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We are a very flexible group and would welcome assistance from other members. Please call the editor if you are interested in helping with the quarterly.

Reno County Genealogical Society

The Reno County Genealogical Society of Hutchinson, Kansas, was founded in 1978 for the purpose of fostering genealogical research, promoting the exchange of information and encouraging the deposit of genealogical and historical materials in established libraries and archives.

Membership in the Reno County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Dues are \$5.00 per year single membership and \$7.50 per year family membership. All dues are paid at once for the period of 1 April 1986 to 31 March 1987.

Donations and gifts to the society are tax deductible.

Meetings are held on the third Mc nday of each month (except December) usually in the auditorism of the Hutchinson Public Library, 9th and Main, 7-9 p.m.

The quarterly publication of the Reno County Genealogical Society, The Sunflower, is mailed in February, May, August and November. The staff welcomes the contribution of records and stories pertaining to genealogy and history.

Address Change?

If you plan to change your address, please notify the society in advance. Our quarterly is mailed at a special rate of postage and the post office will not forward any with the wrong address. They throw them away.

It is a huge task to keep the mailing list up to date and we need your help. **Please tell us when you change your address.** Thank you.

President's Message

I would like to call your attention to several changes in the Kansas Room. A new sixty-drawer filing cabinet now holds the Obituary, Surname and Miscellaneous card files. The cabinet is located along the West wall. Microfilm readers are now in a dimly lit alcove, which makes reading the film much easier. More space, along the north wall, has been allocated to the Reno County Genealogical Society. Several members have donated books and periodicals recently, and these will be placed on the shelves for all of us to use. Do you have any books or periodicals you would donate?

Do you attend the monthly meetings? If not, would you let members of the Executive Board know the reason? At the meetings, there are several vacant chairs that I would like to see filled. I would like to suggest that every member come to the meetings and bring a guest who has an interest in genealogy.

Opal Culver is collecting "Who's New" columns from the Hutchinson News. At the end of the year, they will be placed in a notebook and indexed. She would like your help. Do you know of any babies born to former residents? If so, would you call her or send her the following information: name of child, date and place of birth, and names of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Linda Worley has replaced Dorothy Rayl as Publicity Chairman. I would like to thank Dorothy for her efforts in getting notices of the meetings and programs in the Hutchinson News and for the excellent write-ups of the meetings.

RCGS Calendar

Aug. 18	Question and Answer Panel
Sept. 15	National Archives film on effective ways to use the National Archives in Washington, D.C.
Oct. 20	To be announced
Nov. 17	Reno County Historical Society

Queries. .

My great grandfather Andrew Jackson BURTRAM lived in Hutchinson 1903-1943. Does your society have any member who is currently researching the Burtram line or who has any information on them? William A. ROBERTS, 8225 Summerplace Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

I am interested in the George and Persia Eva (BLACK) MAGLIN family—their children, jobs, history. Joanne STOLPE, 905 N. Lamer, Burbank, CA 91506

Manuel and Lorenda (BLACK) SHOCKLEY were maried 1889. I am seeking information-children, jobs, history-about them. Joanne STOLPE, 905 N. Lamer, Burbank CA 91506.

Address queries to Arlene Vincent, RCGS, P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67504-0005.

Announcements

Bert Newton at the Hutchinson Public Library is checking the shelflist of the genealogy collection against the COM catalog, noting any discrepancies or books not listed.

While checking each card, she is also starting lists for bibliographies of books by states and by ethnic groups. These will be added to a computer list which can be printed, then easily changed or added to, and reprinted.

Don't forget to pay your dues if you have not yet done so.

Bring a friend to the August meeting. Let's fill the meeting room.

New Members

The Reno County Genealogical Society extends a warm welcome to the following new members. Each has been asked to fill out a four-generation ancestor chart. Information from these charts will be transferred to the SURNAME FILE which is housed in the Kansas Room of the Public Library:

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A red "X" after your name on your address label indicates we haven't received your dues for this fiscal year-they were due April 1.

Dues are \$5 for a single membership and \$7.50 for a family. Members living outside the United States must pay \$2.75 extra. Their quarterly cannot be mailed on our permit but must be mailed first class in a manila envelope—thus the extra charge.

The Serendipity Genealogist

by Arless Eilerts

When I was young, one of the best parts of family reunions (or just "going visiting") was when the adults sat around after supper drinking coffee and swapping stories. Those experiences were serendipity genealogy at its best.

It was there I began to develop my sense of family, for there I heard great-grandpa's Civil War exploits. I relished the story of his being sent on a spying mission, along with two other Union soldiers, behind the Confederate lines at Vicksburg. I learned how he escaped hanging by stumbling onto a station on the underground railroad where an old black woman lowered him by bucket into the well where he found a dugout room. There she hid him for two days until she could help him get back to his own lines.

