the horses being warmed up for a race. The horse stepped on his shoulder crushing the bones and tearing the flesh horribly. "June" was taken to Emmett where he has been making his home for some time.

September 10, 1914
The community of Wamego will feel very keenly the loss of Mrs. George Trout, who died at 7:20 p.m.Sunday, September 6, 1914. Mrs. Trout was a long time resident of Wamego., but her childhood was spent in Fredrick County, Maryland, where she was born, December 7, 1852, and was christened Henrietta Virginia Clary. Mrs. Trout's parental family came to Kansas in December 1867, and out of a family of twelve children only three survive, B.B.B. Clary, of Topeka, Kansas, L.O.S. Clary, St Paul, Kansas, and Mrs. J.L.Prunty, of Wamego, Kansas. Mrs. Trout's marriage to George Trout was celebrated on the 13th day of July 1870. She was the mother of four children, two having died in infancy. The two daughters surviving are, Mrs. Howard S. Lowry, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Floyd Funnell, of Wamego, Kansas

September 17 1914
The Death of William Dalton, Sept 12, 1914, at his home in St. George, came as a shock to his friends throughout the county. In 1884, Mr. Dalton located at St. George and engaged in the general mercantile business in partnership with E. B. Purcell of Manhattan. Some years later the partnership was dissolved and he continued in the business for himself. For the past fifteen years the business has been conducted under the firm name of Wm. Dalton & Sons, his two sons, William B. and Edwin J., being associated in the business with him. William Dalton was thorough business man, and an expert in the dry goods line, having acquired his schooling in the Marshall & Snelgrove stores, London , England.

The marriage of Miss Grace E. Gibbs and Mr. Lloyd D. Julien, both of Wamego, took place in Topeka on Monday, September 14, 1914. They will return from a short honeymoon trip this week, and will go to housekeeping in Wamego next spring. Miss Gibbs has been with the Wamego Telephone Company for some time. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Julien.

September 24, 1914
Lightning killed William Buell, of Wabaunsee, near Wamego, Monday evening. He was riding towards Wamego in a spring wagon. H.H. Aiken owner of the threshing outfit for which Buell worked, and Herman Bowman were sitting in the front seat of the wagon. They were stunned. Buell sat in the rear. One of the horses was killed.

November 5, 1914
George Dawe was killed Saturday night as a result of an auto accident and his son, Russell, was painfully injured. They were coming home from Mr. Dawe's farm about 6:30 p.m. and the accident occurred on the Golden Belt road less than half a mile east of town. Russell was driving the car and in passing around a rig driving by James Sullivan the car skidded, a tire came off a rear wheel and the car turned completely over. Goorge was riding in the rear seat and when the car turned over his body was very badly crushed, his right leg broken and spine injured. Russell had the cushion out of the driver's seat and was protected by the steering wheel and stem to a certain extent. Help was summoned immediately and under the direction of Dr. R.G. Hill, both Mr. Dawe and Russell were brought to town, Mr Dawe dying shortly after being brought to his home. This is one of the most distressing accidents ever occurring in this community, and the first auto accident of any consequence.

December 3, 1914
Tuesday evening The Reporter put in a telephone call for Ned Kimball, at the Mercury Office, Manhattan. A few minutes later central said "Ned Kimball died this morning, of typhoid fever." Ned was one of the most popular among the Kansas editors. He was always in attendance at association meetings and was recognized as one of the foremost Kansas writers. In his death, Manhattan loses one of her best citizens.

Mrs. T.F. Jenkins, one of the pioneer residents of Kansas, died at her home on Lincoln Avenue the morning of Thanksgiving Day. Nov 26, 1914, after a short illness, being bedfast only about ten days. Mrs. Jenkins was known to most of the residents of this community and was in all ways an estimable character. She was among the first residents of this community and her long residence and neighborly kindnesses had endeared her to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Emily Jane Limerick was born in Ohio on June 29, 1837. A number of years later she removed with her family to Illinois, and came from there to Kansas in 1885, settling about two miles this side of the present site of Westmoreland, which at that time was part of Riley County.

December 17 1914
Dr. J.M. Jennings has suffered another accident. Last Thursday night he fell and broke a hip bone. He was taken to his home and the next morning an X-ray picture was taken of the break. He is now doing as well as could be expected of a man his age. Dr. Jennings has been the victim of more accidents than anyone we ever knew living in this vicinity.

Genealogical Resources at the Library

Are you looking for information about Western Kansasa relatives/ancestors? Societies are few and far between west of Hays, but your library has a collection of journals published by the Ford County Genealogical Society. On our shelves are quarterlies, entitled ***The Treesearcher***, spanning the period 1958 to 2014 and continuing to present. All are indexed and full of information. A quick look at Volume 55, Number 1, 2013 gives us some Ford County School records from 1900, Kansas Civil War soldiers Members of California GAR, articles about the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Why people leave coins on military headstones, Kansas who married outside of Kansas. Issue 2 has Ensign Sunday School

information, a history lesson on the formation and re-formation of the town of Ulysses, The Hopkins Family Bible records, Military History of the Boehme and Lightcap Families, More Kansans who married outside of Kansas. Issue 3 has both the Hadley and Abraham Veeder Dockstader family Bible records, and Early Haskell County Marriages.

A glance at the fourth quarterly for 2013 shows us Offerle- a Lively Little City, and a story of the disastrous prairie fire which affected Spearville. Moving on, to the first quarterly of 2014, we find an index of Finney County Probates, a Gray County Record News Notes, A Short history of the Zion Lutheran Church in Offerle, and Bunch Family Bible Records. The second journal of that year has more Finney County Probate Records, a listing of little known or abandoned cemeteries in Labette County. In the next issue there is part 3 of the Finney County Probate Index, a short history of Cedar Vale, a article about Oklahoma Land Settlement. Issue 4 has part 4 of the probate records, War Vets buried in Hodgeman County, some obits of Confederate soldiers buried in Kansas, a listing of the burials in Pleasant Valley Cermetery at Bucklyn, Bible records for the family of William W. Harding.

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Anna Unruh
Early Mennonite Settler in Kansas

Anna Unruh was born in Nikolaidorf, Molotschna, South Russia, on 15 January 1855. She was the sixth child of Peter Unruh (1822-1900) and Sarah Schroeder (1827-1914). Anna and her family were part of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church congregation and community. This church was part of the larger group of Low German Mennonites who had settled the Molotschna area of South Russia because of Catherine the Great who issued a Manifesto in 1763 inviting Europeans to come and settle various pieces of land within Russia. The Alexanderwohl congregation was among many Mennonites who accepted this invitation and had moved to south Russia. Alexanderwohl had migrated to South Russia in masse in 1820 and 1821. (At that time, they had left their homes in Prussia, which is now Poland, to go to new farms in South Russia.)



The house where Anna Unruh was born in 1855 in Nikolaidorf, Molotchna, South Russia

After living in Rusia for 50 years, things suddenly changed. In 1870, an imperial proclamation announced a "Russification" plan that would end all special privileges for the Mennonites that had been granted in perpetuity by the Empress Catherine. The Alexanderwohl Church congregation families were particularly alarmed at the possibility of losing their exemption from military service and their right for schools to use the German language, which they believed was necessary to maintain their cultural and religious life.3 Anna and her family were a part of the Alexanderwohl Church congregation that migrated en masse to Kansas in 1874. The group decided to leave because there was good land in Kansas, but also because of the changes going on in Russia at the time.

"The group that wanted to emigrate gathered in the Alexanderwohl church where His Excellency Mr. von Todleben tried to reverse the emigration movement by portraying the good received in Russia and how bad it is in America."4 However, permission to leave was eventually granted. The families of the Alexanderwohl Con-

gregation along with others sold their farms and purchased tickets to America. When Anna was 19 years old, her family and the rest of the Alexanderwohl congregation boarded the Cimbria and sailed to America.7

Anna Unruh's family

Anna's family settled in Meridian Township, McPherson County west of Goessel in a village called Blumenfeld.1 Anna continued as a member of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church till she married Johann K. Regier on 30 March, 1879. She joined the Huffnungsau Mennonite Church and moved to the Buhler area where her husband's family had settled in 1876. According to the 1900 United States Census, they lived in Harvey County, Alta Township and owned their farm with no mortgage. Their farm was in the midst of a large number of prosperous Mennonite farms along "Dutch Avenue," the county road between Hesston and Buhler, Kansas. Anna and John eventually had ten children of whom one son and five daughters died as children.5 They employed one farm laborer who is also listed with them on the 1900 U.S. Census. Also according to the census, John and the children could talk English, but Anna could not.



Anna Unruh and John K. Regier (probably their wedding photo)



Anna Unruh and John K Regier's four older children (Agatha, John U., Sarah and Helena, seated) aken in about 1890.



Anna Unruh and John K. Regier (date unknown)

Anna's Oldest Brother Stayed in Russia

There is a stark contrast between Anna Unruh's family's life and that of her oldest brother Heinrich. In 1874, when the rest of the family decided to go to America, Heinrich was already married with two children.5 For unknown reasons, Heinrich stayed behind in Russia while the rest of Anna's family emigrated to the U.S. One record5 says Heinrich Unruh was born 23 Mar 1845 (o.s.) and died 3 Nov 1928. Heinrich Unruh became the Aeltester (bishop or elder) of the Mennonite Church in Halbstadt, South Russia. Heinrich was also a teacher. After his first wife died, Heinrich remarried and moved his family to Muntau.2

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, Mennonites prospered in South Russia. However, in the 1920's, political conditions became extremely difficult for the Low German Mennonites. In 1925, Heinrich and his grown children wanted to emigrate. However, Heinrich was unable to leave at that time because he had developed Parkinson's disease. Somebody had to remain in Russia with old man Heinrich. Heinrich's wife Maria drew straws for their sons and son Heinz drew the shorter one and had to stay in Russia with the father. The other son was able to leave for Canada. When Heinrich, the father with Parkinson's disease, died in 1928, his son Heinz (Anna Unruh's first cousin) tried to leave Russia three times. Each time, he and his family were sent back and not allowed to leave the country. The third attempt led to Heinz's arrest. After months of interrogation he received a 25-year sentence in a forced labor camp north of Tomsk, Siberia. His wife followed him with their two daughters and they stayed in Tomsk.6

One of the daughters died of a scarlet fever epidemic in the barrack where the women and children stayed. Nine of the 10 children living there died. Only Heinz's oldest daughter survived. 6

A 25-year sentence in a forced labor camp was like a death sentence. The camp where Heinz we sent housed both political and criminal prisoners. Shortly after his arrival, Heinz's neighbor on the next bunk said that his five years of prison for stealing bread would be up the next day. However this neighbor died during the night. Heinz noticed his death, changed bunks with him, took his jacket and papers, went to the office and claimed that his time was up. They let Heinz go but he now used the name of Matins, the man whose papers he had stolen. 6

In 1938, Heinz was found out and again arrested. After months of trials and brutal torture he had to confess (falsely) that he was a German spy. He and others had been kept in cages too small to stand or lie down in. He had lost one eye from beatings with a heavy iron chain. An acquaintance informed Maria, Heinz's wife that every weekend a number of prisoners were released from prison, some clothed and others naked. The ones with clothes were sent back to the work camps. The naked ones were shot. Maria had seen Heinz in the naked group. He had been shot. 6

The Unruh family in the U.S. learned the entire story decades after Heinz was shot. In 1970, Unruh cousins from Canada (descendants of Heinz's brother who had left Russia in 1925) met with Heinrich's surviving daughters in the USSR. They had been very afraid to talk because of the KGB (the Russian secret police), but were willing to tell their story outdoors in a park where they would not be "bugged." So finally, the American Unruhs learned the full story of their relatives in Russia. 6

Anna Unruh's life as a traditional Mennonite farm wife in Kansas

Anna Unruh led a good life that spanned 95 years. She cooked the traditional dishes and spoke the Low German dialect in addition to High German and some English.9 Even though she lost four of her ten children, six of them prospered. Anna lived through the time of the American Civil War, World War I, The Great Depression and World War II. During her lifetime she lived on two very different continents. She saw the invention of the telephone, the electric light bulb, the automobile, radio, photographic film, movies, airplanes, television, the atomic bomb and many other life-changing inventions. How much difference her father's decision to come to

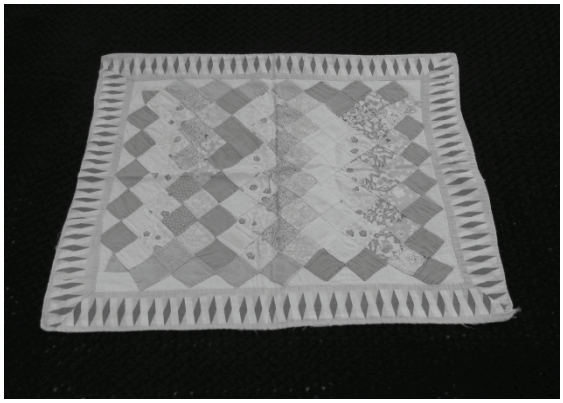
America in 1874 made in her life and that of her descendants.

Author's note:
Anna Unruh was my great-grandmother. When I met her, she was very old and I was very young. (She died when I was 8 years old.) I remember her living across the street from my grandmother in Buhler. As an elderly woman, she lived with her daughter, Helen, in Buhler. She was a tiny woman who never weighed as much as 100 pounds. She never learned to talk English very well so I did not learn about her life first hand. She made me a doll quilt, which I have to this day, so that I would remember her.

Judy Voth Regehr, Great-granddaughter of Anna Unruh



Anna Unruh later in life
as the author remembers her



Doll quilt made by AnnUnruh for me to remember her by

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from the website found at http://www.alexanderwohl.org/history.html.

Book Reviews

Dodge City and Ford County. Kansas 1870-1920
published by Ford County Historical Society, Dodge City, Kansas

A new aquisition at the library, this book covers pioneer histories and stories from the period. In the Table of Contents the names of included family biographies are listed. There is information about the cities and towns of Ford County, and about the educational opportunities of the time. There are many pictures included in the biographies. The book which has 377 pages, is not indexed, but the biographies are listed alphabetically. It is located in the Kansas Room in the Ford County section.

Another recent acquisition is ***History and Heritage of Gove County, Kansas, A Bicentennial Project***, published by the Gove County Bicentennial Commission and the Gove County Historical Association. In the Table of Contents can be found early history of the area, information about the early trails, the coming of the railroad, some of the early settlers, and how the county was organized. A listing of the towns and communities is included with articles about each. There is a listing of rural communities, and ranches, the churches, the schools, the county agriculture, its natural resources, and of the cemeteries in Gove County. There are many pictures and articles in its 280 pages. It is located in the Kansas Room in the Gove County section.

