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Membership in the Reno County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Dues are \$12.00 per year per family, as of

1 January to 31 December of each year.

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Enter the west door, turn right and go to the end of the hall.

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NOW

IS THE TIME TO PAY YOUR 2006 DUES

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The Reno County Genealogical Society is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society and The Kansas Council of Genealogical

RCGS PROGRAMS

November 21, 2005— Karen Burgess, Researching Through Family Traditions

December — NO MEETING — HAPPY HOLIDAYS

January — Ruth Filbert, What's New at the Family History Center

February — Dennis Stoecklein, History of the Kansas State Fair

2006 IMPORTANT DATES

April 15

Entries due for the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Recognition Award Certificates—Individual Historian; Individual Award and Plotner Grant. See the KCGS Website for more information <: http:// skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/index.html >

August 15

Family History Entries due for Kansas State Fair—Fine Arts-Genealogy.

October Family History Month

STATE and NATIONAL EVENTS

13 Oct 2005 (Thursday) Kansas Genealogical Society, Dodge City, KS. Featured Speaker: Laura L. Reichert in the Upper Level, V/S Mall 9 a.m.—2:45 p.m. Subjects: Introduction to Iowa Research

Subjects: Introduction to Iowa Research
Introduction to Nebraska Research
Overcoming Obstacles Unique to
Research in the New England States

Cost: Pre-register \$15 At Door \$20

22 October 2005 Annual Seminar
Johnson County Kansas Genealogical Society
and Library, Inc.
Featured Speaker: Dr. John Colletta
8:00 Registration
Passenger Arrival Records - 1820-1957
Naturalization Records—1790-1920
State Archives—What They Are and How to
Use Them
How to Assemble and Write a Genealogical
Work that is Both a Reliable Document and a
Readable Story
3:00 p.m. Adjourn
Pre-registration \$35.00 After Oct. 7. \$40.00

22 Apr 2006 Annual Conference Topeka Genealogical Society, Topeka, KS Featured Speaker: Christine Rose. Check out Christine's website: < www.ancestordetective.com>.

10 June 2006 — Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference will be held in Emporia, Kansas with the Flint Hills Genealogical Society co-hosting the event. Speaker, Sharon Carmack. The place for the conference will be announced later.

30 Aug—2 Sep 2006 — Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Boston, Mass.

STATE FAIR WINNER

There was only one entry in the Fine Arts—Genealogy exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. The winner was Kathy Ritterhouse from Grand Prairie, Texas in Class No. 890 Complete Genealogy Unpublished. Ms. Ritterhouse won the \$25.00 award from the Reno County Genealogical Society in Class No. 895 for best documentation.

CHALLENGE

ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GO-ING TO LET SOMEONE FROM AN-OTHER COUNTY OR STATE WIN NEXT YEAR? THE SUNFLOWER NOVEMBER 2005

SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND RELATED ARTICLES

The state of Missouri is in the process of putting all birth and death records on line from 1910 (when they began) to 1954. http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeathFAQ.asp (this is all one line).

The Missouri State Archives' new Soldiers Database provided access to over a half-million Missourians who served in the following: War of 1812; Black Hawk War, 1832; Heatherly War, 1835; Seminole War, 1827; Osage War, 1827; Mormon War, 1838; Iowa or Honey War, 1839; Mexican War, 1846-1848; Southwest Expedition, 1860; Civil War, 1861-1865; Spanish American War, 1898; World War I, 1917-1918.

Researchers can search the database by an individual's name and, a bonus for military historians, by fighting unit. The search screen also allow you to limit the search by war and by branch of service. The powerful search engine allows use of truncated names and searches by first name only. Images of the original service card(s) are linked to most database records. Access the database on the Archives' website by linking to "Research Room & Online Resources." www.sos.mo.gov/archives/
Source: The Record, Newsletter of the Friends of

Virginia Revolutionary War Warrants Database

the Missouri State Archives, Fall 2004.

Search by veteran's name, warrant number and immediate assignee. Determine if a warrant authorized a patent in the Kentucky Military District.

West of Tennessee River Military Patents

Revolutionary War patents, issued after 1818, in the Jackson Purchase area of Kentucky. Jackson Purchase

Use this database to enter and locate range, township and directional coordinates for West of

Tennessee River patents listed in Jillson's "Kentucky Land Grants.

County Court Orders

Search over 70,000 patents, from 1835 to the present date, authorized by warrants issued by Kentucky's county courts.

Kentucky County formations

Includes complete text for the creation of 123 Kentucky counties. Discover the names of early county commissioners, initial county locations, and information on the taxation, judicial, and election processes.

Lincoln Entries & Certificates of Settlement and Preemption Warrants coming soon!

FINDING NATIVE AMERICANS

"If you have been unsuccessful in finding your Native American ancestors in the 1900-1910 Heritage Quest online census indexes (use your state library card), type Indian in the surname field; you will find 111,898, heads of families.

"After selecting a name, view the original census page that lists family members."

FAMILY HISTORIES PUBLISHED

Two authors have recently published histories of their families who have roots which reach deep into Stafford County.

Dr. Grant M. Clothier of Shawnee Mission published Seeking the Promised Land: Portraits of the Chancy Clothier Family (Xlibris Press, 250 pp., 2004).