There, too, I heard about a terminally ill grandfather who sat under a shade tree at the end of the field to supervise while his 10-year-old son (my father) struggled with a team of horses and a plow to get the crops planted.

Sitting quietly in a corner so I wouldn't be sent to bed along with my younger cousins, I learned that grandma had made grandpa swear off drinking for a year before she would marry him, and that he had been a sheet or two atilt when he showed up at the end of the year to give her a ring, and that she had thrown the ring at him and refused to marry him until he had gone drinkless for another year.

This story always led my mother and my giggling aunts to the story of how their aunt had cured her drinking husband by sewing him up in a sheet one morning when she found him passed out in a drunken stupor on the front porch daybed—and leaving him there for a couple of days.

At family reunions I could wander unnoticed among the adults and pick up tidbits of family history. At one of these I learned that my greatgrandfather was illegitimate when my uncle became very "huffy" with a cousin (an early genealogist in the family) for daring to record the unwelcome fact.

I watched my own children sit big-eyed, quietly listening as my husbands and his brothers and sisters laughed about their childhood escapades and remembered the poverty of the depression.

But somehow, it's not the same for them. Families are rarely together-it's not like the yearly (or more often) visiting of my childhood. Since I have no brothers or sisters with whom to swap stories, my children lack the sense of history on my side.

Perhaps this is why I do genealogy and augment the bare data with facts and stories that go beyond dates and places. I want to flesh out those long dead ancestors with real characteristics and true deeds.

Given a long enough lifetime, I fully intend to write a book of these stories to accompany the family charts for each line I research. I want my children to have the opportunity to know who they are and from whence they came.

Meanwhile, I shall continue to carry my childhood "nosiness" into adulthood by trying to learn as much as I can about my people so I'll have more stories to write.

A History of Early Haven . . .

by Arless Eilerts

Like most of the other areas of Reno County, Haven Township settlement began in the early 1870s. In 1871, Cyrus Mount and Amos Rodgers homesteaded in Section 14, the same one in which Dave Hess homesteaded the next year. Also in 1872, Henry Scheele and Wm. McCormick settled on Section 12; George Schlickau and John Harms on Section 8; C.S. Bishop, Section 2; Caleb Cupps, Section 10; and J.U. Schoonover, Section 4. J.A. Doles settled in 1874 on Section 30, and I.G. Marteney the same year homesteaded in Section 8.

Post offices, schools and churches were marks of an extending civilization. It was not long before these necessities were developed. In February, 1873, petitions were circulated to locate a post office in the home of Caleb Cupps on his farm one and one-half mile east of the present city limits. The post office, once secured and named Haven, served until May 3, 1886, when it was moved to the newly formed city which had been named after the post office.

F.W. Thorp, who became the Haven city postmaster, was not ready for the mail business so he used clothes baskets and bushel baskets to store mail. The office was pretty hectic when people came in to pick up their letters until the mail boxes were installed.

Two other post offices existed in the area, one at Stella, five and one-half miles west of Cupps' farm, and the other at Mount Liberty, registered on the route from Wichita to Hutchinson and located six miles northwest of Cupps' office.

The town of Haven did not come into existence until April 6, 1886. The location chosen was unbroken, treeless sod on the southeast quarter of Section 5. The Town Company, consisting of F.W. Ash, C.W. Peckham, William Astle and Levi Charles, set April 6 for the sale of lots for businesses and residences on the townsite which had been purchased previously for \$40 per acre.

In spite of a high south wind, business boomed with lots selling for \$20 to \$200.

The new town subsumed the post office called Haven, and the small town of Stella, located three and a half miles west was moved to the new town of Haven.

Haven Township

The first election in Haven Township was May 14, 1873, with 26 votes cast. Those voting were Wm. R.

and Hamilton Miller; Wm., George, Richard Sr, and Henry Astle; Duncan, Dougald, and Daniel McArthur; Thomas Campbell; Isaac D. Lovell; Harmon H. Munger; Wm. H. Losbaugh; Robert Laughlin; J.B. Resing; I.M. Gray; Watson Farles; Wm. W. Holcomb; C. W. Peckham; Caleb Cupps; David Hess; Eli Younger; Wm. A. Beagle; G.S. Bishop; Henry Chalacombe; and M.W. Marks.

The first township hall was a frame building which was replaced in 1910 by a new brick building. This brick building became the Reno County Museum in 1967 at which time the historical displays were moved there from Hutchinson.²

Schools

East Haven School, near the southeast corner of the present site in Haven, was the first school in Haven Township, starting in 1873. The first school in the new town of Haven was a subscription school taught by Mrs. Astle of Hutchinson. During the 1886-87 term quite a few of the pupils attended Haven School District No. 4, one mile east and a half mile south of town. Others attended Germania No. 108 near the Lutheran Church. During the summer of 1887, school district No. 139 was organized. The district was the section in which the town was located. Bonds were voted September, 1887, for \$1,960 to erect a two-story brick building. The upper room was never completed. The first teacher was Miss Sallie McConnell for the term beginning about Oct. 10, 1887.