New Books for Sale

#283 ***Discharged Soldier, Sailors And Marines From The World War I Era, 1919 To 1923, Recorded At Riley County, Kansas*** Ekart October 2014 $26

#284 ***Supplement to Saint Patricks On The Elbo, Pottawatomie County, Kansas, Items from 1880 To 2014*** (Original Publication #178) Ekart, October 2014 $10

#285 ***Index to the Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Items Printed in the Eskridge Star during the period of January 6, 1887 Thru December 28, 1899 At Eskridge, Wabaunsee County, Kansas*** Ekart November 2014 $21

#286 ***Index to the Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Items printed in the Eskridge Star during the period of January 4, 1900 thru February 4, 1909 and in the Eskridge Tribune Star during the period of February 11, 1909 Thru July 29, 1909 at Eskridge, Wabaunsee County, Kansas*** Ekart December 2014 $51

#287 ***Index to the Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Items Printed in the Eskridge Tribune Star during the period of August 5, 1909 Thru September 30, 1920 at Eskridge, Wabaunsee County, Kansas*** Ekart December 2014 $49

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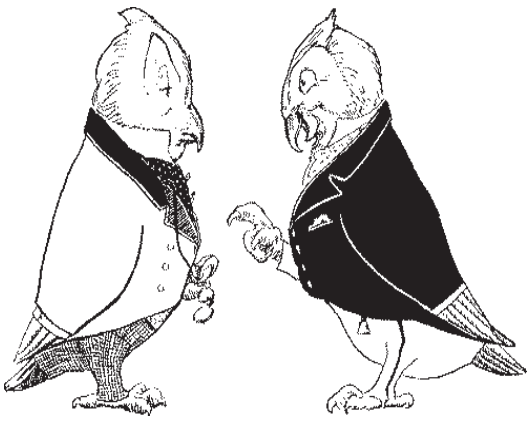
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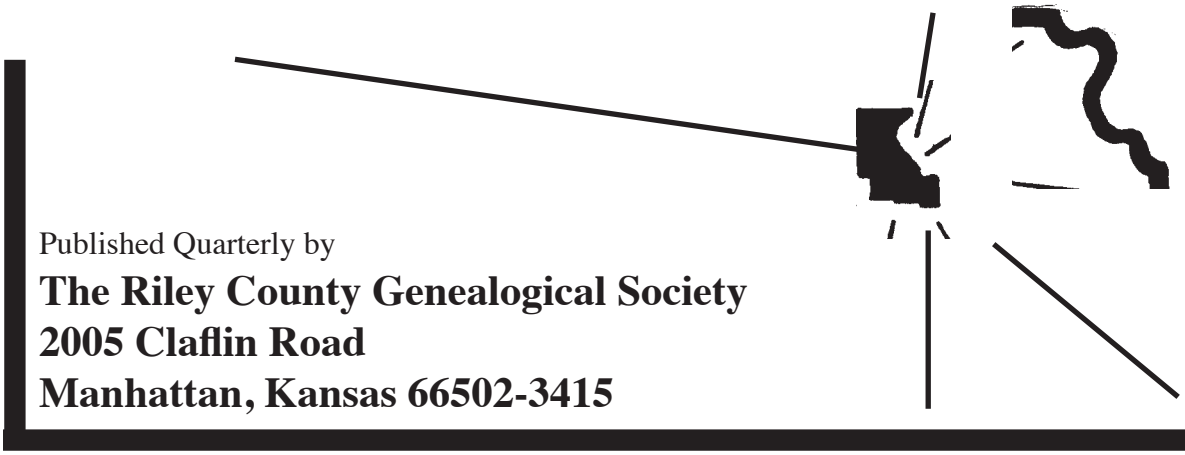
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RCGS Programs for 2015

May 31, 2pm - Location: Manhattan Public Library Auditorium, LaBarbara Wigfall, Black History in Kansas: Nicodemus preserve its heritage

June 28, 2pm - Location: Manhattan Public Library Auditorium, Glen Lojka, Czech Immigration to Cuba Kansas

July 26, 2pm - Pat O'Brien, Some of the original homes built in Manhattan or a program on her dig and reach of the Pawnee Indians

August 23, 2pm - Roy Bird, The Many Faces of the Kansas Civil War,

Sept – Vickie Hiebert to present a program - at the library on the INDEXING project through family search. She will use the computer lab. (this is in place of the Family Search Program) This is a great program for volunteers to add photographed documents in an organized form to the computer so the records would be available to all at no charge.
Nov- - Annual Metting and Dinner, at Zeandale

Check the website for an updated list.

From the Editor

Did you hear the bells ring last month? In rembrance of the ending of the Civil War in this country, and Lee's surrender of his Confederate forces at Appamattox, bells across the nation were to be rung. Riley County Historical Society planned to ring both of the big bells they have, the one from the Hartford, and the one from the Bala Presybterian Church. Also they planned to ring the school bell at the Rocky Ford School which they have rennovated. Did you hear them? You were invited to ring any bells that you have also at the same time. Judy Regehr has submited a piece found in this issue, that reminds us of the country's reaction to the assassination of President Lincoln, which occurred only a few days following the peace agreement.

RCGS has held its spring clean-up. Thanks go to all those who turned out to help Joe Ott and Sue Smith spruce up our library and our grounds.

The Memorium space in the next column lists several faithful and hard working members of our society who have passed during this preceding quarter. Our hearts go out to their families.

Sue Smith has requested a reminder to save any receipts you get from Horticulture Services on East Hiway 24. She can combine them and use them for discounts on some plant materials for the RCGS library grounds. Just bring them to the library where she will have a collection box.

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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.



In Memorium

Elaine Olney
Libby Wolffing
John Brown
Ray Dee Yonning

RCGS New Members

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Kate Massa	South Plainfield, NJ
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The library will be closed

On all National Holidays and during inclement weather.

Found Photo: 1933 Blue Rapids, KS – Parade Entry
By Wann Towers



It is interesting to find a photograph and learn all you can about the people, the event, the location and date. The following story of the twelve people in the photo became known with the help of Pat Osborne and Maxine Lamb Haller of Blue Rapids, Kansas.

In the background are two or three large barn type structures commonly found on Kansas County fairgrounds. Many cars parked tightly together as in a parking lot, indicate a special event was taking place. The streamers on the truck and the number 130 on a stake in the ground near the front of the truck suggest an entry in a parade. There are barely visible watermarks on the photo, which appear to read "Blue Rapids, Kans. 9-29-1933" "Marysville, Kans." "Hawk".

A typed note on the back of the photo reads: "Percy, Gerald, James Strader, Jack Beiler, Dale Reed, Gordon Ensley, Wynona Harrison, Mary McLeary, Maxine Lamb, Rosa Lea Ensley, Joe Holly Teacher: Olive E. Ashton Taken: 1933" Some names were misspelled.

Using the "preponderance of evidence" from census records, Social Security Death Index, Find a Grave, Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie and various other sources in Riley County Genealogical Society library, I was able to get the story to come together.

The photographer was Omar Hawkins 1890 – 1967, from Marysville, Kansas. Mr. Hawkins took thousands of photos of Marshall County businesses, events, agricultural activities and everyday people in the years 1912 - 1945. Many of his photos and a list of 2489 images in his collection are on Kansas State Historical Society's Kansas Memory web site.

Ashton Family

The teacher, Olive Ashton was born February 22, 1911 in Kansas. She died February 27, 2003 at the age of 92 in Oregon and is buried with her husband Lloyd Alvin Pool (1913 – 1992) in West Salem, OR. Olive was the daughter of Oscar and Nora Ashton and had a sister Inez who was three years younger. According to Maxine Haller, Oscar Ashton owned/ran the Texaco gas station across the street from the Marshall County fairgrounds. He was the driver of the truck in the photoand had given each child a Texaco Fire Chief hat to wear.

Bieler Family

Jack S. Bieler was born October 10, 1919 in Marysville, KS. In the KS 1930 census Jack age 10, lived with E. S. Bieler age 53, Myrtle Bieler age 48 and Lester C. Bieler age 12. In the KS 1940 census Jack lived with his mother Myrtle Bieler age 58 in rural Marshall County, KS occupation "Truck Driver". His obituary stated, "was a jockey" with one daughter, Candice Towns of Redding, CA and two grandchildren surviving. Jack died March 30, 1996 at age 76.

Ensley Family

Samuel C. (Samuel Jesse) and Elizabeth (Digman) Ensley are the parents of Gordon Ensley and Roselea Ensley. In KS 1930 census, Gordon (10) and Rosa (5) were the youngest of seven children. Older siblings were Roy (24), Elvira (22), Lawrence (19), Ray (17) and Milton (14) Ensley. Sisters Faye Margaret (b. 1904) Harrison and Mildred Kurtz were not living at home. Cottage Hill, Marshall, Kansas was their place of residence. More information from Find a Grave gives Gordon's birthdate October 6, 1919 in Irving, KS and death date May 24, 2012 in Topeka, KS at age 92. Gordon married Wilma Pauley of Beattie, KS in 1938. They had four sons. Gordon worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Roselea Ensley was born December 13, 1924. Roselea married Robert Dresser. They later separated. Roselea's obituary stated she had two children: Nancy L. Lauby and Robert F. Dresser. She moved to Manhattan, KS in 1958 where she died June 25, 2011 at the age of 86.

Harrison Family

Winona Harrison was living in Lincoln, Marshall County in the KS 1940 census. Her father was Charles Harrison. Her mother was Fay Ensley Harrison. Their children were Winona Harrison age 13, Charles Harrison age 11. The Harrison and the Ensley children were first cousins. Winona was born June 28, 1926, married November 22, 1947 to Francis M. Oswalt. Winona died January 11, 2005 in Onaga, KS. She and Francis had four sons, Joseph, John, Gene and Ronald.

Holy Family

Joseph Albert Holy, Jr. was born April 23, 1921 and died June 23, 1999 in Lincoln, NE. Joe's parents were Joe and Barbara Holy. Both parents were born in Czechoslovakia. According to Maxine Haller, Joe never married.

Lamb Family

Maxine Lamb Haller contributed information for this story written in February 2015. Maxine Lamb, born July 6, 1927, was the daughter of Harry and Ruby Lamb. She was born in a house south of Blue Rapids, KS in an area known as Game Fork community. Maxine married Jack Haller November 18, 1945. The 1933 Marshall County Fair parade was on the oval track of the Blue Rapids fairgrounds. Friday was "County School Day".

Each county school prepared a display to show in the "Old Schoolhouse" building, now the 4-H building. She recalled the students usually walked in the parade.

The teacher, Miss Olive Ashton, roomed with the Harry Lamb family. Mr. Lamb was on the school board. He would drive Olive and Maxine to the schoolhouse early each morning to start the fire and prepare the schoolroom for class.

McClary Family

Mary Margaret McClary was born December 25, 1921 and died August 8, 1998. She was the daughter of Harry and Maude McKibbon McClary. Mary Margaret married Lester Alvin Gullion April 7, 1942 in Beattie, KS. Her obituary states she was survived by three sons: Alvin, Gary, Ricky and four daughters Judy Dalrymple, Beverly Roland, Carolyn Deadmond, Marcia Gabel.

Reed Family

We find Dale R. Reed in the KS 1930 census living with parents Ralph E. Reed age 35, Otilla M. Reed age 31, Lola M. Reed age 12, Opal L. Reed age 10 and Dale R. Reed age 9. Their home was in Blue Rapids, KS. From the Social Security Death Index we learn Dale was born February 17, 1921 and died in September 9, 1976 in Beatrice, NE.

Strader Family

Percy, Gerald and James Strader's parents were Harold Roosevelt Strader 1901-1990 and Anna Luticia Vaught 1905 – 1982. Percy Strader was born November 7, 1922. He died in a car wreck on the Gamefork bridge at age 26 on March 15, 1949. Percy and Rose Katherine Cook were married June 27, 1942. They had a son Robert Dean who was three years old when his father Percy, died. James A. Strader was born October 13, 1924 in Blue Rapids, Kansas and died at age 79 August 4, 2004 in Mesa, Az. James married Helen Lynch in May of 1991. Gerald Strader was born May 6, 1926 in Marshall County, KS and died in September 1985 at age 59 in Blue Rapids, KS. Gerald and Betty Jo Gehring were married June 20, 1948. They had five children: sons Roger, Alan, Eric, Roland, Dennis and daughters Janet and Regina.

The Marshall County Fair was held September 26 -29 in 1933. This parade entry of children on the Texaco truck won the prize with their stuffed skunk and a pitchfork to represent Game (skunk) Fork (pitchfork) School. Thank you to Maxine Lamb Haller for her memories of this parade. She was the youngest child on the truck and just starting first grade in 1933.

Researching the children and teacher in this photo has been an interesting and enjoyable challenge. Brothers, sisters, cousins and next-door neighbors were on the parade float.

Resources used in this story are in the Riley County Genealogical Society Library vertical file Subject: Family History 929.2 Found Photo – 1933 Blue Rapids, KS – Parade Entry.

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Pottawatomie County – World War I Slackers?

by Margaret Parker

A June 9, 1918 column in the Kansas City Star named Pottawatomie County "the most disloyal county in the state because of opposition to the draft." According to the Star, of the 1,247 men registered at that time for the draft, 700 had asked for exemption or deferral. Among the legal exemptions from military service during World War I were those who were employed in agriculture or industries essential to the war effort or those who were the sole provider of income in a family with a deceased spouse or deceased parents and children under 16 years of age.

The Star columnist seemed to believe that one of the major reasons for opposition to the draft was the large population of German emigrants in Pottawatomie County. Non-naturalized "enemy aliens" were required to register with the Department of Justice to protect the national security. Any German citizen in the United States over the age of 14 was included in this directive, including American born wives of these citizens. Affidavits may include place and date of birth, physical description, photo, and names of family members. Although many of these records were later ordered destroyed, the National Archives at Kansas City has the documents for the state of Kansas. (National Archives website, http://blogs.archives.gov/prologue/?p=12680)

People who did not support the war effort were deemed unpatriotic and were called "slackers." In many cases, the offense was merely not contributing

to the Red Cross or subscribing to the Liberty Loan. Liberty bonds were first used in World War I to finance the costs of the war and subscribing to them became a symbol of patriotism. After the war, the bond could be redeemed for the purchase price plus interest. There were four issues of Liberty Bonds and the federal government printed thousands of posters encouraging people to buy them. Examples of the slogans on these posters were “Beat back the Hun with Liberty Bonds” and “Bomb Them with War Bonds.”

In several cities across the country, there were "slacker raids" to round up those perceived to be unpatriotic. The draft law in place at that time required that men eligible for the draft carry their draft registration card with them at all times. In 1918, in a raid of the New York City area, over 60,000 men were detained and remained in jail until they could prove their draft status; however, only 199 were found to actually be draft dodgers. In Kansas, Governor Arthur Capper kept a large file of correspondence about German sympathizers and persons thought to be disloyal to the United States, commonly referred to as "slackers." The collection can be viewed at the Kansas State Historical Society website and includes a letter from a woman in Pottawatomie County accusing a man of rural Westmoreland of “making unpatriotic remarks about the government.”

When a person was deemed to be a "slacker," yellow paint was one of the methods used to indicate their disloyalty. The Kansas City Star article listed the people to whose property the first yellow paint was applied in Wamego. They were as follows: Louis B. Leach, sidewalk in front of home, Louis B. Leach, motor car, Emile Brunner, law offices, E. J. Fischer, John Kramer, William Kolterman, Ed Payne, Henry Horst and Nick Hirsch. The latter five soon purchased the Liberty Bonds, but Leach, Brunner and Fischer were not to be let off so easily.

The June 5, 1918 issue of the ***Topeka Capital*** describes Louis Leach as "Pottawatomie county's richest citizen.” It tells of the incident when some residents of Wamego painted Mr. Leach's Apperson Six motor car with yellow paint and the word "slacker" was scratched through the paint. In defiance, Mr. Leach then drove the car around Wamego and on to Kansas City but a crowd of people there threatened to overturn the car and he was forced to take it to a garage and have it repainted. In June 1918 Leach was removed by order of the Kansas state bank commissioner from his duties as president and director of the Wamego State Bank, which he founded. Reasons given for the removal were "failure to invest in liberty bonds," and "failure to subscribe to the Red Cross." In addition, his son-in-law, Floyd Fischer, had procured a position in Virginia as a field clerk with the help of Leach and the attorney, Emile Brunner, and this was seen as an effort to evade the draft. The other members of the board of directors were afraid of a run on the bank if Mr. Leach were not removed.

Following is an account of the events as seen through use of the Wamego Public Library’s online digital archive of local newspapers with issues available for the years 1867 through 1982:

Wamego Reporter, June 6, 1918, pg. 2, col. 1
What might easily have proven to be a serious situation Saturday was only averted by the absence of a leader. A very little agitation would have put a waiting crowd in condition that might have proven serious to L. B. Leach. Mr. Leach is known to be a wealthy man yet he has absolutely refused to subscribe one cent to the last Red Cross fund... a number of our people went to Mr. Leach and endeavored to subscribe to the Red Cross fund. He absolutely refused to contribute and after ordering the men out of his office, he said: "You may paint my body yellow. You may tar and feather me. You may hang me, but I will not give one cent to the Red Cross."