The Clothier family were part of the Ardrey Settlement at Peace Creek, where the first settlers crossed the Reno County line and settled in Stafford County in 1874. This book is for sale in hard or soft cover at the (Stafford) museum library. It is also available on the Internet at: http://www.Xlibris.com

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Joyce Batman Suellentrop published *Under the Kansas Sky: The History of a Family (2005)*. It tells the story of Henry and Mary (Reed) Batman and Andrew Jackson and Sarah (Scott) Batman and their descendants as they moved west from Harrison and Crawford counties in Indiana. Several members of this family settled in Stafford County in the Seward area. Connected families are: Scott, Archibald, Sturgeon, McGinty, Williamson and Lash. This 148 page, 11x8½ inch book is available for \$30.00, ppd. From the author at 6421 Magill, Wichita, KS 67206

Search TerraServer

From this site you can type in your address (under advanced search) or just your town and state under the normal search. You can go anywhere in the U. S. Have fun with this. I'm looking forward to locating cemeteries, libraries or the current neighborhood where my ancestors once lived.

http://teraserver.microsoft.com/advfind.aspx

Civil War Maps

Civil War buffs are getting access to a treasure trove of information—thousands of original maps and diagrams of battles and military campaigns between 1861 and 1865, all posted on the Internet. http://g.msn.com/OMNBUSOO/2? http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6807551&&CM=EmailThis&CE=1>From the Finney County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Garden City, Kansas Vol. XV, No.3, July, 2005

QUERY

I am wondering what your society may have on the Kirk, Cline and Whiteman families of Kansas. I know that an Albert Kirk was in Hutchison, and they were in Wichita and Eureka as well. James Kirk, Laura Cline, Mathias and Samuel Whiteman? Thanks, Anne Whiteman

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE PICKS

UNDISCOVERED WEB SITES

I'm very excited to announce that Family Tree Magazine chose USA and Canada Naturalization & Citizenship Records at http://naturalizationrecords.com/ as one of 101 Best Undiscovered Web Sites of 2005.

Go to http://www.familytreemagazine.com/101sites/2005/ and to see the sites chosen this year.

NaturalizationRecords.com is in the category DOCU-MENT DISCOVERIES

If you haven't explored NaturalizationRecords.com before, you might want to head for the Site Map at http://naturalizationrecords.com/sitemap.shtml after you read the intro.

RESEARCH TOOL

I've just come across this great free research tool.

Chose your country and type in your ancestral surnames as a searchword at this URL.

Make separate searches for various spellings.

The results are amazing!

http://www.rat.de/kuijsten/navigator/123search/index.html

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!!!

Do you have a query about Reno county of it's inhabitants that you **should** put in *The Sun-flower?*

Board members: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary. Editor of *The Sunflower*", Membership chairman, Research chairman, Kansas Room volunteers at the Hutchinson Public Library, volunteers to help Bill Rexroad index old newspapers, obituary indexers. The need is there for everyone of you to help this society.

A special thanks to each and everyone of you for being a member. There are many out-of-town and out-of-state members. How can local members help you? Are you finding anything you need in this periodical? Send the editor your ideas for articles.

World War II Kansas Veterans Database Online

The Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) launched the Kansas World War II Veterans Database on Friday, August 12, 2005. The date was picked to coincide with the 60th anniversary of V-J (Victory over Japan) Day.

This new online resource contains more than 229,000 entries of male and female Kansas veterans of the armed forces who served between September 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946. This data comes directly from Adjutant General Selective Service Board lists. KSHS volunteers and staff input the data, which includes the name of the veteran, the county from which s/he served, branch of service, whether enlisted or inducted (drafted) and date, the service/serial number, order number if "registered," and occasionally additional deceased or discharge data.

The project began in January 2004 as a suggestion by World War II veteran Don Richards. Volunteers scanned the original records for text recognition, harvested the data through software into the database, and manually proofread the entries.

Researchers should remember that the data is voluminous, and every effort for accuracy has been made. However, as in any transcribed records, errors could exist, either from the data input or within the original list itself. The Kansas State Historical Society suggests that researchers having difficulty finding a specific veteran in the online database should try searching for different spellings of last names or widening the search to the entire county and browsing, etc. Surprisingly, even in the original records some individuals share the same service/serial number!

Researchers may view or obtain a copy of the original page where the veteran appears either by visiting the KSHS Center for Historical Research Reference Room or by telephone, postal mail, or email, Further information can be found at http://www.kshs.org/contact/ask_question.htm.

The new World War II Kansas Veterans database is located at http://www.kshs.org/genealogists/military/wwiivetsindex.htm.

World War II Kansas Veterans Index

Surname: Hair

Given Name(s): Charlie

County: Ness Branch: Army

Your search returned 1 results.

Results 1 through 1

Page: 1

Name	<u>Service</u>	Service #	Registration	Place	Comments
Hair, Charlie M.	Inducted 8 August 1942, Army	37216206	Registered, order # 10324	Ness City, Ness Co. (Board # 1)	

Source: Adjutant General Armed Forces Personnel Who Served between September 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946.

Editor's Note: I tried Hair, Charles; Hair, Charles M.; Hair, Charles Moseley and finally, just "Hair" to get the resulting name Hair, Charlie M.

THE HIDDEN CLUES IN GUARDIANSHIP BONDS

(the following applies to Kentucky—probably many other states also.)