When the district needed more money, the town district did not trust a vote of the people to decide the question of consolidation of the four districts. The county superintendent, I.L. Dayhoff, got a bill introduced in the legislature combining Haven No. 4, Bethel No. 35, Germania No. 108, and Town District No. 139.

When the bill met opposition, it was withdrawn by its originator, Rep. A.R. Watkins, but it was reintroduced later by Sen. Frank Vincent of Hutchinson and passed into law. The law was challenged in the Reno County District Court and the State Supreme Court, where it was upheld.

The school board members in 1889 were F.W. Ash, J.U. Schoonover, C.W. Astle, D.G. Primrose, J.R. Payne, J.T. Dickerson, F.P. Adams, and S. Atkinson.

Only a grade school was in operation from 1887 to 1910. J.N. Frazey was principal in 1910, which was

the first year high school was offered. The grades were added one year at a time until the first class—consisting of one member, John Snyder—was graduated in 1914. In 1915, Howard Altenread, Chester Dole, and Harry Wolf were graduated. There were no graduates in 1916. In 1917 Carl Hoffner was graduated, and in 1918 Hazel Atkinson, Exxa Burnett, and Arthur Hefling were graduated.

Haven Rural High School was organized April 20, 1918, with a school district of sixty-five square miles. At one point Haven's rural high school district included 192 square miles and a valuation of \$13 million, making it the richest school district in Kansas. The high school building was completed in 1921.

Early Churches

The first Sunday School in Haven Township was organized in the summer of 1872 at the home of Dougald McArthur. Members were the Astle, Cupps, Campbell, McArthur, Johnson, and Palmer families. The first church building was the school house which was located across the road from the Cupps farm.

Lutheran Church

The early Lutherans worshipped in public schools until 1880 when St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran congegration was organized. Founders included John Harms, George Schlickau, Henry Scheele, William Scheele, Fred Warning, Henry Meier, William Mueller, Henry Dierks, John Stade, Henry Hoffer, Fred Popp, and August Bauman. In 1884 the congegration built a parsonage and school. In 1890 a church building was erected. The first baptism was that of Albert Schlickau, Sept. 19, 1880. The first confirmation was April 1, 1883, for the class of Carl Hauser, Phillippine Emilie Schoepf, and Louis F. Schoepf. The first marriage, Nov. 18, 1883, was that of August Popp and Ernestine Tonn. The first burial was that of Christian Tonn, Nov. 8, 1883.

Congregational Church

On Nov. 3, 1883, a group met in the Haven school house to organize the Congregational Church. Charter members were Simon and Margaret Sprowl, George E. Gilmore, Mary E. House, William A. House, Ellen T. Gilmore, Mrs. M.A. Thorp, Margaret Kennick, M.A. Arkelbower, Mrs. H. Arkelbower, Mrs. Mattie Sprowl, and Alice Fowler. They moved the old school building from near Cupps' place to town and held services there until the Methodist Church was built. Then services were held there alternately for the two congegrations. On Dec. 7, 1893, members voted to build a church.

Methodist Church

Before the town was built small groups of Methodists met in various homes and later in Olive school house, three miles west of the site of Haven. In 1886 a Methodist class was organized in town and most of the members from the Olive school came to Haven. In November of 1889, the first Haven Methodist Church building was formally dedicated. The first members were Joseph Astle, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Astle, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Jackson, Mrs. Sophia Grinnel, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wentz. The first resident pastor was C.E. Davis.

The Methodist Church was organized in 1887 with the first resident pastor, a Mr. Davis, who came in 1888. The first church building was erected in 1889.

The Methodist parsonage was erected in 1892. In 1902, the church building was destroyed by fire, and a new church was built immediately. The first wedding in the new church was that of Della Astle and Roy Talbot.

United Brethren Church

The Pleasant Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church owed its existence to a rural school house community Sunday School composed of several denominations and to an old-fashioned revival. Circuit rider preachers from different denominations held services in connection with the Sunday School which originally met only about eight months of the year. It would finish the year with the Christmas program and miss the severe weather by not resuming until about April 1. The Rev. G.M. Beltz held a revival in 1888 which produced 81 converts. Under Beltz's leadership, the United Brethren Church was organized.

Early Families

Astles

Early families in the Haven area included Richard Astle (1811-1883) and his wife Sarah (1810-1891). Both were born in Melbourne, England. They had 10 children: John (1832-1896), Elizabeth (1834-1899, m. Henry Barber), Richard Jr. (1837-1924), William (1840-1913), George (1842-1919), Joseph (1845-1899), Sarah (1847-1876, m. Henry Challacombe), Mary (1849-1910, m. George Van Buren), Henry (1851-1920), and Charles (1854-1921). The first nine were born in England; Charles was born in Illinois.