Saturday night little else was talked about except Leach's action and when a telegram was received that his son-in-law had been discharged from his bullet-proof job, the boys could not resist the temptation to get out their yellow paint and ornament Mr. Leach's automobile...

There is almost a solid community against the stand Leach has taken in this matter. Friends of many years standing denounce him, men who were glad to work with him forty years or more ago for Wamego, are sorry that his stubbornness keeps him from doing his part in supporting the greatest organization the world has ever known.

Wamego Reporter, June 13, 1918, pg. 2, col. 1 There seems to be a desire among our people to get together and put a stop to the condition which is growing worse here. Letters from State Boards approve of the actions taken here to stamp out disloyalty and it should be an easy matter for Wamegoans to get together, all work for any proposition which will help win the war and drop personal matters.

Wamego Reporter, July 25, 1918, pg. 2, col. 3 Tuesday night the Wamego company of Kansas State Guards came out to drill in their new uniforms... The community is giving the company ample support, - city, county, township. Besides this the company has received a cash donation of $250 from L. B. Leach through L. L Parsons.

Upon his return to Wamego recently, L. B. Leach closed a deal with Louis L. Parsons, whereby Louis Parsons becomes the owner of the old opera house property, the consideration being $2,001.
According to the terms of the deal, Louis Parsons makes certain payments on behalf of Mr. Leach, part immediately and part to be paid within 18 months. The payments to be made immediately were as follows

American Red Cross	$500
Y M C A	$500
Wamego State Guards	$250
Episcopal Church	$51

Louis Leach seemed to suffer no long term ill effects as the result of his stance against the Red Cross. He continued a variety of business enterprises and is listed in the 1921 Topeka City Directory as vice-president of Elmhurst Investment Company and in 1924 as vice-president of Orlando Petroleum Company. He died June 5, 1926 and is buried in the Wamego City Cemetery.

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Guinness confirms Confucius Family Tree as World's Largest

by Dick Eastman

The genealogical line of the ancient Chinese sage Confucius has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest family tree in history, containing the names of more than 2 million descendants, according to the latest edition of the Confucius genealogy book published in 2009.

According to those who have looked at the book (in Chinese), the Confucius Genealogy appears to contain many source citations and supporting documentation.

You can read more in an article in the WantChinaTimes.com web site at http://www.wantchinatimes.com/news-subclass-cnt.aspx?id=20150421000004&cid=1103.

New Acquisitions at the Library

Three historical ledgers, used to record vital statistics In Riley County and the City of Manhattan, are now available in print and digital format at Riley County Genealogical Society Library:

1. Marriage, birth and death records, 1885-1886
2. Vital statistics records, 1892-1909, No. 1, Riley County
3. Heath officer's record of births, deaths, and contagious diseases, 1909-1911

The ledgers, transcribed by Margaret Parker, proof-read by Marcia Schuley and formatted by Jan Lange, RCGS volunteers, provide much more than just dates. Details of births, deaths, nativity of parents and maiden names offer clues to the genealogist. All Surnames have been added to the RCGS website and the records may be read by members.

The sister of the "large baby" in the White family record was Dr. Mary Frances White, long time member of the English Department at Kansas State University.

Below and on the next page are two examples of the information these ledgers provide.

DEATHS

Record Page 29 Line # 40

Last Name of Deceased	King		**Age** 5	**Sex**	F
First Name of Deceased	Arletta W		**Color** Colo	**Marital Status**	
Occupation		**Nativity**	U S		
Cause of Death	Burned	**Duration of Disease**			
Place of Death	Manhattan	**Complication**			
Date of Death	25-Oct-1906	**Duration of Complication**			
Father's First Name		**Mother's First Name**			
Father's Last Name		**Mother's Maiden Name**			
Birthplace		**Birthplace**			
Return Made By	Dr Montgomery	**Date of Return**	26-Oct-1906	**P O Address**	Manhattan
Remarks					

Record Page 29 Line # 41

Last Name of Deceased	Curr		**Age** 36	**Sex**	M
First Name of Deceased	Earl		**Color** W	**Marital Status**	Married
Occupation	R R Man	**Nativity**	U S		
Cause of Death	Killed by Train	**Duration of Disease**			
Place of Death	Little Rock, Ark	**Complication**			
Date of Death	20-Oct-1906	**Duration of Complication**			
Father's First Name		**Mother's First Name**			
Father's Last Name		**Mother's Maiden Name**			
Birthplace		**Birthplace**			
Return Made By	Southern & Wahl	**Date of Return**	23-Oct-1906	**P O Address**	Manhattan
Remarks					

BIRTHS

Record Page 5 **Record # 34**

Father's Last Name	Straub	**Father's Age**	34
Father's First Name	John	**Father's Nativity**	American
Occupation	Farmer		
Mother's First Name	Vesta	**Mother's Age**	24
Mother's Maiden Name	Diamon	**Mother's Nativity**	American
First Name of Child		**Sex** M	**Race or Color** White
Last Name of Child		**No of this Child of this Mother**	1
Date of Birth 04-Apr-1895	**Born Alive?** Yes	**Legitimate?**	Yes
Place of Birth	Manhattan, Ks	**Natural Labor?**	Yes
Difficult Labor?	**Cause of Difficult Labor**	**Means of Relief**	
Returned by H S Willard	**P O Address** Manhattan	**Date of Return**	04-Apr-1895

Record Page 5 **Record # 35**

Father's Last Name	White	**Father's Age**	32
Father's First Name	Francis H	**Father's Nativity**	New York
Occupation	Professor		
Mother's First Name	Anna D	**Mother's Age**	24
Mother's Maiden Name	Fairchild	**Mother's Nativity**	Mich
First Name of Child		**Sex** M	**Race or Color** White
Last Name of Child		**No of this Child of this Mother**	1
Date of Birth 15-Apr-1895	**Born Alive?** Yes	**Legitimate?**	Yes
Place of Birth	Manhattan, Ks	**Natural Labor?**	No
Difficult Labor? Yes	**Cause of Difficult Labor** Small pelvis & large chil	**Means of Relief**	Forceps
Returned by H S Roberts	**P O Address** Manhattan	**Date of Return**	15-Apr-1895

The Burger-King Wedding

by Dick Eastman

I'd like to introduce you to the future Mr. and Mrs. Burger-King. It seems that Joel Burger and Ashley King of Illinois are getting married, finally uniting the two warring families of the fast food kingdom and bringing peace to our land.

No, this isn't a joke. A Burger-King wedding is happening. This should be an interesting entry in some genealogy databases! Details may be found at http://www.sj-r.com/article/20150402/NEWS/150409862/?Start=1.

The Marchant Family in Manhattan, Kansas

Lewis H. Marchant, Civil War Soldier and Resident of Manhattan, Kansas

by Sherry Butler

In February 2015, Ronald Olmstead, researcher and descendant of Lewis H. Marchant contacted the Riley County Genealogical Society, via our website, alerting us to the error in our Sunset Cemetery book regarding the death of his ancestor. To support his claim of the man's birth and death, he sent several pages of research from his over 2,000 page Olmstead Family History. The society apologizes for the unfortunate error, in both the original cemetery publication and in the 2000 updated book, Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan, KS. In addition to our date error, we spelled his name as Louis rather than the correct spelling of Lewis. This was also done in newspaper articles found in various Manhattan papers. The family was aware of different generations of family spelling their surname either Merchant or Marchant.

The circumstances which brought this family to Manhattan were most interesting. Lewis H. was born 1 Jun 1840 in Chemung County, (now Schuyler) New York to Eliza A. Olmstead and Arlo Merchant , also spelled Marchant. He was one of 17 children. The family moved to Illinois in 1852, and Arlo, the father died there about three years later. Ten of the Marchant sons enlisted in the Civil War.

Our subject, Lewis, and one of the ten, enlisted 17 Sep 1861, serving in Company G, 45th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Private Marchant was honorably discharged 26 Sep 1864 in Georgia. In his pension declaration, he listed places of residence since serving. They were: Rockford, IL, Butler Co. IA, then Russell Co. KS until 1880, when he moved to Manhattan, Riley Co. KS. His pension certificate application number was 216940. It appears here.

DECLARATION FOR PENSION.

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION.

State of Kansas }
County of Riley } ss.

On this 1st day of June, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and Ten, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the county and State aforesaid, Lewis H Merchant, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is 70 years of age, and a resident of Manhattan county of Riley, State of Kans; and that he is the identical person who was ENROLLED at Rockford Ills, under the name of Lewis H Merchant, on the 17 day of Sept, 1861, as a Private, in Co G, 45" Regiment Ills" Vols Inft

(Here state rank, and company and regiment in the Army, or vessels if in the Navy.)

in the service of the United States, in the Civil war, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED

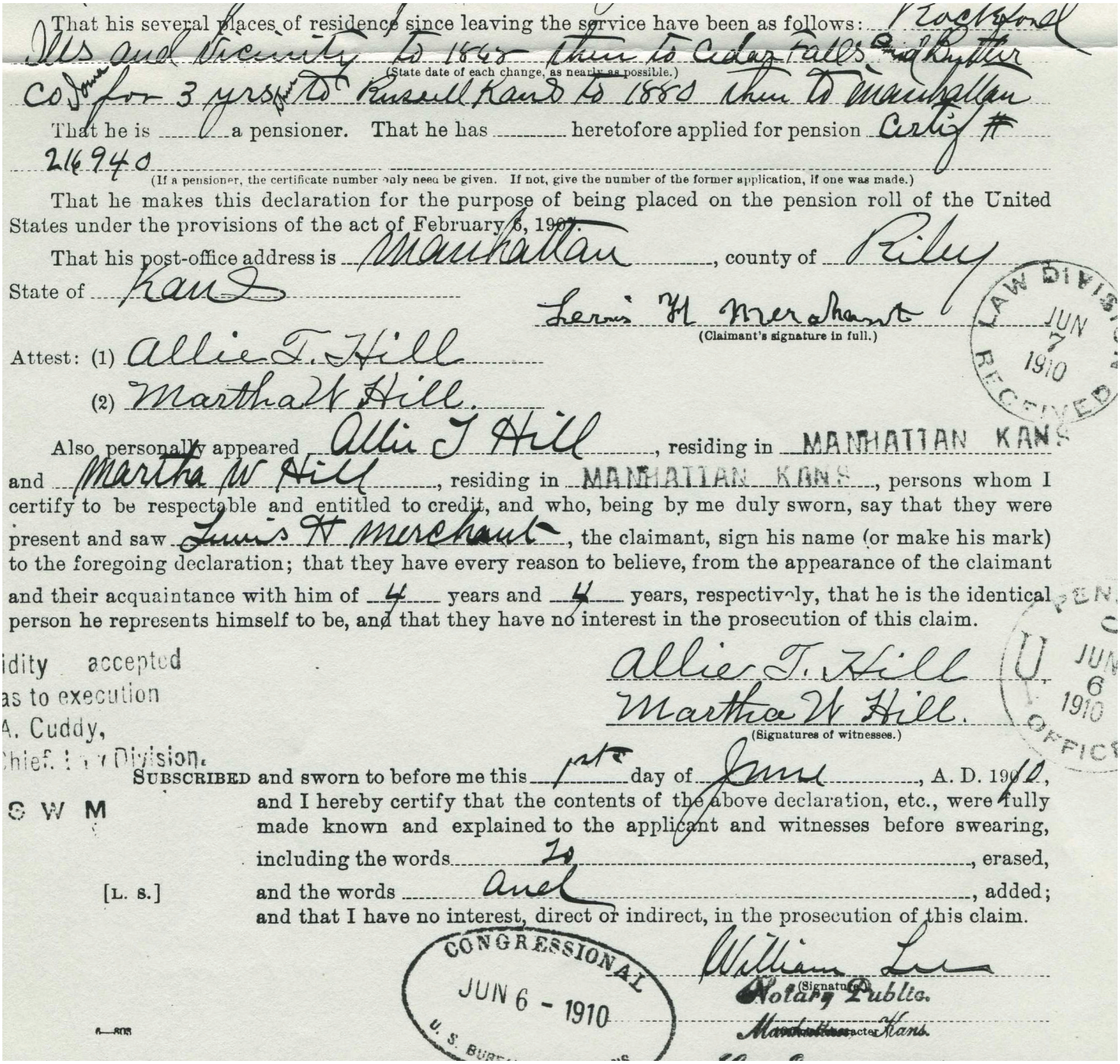
(State name of war, Civil or Mexican.)

at East Point Ga, on the 26 day of Sept, 1864

That he also served not

(Here give a complete statement of all other services, if any.)

That he was not employed in the military or naval service of the United States otherwise than as stated above. That his personal description at enlistment was as follows: Height, 5 feet 6 3/4 inches; complexion, Dark; color of eyes, brown; color of hair, Black; that his occupation was Farmer; that he was born June 1st, 1840, at Chemung Co N Y



That his several places of residence since leaving the service have been as follows: Rockford Ills and Vicinity to 1865 then to Cedar Falls Iowa & Butler Co Iowa for 3 yrs then to Russell Kans to 1880 then to Manhattan

That he is ____ a pensioner. That he has ____ heretofore applied for pension Certif # 216940

(If a pensioner, the certificate number only need be given. If not, give the number of the former application, if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the act of February 6, 1907.

That his post-office address is Manhattan, county of Riley State of Kans

Lewis H Merchant
(Claimant's signature in full.)

LAW DIVISION RECEIVED JUN 7 1910

Attest: (1) Allie T. Hill

(2) Martha W Hill.

Also personally appeared Allie T Hill, residing in MANHATTAN KANS and Martha W Hill, residing in MANHATTAN KANS, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Lewis H merchant, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the claimant and their acquaintance with him of 4 years and 4 years, respectively, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

idity accepted as to execution A. Cuddy, Chief. Law Division.

Allie T. Hill

Martha W Hill.
(Signatures of witnesses.)

PEN. OFFICE JUN 6 1910

C W M

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, A. D. 1910, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words to, erased, and the words and, added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[L. S.]

CONGRESSIONAL JUN 6 - 1910 U. S. BUREAU

William Lee
(Signature.)
Notary Public.
Manhattan Kans.
(Post-office address.)

Lewis Merchants obituary(seen opposite) states he moved to Russell Co. KS about 1870. I located the couple and seven children enumerated there on 11 June 1880, where he was farming. As you note, the family arrived here in September 1880. The article which appeared in the ***Nationalist***, shows the kindness and generosity of the citizens of Manhattan.

Mr. Olmstead, author of the family history would welcome hearing from others interested in the Marchants and their offspring. He may be reached at Ronald E. Olmstead, 2310 S. Farnsworth Dr. #45, Mesa, AZ 85209.

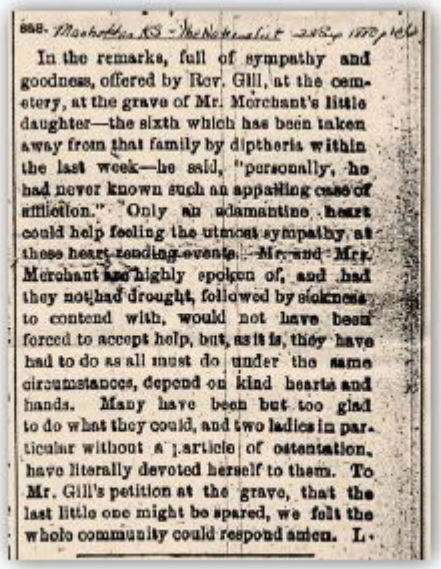
Lewis H. Marchant was born June 1, 1840, the son of Arlo and Eliza Ann (Olmstead) Marchant



Last week a family from Russell county, consisting of a man, woman and seven children, reached this place in a most pitiable condition. They were utterly destitute - obliged to leave their home, where only starvation was before them. Having a large family and but one team, they were not able to bring the little they had there. Several of the children were at death's door with that fearful disease, diptheria. One, a bright boy of twelve years, died on Friday; and for the others, though very sick, there is some hope of recovery. Mrs. Norcross interested herself in their behalf by soliciting and obtaining help. Mrs. Wm.Higinbotham, whose heart is always full of sympathy for the poor and sick, immediately sent a good supply of cooked provisions; and other ladies have been equally kind. Coming in contact with such wretchedness and misery, is apt to make one realize and better appreciate our blessings and surroundings, though they may not be just what we desire. L.
LATER: - Since the above was written another child, just fifteen years old, has died. And also a younger one.