We all know guardianship bonds are important genealogical sources. Often, in the case of the early death of a parent, they provide the only proof of the link from one generation to the next. Additionally, an understanding of the reason for such records can also help solve other knotty genealogical mysteries.

One of the perplexing things for many researchers is that a family might exist without one of the parents for a considerable period — even several years — and then, suddenly, the names of the children appear in the guardianship bond book and they now have a court-appointed legal guardian.

Why? Why the long delay? Why suddenly is there a need for a guardian for the orphans of a man or a woman who has been dead for a half dozen years? Was the surviving spouse just too busy to get around to doing a required legal chore? Or were the children actually being maltreated by the surviving parent?

An important thing to understand is that when a person was appointed the guardian of a minor child (generally any child under age 21), the reason is not to place the guardian in charge of rearing of the child. "Bound boys and girls" are the ones who are placed in the charge of others. Guardians have a different responsibility, that of protecting the material assets of their wards.

Therein lies the answer to the question, "Why now?" What a guardianship bond silently tells us is that some recent event had triggered the need for a guardian. Some new event may mean the children are about to acquire some property.

For example, one reason for the sudden need to have a guardian for the children might be that a widow has decided to remarry.

Now it has become necessary to protect the children's property rights in their father's estate from "clutches" of their new stepfather. So one of the first things you should do is check the marriage bonds for that time frame. If the widow

did remarry, knowing who she married might enable you to track the family's later moves, for example.

There are still other clues in guardianship records and these, too, must be properly interpreted.

Sometimes, for example, you will encounter a record that says, "George Jones, age 14, orphan of Samuel Jones, chose Adam Jones as his guardian."

In most jurisdictions, once a child reached age 14, he or she had the legal right to choose his or her own guardian. Thus, in the absence of a specified age, a person who has chosen his or her own guardian can be presumed to be at least 14 years old.

However, the words "age 14" in such a record may not mean that the child was age 14 at the time. What they often mean is that he or she is AT LEAST age 14 and thus entitled to choose his or her own guardian.

As you become more experienced, you eye will discover even more hidden messages in guardianship records. What, for instance, could be the reason one of the children in the family is not mentioned in any of the guardianship records? When the mother is made the guardian is it relevant when the record says "the orphans of her deceased husband" and DOES NOT say something like "her minor children"? Is there a story behind why the bond says "orphan and sole heir" rather than just "orphan"? (There sure can be!)

The lesson is that even a supposedly brief and direct record such as a guardianship bond can contain within it the answer to a completely different puzzle.

(The preceding was copied from the Finney County Genealogical Society Newsletter July 2005, page 4. Which was condensed from an article written by Richard A. Pence.)

Land Patents in Missouri

The Missouri State Archives recently added "Land Patents, 1831-1910" to its Web site www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land. It includes

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21,000 entries on public domain land sold by Missouri, some 6.5 million acres. The patents give name of the person, purchase date, patent date, and a legal description of the land. When complete, this database will include all the years from 1820-1951. Questions on the database can be addressed to <archref@sos.mo.gov>.

CENSUS AGE ERRORS

From the Stanislaus Researcher, Gen. Soc. Of Stanislaus County, Inc., Modesto, CA.

Some of you may already be aware of this, but I wanted to pass along something which I've been noticing while using Ancestry.com Census Images On-line. They're working on correcting such errors, but in the interim, this caveat -

When you type in a person's name (or just surname), you are presented with a list of possibilities. You click the link that you are interested in and up comes the image for your review. Simple enough. However, the initial list that comes up may have several entries all with the same name. An approximate year of birth is listed. That's where the occasional problem may come up.

You're looking for John Smith. You know he was born AFTER his sister, Jane Smith, who you've confirmed was born in 1858. But none of the choices look correct. What I have observed is when a child is born during the census year, say 1860, and is 9 mo. Old when the census is taken (and frequently listed as 9/12), the transcriber has inadvertently entered the age as 9. So, instead of being listed as being born after 1858, John Smith shows up with an approximate year of birth of 1851.

Scotch-Irish In Virginia

Chalkley's The Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia: 1745-1800 by Lyman Chalkley is really the best starting place for anyone researching ancestors in Augusta County during this time period.

This three volume series contains most of the abstracts of court records in Augusta County between those dates. http://www.rootsweb.com/~chalkley/index.htm

Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society Register, Vol. 40, No. 1, Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas.

Apr., May, June 2005

New Marriage Records Book MHGS is pleased to offer Sedgwick Co., KS Marriage Records Book 9, compiled and indexed by MHGS members Bill Pennington and Kimberly Rix. Book 9 covers marriage record books GG-JJ (1Dec 1938-25 Nov 1933).

RESEARCH LOG

Before starting research, open Notepad and type .LOG (that's dot LOG) and save the file as Research Notes. As you start doing research online, open Research Notes in Notepad and the .LOG puts in the date and time the file was opened. Leave it open while you cruise the net and when you need to make a note, paste in a paragraph or two, or copy a URL, click on Notepad in the system tray and pop up the Research Notes file. Use the file anytime you need to copy.

HINTS FOR SEARCHING PRINTED INDEXES

- 1. Look for other names that sound the same even though they are spelled differently.
- Look for nicknames of given names. For Germans and Swedes, also look for their middle name since many went by this name.
- In small indexes, look at each surname that starts with the first letter you are looking for, keeping in mind that the name might be misspelled.
- 4. The two capital letters that are most often mistaken for each other are "L" and "S" in handwriting in the 1800's. The same is true for "T" and "Y" and sometimes "I" and "J". If your surname starts with one of these letters, check the spelling starting with the other letter. Abstractors can make mistakes.
- Slow down when searching indexes. Don't hesitate to check a second time.