The Astles sailed for America in 1852 with all of their nine children except John and Elizabeth, who, already married, chose to remain in England. The family arrived in New Orleans and traveled up the Mississippi to Alton, Ill., where they rented a farm. They stayed in Illinois 20 years before coming to Kansas, arriving in Haven Township in April, 1872, driving a couple of prairie schooners. Each of the children who had reached majority homesteaded a quarter section.

George Schlickau

George Schlickau (b. 10 Jan 1850, Hohnstorf, Amt Medinger, Hanover, Germany) came to America by ship in 1868. He worked in Wisconsin and Illinois before coming to Kansas in 1872. He and John Harms came together to homestead on adjacent

south of Haven. built his farm house on the first 80 acres he bought a four-room house for six months while Christian Fritz lived with Uncle Frank and his family of eight in belongings. The family of seven and Grandfather father, August Fritz, arrived by train with the family's about a year earlier. Ten days later Wilhelmina's were met by an uncle, Frank Tonn, who had arrived

celebrated its centennial anniversary. The residents of the town of Haven recently

is available at the Hutchinson Public Library. is the source of most of the information in this history. The book The book Haven Heritage, by Inez Valdols, published in 1968,

County Historical Society effort was launched to develop a museum sponsored by the Reno Hutchinson got the museum back in 1985 when a community

Presented to RCGS

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were later located.

Liverpool 1697-1707.

William and Albert were born. Herman died in infanlac, Wisc., in 1872 where Emma, Frank, Herman, Amelia, was born 31 Dec. 1871. They came to Fon du were married in Germany where their first child, Christian Frederick Tonn and Wilhelmina Fritz

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Brant,, and, Miller. Rush County Indiana
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Vital Records of Reno County, Kansas—Book I, Deaths 1893

Name	Age	Date	Place
NO NAME [female] NO NAME, Infant [male] NO NAME, [female]. NO NAME, Twins [females] ADAMS, Infant [sex not given]	stillborn	filed with Feb 1893 deaths	Reno County
	[no age]	22 Jun	Ocoll [Ocoee or Olcott?]
	3mo	27 Jul	Hutchinson
	stillborn	20 Sep	Hutchinson
	1mo	4 Dec	Hutchinson
ALBRIGHT, Mrs. ALLEN, S.F. [female] ARNOLD, C.E. [male] ASHER, Mrs. ATWOOD, A.F. [male]	55yr	23 Apr	Reno County
	32yr	9 May	Reno County
	39yr	26 Jun	Nickerson
	35yr	6 Jan	Plevna
	43yr	6 Mar	Hutchinson
BAGGS, Mary BALL, Norvill BANKS, J.M. [male] BANKS, Mrs. S.J. BARR, Child [sex not given]	22yr	2 Apr	Abbyville
	4yr	27 Jan	Sylvia
	75yr	31 Dec	McPherson [McPherson Co.]
	76yr	17 Aug	Hutchinson
	4hr	5 Jan	Lerado
BARR, Goldie	5hr	5 Jan	Lerado
BARR, Loyd	12yr bl.	5 Apr	Hutchinson
BARTLETT, Infant [male]	2da	14 Oct	Partridge
BEARD, Mary	9mo	31 Aug	Hutchinson
BENEDICT, Almira	75yr	4 Sep	Hutchinson
BLAND, Mary	53yr	9 Oct	Hutchinson
BLAZE, Mrs. G.A.	20yr	30 Sep	Hutchinson
BLODGETT, M.L. [female]	48yr	23 Jun	Castleton
BOHMAN, Maggie	[no age]	21 Dec	Arlington
BOOKLEN, Sadie	18yr	14 Mar	Nickerson
BOON, Mrs. T.M.	65yr	1 Oct	Sylvia
BOOTH, Miss	11yr	2 Aug	Nickerson
BRADY, Infant [male]	4mo	26 Aug	Hutchinson
BRAMWELL, Harrison	64yr	10 Mar	Lincoln Twp.
BRIGGS, Miss	35yr	20 Jan	Hutchinson
BRIGGS, C.H. [female]	73yr	23 Aug	Reno County
BROOKS, Frank	32yr	10 Jan	Reno County
BROWN, Bessie	15mo	9 Oct	Hutchinson
BROWN, Catharine	60yr	11 May	Hutchinson
BROWN, Wm.	60yr	20 Oct	Nickerson
BURDICK, Seth	63yr	4 Sep	Hutchinson
BUROUGHS, Cora	16yr	15 Feb	Hutchinson
BURTCH, S. [male]	80yr	11 Apr	Hutchinson
BUSSELL (RUSSELL?), C.W.	64yr	28 Oct	Hutchinson
BUTTON, Nannie A.	44yr	20 Apr	Hutchinson
CALVARY, [male] CANNIFF, Mattie CATHORNE, Infant [male] CECIL, S.J. [female] CHAPPELL, Silas Hue	69yr	7 Dec	Arlington
	30yr	8 Nov	Haven Twp.
	10da	26 Mar	Hutchinson
	52yr	26 Feb	Hutchinson
	1yr	18 Aug	Hutchinson
CHOUGREEN, Erick CLEM, Alta V. CLICK, Mathias COCHRAN, Nellie COLE, Cecil	9mo	24 Jun	Hutchinson
	13yr	20 Nov	Hutchinson
	89yr	13 Mar	Hutchinson
	24yr	5 Apr	Hutchinson
	5yr	26 Aug	Hutchinson
COLLEN, Infant [female] CON(NER?), Infant [male] COOK, Wm. COONEY, Iva COPLAND, Mrs. S.P.	1yr 6mo	19 May	Hutchinson
	[no age]	30 Jan	Reno County
	28yr	1 Nov	Huntsville Twp.
	9mo	4 Mar	Hutchinson
	81yr	19 Sep	Arlington
COUGHENOUR, Wm. COX, Elizabeth DAGLEY, Sarah DALTON, Lewis DAVIS, Infant [male]	72yr	15 Jan	Hutchinson
	21yr	18 Aug	Hutchinson
	35yr	23 Jan	Hutchinson
	18yr	23 Nov	Arlington
	1yr	7 Jun	Castleton
DAVIS Mrs. DAY, Daniel DETTER, Infant [female] DUNSWORTH, Mrs. EALS, Infant [female]	75yr	3 Sep	Nickerson
	[no age]	7 Apr	Reno County
	6mo	20 May	Nickerson
	42yr	1 Sep	Reno Co., bur. Hutchinson
	8yr	17 Jul	Hutchinson