....copied from p.4, the NATIONALIST Manhattan, Kansas Thur.17 Sept.,1880

In Mr. Olmstead's family book, we learn how Lewis and his family arrived in Riley County Kansas.



888. Manhattan KS - The Nationalist - 23 Sep 1880 pg 1 col 8

In the remarks, full of sympathy and goodness, offered by Rev. Gill, at the cemetery, at the grave of Mr. Morchant's little daughter—the sixth which has been taken away from that family by diptheria within the last week—he said, "personally, he had never known such an appalling case of affliction." Only an adamantine heart could help feeling the utmost sympathy at these heart-rending events. Mr. and Mrs. Merchant are highly spoken of, and had they not had drought, followed by sickness to contend with, would not have been forced to accept help, but, as it is, they have had to do as all must do under the same circumstances, depend on kind hearts and hands. Many have been but too glad to do what they could, and two ladies in particular without a particle of ostentation, have literally devoted herself to them. To Mr. Gill's petition at the grave, that the last little one might be spared, we felt the whole community could respond amen. L.

Lewis Marchant family Manhattan (KS) Nationalist 23 September 1880, pg. 1, col 8, clipping from Riley County Genealogical Society & Library.

Otto Kratzer's Photos Included in the Wabaunsee County Historical Society's Kratzer Exhibition.



This is a view of Etta "Grandma" Meseke on the occasion of her 85th birthday party on October 26, 1950, held at the Kratzer Bros. Mercantile at Volland. Etta Meseke was Mabel Meseke Kratzer's mother.

This is one of the photos which will be in the exhibition in June at Volland.



After the family meal it was usual for the men and children to gather outside and the men to sample the latest home made beer. The ladies were probably inside doing clean-up.



This is the crowd that gathered for the grand opening of the Kratzer Bros. Mercantile's new building in Volland, on October 18, 1913. Newspaper accounts of the day estimated an attendance of 500 people who joined the festivities at the Kratzer Store.

Wabaunsee County Exhibit of Photography of Otto Kratzer Opens

The Wabaunsee County Historical Society is hosting an exhibition of the photography of Volland, Kansas photographer and shopkeeper Otto Kratzer to be held at the opening of the Volland Store gallery and event center on June 7, 2015. The exhibition will feature over two dozen of Kratzer's photos. The event will also host the premier of a short documentary film which tells the story of Volland, the Kratzer store, and the historic photo collection.

Otto Kratzer moved to Volland in 1905 to join his brother, Bill, in the formation of Kratzer Bros. Mercantile, which operated first in a tiny frame building before moving into a new, imposing two-story brick building in 1913. After Otto Kratzer's death in 1971, the building fell into disrepair, resulting in the collapse of the roof and the entire interior of the building.

Patty and Jerry Reece, who have spearheaded a number of historic preservation projects in the Flint Hills, purchased the Kratzer property in 2012 and began a long and difficult process of rebuilding the badly damaged building. The Volland Store will serve as a gallery and community event center suitable for parties, weddings, corporate retreats, and art shows.

The show, Focus on History: The Photos and Films of Otto Kratzer, will hang at the gallery through Labor Day and open on June 7 at noon.

The event was funded through a grant provided by the Kansas Humanities Council with matching funds donated by fifty private citizens and corporate sponsorship from Wabaunsee County's Stockgrowers State Bank

Some Information About the Kratzer Family

Otto Kratzer was born on April 22, 1886 in rural Wabaunsee County, Kansas the son of German immigrants, John Adam and Louisa Christine Kratzer. Otto was the youngest of fourteen children, and when he was only seven years old, his father died, leaving five children living at home with their mother. Otto attended the rural Alma schools while working on the family farm and spending time with his older brothers who were merchants in Alma.

In 1904, just a month before Otto's 18th birthday, his oldest brother, John William "Bill" Kratzer purchased a small house in Volland, Kansas, located eight miles southwest of Alma on the Rock Island rail line. Bill's sister, Mary, Otto, and their niece, Louise Ditman moved to Volland with their brother. Bill and Otto rented a one-room country store, located next door to their home, and Kratzer Brothers' General Merchants was born. A year later, early in 1905, Bill Kratzer purchased seventeen acres of land across the road from the store.

Kratzer Bros. became the center of social interaction in the very rural Washington Township. Bill Kratzer became the Postmaster of Volland, and the store was well-patronized by the 350 residents of the township who made their livings by ranching, farming, and working for the Rock Island Railroad.

In 1918 Otto married Mabel Meseke, the daughter of Herman and Etta Meseke of rural Washington Township, and in 1919, the couple's first son, Vernon was born. In 1924 the couple's second son, Waldo, was born. After the Kratzer's house burned in 1929, the family moved into the upstairs of the store, joining Otto's brother, Bill. In 1930 Bill Krazter died, leaving his property at Volland to Otto and Mabel.

The store continued to be the center of the rural community, and Otto became Postmaster upon his brother's death, operating the Post Office at Volland until the office closed in 1955. Mabel Kratzer died in 1970, and Otto passed away a year later.

Throughout his 65 years at Volland, Otto Kratzer took thousands of photos of everyday life in the rural Flint Hills. During the 1950s and 1960s, Kratzer filmed life in Volland with his 8-millimeter movie camera. The Wabaunsee County Historical Society has over 2,000 of Otto Kratzer's photographs digitally preserved along with over six hours of his historic film.

He Didn't Wear a Top Hat

The Geary County Historical Society
Announces

A new exhibit which explores the changing world of the 1950's. New multidimensional displays include a grocery store and a hair salon, showing what life was like in
Geary County.

Visitors can play with a rotary telephone, test their own knowledge of famous people from the 50's, and share their own memories about this nostalgic time in American history.

The exhibit opened on March 14 and can be seen
Tuesday - Sunday from 1-4P.M.
at
The Geary County Historical Society
in Junction City.

New Books on the Shelves

#288 Obituaries from Topeka Capitol Journal 1994-2000 Compiled by Sherry Butler $49

#289 Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Riley County, 1885-1886, Compiled by Margaret Parker and Marcia Schuley $14

#290 Vital Statistics No. 1 Riley County, 1892 - 1909 – Volume 1, Births, Marriages, Contagious Diseases, Compiled by Margaret Parker and Marcia Schuley $72

#291 Vital Statistics No. 1 Riley County, 1892 - 1909 – Volume 2, Deaths, Compiled by Margaret Parker and Marcia Schuley $76

#292 Health Officer's Record, Riley County, 1909 - 1916, Volume 1, Births and Deaths Compiled by Margaret Parker and Marcia Schuley $53

#293 Health Officer's Record, Riley County, 1909 - 1916, Volume 2, Contagious Diseases Compiled by Margaret Parker and Marcia Schuley $86

#294 Index to the Births, Marriages, Deaths and Other Items Printed in (1) The Clay Center Monitor, 1883-1884 at Clay Center, Kansas, (2) The Leonardville Monitor 1884-1901 and (3) The Leonardville Echo 1912-1913 at Leonardville, Riley County, Kansas Ekart $22

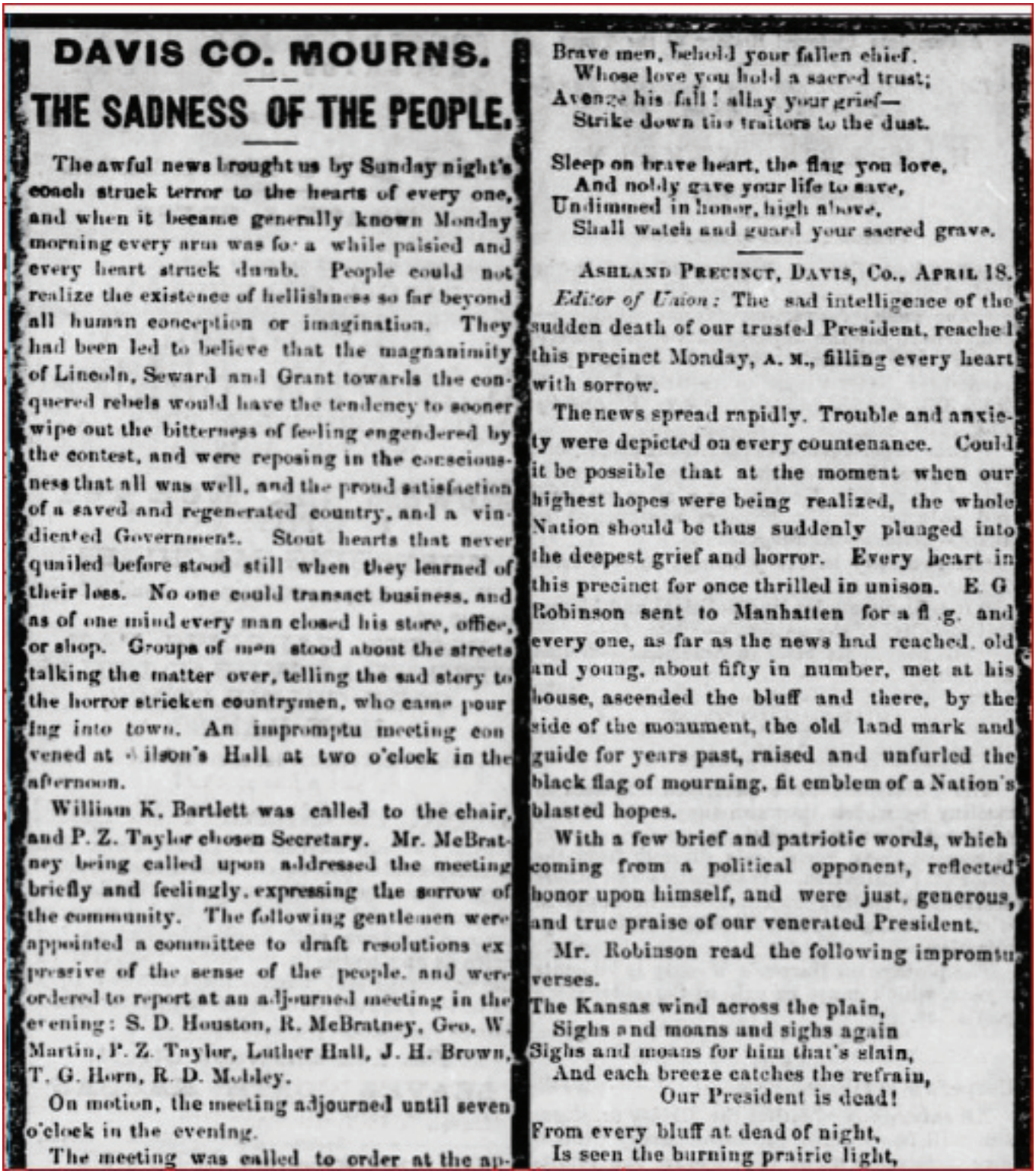
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What's the origin?

Expression: Take it with a grain of salt

Example: You have to take everything he says with a grain of salt because he lies so much.

Origin: This might be the oldest origin we have yet! First recorded by Pliny in 77 A.D., this phrase meaning "believe it with skepticism" comes from the Latin phrase "cum grano salis." In more modern times, the salt from the dinner table can make a not-so-pleasantly tasting meal more tolerable. Hence, when you tell someone to "take it with a grain of salt," it's in regards to the hope that it makes the skeptical news more tolerable.



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THE SADNESS OF THE PEOPLE.

The awful news brought us by Sunday night's coach struck terror to the hearts of every one, and when it became generally known Monday morning every arm was for a while palsied and every heart struck dumb. People could not realize the existence of hellishness so far beyond all human conception or imagination. They had been led to believe that the magnanimity of Lincoln, Seward and Grant towards the conquered rebels would have the tendency to sooner wipe out the bitterness of feeling engendered by the contest, and were reposing in the consciousness that all was well, and the proud satisfaction of a saved and regenerated country, and a vindicated Government. Stout hearts that never quailed before stood still when they learned of their loss. No one could transact business, and as of one mind every man closed his store, office, or shop. Groups of men stood about the streets talking the matter over, telling the sad story to the horror stricken countrymen, who came pouring into town. An impromptu meeting convened at Wilson's Hall at two o'clock in the afternoon.

William K. Bartlett was called to the chair, and P. Z. Taylor chosen Secretary. Mr. McBratney being called upon addressed the meeting briefly and feelingly, expressing the sorrow of the community. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the people, and were ordered to report at an adjourned meeting in the evening: S. D. Houston, R. McBratney, Geo. W. Martin, P. Z. Taylor, Luther Hall, J. H. Brown, T. G. Horn, R. D. Mobley.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until seven o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour, and Mr. Houston, from the committee, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from us our beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, by the hand of an assassin; and whereas, we deem it proper that we should express our sorrow at the loss we have sustained, and our detestation of the crime which has deprived us of our chief magistrate; therefore,

Resolved, That we have heard with feelings of the deepest sorrow and indignation of the assassination of our President, Abraham Lincoln, and that we mourn his loss as that of a wise counsellor, a faithful friend, and a patriot who has done much for his country.

Resolved, That we have full confidence in the ability of Andrew Johnson, our Vice President, to administer the affairs of the Government, and that we pledge him our support in the discharge of his duties.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to the family of our late President in the hour of their great affliction.

Resolved, That we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the late President.

Brave men, behold your fallen chief,
Whose love you hold a sacred trust;
Avenge his fall! allay your grief—
Strike down the traitors to the dust.

Sleep on brave heart, the flag you love,
And nobly gave your life to save,
Undimmed in honor, high above,
Shall watch and guard your sacred grave.

ASHLAND PRECINCT, DAVIS, CO., APRIL 18.

Editor of Union: The sad intelligence of the sudden death of our trusted President, reached this precinct Monday, A. M., filling every heart with sorrow.

The news spread rapidly. Trouble and anxiety were depicted on every countenance. Could it be possible that at the moment when our highest hopes were being realized, the whole Nation should be thus suddenly plunged into the deepest grief and horror. Every heart in this precinct for once thrilled in unison. E. G. Robinson sent to Manhatten for a flag, and every one, as far as the news had reached, old and young, about fifty in number, met at his house, ascended the bluff and there, by the side of the monument, the old land mark and guide for years past, raised and unfurled the black flag of mourning, fit emblem of a Nation's blasted hopes.

With a few brief and patriotic words, which coming from a political opponent, reflected honor upon himself, and were just, generous, and true praise of our venerated President.

Mr. Robinson read the following impromtu verses.

The Kansas wind across the plain,
Sighs and moans and sighs again
Sighs and moans for him that's slain,
And each breeze catches the refrain,
Our President is dead!

From every bluff at dead of night,
Is seen the burning prairie light,

Clipping from the Junction City Weekly Union newspaper upon the occasion of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Locals React to President Lincoln's Death in 1865

by Judy Regehr

In 1865, the nation was shocked by the assassination of President Lincoln. The Junction City Weekly Union, April 27, 1865, posted local reaction to the President's death. The article states:
People could not realize the existence of hellishness so far beyond all human conception or imagination.
No one could transact business, and as of one mind every man closed his store, office, or shop. Groups of men stood around the streets talking the matter over, telling the sad story to the horror stricken countrymen, who came pouring into town.