Taken from the Whiteside County Genealogical Society, Fall, 2003, #95

Make Sure Your Genealogical Research Survives

How many times have you found old documents important for your genealogical research that are very hard to read because ink has faded or the paper has yellowed significantly? Sometimes old documents have pieces missing because the paper is brittle and during handling pieces break off and get lost, causing a loss of irreplaceable information.

Yes, all of this can have happened in the past, but all of this and more can happen in the future to your genealogical research if you don't take appropriate steps now to make sure your material meets archival requirements. Here are some suggestions to help your work survive for a great many years.

- Use acid-free paper for all documents, notes, and other printed materials that you generate that will be included in your genealogical files and notebooks. This is not at all difficult these days because much of the paper available for laser and inkjet printers is already acid-free. Look for the statement on the package or box when you buy paper to be sure that it is acid-free.
- When including documents from other sources in your files or notebooks, make sure they are acid-free if you can. There are test pens available from a number of sources that can be used to check for the presence of acid. Documents that have acid content should be stored in clear archival plastic sheet protectors. These sheet protectors are not very expensive if purchased in quantities of fifty or one hundred. For Example, Avery makes an excellent product for this purpose that is punched for use in three ring binders. These sheet protectors are also useful for protecting valuable or fragile documents even if they are also acid-free. When in doubt, use a sheet protector.

- Documents that are acidic and stored in sheet protectors will continue to deteriorate over time. To preserve the information they contain, make a copy on acid-free paper and file it next to the original (but NOT in the sheet protector with the original). While storing acidic documents in sheet protectors may slow down their deterioration, the primary reason for the sheet protector is to prevent compromise of other paper material by direct contact.
- Store photographs filed with other genealogical material in archival quality transparent album pages. These are like the sheet protectors with compartments for various sizes of prints or negatives. They are available from archival supply companies like Gaylord. Less expensive ones are available from Century, a company in California. Just be sure that whatever you use is clearly labeled, "Archival".
- If you wish to mount photographic prints on existing pages, acid free corners are available from archival supply companies.
- Occasionally, one need to glue paper items
 that will then be stored in genealogical files.
 When you do so, be sure to use a glue or
 paste that is acid-free. This doesn't have to
 be some exotic product. Avery makes a glue
 stick labeled, "Disappearing Color" that is
 acid-free and is available in most stores selling office products.
- If some of the documents in you genealogical collection are too big to fit in files or the usual 8½ x 11 sheet protectors, there are other, larger protectors available from archival sources. Acid-free buffered boxes are also available for storage of these larger items.
- Finally, after protecting all of your research work by using good archival practices, be sure to store your material appropriately.
 Never expose things you want to last to ex-

cessive moisture such as storage in a basement or other damp environment. The opposite extreme, such as in an attic, is also undesirable as is any other place exposed to extremes of temperature. Generally speaking, your material will have the best chance of survival if kept in places where the environment is such that people would be comfortable.

If you follow these archival practices, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your records will survive for a very long time. Not only that, in some distant time, members of your family will probably bless you for doing your genealogical research and protecting it for them to see. Don't you wish someone had done that for you?

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Editor's Note:

The program for the August meeting of the Reno County Genealogical Society was given by Connie Kleinherenbrink from Scribbles and Scraps, the Antique, Small Gifts and Scrapbook store at 1517 N Lorraine. They stressed the need for preserving pictures and documents in your family history scrapbook albums. The preceding article would have been an excellent handout for this program. That is the reason that I requested permission to print the article.

Additional points that they brought up were:

- the use of archival mist products to spray on newspaper clippings to delay discoloration
- Acid free adhesive glue spot dots, instead of glue sticks, because for a short time they will allow repositioning of pictures or other papers.
- Copy documents that you have had photocopied at courthouse or copied from microfilm onto acid-free ivory or off-white paper to give it the aged look that is often more

pleasing than stark white paper.

 They also suggested that family heirlooms such as old handkerchiefs, buttons, ribbons and etc. can be included in your family history book.

THINK ACID-FREE WHEN YOU ARE COMPILING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BOOK!!!

KidzGenWeb

Angela DiBlasi, coordinator for KidzGenWeb <rootsweb.com/~usgwkidz> says that "This Site has been around for a while now, but has not been pushed very hard. I need your help getting it out. This site is for children and teens so that they are able to post surnames, queries, and classroom genealogy projects so that other children/teens or adults may be able to help them with their search. Only children can post surnames and queries; however, adult researchers can answer the queries or post helpful hints."

The site for "Kidz" also has some things old folks like your truly found of interest. A list of old medical terms equates a "dry bellyache" with "lead poisoning." An old job titles list notes that a "headsman" was an "executioner" and a "headswoman" was a "midwife."

Bob Emnett, Catalyst

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Louis Genealogical Society, Volume 37, Number 8, Page 6, August 2005.

2006 PROGRAMS

The Reno County Genealogical Society would like to have your suggestions for programs for 2006.

How to _____.
Guest speaker? Subject?
Computer workshop? questions?
Census research?