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DAGAR, Anna	17yr 10mo	21 Jun	Reno County
LIOT, Florence	19yr	19 Nov	Arlington
	3yr	20 Jan	Reno County
MERY, Infant [male]		10 May	Nickerson
RICKSON, Mrs. E.G.	39yr	25 Jan	Reno County
AIR, John	1yr		
ARMER, P.A. [male]	41	22 Apr	Nickerson
ARRER, P.A. [male]	44yr	22 Apr	Nickerson
ARTHING, Leona	20yr	9 Sep	Reno Co., bur. Hutchinson
NNEFROCK, Infant [female]	7da	3 Feb	Booth, Kan.
OWLER, Chas.	7yr	24 Mar	Reno County
•	36yr	14 Sep	Hutchinson
RAZER, Phola	•	29 Apr	Nickerson
REED, Infant [male]	4mo		Hutchinson
AMBLE, Nellie	22yr	5 Jan	
ETTER, L.V. [male]	23yr	11 Apr	Hutchinson
NRICH, Mr.	47yr ⁻	16 Sep	Nickerson
EDHILL, Infant [sex not given]	[no age]	31 May	Reno County
OODLANDER, Vienna	69yr	5 Jul	Hutchinson
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	62yr	28 Aug	Hutchinson
REEN, Mrs.	•	23 Aug	Lincoln Twp.
AMMOND, John	17yr	17 Jun	Ness City, bur. Hutchinson
ARPOOL, C. [or D.] H. [male]	.33yr	17 3411	Ness City, bur. Hutchinson
AYES, Infant [female]	2yr 2mo	2 Aug	Nickerson
LL, Infant [male]	1mo	.1 Jul	Nickerson
LL, Wesley W.	20yr	13 Oct	Nickerson
OFFMAN, Infant [male]	4yr	9 Aug	Nickerson
OFFMAN, Rebecca	58yr	6 Nov	Nickerson
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DLCOMB, Cynthia M.	51yr	13 Mar	Castleton
DLMES, Infant [sex not given]	1yr 6mo	28 Jan	Grove Twp.
DSEA, JAMES W.	69yr	28 Jun	Hutchinson
DWE, Infant [male]	6mo	6 Jul	Nickerson
NNINGS, Robert	10yr	15 Nov	Arlington
, in the second	•	25 May	Hutchinson
HNSON, Harriet	42yr	25 May	
NES, Priscille	63yr	17 Nov	Hutchinson
YCE, James	77yr	27 Feb	Abbyville
ELLAY, Mr.	47yr	22 Mar	Hutchinson
ELLEY, Infant [male]	6mo	16 May	Hutchinson
EYS. Owen Norris	8mo	27 May	Hutchinson
EYS, Van	29yr	11 Nov	Hutchinson
	-	16 Jul	Hutchinson
BBER, Clara Louise	6mo	10 041	Tratorimoon
ERKLAIN [KIRKLAIN or KIRKLING],	05	23 Oct	Hutchinson
Emma	25yr		
DUGHMAN, Infant [male]	21da	22 Jan	Center Twp.
RUSIS, John—Infant [sex not given]	2mo	8 Feb	Hayse Twp. [Hayes]
MBERT, Nancy	93yr	19 Dec	Hutchinson
E, D.H. [sex not given]	45yr	Jan	Sylvia
IHY, Chas.	2mo	3 Aug	Hutchinson
NCOLN, Lorena G.	8yr	27 Oct	Nickerson
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NSLEY, Mrs.	[no age given]	6 Dec	Huntsville
DLLING, Mrs.	70yr	17 Jul	Nickerson
DWE, Anna	25yr	9 Feb	Valley Twp.
JKENS, Mary	63yr	21 Feb	Hutchinson
AHAN, Infant [male]	[no age given]	22 Mar	Hutchinson
• •		17 Jan	Abbyville
ATHEWS, John Bruce	1yr	4 Mar	Partridge
C COY Faith Elenor	6yr	23 Nov	Reno County
C CULLAM S.	40yr		•
C KINNEY, A.W. [male]	[no age given]	10 Sep	Hutchinson Nickerson
CKINSTRY, Infant [female]	2mo ·	4 Aug	Nickerson
EADE, Stephen	· 47yr	17 Jul	Abbyville
ILLER, Infant [male]	5da	23 Apr	Hutchinson
	2yr 6mo	23 Nov	Haven Twp.
ILLER, Infant [male]	•	10 Jan	· Hutchinson
ILLER, Anna	21yr		Hutchinson
ILLER, Frankie	6mo	3 Aug	
OE, Infant [no sex given]	6mo	20 Jun	Nickerson
UCK, Anthony	56yr	11 Feb	Haven
ULLEN, George	32yr	13 Mar	Hutchinson
		11 Nov	[not given] bur. Hutchinson
ULLENS, Pearl	9 yr	, , , , , , ,	