An impromptu meeting was called to express the sorrow of the community and to draft resolutions "expressive of the sense of the people." The attendance at this meeting was "very large." The resolutions were strongly in support of law and order, of loyalty to the Union, and expressed horror at the thought of murder and the anarchy it could create.
(see preceding page)

If you would like to read the entire article which includes the resolutions made at the community meeting, please type this link into your web browser.
http://www.newspapers.com/clip/2058554/junction_city_weekly_union_1865_april/

Important names mentioned in this article

William K. Bartlett, called to chair the impromptu meeting that produced the resolutions
P.Z. Taylor, chosen secretary of the meeting
Captain McClure eulogized highly the slain heroes
Mr. Houston gave a few practical suggestions as to the cause of the assassination, its effect, and the lessons to be derived from it
Mr. McBratney eulogized the slain President
Junction City Glee Club, sang "A Dirge on the Murder of President Lincoln" to the air of "Brave Men, Behold your fallen Chief."
E.G. Robinson sent to Manhattan for a flag and "everyone old and young, about fifty in number, met at his house….and unfurled the black flag of mourning, fit emblem of a nation's blasted hopes."
E.L. Foster wrote this article in the Junction City Weekly Union. (see left page)

Note on the headline of the article

The headline of this article in the Junction City Weekly Union from 1865 Reads, DAVIS CO. MOURNS. THE SADNESS OF THE PEOPLE. Interestingly, there is no Davis County in Kansas now. Davis County is the original name of what is now Geary County. The Kansas Historical Foundation gives this account of the history of Davis/Geary County:

County Seat: Junction City

Origin of Name: Named for Jefferson Davis (1808-1889), at the time the U.S. Secretary of War, and later president of the Confederacy.

History:Davis was one of the original 33 counties created by the first territorial legislature. It lost territory to Dickinson County in 1857 and to Wabaunsee County in 1860; it gained territory from Dickinson in 1860 and from Riley in 1873. The name was changed in 1889 to Geary; an 1893 attempt to change it back was unsuccessful.

The first Europeans to visit Davis County were Coronado and his expedition, searching for Quivira in 1541. The Bourgmont expedition of 1724 probably traveled along the south bank of the Kansas River through what became Davis County. Fort Riley was established by the U.S. Army in 1852; the first post office in the county was established at the fort in 1855.

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Kansas Kin is a quarterly publication of Riley County Genealogical Society whose purpose is to collect, preserve and share information for researching Kansas family histories.

From the President

Barry Michie



First I want to give a warm thank you and an expression of deep gratitude to Janeice Crosson who has just stepped down as editor of *Kansas Kin* after more than a decade in this role. Her service and efforts are much appreciated. She continues on the RCGS Board as our representative to the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies.

Second a warm welcome to our new editor Britt Talkington. Readers will notice a few changes to our format and presentation. Britt retains the deciding role on content as she also works with our editorial board established several months ago. As our main publication, we look forward to *Kansas Kin* growing, retaining its leading role for genealogical articles for all of Kansas and providing visibility for our society.

I also want to remind readers with a writer's itch to submit articles on their Kansas kin and accompanying photos are more than welcome. Again, we are not limited to just those with a Riley County connection. Guidelines are included in this and following editions.

In addition I draw readers' attention to the society's other activities that include workshops, monthly public speakers, the Round Table open to one and all at the Bluestem Bistro in Aggieville every third Friday – 10:00 am to noon, and, last but not least, our extensive research library and volunteer staff at 2005 Claflin Road. Please check out our website, www.rileycgs.com, that not only lists events, but also on-line resources for you to explore your family's history, wherever that may be.

Barry Michie
President, RCGS

A Tale of Two Counties:

The Estes-Moody Family in Geary and Riley Counties

Heather E Hagedorn

We like to see things in simple lines. Country borders. State lines. County lines. Firm, unmoving. They appear on a map, we are taught them in school, and so they must be that way. But when doing historic research, it is important to be aware that these lines can and do change. Borders move either incrementally or wholesale, and this movement might mean that historic documents are not stored in the town you expected. Recent research at the Geary County Historical Society has proven that you have to be willing to look outside county lines when doing research.

The story for me began when I unearthed a collection of family letters and documents in the museum's archives. From what I could tell, the letters had been separated out by time frame, but nothing else had been done to capture what was written. All told, the collection consisted of a couple hundred letters written between the Estes and the Moody families between 1865-1938. What a find! What a collection! Historians dream of working on such a collection. By researching the letters and the people who sent them, an entire community of settlers from North Carolina to the Flint Hills region came to life. And the need to step outside the borders of my own county became necessary in order to see the complete picture.

The story of the Estes-Moody family begins in North Carolina, where the Reverend Robert Henry Moody Sr. was born in Morgantown on May 12, 1822. To their marriage was born 16 children: John, Mary, Nancy, Jane, Cynthia, William, Robert Jr, Thomas, Marcus, James, Caleb, Rachel, Joseph, Sarah, Josephine, and Horace. A loyal follower of Christ, R.H. Moody's religious convictions played a prominent role in his life and in his family's life. His obituary printed in the Junction City Daily Union on February 11, 1908 describes R.H. Moody's convictions: "Rev. Moody professed faith in Christ at the age of 21 years and joined the Missionary Baptist Church and soon afterwards began to preach and has present his life as a preacher." In a letter written to his daughter Mary on May 28, 1867, R.H. Moody's convictions are evident, as he praises his son-in-law's conversion: "Dear son and daughter I embrace the opportunity of answering your interesting letter which I received last Friday evening I was much pleased and deeply interested with its contents. Much gratified in hearing of your good health. But what pleased me most was that Caleb has found the blessed Redeemer. I read on very eagerly till I got through your third page, and although your name is at bottom of the page I turned over to see some more but it was not there. You know how I am delighted when I meet with some person that will talk to me about Jesus and salvation. I sometimes almost forget everything else. Mary I was at preaching today at the Rock Spring church, my text was Rom. The 8th ch. And 6 & 7vs. Turn to it and read it and think how I managed it, in your thoughts you can place your self before the Pulpit and [...]trying explain the text and call sinners to repentance."

Mary and her husband, Caleb Estes, were among the first of their family to depart from North Carolina. Caleb's life was well summarized in his obituary, printed in the Junction City Sentinel in 1912: "Caleb Estes was born Feb. 26, 1840 in Caldwell County, North Carolina, where he spent the early part of his life, At the age of 18 years he went to the state of Wisconsin and spent two years, returning to his native state about six months before the Civil War. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate army as a member of Company F, 26th North Carolina infantry, and took part in many of the important battles of the war, namely, The Seven Days Fight around Richmond, Falling Water, Cold Harbor, Gettysburg and others of less importance. He was twice taken prisoner and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor. At the close of the war he returned to the farm. On Aug.29, 1865, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Moody. To this union was born one child, a daughter, Zada Ariel Huston." Another obituary declared, "Mr. Estes was one of the pioneer men of this part of the state and is well known in this city."

And Caleb and Mary were among the earlier settlers of

the Ogden area. Caleb's second cousin Joseph P. Estes, also from North Carolina, had relocated to McDowell Township in Geary County in 1856, and perhaps it was his presence that prompted Mary and Caleb to settle in the area. Following their 1865 marriage, Mary and Caleb left North Carolina and traveled West, to the Flint Hills of Kansas, where their daughter Ariel was born. Once in Kansas, the Estes family settled in the Vinton area. Eventually taken over by Fort Riley when the military reservation was expanded, Vinton was a small community with little more than a schoolhouse and a church, though from 1870-1888, a post office served the area. Caleb Estes served as the final postmaster from 1882-1888. Following that time, Vinton mail was rerouted to Junction City, the trade center for the Vinton community. Letters from between the Estes and Moody families reflected this change. Earlier letters written by R.H. Moody to his daughter were regularly addressed to Vinton, KS and letters sent toward the end of the 19th century were addressed to Junction City, KS.

In 1868, R.H. Moody began to write to his daughter of his desire to join her and her family in the state of Kansas. On December 9th, 1868 R.H. Moody wrote: "Mary this might afford me the opportunity of writing to you again to let you know something about home in the Old State of North Carolina. We are all tolerably well at present and hope this letter will reach you and find you both in good health. We are always glad to hear from you and ask you to write often and let us know how you are and how you are getting along. Your mother is anxious to see you and the children all want to see you. And I want to see you myself very badly. Unless you come to see us I don't know when I shall see you." And in the next ten years, the Moody family began their move West.

Despite the westward move, R.H. Moody did not forget his faith in the Lord. After arriving in the Vinton region, he continued preaching, first at the schoolhouse and then in the Vinton church. The church no longer stands, but a notebook with a roster of parishioners, owned by the Riley County Historical Society, closely links the families to the small church. The roster of parishioners gives information including: name, relationship with the church, relationship within the community, and often, the date of their death. Listed below Mary Estes' name reads: "Became a Baptist in early childhood and became a member of the Vinton Baptist Church when it was founded by her father in 1892." Ariel Estes Huston, Mary and Caleb's daughter, was among those listed as well. "Mrs. E.B. Huston was converted and gave her heart to the Lord, after listening to one of Rev. Moody's sermons in the Vinton school house in the fall of 1888. Was baptized by Rev. Moody at Cutter's Spring Creek and at once united and became a member of this church."

By 1900, the area was filled with Moodys and Estes. The Estes Ranch lay on the western border of Riley/Geary County; to their east, on the Northern border of Fort Riley, both Ariel Estes and her husband, Ed Huston owned land. Mary Estes' brothers, Caleb and Horace Moody, owned large segments of land to the north and Robert H. Moody owned a segment of land to the west, where his property was bisected by the Geary/Riley county lines. That property was eventually broken into smaller segments; Joseph Moody, son of R.H. Moody, owned and paid taxes on the Geary County segment in 1908, while Walter Rubart, a relation through marriage, owned the Riley County land.

The Vinton Cemetery reflects this close knit family community. The cemetery, which is still accessible through a private pasture in Geary County, is the final resting place for a plethora of Moodys, Estes, Neubers, and Chambers. Alongside Caleb and Mary Estes lie their daughter Ariel with her husband Ed Huston and their children. R.H. Moody and his wife Bathsheba lie in this small plot, as well as Bathsheba's father Elijah Chambers, and his second wife Mary Puett Chambers.

In the early years of the 20th century, county lines began to shift. With the growth of Fort Riley Military Reservation, ownership shifted and the majority of Vinton land became part of the military base. In fact, Mary Estes was still living on her land after the base expansion. This fact was marked by Estes Road and Estes Gate, which led into the reservation through the Estes property. The western edge of the Vinton community, which housed the small Vinton cemetery, was shifted into Geary County. So, a story that was once the history of Riley became the tale of two counties and one military reservation. A family's history became the history of the entire region. Documents appear in two historical societies instead of one, and hunt-

ing down the story of the Estes-Moody family became a little harder, but no less worth the effort.

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New Illinois and Pennsylvania Resources at the Library

Illene Lussenhop Bender quickly assumed the role of family historian and genealogist after the death of her mother. Her five younger sisters turned to her with questions and she turned to books for the answers. "Illene just loved buying books," said Mary St. John, youngest of the sisters, "If she wanted it, she would buy it."

RCGS is the richer because of Bender's book obsession. After her death three years ago, St. John volunteered to take her collection. Then last month, in culling her shelves, she asked if RCGS might have an interest in the collection. She was given a definite YES!

The Lussenhop family migrated from Germany to Minnesota, then to Henry County, Illinois. The Bender family had roots in York County, Pennsylvania. Eventually, the last generation came to Riley County and Manhattan, Kansas.

Henry County was formed in 1825 out of Fulton County, Illinois. Bender's donation includes early marriage and cemetery books for Fulton County, a book of newspaper abstracts, as well as the *Fulton County, Illinois Heritage*, a 652 page book of biographies and history. She researched adjoining counties as well, acquiring *The History of Bureau County, Illinois*, a 710 page biographical historical publication and *Where the Trails Crossed* on Will County, Illinois.

Her collection also included six publications by the South Central Genealogical Society of York County, Pennsylvania. These wonderful books include land abstracts, wills, court records, maps, and more. RCGS already subscribes to York County publications due to the quality of the research, and has an extensive collection for the county. However, this donation added new resources to the RCGS shelves.

Mary St. John was delighted that her sister's collection could become a part of the RCGS library, to provide 'answers' to other researchers. And we are thankful that Illene Bender 'loved books'.

***Marcia Schuley**, RCGS Acquisition Committee Chair*

What's in a Name?

Two K-Staters Named Ernest Nichols

William Louis Richter

As many genealogists know, it is not uncommon to find two people with the same first and last names. One has to be careful not to assume that they are the same person, or even that they are related. Such is the case with two men who were at Kansas State Agricultural College (KSAC, presently Kansas State University) in the late nineteenth century. Both received degrees from KSAC, though under quite different circumstances. Both were physicists by training and profession. Both became college presidents. They were not related to one another, but one of them was closely related to a prominent Manhattan pioneer family.



Courtesy of Riley County Historical Society

Ernest R. Nichols

Many Kansans might recognize the name Dr. Ernest R. Nichols as K-State's fifth president. Ernest Reuben Nichols was born September 11, 1858, in Farmington, CT, the second son of Andrew F. Nichols (1837-1901) and Jane Elizabeth Crampton Nichols (1837-1912). Ernest grew up in eastern Iowa. He studied at the state normal school in 1879-1880, served for a year as a school principal in Luana, then "completed the degree at the State normal school, graduating with the degree Bachelor of Didactics." He served for a year as principal in Charles City and another as superintendent of Nashua schools. He studied math and physics at University of Iowa, completing a BS degree in 1887 and an MA in 1890. He was appointed superintendent of schools in Monticello, Iowa, in 1887, but resigned eight days later to do graduate study and teach (as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics) at University of Iowa.

Ernest met fellow student Marguerite Rae at the normal school in Cedar Falls. Marguerite was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, April 7, 1858, the tenth of eleven children. After the death of her parents in 1869, she migrated to Chicago with an older sister and her younger brother. She and Ernest were married in Chicago, December 20, 1888.

Ernest joined the faculty at KSAC in 1890 as instructor of physics and superintendent of telegraphy. In June 1891 he was promoted to Professor of Physics. When the 2-year Populist presidency of Thomas Will ended abruptly in 1899, Ernest Nichols was appointed interim president. A year later he reluctantly agreed to serve as president and did so until 1909. KSAC awarded him an honorary Ph.D. degree before his departure. Ernest and his family returned to Chicago where he and Marguerite ran the Thurston Teachers Agency. Ernest suffered a stroke in 1929, which left him totally dependent on Marguerite and their son Rae. Marguerite died October 30, 1938. Ernest died a month later on November 26.

Ernest R. Nichols was not regarded as a great scholar or outstanding speaker but accomplished a lot as president. "The decade from 1899 to 1909, during which Pres. E. R. Nichols was at the helm of the College, was one of intense growth …." When he came to Manhattan in 1890, KSAC had fewer than 600 students; "when he became president it had a thousand, and when he resigned it had well over two thousand." He expanded the faculty and the number of buildings, raised admission requirements and graduation standards, and stabilized legislative funding.

Nichols Hall, named for President Nichols, was constructed on the south edge of the campus in 1910-1911, burned down in 1968, and was rebuilt in 1985. Originally built as a gymnasium and home for the departments of Physical Education and Military Science, Nichols Hall was later the home of KSAC Radio. It now houses the Chapman Theatre, the Theatre and Dance programs, and the Computer Science Department.

Ernest Fox Nichols



Courtesy of Riley County Historical Society

The other Ernest Nichols was a student at KSAC in the late 1880s. Ernest Fox Nichols was born June 1, 1869, in Leavenworth, KS, the second son of Alonzo Curtis Nichols (1824-1884) and Sophronia Fox Nichols (1829-1882). He was known by the nickname Ted. Both his parents died when he was in his teens, so he went to live with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Fox, of Manhattan. His uncle persuaded KSAC President George Fairchild to let young Ted (then 15) enter KSAC although he had no prior formal education.