CLIPPINGS FROM THE HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE

DECEMBER 24, 1915

SEVENTH DISTRICT CLUB Santa Fe Sunshine

The Sunshine club met at "The Gables" the home of Mrs. Jas. S. Patrick.

Roll call was answered by currents events, all members responding with some item of interest. The subject under discussion was "China", and there were a number of good papers given on the following subjects:

Customs and People......Mrs. Wallace Chinese Contradictions... Mrs. Wilson Industries and Products....Mrs. Miller Education and Religion....Miss McElhenny What It Need Most......Mrs. Holmes

The reading of the minutes followed the lesson, then came a "grab bag" in which was a present for each Sunshiner. Lots were drawn and each "grabbed" according to her number. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ethel Beymer January 6.

A House Party

Mrs. And Mrs. A. J. Bulte will have a Christ-mas house party, part of their guests having arrived earlier in the week. Those who will be here are Mrs. George Schraubstadter, of Gulfport, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Kansas City, and Mr. W. D. Deetjen of New York.

Christmas House Party

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Firey will have as holiday guests the formers sisters from Kansas City, Mo., and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Firey will entertain at their apartments in the Hotel Chalmers, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Froehling and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferry, and will have a celebration on Christmas day for Milton and little Peggy Fiery.

A New Year Dinner

The regular dinner meeting of the Poinsettia club will be held New Year's evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Roberts on Fifth avenue West and with Mrs. Carl Hipple as joint hostess. A watch night party will follow. The meeting announced for December 20 has been postponed to January 7, and Mrs. A. I. McInturff will be hostess at that time instead of Mrs. J. V. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Landis and son Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Landis and son Harold will go to St. John Saturday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willis.

Miss Esther Hall of Enid, Okla., will come to be the holiday guest of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall.

The date for the at home to be given for Mrs. James P. Anthony of Colorado Springs by Mrs. Val Adams, Mrs. Lloyd Ballard and Mrs. L. K. Adams is January fourth, Tuesday, instead of Thursday the sixth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sellars and little son Tom will spend the holiday season in Joplin with relatives. The left Thursday night. Mrs. Sellars, Sr., will be visited here during the Christmas season by her son, Mr. Raymond Sellars.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Baumgardner have left for a holiday visit in Kansas City with the latter's family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Herr will have a houseful of guests for the holidays. Mrs. Herr's mother, Mrs. E. L. Postter, and her brother, Mr. Percy Potter, of Manhattan, will be here, and Mr. Herr's mother, Mrs. L. A. Summer, and his sister, Miss Ada Herr of Wellington, with another sister, Mrs. Theodore Hood, of Arkansas City. Tuesday, the party will go to Kiowa where Mr. Percy Potter will be married.

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Mr. Phil Baddeley will spend the holidays here arriving from Kansas City for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mitchell of Fowler, motored to Hutchinson, where they will visit Mr. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, of Seventh street east, and with relatives near the city. Later they will visit Mrs. Mitchell's parents Mr. and Mrs. Detter, at Nickerson.

JANUARY 5, 1916—Wednesday morning

Deaths of a Day

DEATH, OF MRS. FRANCES SEDAR

Daughter of Well Known Hutchinson Man Died in Michigan City.

Mrs. Frances Sedar, daughter of W. T. Clark, of 424 Avenue F east, died yesterday at her home in Michigan City, Ind.

Mrs. Sedar was well known in Hutchinson, where her father has resided for many years. She is survived by her father, four sisters and two brothers. They are W. T. Clark, of Hutchinson; Mrs. E. R. Ripe, of Isabel; Mrs. F. H. Noe, of Great Bend; Mrs. R. H. Reed, of Chanute; and Miss Edna Clark, of Hutchinson; W. T. Clark, Jr., of Great Bend, and Herbert Clark of Hutchinson.

MRS. MATILDA DRAKE DIES

Found Dead Early Yesterday Morning At Home of Granddaughter.

Mrs. Matilda Drake, 77 years of age, who had been visiting with her granddaughter, Mrs. Swanger, of 1800 First avenue east, was found dead at five o'clock yesterday morning in bed at that residence. Asthma was reported as the cause of death.

Mrs. Drake was visiting at the time of her death, having come from her home in Ohio.

The body will be taken to her home in Ohio for burial over the Santa Fe railroad at 11:30 o'clock tomorrow.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

W. W. Duncan, Ontario, Cal., Victim of Pheumonia

William W. Duncan, a former resident of Hutchinson, died at his home in Ontario, Cal., on Monday morning. Death was caused by pneumonia (sic).

Mrs. J. W. Butters, of Long Beach, and Mrs. E. M. Bryan, of Ontario, his daughters, were present at his death.

Funeral services and burial were held yesterday at Ontario, Cal.

He is also survived by Mrs. U. O. Bryan and Mrs. Will Holiday, of Wichita, his daughters, and Mrs. W. R. Saylor, of Hutchinson, a grand-daughter.

DIES AT HOME NEAR PATTERSON

VETERANS PLAN TO WELCOME CANNONS

LOCAL CAMP ISSUES CALL FOR BOOSTER MEETING Would Receive Gifts From War Department With Proper Military Ceremonies

The Spanish War veterans of this city are putting forward every energy possible to make their booster meeting on Monday night a success.

There are a lot of important matters now under consideration, and one in particular is giving the veterans no little anxiety. The cannon which was recently presented to Hutchinson by the War Department will arrive her soon and the matter of receiving them in proper military style and placing then with proper ceremony will be one of the topics discussed.