Researching in Pennsylvania

One of the most difficult parts of genealogical research is getting information from somewhere else. Researching directly is always more rewarding than writing letters. However, it is not always possible to travel to another state to do research and isn't even practical for just a few pieces of information. When your research is centralized in one area, a trip to that place may well be the most productive method.

Pennsylvania is such a place for me. It is one of the states in which people are very conscious of their family histories. After all, most of them are descended from the family branches which remained among their roots. Most of us Kansans, on the other hand, are descended from those who are listed in the family histories by name with the only notation being "Went West."

One of the first things to realize about Pennsylvania is that ancestors in one line may have lived in three or four counties or townships—without ever having moved. So doing Pennsylvania research requires learning geography. A good source is *Pennsylvania: Her Counties, Her Townships and Her Towns* (published in 1980 by The Researchers, Indianapolis, Ind., \$5). Tracing the name back, county by county, is often the only answer. For example, one might find the family in Lynn Township by searching Lehigh County after 1812, Northampton County 1752-1812, and Bucks County before 1752 (created in 1652, an original county). The parent county sometimes maintained records until a new county got started, so expect an overlap—look in both Lehigh and Northampton for 1812-1815.

Nearly every Pennsylvania county has an active genealogical and/or historical society. In some cases letters written to the county offices will produce only a referral to the society. Usually these societies have libraries or museums, or both.

The Somerset County Historical Society has both. Society researchers there will check materials by written request, for a modest fee. The society's resources include records on many families, censuses, cemetery lists, and some vital records. The state did not require marriage records to be kept by the county until 1885, except for the years 1852-54. SCHS has lists of church and JP marriages, but neither is indexed. The society also has Somerset county wills (1795-1908) and estate records (1795 to the present). For land records, the court house is the best source if you are researching in person.

A membership in the society costs \$10 per year and includes a subscription to "The Laurel Messenger," which provides family information and publishes queries. Maintaining membership in counties in which you plan to do extensive research is a good will move. In 1982, the society issued a bound edition of back issues of the quarterly from 1971-1980 for \$30 (post-publication price) plus \$2.50 postage. (SCHS, Box 533, Somerset, PA 15501)

Bedford County, just next door to Somerset on the east (and, in fact, Somerset's parent county), has a genealogical library and museum operated by The Pioneer Historical Society of Bedford County. The quarterly, "The Pioneer," contains genealogical information and publishes queries. A volunteer staff operates the library two afternoons a week in the summer. A search for one family costs \$15. (My search took nearly a year.)