Ted Nichols graduated from KSAC in 1888, worked for a year in the KSAC Chemistry Department, and received graduate degrees at Cornell University in 1893 and 1897. He also studied at University of Berlin and Cambridge University. Ted married Katharine Williams West June 16, 1894, in Hamilton, New York. Their daughter Esther Katharine Nichols was born May 5, 1895. Nichols served as a professor of physics at Colgate University, 1892-1898, at Dartmouth College, 1898–1903, and at Columbia University, 1903-1909. He was president of Dartmouth 1909-1916. He taught briefly at Yale (1916) and was elected MIT president in 1921, but too ill at that time actually to perform those responsibilities. He died in 1924 in Washington, D.C., while delivering a paper to the National Academy of Sciences.

In his autobiography, David Fairchild (world-famous botanist and son of KSAC's third president, George T. Fairchild) mentions his friend and classmate Ernest Fox Nichols, whose brilliant career as a physicist included the invention of an instrument for measuring the pressure of light from the fixed stars.... Ted's career ... reflects great credit on the little college on the plains of Kansas.

The K-State Department of Physics has an Ernest Fox Nichols Distinguished Lecture Series in honor of this outstanding alumnus.

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1. *College Symposium of the Kansas State Agricultural College*, (Manhattan: College Symposium Publishing Co., 1891) p. 89. This was the first KSAC yearbook, presently called the Royal Purple. All of the yearbooks are available online: https://archive.org/stream/COLLEGESYMPOSIUM1891/COLLEGE_SYMPOSIUM%201891#page/n109/mode/2up. The "normal school," founded only three years earlier, in 1876, later became Iowa State Teacher's College, and is presently University of Northern Iowa, in Cedar Falls. What is now known as the University of Iowa is referred to in the 1890s as the State University of Iowa or even Iowa State University. This should not be confused with the present Iowa State University in Ames, which was then the Iowa State Agricultural College.

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His father, identified in the 1880 U.S. census as a photographer, died 3 Aug 1884, in Glorieta, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, a few weeks before Ted began his studies at KSAC.

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There is Nothing New Under the Sun

Deciphering a Photo

Barry H. Michie

Born and raised in California, little did I anticipate a major part of my life spent in Manhattan, just scant miles south of Linn, Washington County, Kansas, where so many family members emigrated, settled, were born, stayed and are buried, or passed through before moving on to the West Coast. In my own research I owe a great debt to my mother, Lucille Elaine Dampier Michie, who started our family history project in the 1960's. Her mother was born in the small town of Linn in 1889 and left as a toddler with her parents for the West Coast. After my wife Aruna and I took positions at Kansas State University, she had the opportunity to visit Linn in 1977 to search for ancestors. We immediately realized we were in a small town upon entering a local cafe for refreshments and to ask directions to the Linn Cemetery to research ancestors. The buzz of conversation immediately stopped upon our entry as all heads turned to size up the people who had wandered in. Also, we arrived unknowingly on the day of Linn's centennial celebration, during which my mother encountered some shirt-tail relatives - an added plus. The families discussed here are the Shattos ,who had come from Indiana, and the allied Troups, Boyers and Harmers from Iowa, two lines joined with the marriage of my great grandparents in Linn. Events surrounding that marriage played out to a remarkable outcome in later years in California.

Born in 1907 in San Jose, California, my mother knew most of the people discussed here or, at least their children. She was most interested in going beyond the dry basics of names, dates/places of birth, marriage, and death to explore and record peoples' lives in order to understand and portray them as flesh and blood people. Among the many things she accumulated in her research is an 1890 family photo, "deciphered" here, to explore what was going on and the family dynamics at the time. She often remarked that it takes a strong stomach to do family research, as every family has its saints, but also black sheep, to which I would add that "there is nothing new under the sun". Her approach was to "let the chips fall where they may" and not sweep things under the carpet. I continue in this vein. From these peoples' lives emerges an all too human story of strengths, foibles, tragedies, dramas, disappointments, kindnesses and how actions have an impact across generations and location.

I must address first the question of what attracted my relatives to pick up and move to Washington County. The main attraction was newly available agricultural land after the Civil War, often cheaper than where they lived and large families that often had little for all children to inherit. Another reason was the death of a spouse, re-marrying and moving on with the children with the second spouse, or simply always being on the lookout for something better beyond the horizon. Washington County had attracted a scant few settlers in the 1860's and wasn't organized as a county until 1871. The town of Linn, the epicenter of this story, wasn't organized until 1877. In a nutshell, Washington County was new territory, seen as the land of opportunity. The 1870's witnessed a large inflow of settlers and all the families discussed here came to the Linn area beginning in 1871 to 1880.

Several family sources provide insight into why these people came to Washington County. First is a half-page feature article of 1881 appearing in *The Steuben Republican* published in Angola, Indiana. The author was Margaret Ellen Shatto Hanselman (1841-1926), the daughter of William Shatto recognized as an early Washington County pioneer who arrived with family in Linn in 1871. Margaret

married in Indiana to Abram Carry Hanselman (1831-1903) and initially remained in Steuben County and followed her parents to Washington County about 1878. The dateline on the article is Reiter, Kansas, about 5 miles north-west of Linn, that at the time had a post office although today nothing remains but the cemetery. The article mentions several members of the Shatto family and also others who had come from Steuben County – people known to friends and relatives "back home". The main focus, though, is on life and agricultural conditions in Washington County in comparison to Steuben County. Margaret very favorably recounts the low cost and availability of land, growth of towns, churches, amenities, weather conditions, the productivity of prairie land, the bounty of grains, fruits, cattle and other products with many accompanying statistics. She and her husband, however, did move later to Anderson County, Kansas, by 1900 where they now lie in the Garnett Cemetery.

The other source is a delightful memoir written by Margaret's younger sister, Emma Ann Shatto (1856-1949), born in Indiana, that describes growing up in the Middle-West, family life, old stories about the family's origin in Pennsylvania, her nine siblings, farming, moving by wagon from Indiana to Missouri and then Kansas, meeting and marrying in Linn to Zibeon Orison Field (1856-1933), from a farm family from Maine, who had arrived in Sherman Township before 1875. She describes her father William's life, leaving Perry County, Pennsylvania, in the 1840's to work in an iron foundry and then clearing land for others in Crawford County, Ohio, to accumulate the wherewithal to establish a farm. He purchased farm land outside Angola, Steuben County, Indiana, where the family lived for about 15 years. But he was never satisfied, always looking over the horizon in search of the perfect piece of land and farm. He brought the family about 1870 to Daviess County, Missouri, where his brother had migrated and where he had foolishly bought land sight-unseen that proved to be flooded half the year. He then brought the family to Linn in 1871 where he took over a homestead on the outskirts of Linn and prospered. Father WilliamShatto (1815-1891) and mother Rebecca Ann Boyd (1818-1893) lie in the Linn City Cemetery. Emma, her husband Zibeon, their children and his parents moved on to California where her husband became a prosperous building contractor.

Emma was remembered by my mother as a kindly woman who would not speak ill of anyone. In her memoir she pointedly characterizes all her family of high character and states she is blissfully unaware of anything to the contrary. She actually knew better. She writes briefly about her youngest brother and baby of the family, Harvey Leigh Shatto (1859-1938), my great grandfather, about whom she definitely knew better. His marriage to one of the Boyer daughters created the link to the Troup, Harmer and Boyer families that set the stage for a later chapter of family history in California.

My lineal ancestors were in Washington County from the early 1870's through the early 1890's and moved with members of the above named allied families to California during the mid-1890's. These lineal relatives were not alone, as they came to Linn with parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins - a typical migration pattern of families moving together from place to place in the 19th into the 20th century. Families depended on each other and often came forward to help someone through life's difficult circumstances.

Space does not allow a full discussion of all the family members, those who moved on and those who stayed in Washington County, but will focus on the people in the accompanying family photo with a few asides about others not depicted. The photo is a typical studio family portrait with a painted canvas backdrop, probably taken in Washington City, Kansas, the county seat. One of the fascinating aspects of family history is "reading" photos to determine not only when taken, who the people are but also relationships and family dynamics that might be demonstrated.

The photo is a three generation portrait of Rachel Elizabeth Troup (1836-1919), my great-great grandmother and two time widow of Boyer and Harmer husbands, her six children (four with spouses) and grandchildren. Rather than seated front and center, usual with such photos, she is the pensive looking woman seated first front left with her hands in her lap. The photo dates to late Fall 1890, based on the ages of her grandchildren. Seated on the far front right is Rachel's daughter, Sarah Miranda Boyer (1863-1908), my great grandmother. On her lap is son Carl William Shatto born in Linn July 21, 1890 who appears to be about three to four months old. The little girl sitting low next to the left is Sarah's daughter, Jennie Mable Shatto. The towhead with the mop of curls is Florence June Shatto, my grandmother, sitting on the lap of her father, Harvey Leigh Shatto (1859-1938). The next seated couple to the left are Rachel's son, David Michael Boyer and wife Lillie Belle Reed with their son, Francis Merrill



Photo taken at Hutchings Studio in Washington, KS From the Michie family photo collection

Boyer sitting on his father's lap. Next to the left in front is a young girl of about 6 sitting demurely with her hands on her lap with her elbow resting on the arm of Rachel Elizabeth, her grandmother. She is Althea Luetta, the illegitimate daughter of my great grandmother, Sarah Miranda Boyer, born in Linn May 4, 1884, prior to Sarah's marriage to Harvey Shatto in 1887.

Standing at the back, beginning at the far right are Rachel Elizabeth's son, Will Levin Harmer and his wife Mary Effie Englebright. Next standing to the left are son Lewis Miller Boyer and wife, Lillie Belle Zora Rossiter (who looks a bit under the weather as she was pregnant with their first child born January 1891), and then next standing left is daughter Mary Elizabeth Harmer, in her late teens, and last standing on the left is daughter Anna Margaret Boyer. What the casual observer would not notice is Althea seated by her grandmother, not her mother and step-father, and Anna Margaret Boyer standing at the opposite end of the group and farthest away from her sister Sarah Miranda and husband, Harvey Shatto. Let us explore the background and family history to that point.

The Troups, Harmers and Boyers came from Linn County, Iowa. The Troups descend from a United Brethren minister of fervent faith, Christian Troup (1793-1850) born in Maryland, who became a frontier missionary and circuit rider, working his way across Pennsylvania and Indiana. He was one of the first settlers in Linn County, Iowa, which opened up after the Black Hawk wars. He died in Iowa and his widow, Sarah Miller Troup (1806-1878) came with the family to Linn, with her son, David Christian Troup (1841-1906), daughter Rachel Elizabeth Troup, her second husband and the above six children. David Troup lived his life in Linn as a farmer and was at one time editor of the local paper, *The Linn Digest*. David, his wife Mary Ann Brown (1843-1919) and the mother Sarah Miller Troup lie in the Linn City Cemetery.

Rachel Elizabeth Troup's second husband, Newland Moffit Harmer (1833-1886), a Philadelphia, Pa., native and preacher's son, was a civil war veteran. Her first husband, Michael Boyer (1819-1863), had enlisted in the 24th Iowa Infantry and died of typhoid in an army hospital in St. Louis less than six months after enlistment. Rachel Elizabeth suffered not only the tragedy of her first husband's death, but later on a real shock came regarding her second husband. She and Newland Harmer married in Iowa but separated after coming to Kansas, he dying in Hamilton County in 1886.

Some years after Newland's death, Rachel applied for a widow's pension on his service record. She was denied because another woman in Philadelphia, Pa., had already applied and was drawing widow's benefits. Mr. Harmer had left his first wife after the Civil War without a divorce. So Rachel Elizabeth had been married to a bigamist who by all indications would bail out and move on when things got too complicated for him!

Of the four Boyer children coming to Linn with Rachel Elizabeth was my great grandmother, Sarah Miranda Boyer. According to a family story, when they arrived in Linn, her mother Rachel Elizabeth and grandmother Sarah Miller Troup made it well known that they were a pious family of great rectitude - given the patriarch Christian Troup's ministry back in Iowa - and the daughters were above reproach. Taking this as a challenge to take them down a notch, a number of local Linn boys got together and decided to pay twenty dollars to the first one to seduce one

of the daughters. Althea Luetta was the result. Althea was accepted by the family, much loved and looked after by her grandmother, Rachel Elizabeth, by whom she is sitting in the photo. Althea later took her grandmother's second married name, Harmer, as her maiden name. She also went with the family to California where she married Samuel Schmucker Focht (1871-1961). My mother knew her well, one of her favorite Aunts.

Harvey Shatto's marriage to Sarah Miranda Boyer was not his first marriage, and was not his first romantic overture to the Boyer daughters. And this is quite a tale.

Harvey Shatto married a number of times, first in 1878 in Linn to Ellen H. Marie Van Petten (1860-1890) - according to family lore this was a shotgun affair. Ellen was the daughter of Joseph Bullock Van Petten (1813-1889) and Nancy Maria Kingsbury (1817-1898). The Van Pettens were from the East Coast and also hopscotched across the country, the father working as butcher and, ultimately, as a farmer in Washington County. Daughter Ellen's marriage with Harvey Shatto was short-lived, producing one son who lived first with his mother, then went out on his own trajectory and was essentially unknown and unrecognized by the rest of the family after the move to California. Ellen remarried in 1888 to Thaddeus J. Campbell, a physician from Cloud County, and died in childbirth in 1890. Ellen, along with her infant, her sister Margaret, parents and numerous Kingsbury kin, are buried in Reiter Cemetery north of Linn.

Prior to his marriage to Ellen Van Petten, Harvey had courted Sarah Miranda's older sister, Anna Margaret Boyer (the one standing at the back far left in the photo), and she thought they had an understanding. When things broke off due to the circumstances of his marriage to Ellen, Anna was left a very disillusioned and bitter young woman. After the divorce from Ellen, Harvey came back to Anna and she refused to have anything to do with him. She never married. Harvey then turned to Anna's younger sister, Sarah Miranda, who accepted his marriage proposal and they were married in Linn in 1887.

Through a twist of fate, Anna played a principal and crucial role in the life of one of Harvey and Sarah Miranda Shatto's children after the families had moved to California.

In the early 1890's there was an exodus to the West Coast of the Shattos and allied Boyer, Harmer, Troup families, with the exception of one couple in the photo, David Michael Boyer (1859-1922) and wife Minnie Bell Reed (1871-1928). They stayed in Linn as a farm family and had eight children. David and Minnie lie in the Linn City Cemetery.

Most of the others ended up in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California, and again formed a nucleus of related families, continuing the pattern of related families moving together to new places. These included several of Harvey and Sarah Miranda Shatto's sons, Sarah's mother Rachel Elizabeth Troup, Sarah's half siblings Will Levin and Mary Elizabeth Harmer with spouses, and Anna Margaret Boyer. Harvey and Sarah Miranda Shatto lived various places around the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sarah died a few months after the birth of their tenth and last child, Marian Cleona Shatto Murray (1907-1985). After the death of Sarah, Harvey struck out on his own working as a carpenter. In 1910 he, along with two sons, was a boarder living with a widow in Oakland, California. What relationship developed with this widow is uncertain, but suggestive, as she carried the Shatto surname thereafter. She moved on her own to Oregon several years later – a marriage record yet to be found and Harvey's possible third wife unknown to the rest of the family.

Harvey left his infant daughter Marian in the care of a "foster" family who thought she was such a nice baby because she never cried. This, however, was due to neglect. She was severely weak and malnourished when her older sisters, including my grandmother, became concerned and looked in on her. They immediately took her away to Sebastopol and placed her in the care of Aunt Anna Margaret Boyer, the embittered sister jilted by Harvey back in Linn who had never married. Aunt Anna raised Marian in Sebastopol.

Marian wrote a very moving memoir about her life including growing up with Aunt Anna and her Sebastopol relatives. Aunt Anna supported herself as a washerwoman, living in a small clapboard house built by her nephew Carl William Shatto (the three month old in the photo) down the hill from her Harmer and Lunceford siblings. She was a person of strong faith and personality who knew her own mind and also ignored gossip around town that Marian was really Anna's illegitimate daughter – things she never bothered to counter and just let fools' tongues wag. Marian relates that Aunt Anna told her that she was so thankful that Marian came into her life, providing joy and love, as otherwise she would have died a bitter old lady.