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It is proposed to ask that the Spanish War Veterans be given permission to assist in the dedication of whatever site may be selected for the permanent position of the relics and it is intended to make every possible effort and inducement to have the entire 225 members of the organization present.

Monday night will be booster night. The veterans will also hold an installation of officers at that time and a large crowd is expected. The rooms at Convention hall used by the veterans will be specially decorated for the occasion and a booster meeting which will be a booster both for membership and the coming program. The interurban now offers increased facilities for out-of—town members to come to Hutchinson and this is taken in consideration in expecting that the meeting on Monday evening will be attended by a large number of the veterans.

It also happens as a co-incident that during this coming week there are several anniversaries of battles in which the men participated and consequently old war-time yarns of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, will be in order.

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OVER RENO COUNTY

YODER

Mrs. A. M Switzer and daughter Ethel motored to Hutchinson Sunday to visit Mr. Switzer, who has been staying with their daughter, Mrs. Brock, and Mr. Brock. Mr. Switzer and Mrs. Brock came out from Hutchinson and spent Tuesday at home.

Mrs. F. F. Thatcher, who has been visiting relatives in New York and other places, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Cameron, and family, Sunday and Monday, and left Monday evening for her home in Sterling, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Meyers were called to Eldorado Friday evening by the death of Mrs. Myer's (sic) uncle.

John Watkins went to Hutchinson Tuesday evening to see the wrestling match.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller were Hutchinson visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Daily and children, who came here from Colorado sometime ago, left Monday overland for Bentonville, Ark.

Mrs. John D. Bontrager suffered a light stroke of paralysis one day last week and is under the care of a doctor in Hutchinson.

Mrs. W. F. Williams, Clarence, Catharine, and Earl Williams, and cousin, Leo Bramwell, of Protection, Kans. Were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Swander of Hutchinson, Sunday.

Ethel Switzer was the guest of Mrs. Chester Hendershot last Thursday.

Rev. Haggard, the Baptist state missionary of Kansas, who is located in Hutchinson, was the guest of Rev. Cameron Wednesday and they called on friends down in the Red Hill district.

Mrs. Jacob J. Yoder, who has been here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam Yoder, and family, left Friday for her home in Baymanette, Ala.

Mrs. Amos Frey, who has been quite sick for the past ten days, is improving.

Dan Mast, of near Arnold, Kans., arrived Monday to visit his brothers, Yost and Jake, and families.

Frank Lewis of Hutchinson, and Ott McNew were callers in Yoder, Tuesday.

Willie Ellsworth of southeast of Haven, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. G. W. Edwards, and family.

Mrs. Fred Samples and son Frederick, and Mrs. Grace Lee of Minneola, Kans., were the week end guests of their sister, Mrs. F. W. Seward.

***** ABBYVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Canfield and children who have been visiting relatives here left for their home in Ellsworth county Sunday morning.

Grandpa McCray died at the home of his son, John McCray, Monday. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday and the

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body taken to the old home in Allen county for burial. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of their friends.

Chas. McKeown, who spent Christmas with his parents here, has returned to medical college in St. Louis, Mo.

The ladies of the Christian church gave an oyster supper at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday night. A large crowd was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lank Rathbun of Ellsworth county visited relatives her last week.

Miss Mary Schwitters and Chas. McCray have returned to Enid, Okla., where they are attending school.

Amel Oyer, the Pekin merchant, and Miss Rachel Wagler, were married last week. Their many friends extend congratulations.

Revival meetings are in progress at the M. E. church.

Geo. Dunn, of Hooker, Okla., is visiting relatives in our neighborhood.

LANGDON

The students from the various schools, Miss Katherine Railsback from Emporia, Misses Florence and Virginia Dodd from Manhattan, and several from Nickerson, have returned to their work.

G. G. Railsback, G. R. Chrislip, and others butchered hogs this week.

There are many cases of la grippe and in most instances the whole family is affected.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dade spent New Year's in Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hersal Chrislip have returned from a three-weeks' stay in Abbyville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Williams were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cranston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams are visiting relatives at Turon.

The third number of the lecture course will be given in Langdon January 16.

There was no preaching at the Christian church Sunday night. Brother Cross has the la grippe.

ABBYVILLE

Mrs. McLean is seriously ill at this writing. Robert Harvey was here from DeGroff on business the first of the week.

Parnell McLean spent his vacation with his mother.

Miss Mary Schmitters returned Monday to her school in Enid, Okla.

Jas. McRay and Clyde and Mrs. Lewis were here to attend the funeral of their grandfather.

Mrs. J. W. Hoskinson is enjoying a visit from her mother, who is out form Hutchinson.

Revival meetings are being held at the Methodist church this week by Rev. Sears and Rev. Folsom.

Mrs. F. G. Ray is out from Hutchinson, visiting relatives.

Chas. McKeown returned Saturday to his studies in the Medical college in St. Louis.

Mrs. Bachelor is to entertain her embroidery club Friday afternoon.

James T. McCray died at the home of his son, John McCray, Monday afternoon. He was 84 years of age. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday afternoon, and the body was taken to Savonburg, his old home, for burial, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John McCray, Wiley McCray and James McCray, of Enid, Okla.