Several family records are on file, and the cemetery index is fairly complete. Membership in the society is \$6. The society prepared a bound set of back issues of "The Pioneer," which was supposed to be off the press in May. I sent my \$30 check, but have not yet received the book. (PHSBC, Box 421, Bedford, PA 15522)

Through the Bedford Tourist Center, the Register and Recorder of Bedford County (Gerald A. Yoder in 1984, who seemed to have some familiarity with the Hutchinson area) distributes a list of materials available. This includes the usual marriage licenses 1852-54 and 1885 on; birth and death records 1851-1854 and 1892-1905, land records after 1771 (patents issued before 1771 are in the Patent Office in Harrisburg (Director of Land Office, Bureau of Land Records, 123 South Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17102), and wills from 1771 to the present. The county only recently finished microfilming the records.

Lehigh County (Allentown) has a museum with a library. The Lehigh County Historical Society charges \$20 for a family membership, with an individual membership somewhat less. The quarterly, "Town Crier," is more historical than genealogical;

however, it does have a query column. (LCHS, Old Court House, Hamilton at Fifth, Allentown, PA 18101).

When I wrote to the Lehigh county offices about a deed, I was sent a copy of the pages in the grantor and grantee indexes listing the ancestor about whom I inquired.

The public library in Easton (Northampton County) has a large genealogical holding with one of the most complete sections available of Pennsylvania church records. The Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society has a nice museum and a small library. The society also issues a newsletter called "Northampton Notes." Membership is \$5. (NCHGS, 1015 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042.

The Schuylkill County historical and/genealogical society in Pottstown has limited hours, so we missed it, but the people at the court house were very helpful, escorting us to the basement storage areas and leaving us to search the early deed books.

The Berks County Historical Society (940 Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601) is open only two days a week, so I could not use the library. The director has been very helpful in checking things I have requested by mail. They will not undertake large projects because they, like most other places, are staffed by volunteer workers who do not have the time to do the kind of browsing search I find necessary when I do not yet have much to go on. The Berks County court house personnel were very helpful. It seemed they had employees assigned to help genealogists. The woman who worked with me offered to copy the many deeds I wanted and mail them to me so I could use my time to do more research. The deeds beat me home from vacation.

The Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg has excellent material. The staff has prepared a booklet which is most helpful: A Guide to the Genealogy/Local History Section of the State Library of Pennsylvania (Division of Library Services, State Library of Pennsylvania, 1985). The series of books known as the Pennsylvania State Archives (not to be confused with the place described later) contains a wealth of information; early vital records and revolutionary war rosters can be located as well as land records. Another place to search is the archives. (See Robert M. Dructor. Guide to Genealogical Sources at the Pennsylvania State Archives, Pennsylvania History and Museum Commission, 1981.)

The biggest difficulty we experienced at Harrisburg was parking. The library is located in the complex of state buildings, with one-way streets (and much construction at the time we were there). We had to park about six blocks away in metered parking which could be inconvenient if one were researching alone. My husband got his exercise going back and forth to feed the meters. The other difficulty was that the library was crammed with people with only one or two attendants, who didn't have time to help everyone. Because it was so busy, there were few places to sit, none of which allowed space for spreading out materials.

I have been told that the Pittsburgh Public Library also is a good place to find material; however, I cannot vouch for that since I have not personally used it.

Anyone who plans to go to these places to research should probably write ahead for schedules of days and hours, maps, and lists of materials available. If one is having a Pennsylvania genealogy vacation, one does not want to sit in a motel room waiting two days for a library to open. Advance planning can reduce "downtime" and allow maximum time for using materials.

Another word of caution: I have learned not to expect to get everything covered in one trip. Each time we go we discover that we need to look up something else or add a couple of stops. We also allow time for side trips to homesteads that were once in the family and to cemeteries where ancestors are buried. The special added features we found in Pennsylvania were good roads and beautiful scenery.

—by Arless Eilerts

[Editor's note: We would appreciate hearing from RCGS members who have researched in different areas and can provide tips to those of us who haven't. Contact me if you would be willing to share your experiences.]

Ancestor Chart of Susan Cook JOHNSON

No. I. 1.	Susan Cook JOHNSON	Birth 1951, Kan.	Marriage	Death
	Ernest Eugene JOHNSON		1940 _	
5.	Henry Antonius JOHNSONEisie Bell HOSKINSON		•	1947, Kan.
	Ida Mae SULLIVAN			1970
9. 10. 11. 12. 13.	Henry Patrick SULLIVAN		1887	1934 1952 1941, Kan. 1962, Kan. 1928, Kan. 1931, Kan. 1921, Kan. 1919, Kan.
21. 22.	George Washington HOSKINSON Jr			1927, Kan.
28. 29. 30. 31.		1835, Pa 1842, Pa		1913, Okia. 1914, Okia.
41. 60. 61. 62.	George Washington HOSKINSON Lucy Burlingame BOSWORTH James BARRETT COOPER John F. Ebling Catharine A	1817, Ohio	1827	1890, Kan. 1856, Kan. 1869, Ind. 1900, Ohio
VII. 80. 81. 82.	Ezekiel HOSKINSONMary BALDWIN			1000, Ollio