Florence June Shatto (1889-1918), my grandmother and

the towhead sitting on her father's lap in the photo, married Roly Hendricks Dampier (1884-1945) in San Jose, California, in 1905. They had four children, including my mother, Lucille Elaine Dampier Michie (1907-1999). Florence died of an infection in San Francisco in 1918, leaving her husband with four young children. My mother was eleven years old at the time. Roly really didn't know what to do with children, especially daughters, and his second wife didn't take to his children. He put the children out to relatives as he moved around the San Francisco Bay Area working as a skilled joiner-planer, door and sash man. My mother went to live in Sebastopol with her grandmother's half-sister, Mary Elizabeth Harmer (1872-1963), the teenager standing at the back of the photo, and husband Albert Lunceford. She lived with them through high school. She also lived for a while with Althea Luetta Harmer Focht (1884-1973), her grandmother's illegitimate daughter, the one sitting demurely by her grandmother in the photo, and husband on their poultry ranch a few miles south of Sebastopol.

The family connections made in Linn came through in California for my mother as they had for her Aunt Marian.

And what happened to Harvey Shatto? He left California and is found in Arkansas in 1920 and then Missouri in 1930, working as a carpenter and sometimes farmer. He married a third (and possibly a fourth) time in 1920 in Poinsett County, Arkansas to a widow he met at a revival meeting. She returned with him to California in the early 1930's. Harvey arrived back in California a self-ordained evangelist traveling up and down the West Coast in a van with large painted side boards which read: "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" By this time he was totally estranged from his family who thought of him as a self-absorbed hypocrite who wrapped himself in religion to the neglect of his family. He died in McKinleyville , outside Eureka , California – possibly in touch with some distant Troup relatives who lived in the area. His son, Carl William Shatto (1890-1970), a successful builder and contractor, had his body shipped to Sebastopol where he is buried in the family plot in the Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery where many of the Shattos, Troups, Harmers, Aunt Anna Boyer and other relatives are buried. He lies in an unmarked grave.

It wasn't until I looked critically at the photo of my great-great grandmother's family did I realize how much it reveals about family dynamics that tie together stories that have come down over the years. Many, if not most of us, have black sheep and scandals in the family. Such stories should be told. They are part of family history as much as stories of resilient people who persevere and step up to help others at critical times.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 27

Family Search Indexing (Volunteer training)

2:00 pm

Manhattan Public Library Computer Room

Family Search Volunteer Indexing Training

If you are interested in volunteering for a project to index documents that will be displayed on the Family Search website, Vickie Hiebert will present a program to teach you how to do this INDEXING.

Hiebert will use the Manhattan Public Library Computer Room. This is a great way for volunteers to add photographed documents in an organized form to the computer so the records would be available to all at no charge.

The class maximum is 19. Each person will be seated at a computer. There will be a sign-up sheet at the RCGS library for anyone interested in attending. Registration is required by signing this sheet.

Saturday, September 26

Photography from My Grandparent and Me For Our Genealogy Tree (Genealogy Class)

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

UFM, 1221 Thurston Street, Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Fee: $9 for adult & child -- enroll at www.tryufm.org or call 785-539-8763

This class is sponsored by UFM Community Learning Center and Riley County Genealogical Society.

Saturday, October 24

Stories from My Grandparent and Me - For Our Genealogy Tree (Genealogy Class)

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Riley County Genealogical Society Library, 2005 Claflin Rd., Manhattan, KS

Class fee $9 (adult & child) -- enroll at www.tryufm.org or call 785-539-8763

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Thirteen Thousand Photos of Marshall County, Kansas!

If you have any connection with Marshall County, Kansas this web site is for you. Photographer Omar Finlay Hawkins was born February 11, 1890 in Marysville, Kansas. He died in 1967. Omar lived and operated his photography business in the same house at 601 North Eleventh Street his entire life. His photos of area agriculture, business, people and events date from 1912 to 1945. Twenty four hundred of his thirteen thousand photos may be viewed by going to www.kansasmemory.org . Registration is not required to use this Kansas Historical Society web site. Be prepared to spend hours when you begin your search of photos and manuscripts because you will often be side tracked.

Wann Towers, RCGS Library Chairman

A new exhibit, *Our Cabinet of Curiosities,* opens at the Geary County Historical Society on October 17, 2015. Tour the museum and discover strange finds from our collections throughout the building. Learn about the evolution of curiosity cabinets and how they became museums. Ericka Nelson will be presenting "Jackalopes, Hodags, & Other Larger than Life Myths from the American Road" in the auditorium. Call for more details (785) 2238-1666. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday 1-4pm.

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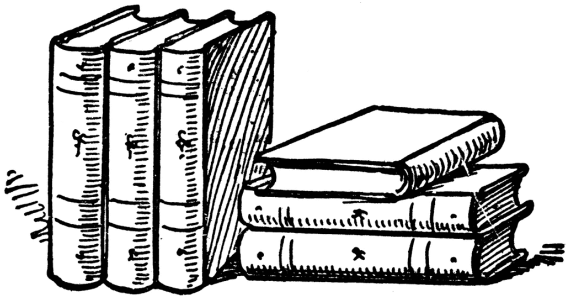
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Kansas Kin is a quarterly publication of Riley County Genealogical Society whose purpose is to collect, preserve and share information for researching Kansas family histories.

From the President



Welcome to the last edition of the *Kansas Kin* quarterly for 2015. We have undergone a few changes this year and trust these meet with readers' approval. We are a work in progress and hope to make further improvements in our publication. Much depends on the participation of submissions for publication and we are pleased with the quality of articles authors have submitted to us thus far. One need not be a RCGS member to submit, although membership is highly encouraged.

I also want to remind those readers with a writer's itch to submit articles on their Kansas kin and communities. Accompanying photos are more than welcome as well. Again, we are not limited to just those with a Riley County connection. Guidelines are included in this and following editions.

In addition, I would like to draw readers' attention to the society's other activities which include: workshops, monthly public speakers, the Round Table (open to one and all at the Blue Stem Bistro in Aggieville every third Friday – 10:00 to noon), and, last but not least, our extensive research library and volunteer staff at 2005 Claflin Road. Please check out our website, www.rileycgs.com, that not only lists events but also online resources for you to explore your family's history, wherever that may be.

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President, RCGS

LIFE IN A LOG CABIN: 1886-1955

Margaret Parker



The cabin today on the Rock Creek Historical Museum grounds. (Photo by Margaret Parker)

From the time of her marriage in 1886 until her death in 1955, a total of 69 years, Hettie (Hattie) Carter Summervill lived in a two-story log cabin near Neuchatel, Nemaha County, KS. That cabin was moved to the grounds of the Rock Creek Historical Museum in Westmoreland, KS several years ago where it is now open to the public. The cabin was built in 1867 by Henry Labbe and was donated to the Rock Creek Historical Society by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Labbe, who purchased it from the Summervill estate in 1956. The Summervills rented the farm and lived in the cabin after their marriage, then purchasing it in December, 1909. Hettie (or Hattie in some records) Carter, the second of ten children, was born January 10, 1862 in Avon, Lorain County, Ohio to William and Matilda Dunning Carter. William was the son of John and Celia Carter and Matilda was the daughter of David and Beulah Dunning. The William Carter family was in Dekalb County, Indiana in 1870, but moved to Kansas shortly thereafter.

On August 12, 1886, Hettie Carter married Isaac J Summervill, the son of James and Hannah Summervill, in Lone Tree Township, Pottawatomie County. James was a native of Ireland, came to the U. S. in 1846 and settled in Indiana. He moved to Kansas in 1866 with his wife and two sons and worked on the Central Branch Railroad near Centralia. Isaac had also worked for the railroad when he first moved to Kansas but soon began farming.

Isaac and Hettie were not destined to have a long life together as he died July 15, 1912 after only 26 years of marriage. By that time they had had eight children but only six daughters were living, ranging in age from 11 to 22 years. Hettie was left to manage the farm as well as raise her family. Hettie's grandson, Oliver Maskil, recounted how she was very independent. Her husband had opposed the right of women to vote, but "the fall after he died, she went to the polls and cast her vote." In November 1912 Kansas had become only the eighth state in the country to approve the right of women to vote. Hettie loved to dance and was also a member of the Christian Church and "always ready to help care for the sick, or to do whatever she could to help her neighbors and her family." The *Onaga Herald* in 1914 reports that "Henry Labbe's baby had a bad attack of croup Sunday night and Mrs. Hettie Summerville was called to help care for it."

Hettie Summervill died July 11, 1955 and was buried in the Mulberry Cemetery, Nemaha County, KS where her husband and two of her children were also buried.

Children of Isaac and Hettie Carter Summervill:

1) Elvia, b. August 12, 1887, d. September 29, 1895

2) Philura, b. September 27, 1889, d. January 28, 1970, married Aurel Surdez (*Frankfort Index,* Frankfort, KS, February 12, 1970)

3) Bessie, b. 1891, d. 1982, married Charles M Landes

4) Katie, b. April 10, 1893, d. December 16, 1970, married John J Maskil

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From Ireland to Cloud County, KS

Linda Fetters

My father and I always attended Memorial Day services in the combined Glasco/St. Mary's Cemeteries in Cloud County, Ks. I was about eleven when I began to wonder about a stone next to the memorial stone of his Grandfather and Grandmother, Thomas and Ellen Butler. The white memorial stone was inscribed "Mary Malone born County Kilkenny, Ireland, Died April 4, 1879. Aged 69 years". I asked Dad who she was, and he said he really did not know. Another question also arose as I had noticed someone was leaving a small bouquet on her grave every year. Who was remembering Mary Malone so many years later? This piqued my curiosity, wondering if she was some relative, and so I began my search: Who was the unknown Mary Malone?

Glasco is located in the Solomon Valley, which was known locally as the "richest and widest and best" and had officially been established as a city of the third class on the 14th day of April, 1886. But my Irish Great-Grandparents, Thomas and Ellen Butler, had settled there in 1870. My Dad had shown me the spot where their dugout had once been southeast of Glasco.

I learned the original Irish families were: Michael and Mary Dillon, James and Honora Hurley, Mary Malone (sometimes called Granny Malone), Pierce and Mary Butler, John and Honora Downey, Mrs. Hanora Downey, William Cantlin, a brother of Honora Downey, and Thomas and Ellen Butler. They secured lots for homesteads, and on June 2, 1870, arrived east and south of Dell Ray (Glasco) where these claims were located.

The Irish families were Catholic and, after constructing homes, held services in their homes. By 1878, they had erected, by general subscription at a cost of eight hundred dollars and much member work, a church known as St. Mary's. A Catholic Cemetery was established by the Glasco Cemetery east of Glasco with a fence between the two. Later, the fence was removed and replaced by a concrete roadway. However, each unit kept its own set of records and burial books.

So I began my search which lasted for years. I found histories of the early Irish families who homesteaded the area, obituaries of the early residents, documents from the Cloud County Courthouse, information in the Cloud County history book, and talked with descendants of the early settlers. I exchanged letters with older relatives, traveled to Wisconsin and met relatives who had knowledge of Mary Malone. My father became intrigued and found early documents kept by his father in a metal box. These proved to be valuable resources.

So the story of Mary Malone gradually unfolded, and what a fascinating story it was. I discovered Mary Freney (Franey) began life in County Kilkenny, Ireland in 1810. She married John Malone there, and the couple had four children: Bridget (1837), Eleanora (Ellen) who was my great grandmother (1839), Robert (1843) and Margaret (1845). Her husband died before 1848, because in that year, she and her three daughters left with other Kilkenny Irish for America—their destination to be Westport, Dane County, Wisconsin. It is unknown why she left her son Robert behind with close relatives. Mary and her daughters did not have the money to go directly to the Westport area when they arrived and had to stop off in Baltimore, Maryland, where they scrubbed the white steps for the wealthier families. By 1852, they were settled south of Waunakee in the Westport area near an old mill. Mary's daughters married there. Bridget, at 16, married John Hogan Tierney, who later became a state representative for Wisconsin. The couple had 11 children. Ellen married Thomas Butler while he was on furlough from the Civil War in 1864, and they had 5 children, Mary, Martin (my grandfather), John, Anna, and Richard; and Margaret married Michael Doyle, and she and their first child died in childbirth in 1880. Robert had arrived with relatives, served in the Civil War, and had no known children when he died in Wisconsin in 1899.

In 1870, Mary decided to move with her daughter and husband, Ellen and Thomas Butler, to Kansas, leaving the rest of her family in the Westport area. Mary became the proud owner of 160 acres southeast of town. Another proud day was when she went to Concordia, Cloud County, and became a naturalized citizen in 1873. In conversations with descendants of the early Irish settlers, I learned Mary was a respected midwife, a valued profession on the plains, and that she had presided at many births in the area. I learned in her spare time she liked to make straw hats out of wheat straw. Mary died at her daughter, Ellen's house, on April 4, 1879, at 69 years of age, and was buried in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. She was a fine example of a woman of courage and character, willing to work hard to better herself and her family… Mary Malone, I learned, was a remarkable lady.

I put flowers on Mary's grave each Memorial Day now, and a few years ago discovered my third cousin, Barbara, was the one leaving the floral bouquets. She didn't know who Mary Malone was, only that her Great Aunt and her mother had done this, so she had continued it too! Now she knows Mary's story. So each Memorial Day, two Great-Great-Granddaughters try to be the first one to place their flowers on Mary's grave. It's a competition; I think Mary would be proud!

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A French Re-connection

Class project rejoins Kansas and French villages

Gloria Freeland

Introduction

Every semester, I assign my Kansas State University journalism students the task of writing news stories about historical topics. I never imagined the spring 2013 project would lead to the people of Morganville, Kansas and Fèves, France to reconnect after 65 years.

In 2012, I heard about the "lost Kansas communities" project of K-State's Chapman Center for Rural Studies. The goal of the project is to preserve the history of small rural communities in the state. So I divided my two classes into 10 teams of three or four students, with each team taking one community in nearby Clay County. They went through records, newspaper clippings, photos and books at the Clay County Museum, interviewed people and visited the community sites.

The Clay Center Dispatch was interested in publishing the stories, which required fact-checking. I recruited my husband, Art Vaughan, who has done extensive genealogical research, to make certain the work my fledgling reporters had done was accurate. While the two of us have done this sort of thing for a long time and we both are persistent, I would describe him as "dogged."

All my students' stories were interesting, but one stood out - the one about Morganville, Kansas.

The Morganville-Fèves Connection

In 1947, Morganville, population 280, wanted to help the people devastated by World War II. Some of the area's young men had been in Gen. George Patton's "Iron Men of Metz" 95th Infantry Division. They had seen the damage done by our own troops to surrounding communities while capturing Metz. So Morganville decided to adopt Fèves, a small farming and wine-producing village six miles northwest of Metz.



Jubilant Morganville, Kansas residents performed in the 1948 pageant, "Message to Fèves," to raise money for the small French village devastated by World War II. (Photo courtesy Clay County Museum)

To help raise money for Fèves, the people of Morganville came up with the idea of producing a pageant, complete with an original play. It was called "Message to Fèves." The 4,500 word script was written in two weeks by resident Velma Carson to the meter of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha." In it, she described what the area was like before the first white settlers arrived, what animals once lived there and how things changed as settlers arrived, bringing their cultures and talents from diverse places. She wanted the citizens of Fèves to know the people of Morganville were not rich and that its citizens had experienced tornadoes, floods, droughts and grasshopper infestations. Her message to the French people was, just as they had endured, so, too, would the people of Fèves.



Henri and Mathilde Torlotting, with their nephew Gérard Torlotting, age 7. Gérard, now in his early 70s, and his wife Solange remember when the gifts from Morganville first began arriving in Fèves.
(Photo courtesy Clay County Museum)

By the afternoon of Aug. 27, 1948, the windows of Morganville businesses were decorated with U.S. and French flags. Main Street was draped in flags of all the nations made from rags local women had dyed. Bingo, penny pitching and horse rides, as well as the sale of ice cream, cookies, popcorn and turkey dinners were some of the ways money was raised.