***** TURON *****

The Friday club met with Mrs. Minerva Dickhut last Friday afternoon. The program was very interesting and at its closing there were two very clever contests provided by Mrs. Clara Jones, and of which the prizes were won by Mrs. Mable Jones and Mrs. Burke. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Visiting guests were Mrs. Tillie Harpole and Mrs. Burke. All departed expressing themselves as having had a very pleasant afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones are the very proud parents of little baby girl born to them January 2. Mother and babe doing fine.

Mrs. O. B. Dickhut is spending the week at Stafford with her son and wife, Chester Dickhut. She was accompanied by her father, H. H. Carr of Wichita.

Last Saturday being the ninth birthday of little Margaret Hinds, her mother, Mrs. Dave Hinds, very pleasantly entertained about fifteen of her little girl friends from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. The rooms were decorated in holiday style and games, contests and soap bubble blowing were the sport for the afternoon. Margaret received some very dainty little presents.

Those present were Vada Watson, Etta McOsker, Ruby Durham, Ruth Janes, Frances Greenman, Maxine Devlin, Mary Margaret Gragg, Mary Arnold, Louise Thacher, Myrtle Lawson, Florence Steinberg, Alice Doan and Velma and Gladia Burke.

Mrs. Hinds served ice cream and cake at a late hour assisted by Mrs. Irma Callopy and Mrs. Otto Hinds, Margaret's grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Dickhut, was a guest for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Harpole spent Wednesday evening with Best Dickhut and wife.

Claude Hinds and Ray Wells started for Lamar, Colo., on their motorcycles Tuesday.

LINCOLN

For the last few days there has been a change from spring like weather to cold and sleet.

Will Williams who was operated on at the hospital in Hutchinson is at his home now and recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yoder have a nice little baby girl who came the last of the year to make her home with them. Mrs. Yoder, the mother, has been quite sick with la grippe the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dye and little sons, Harold and Virgil, are visiting in Meade county at the home of Mrs. Dye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McQueen.

Mrs. Walter Pearce has been helping to care for her mother, Mrs. Barthold, who has been very sick. She is reported better.

Rev. Coldsmith of Poplar charge was calling

on several families in the neighborhood. Protracted meeting are in progress with not a very large attendance.

Eagle and Ralph Dixon and Davidson Brothers have been trying to get cane seed threshed his week. The weather is against them since the change.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glass have returned from an overland trip to Oklahoma where they visited friends near Blackwell. Also drove to Tonkawa, Ponca City and on the return spent Christmas day in Wichita arriving home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McKee who have been visiting friends here, have gone to Arlington to the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fay Kuhn. Mrs. McKee is reported quite sick.

Mrs. Charles Evans is recovering from an attack of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyre Altenread were Christmas visitors at the home of his mother in Hutchinson.

The A. B. Williams family held their Christmas reunion at the home of Ira Tuggle of Darlow. The members of the family were all present. Also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holoway of South Hutchinson

Miss Vera Hammond of Turon is visiting among friends in this vicinity.

While Mr. Glass was in Oklahoma they visited the 101 ranch near Bliss and saw buffalo, sacred cattle and a herd of ostriches. The ranch is owned by three Miller brothers.

PARTRIDGE

Miss Henrietta Hall is visiting her brothers, Fred and Freeman Hall.

Mrs. Harry Cecil's parents are visiting with them for a few weeks.

Mrs. Mary Cinder and son, Emil, and Grandma Cender (sic), of Pekin, spent Tuesday with Jos. Dellenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Star Perkins Sundayed with Geo. Rummel and family.

J. H. and Mrs. Sutton drove to Whiteside Tuesday to help Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Steinbach butcher.

Mrs. Claude Rice's mother, of near Topeka, is here for a short time.

John Dempser, an old time resident of this place, but recently of Gray county, died Tuesday. No funeral arrangements have been made at this writing.

Floyd Thompson left for Nickerson Monday to attend college.

Grandma Brubaker and Susie Ewy, of Perry, Okla., are spending a few days with the Doerrschuck family.

Miss Cora Ward returned recently from a three months' stay with relatives in California.

W. N. and Mrs. Nellie Hamilton returned from Minneola, after spending the holidays with Mrs. Hamilton's parents.

DEATHS of a Day

EDWIN R. BONNELL DIES

Body to be taken to Red Granite, Wis., for Burial Edwin R. Bonnell, father of George W. Bonnell, sales manager for the Barton Salt company, died at the home of his son, 18 Eleventh avenue west, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He had been ill for a week, heart trouble causing the death.

Mr. Bonnell was boen in Loranine county, Ohio, September 12, 1842. He moved to Wisconsin when a boy, and married Miss Laura J. McIntyre in that state. Mrs. Bonnell and the other children of the family are dead, Mr. Bonnell coming to Hutchinson in January 1913, to make his home with his only living son, Geo. W. Bonnell. He is also survived by two brothers, Bird Bonnell, of Ohio and Cora Bonnell, of Wisconsin.

No funeral services will be held in Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnell accompanying the body to Berlin, Wis., today, leaving on Santa Fe passenger train No. 2 at 12:20 o'clock. Interment will be in Red Granite, Wis., at the side of his wife and children.

MANY AT FUNERAL

Mrs. G. A. Benignus Was Born and Died in Same House

The funeral of aMrs. Anna Benignus, wife of G. A. Benignus, held yesterday from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Shannon, 423 Avenue C west, was attended by a great many life long friends of the family. Mrs. Benignus was born in the same house in which she died, and she had lived in Hutchinson all her life.