For further information about any of the above, centact: Susan Johnson, 2504 B North Severance, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

Ancestor Chart of Judith Ann (EVANS) KEELER

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No. I.	1.	Judith Ann EVANS	Birth 1943, III	Marriage 1977	Death
11.	2. 3.	William Chesley EVANS	1896, Ark 1900, Ark	1914	1984, III. 1967, III.
III.	5.	Solomon Aaron EVANS	1873, Ark 1875, Ark	1897	1969, Okla. 1970, Okla. 1955, Ark. 1963, Ark.
IV.	9. 10. 11. 13. 14.	Newton Jasper EVANS. Karen Frances COOK. Mounterville WOODARD. Elizabeth MARTIN. Sarah Frances DELK. Henry Thomas SEITZ. Martha Ann PLIMMONS.	ca1840, Tenn, Ga		, Ark. 1902, Ark. 1904, Ark.
V.	17. 18. 26.	Solomon EVANS	ca1819		

Plevna High School Graduates

[Editor's note: A continuation of Plevna High School graduates, from the 1949 Plevna Alumni Association booklet provided by Lawrence N. Smith.]

Class of 1925

GLADYS (BURNETT) PIEPLOW—Plevna, Kan.

MARY (CRAMER) GRAHAM-Pritchett, Colo.

CLAYTON DENNIS—Plevna, Kan.—married and has two children. He is a farmer. HERBERT LILL—Geddes, S.D.

FRANK LISCUM—Geneseo, Kan.—married and has three children. He has a drug store.

ETHEL (MC REVEY) SHUFFZ—Plevna, Kan.—married to Harold Shuff, class of '25, and has four children. They farm.

MYRTLE (POSTIER) OSENBAUGH—Partridge, Kan.—married and has two children. He is a laborer.

ALVINA (SCHOOR) BECK-Haven Kan.

HAROLD SHUFF—Plevna, Kan.—married to Ethel McRevey, classof '25, and has four children. They farm.

FRED SHUYLER-Alden, Kan.

ELIZABETH (STEWART) HOSKINSON—Stafford, Kan.—married and has three children. They farm.

Class of 1926

CLEO GOODWIN-3522 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, Ariz.

FAY DENNIS—Plevna, Kan.—married to Lois Austin, class of '28, and has three children. They farm.

LAKIN JAMES-Plevna, Kan.

WARREN BURNETT-Arlington, Kan.

JOSEPHINE (HAYES) WUNCH-Trona, Calif.

BEATRICE HOWELL—Langdon, Kan.—single and postmistress.

HAROLD HARTMAN—Route 1, Dodge City, Kan.—married and has one child. He farms

FAYE (HANAN) BENTLEY—Plevna, Kan.—married and has one child. She is a telephone operator.

HAROLD GARDNER—Sylvia, Kan.—married to Marguerite Hayes, class of '27. He is

LAWRENCE LEARNED—422 West B, Hutchinson, Kan.—single and is a truck driver.

Class of 1927

JOHN BLASDEL—Sylvia, Kan.—married to Wreatha Geist, class of '32, and has two children. They farm.

MARGUERITE (HAYES) GARDNER—Sylvia, Kan—married to Harold Gardner, class of '26

FLOYD MC REVEY-128 W. 3rd, Port Angeles, Wash.

PEARL HINSHAW—Arlington, Kan.—single and postmistress.

BERYL ROACH-Macksville, Kan.

CLARA MAE HINSHAW-1010 N. Madison, Hutchinson-single and nurse.

Class of 1928

EARL SINGLETON-637 E. First, Hutchinson Kan.

HOWARD LEARNED—320 E. 4th, Hutchinson, Kan.—married and has no children. He is a teacher and coach.

LEE HAVERCROFT—415 Pine St., Clayton, N.M.—married and has no children. He is a welder for Case Implements.

EARL DILL-1100 S. Dodge St., Wichita, Kan.

GRACE (GARDNER) AUSTIN—Macksville, Kan.—married to Dean Austin, class of '31.

NETTIE (HARTMAN) MC PHEETERS—Route 1, Dodge City, Kan.—married and no children. They farm.

LOIS (AUSTIN) DENNIS—Plevna, Kan.—married to Fay Dennis, class of '26, and has three children. They farm.

AMANDA BELL (SMITH) HARMS-Emminence Route, Garden City, Kan.

Class of 1929

WILBER RANKIN- Plevna, Kan.

ELIZABETH DENNIS-602 N. Jefferson, Hutchinson, Kan.

OPAL DENNIS—Plevna, Kan.—single and bookkeeper at American National Bank, Hutchinson, Kan.

MARTHA (BUELL) HOGE—Westphalia, Kan.

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