The play began at 8 p.m. in a stone amphitheater where an old mercantile had once stood. No admission was charged, but donations were welcomed. About 150 of Morganville's residents participated in the play and another 50 helped with other activities.

Nearly 1,000 people came. The receipts totaled about $1,000 - $10,000 in today's currency. People also donated good shoes, clothing and blankets.

The money from the pageant and from subsequent fundraising projects purchased food, seeds and other items that were sent to France. An audio recording of the play was broadcast to Europe by station WRUL in Boston and later rebroadcast with a narration in French by Radio Nancy in France.

Fèves schoolmaster Henri Torlotting was a key person involved in the distribution of the items that began arriving at the end of 1948. Over the months and years that followed, Fèves recovered, with the help of the materials provided by Morganville, the Marshall Plan and the efforts of its own resilient citizens.

On June 23, 1949, area officials from across Lorraine as well as the school children from Fèves recorded a "thank you" program for the people of Morganville.

In 1949, Elmore McKee, a minister with a national reputation, was looking for examples of how people working on their own without the help of government agencies could change the world. The Morganville story was one of 13 half-hour radio programs he produced. The Morganville program was called "A Prairie Noel" and was broadcast nationally on the NBC radio network two days before Christmas in 1950. The Armed Forces Radio Service carried the program to U.S. troops. The series was called "The People Act."

It was so popular that McKee was asked to do many more over the following years. In 1955, he published a book, also called "The People Act," that contained selected stories. Chapter 7, "One Affirmative Thing for Peace," is the story of how Methodist minister Henry Millikan and Velma

Carson motivated Morganville to help Fèves.

Over time, this small French village became more to Morganville than just a place to send aid … it became a sister city.

Milton Eisenhower, president of what was then called Kansas State Agricultural College (and what later became Kansas State University) and brother of President Dwight Eisenhower, believed strongly in these people-to-people arrangements. Milton's influence led directly to the president creating Sister Cities International in 1956.

Early in the friendship that developed between the villages, plans were set in motion to have Schoolmaster Torlotting and his wife Mathilde visit Morganville. Over time, several citizens of Morganville were able to visit their sister city. But money was tight in post-war France and no one from Fèves ever visited their sister on the Kansas prairie.

The towns Reconnect

That is, not until 2013, 65 years after the pageant was performed. When Art read my students' story about Morganville's pageant, he wondered whether anyone in Fèves remembered that a small town in Kansas had helped them so many years ago. He started searching the Internet for information about Fèves.

At first, the search only yielded information and recipes about beans as fève means "bean" in French.

But he finally found a website for the French village. On it were a few photos that he recognized as being from Morganville. He wrote to the email address on the site. He doesn't read or write French, so his inquiry was in English. No answer.

Another email.

Again, no answer.

But after the third, he received a response from Hervé Torlotting, a great nephew of Schoolmaster Henri Torlotting. While Hervé and family live in the United States, they were visiting his parents in Fèves at the time Art's email arrived. Hervé's father Gérard and mother Solange were children when the aid from Morganville arrived, and they remember when the gifts came. Gérard still has the blanket he was given. It now helps protect his John Deere lawn mower in a shed outside his home.

That Christmas, Gérard and Solange were visiting their son and his family. They decided it was time for someone from Fèves to visit Morganville. They, son Hervé, daughter-in-law Christine and grandchildren Paul and Emma drove to Kansas on Dec. 28, 2013. The following day, they attended a reception in their honor at the old elementary school gym in Morganville, where the people greeted them with open arms and warm hearts. Tables were decorated with small French and U.S. flags anchored in jars filled with wheat, soybeans and corn. A large French flag flew outside the old school. Gérard and Morganville Mayor Brent Rundell made comments and exchanged gifts from their towns. Art showed a DVD explaining the history of their towns' relationship.

Recent Visitors to Fèves

Although it had been awhile since any Kansans visited Fèves, Art, our daughters Mariya and Katherine, the girls' second cousins Ryan and Hannah Serwe, and I visited the French village in May 2014. We presented gifts to them from Morganville's citizens.

Art, Katherine and I visited again in spring 2015, when the people of Fèves had a barbecue to raise funds for a group of them to visit their sister in Kansas.



On Sept. 10, 2015, a group of 20 Fèves citizens visited Manhattan, Morganville and Clay Center. Here they are in the Morganville amphitheater where the 1948 pageant was performed. (Photo Gloria Freeland)

Visitors to Morganville and Clay Center

Twenty citizens from Fèves visited Manhattan, Morganville and Clay Center on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015.

Provost April Mason and Birgit Wassmuth, director of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications, greeted them on the K-State campus.

We traveled by bus to Morganville, stopping along the way so they could check out milo and soybean fields. They also rode a local farmer's combine and tractor and visited the Morganville grain elevator.

They were guests of honor at a luncheon provided by the Morganville Café. Centerpieces on each table featured real sunflowers flanked by small French and U.S. flags, while a large French flag flew outside the café.



On Sept. 10, 2015, Roger Wechtler of Fèves presented a road sign indicating the mileage from his town to Morganville to Brent Rundell, mayor of Morganville. (Photo Gloria Freeland)

During the program, Gérard Torlotting and Brent Rundell spoke of their towns' friendship. Among the Fèves citizens was Roger Wechtler, who presented a sign to the people of Morganville - a sign that gave the distance - in kilometers and miles - between the two villages.

The next stop was the Clay Center Community High School, where students who had been practicing their French gave the visitors a tour of the building. Three students did a five-minute reading of Velma Carson's "Message to Fèves" script.

Conclusion

Most school assignments are designed for students to learn new skills, practice thinking in a new way or become familiar with new facts or ideas. They only occasionally have an impact on anyone not directly involved in the class.

But this one did and it led to the re-connection of long-separated "sisters." Perhaps bolstered by 21st century communications tools such as email and Facebook, they will now remain in touch.

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Website: www.morganvillefeves.org, compiled by Arthur R. Vaughan from sources including the Clay Center Dispatch and the Morganville Tribune, the Clay County Museum, the Fèves website, Elmore McKee's book, donated photos, papers and letters from Velma Carson's materials and others listed on the site

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MOVING NEW ENGLANDERS TO KANSAS

Patty Wadick



Earle and Julia Westgate
(Photo from Wadick family collection)

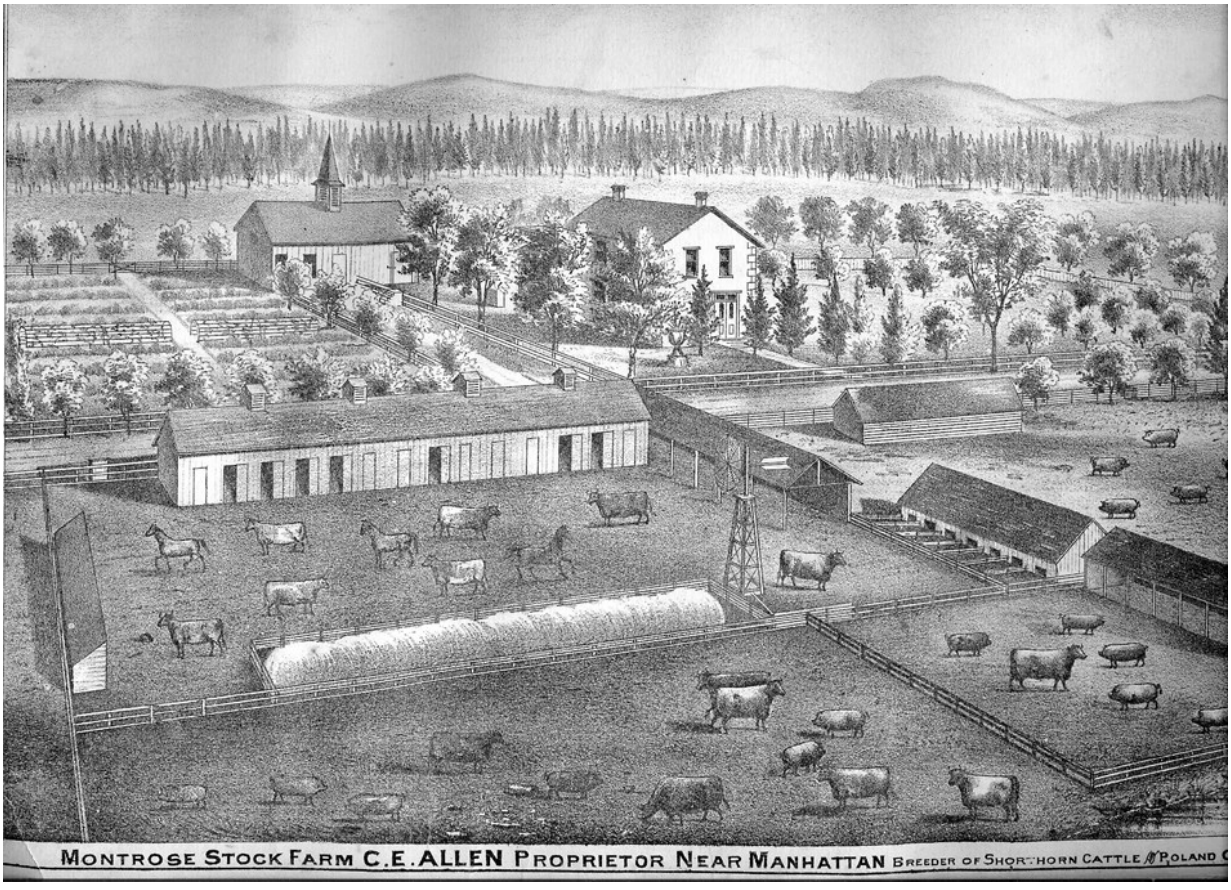
Earle W Westgate and his wife Julia Porter Westgate moved to Manhattan, KS from Lebanon, NH in 1883. Earle was a teacher and taught in several New England schools.

Upon moving to Manhattan, Earle purchased a 100-acre farm known as Montrose Farms. He was active in community affairs, held various offices in the township and county, and enjoyed two terms as a member of the state legislature. He was prominently connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and for six years was master of the Kansas State Grange.

Montrose Farms was located on what is now Browning Avenue. The house still stands.

Julia Porter Westgate writes about the family's move to Manhattan in a letter. She tells about the weather, the mud and the changes they had to make in "this strange land".

Excerpts from her letter are printed below. She mentions her children, Porter and Winifred, and her stepfather, E A Howe. Earle's brother Hollis Westgate moved to Riley County earlier and was postmaster at the Westgate Post Office located on McDowell Creek Road in Geary County.



Montrose Farms (Photo from the Historical Plat Book 1881 of Riley County, Kansas)



"Winifred – E W Westgate – E A Howe – Porter Westgate – C D Norris – Julia M Westgate, "Montrose" Manhattan, Kansas" written on back of picture
(Photo from Wadick family collection)

Manhattan, KS

November 19, 1883

My dear Lucy,

Your letter forwarded from Lebanon was the first to reach us here. It was a good, kind letter too, and many thanks for your expressions of sympathy and good will to assist me in my preparations for leaving my home for a strange land. I did get dreadfully tired out and my nerves I presume too, in the hurry and worry--but everything went along as well as could have been expected.

Our place was sold at private sale, and was followed by a big auction of everything in the line of household stuff. It was the largest auction ever held there and biggest crowd. After our breakup, while we were packing ... we boarded at our near neighbors, and scattered around nights till the day of our departure, which was Monday after noon, Oct. 15th.

Our friends and neighbors were exceedingly kind and helped us in any way they could, and we had the most generous lunch you ever saw I guess. It lasted us, (five of us) till we got here, except during our stop over at Kansas City, as we did not get in there in time to make connections for this place. So we went to a hotel and made ourselves comfortable as we could.

Our journey was uneventful but pleasant on the whole, the children thoroughly enjoyed it, from beginning to end. They were disappointed in not seeing the Victoria Bridge at Montreal, but they knew when they were passing through it. The next night they waited to see the trains cross the ... on a ferry boat the long trains at once. It was a beautiful night and the sight was well worth the trouble of going out to see. Also the next night, the darky porter of our car took Winnie and Porter out on the platform at midnight to see the wonderful Mississippi. We crossed where it was a mile and a quarter wide. The scurry at the point is quite striking and seen by moonlight appeared quite grand. We stood the trip well and I felt pretty well when we got here.

Mr. Robinson (of whom Earle bought his farm) met us at Manhattan depot, but nobody from brother Hollis. We took the children and drove out here to see about some things we wished to purchase before they left the house.

Then we went back to town, and finally wound up starting for Hollis, and getting there after much tribulation, about nine a ·clock. It was Friday night when we reached Hollis, found them all nicely, and we all stayed there till Sunday. Then Earle and I came back to town and boarded till we

could get some few things together so as to set up a rough housekeeping here in our house.

All the first week we were here it rained, and the weather was horrid. Rainy weather here is a thousand times worse than in NE for it affects everything. Thursday we came up here and I have only left the place once, and that was to go to church yesterday. Friday we sent a man after father Howe and the children, and just about dark they reached here, so we were once more together, in our home, Winnie said she never took such an awful ride, as she had to, to get here. Such … and such mud!

We have been through various trials, but nothing serious. Things are rather different from what we have been accustomed to all our days, but we expected it, and on the whole, had as good times as could be while living in my unsettled state. Our things reached us in good condition. Some of my pretty china was broken but there is some of it left.

The children enjoy this" new life here, something wonderful everyday, and such explorations as they make! 'They took a nice drive off on the bluffs yesterday, by themselves. My home is comfortable, and I hope to make it pleasant and easy when I get things arranged to my mind.

We have two cows, fourteen calves, two hogs, three horses, one a beautiful saddle horse, Winnie and Porter both ride her, four hens, and a cat. Earle and father, and Porter have all been in the fields all day husking corn. Father could hold the horses as Earle and Porter husked and threw in. We have had a carpenter at work in the house and he made considerable improvement. Our neighbors have called and seem to be pleasant congenial people we have not been homesick, though after thinking of home and friends now so far away.

PS: We are always glad to hear from you my dear girl. With regards to your husband, I am as ever your affectionate …

Julia M Westgate

PS We had twenty-eight pieces of freight, and it is only a few days since the last load got up here, you would smile to see my parlor … the back chamber. What can't be found there isn't worth looking after. We have had more delightful weather since our first week here.

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Calendar of Events

A new exhibit, *Our Cabinet of Curiosities*, opens at the Geary County Historical Society on October 17, 2015. Tour the museum and discover strange finds from our collections throughout the building. Learn about the evolution of curiosity cabinets and how they became museums. Ericka Nelson will be presenting "Jackalopes, Hodags, & Other Larger than Life Myths from the American Road" in the auditorium. Call for more details (785) 2238-1666. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday 1-4pm.

Monday, March 14, 2016 through Saturday, December 31, 2016

Geary County Historical Society 1950's exhibit (Special Event)

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The Geary County Historical Society is excited to announce the opening of the new exhibit He Didn't Wear a Top Hat, which explores the changing world of the 1950s. New multidimensional displays, including a grocery store and a hair salon, show what life was life in Geary County during this transitional decade. Play with a rotary telephone, test your knowledge on famous people from the 50s, and share your own memories about this nostalgic time in American history. Opening March 14, He Didn't Wear a Top Hat can be seen Tuesday-Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the Geary County Historical Society in Junction City.

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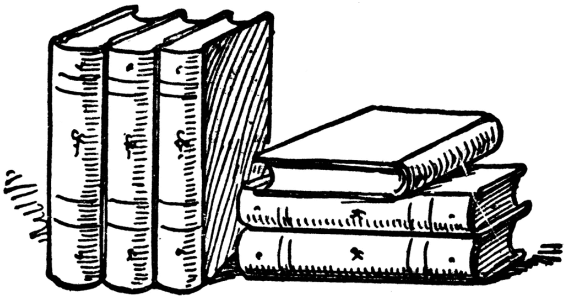
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