Rev. Seward Baker, of the Universalist church, gave the address, and the Degree of Honor and Pythian Sisters lodges were in charge of the services at the grave. Interment was in Eastside cemetery.

Funeral Services Today

Funeral services for Walter William Jackson, who died Thursday, will be conducted from the Friesen funeral chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in charge of the Odd Fellows, who will give a ritualistic service. Interment will be in Eastside cemetery.

MRS. KRACK DIES. Was Mother of Mrs. C. O. Hitchcock of Hutchinson.

Mrs. Frederica Krack, of Wichita, mother of Mrs. C. O. Hitchcock, of 723 Avenue A east, died in a hospital in that city Friday night, of pneumonia. She had been ill for some time.

(Editor: parts of the column were missing as shown by the lines.

INDIAN HUNTING

There is an excellent article about the smaller tribes who came to western Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, with another tribe or joined with another tribe, if you are interested in Indian genealogy in the *Ark Valley Crossroads*, Vol. 16, No. 3, July, 2005 (Wichita Genealogical Society).

GRAY STUDIO GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES

by Arlene Deen

The Gray Studio glass negative collection has preserved the *Images of the Past* for Stafford County and Kansas history. Mr. Gray developed the photo business in the late 1800's and later settled in Stafford County. The Gray family later donated the large private collection of 29,000 negatives to the Stafford County Historical and Genealogical Society.

A private contribution made it possible for volunteers to build shelving in the museum library and move the glass negatives from the museum basement. Thanks to all the volunteers that made this possible as glass negatives are very fragile and extremely heavy when a few are grouped together. Now the Stafford County Museum is proud to announce the next step in the journey of the glass negatives.

As a graduate student of anthropology at Wichita State University the opportunity to organize the glass negative project for cataloging, preserving, and making these priceless historical photos accessible to the public through digitization is a privilege and challenge. After the organization phase of the project is completed and after attending the Eastman Kodak classes in Rochester, New York for specialized training in the care and preservation of glass negatives this summer, the search for funding for a pilot project will begin. There will be grant writing and fund raising necessary. The pilot project will include approximately 150 glass negative to be processed, eventually digitized and available through

the Wichita State University' Special Collection Series.

Events will include participation in Oktoberfest, training sessions for individuals and groups interested in the project, and presentation work as the project evolves.

If you have an interest in helping with the project, or donating funds to help with the materials needed, please phone the museum at 620-234-5664 or stop in and get acquainted at the museum library.

Also, if you need a guest speaker for your organization I'll be happy to add the date to my calendar if possible. Images to the Past will have updated in each newsletter. Looking forward to meeting you!

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KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEAOGICAL SOCIETIES FGS DELEGATE REPORTS

Helen Bortz, KCGS Webmaster, was the KCGS delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Salt Lake City in September. Eileen Davis, KCGS Membership Chairman, accompanied Helen. The following comments were e-mailed back to KCGS Board members.

Family Health History

The Utah Genealogical Society and the Utah Department of Health are working on a program, with the blessing of the Surgeon General of the United States, that stresses the importance of Family Health History. It encompasses online information as well as a too kit for use in schools or other organizations. This is a project that KCGS could and should get organized in Kansas in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Health. We talked briefly at the last board meeting of somehow getting genealogy in Kansas schools and by working in cooperation with the Department of Health we could accomplish a great deal. The Surgeon General has declared Thanksgiving as "Family Health History Day:.

The kit included something like a threegeneration family tree that contained health information with other vital statistics.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES DEMISE

Genealogical Societies as we have known them will be a thing of the past sooner than we care to think. Without becoming a virtual society existence will cease. Not is only a web site going to be an absolute necessity for existence but all publications in a few years will have to be digitized. David E. Rencher presented the opening session and we would request you review it, after September 12, at http://www.familysearch.com and click on news qand events, then conference highlights. He touched briefly on an undertaking of the LDS indexing project that will involve volunteer societies around the world.

VIRTUAL SOCIETY

Two of the follow-up sessions presented more details of the virtual society. The Indexing program they have developed is now available and a Digital Rights Management program will deal with how societies can keep control of their on line sharing of the records. They (the LDS church) wish to work with genealogical societies because we have much needed volunteers. They will provide scanning of records which would then be sent for transcription into databases by the society volunteers. The society retains the rights to publication and therefore, can earn income. The LDS church would provide indexes with links to society webpages and how to actually obtain copies of the images.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

The Church has been microfilming records all over the world since 1938 and have collected large amounts of information. Changes in technology allows the genealogy community to work with more records faster and cheaper twice as fast every 6 months. The Church has developed qa program that will sort and classify 200 billion records in less than a second. This program will treat the records as though they were people.

You can find Robert Smith who lived within 50 miles of Peoria in the 1850's Unbelievable or impossible? Not any more.

Remember the problems with Ancestral File? Mistakes that couldn't be corrected. With the new version of Pedigree Resource File researchers with common interest in a person can actually edit or make comments on entries and reach mutual agreement on that ancestor. A demonstration was given and will be one more avenue to connecting with "distance cousins".

The Church has 600 people working in the department on these new programs and need our help. Eileen and I sat down at the booth and worked on the program and each of us registered and have the disks for indexing. At the present time they are only ready with the imaging with Ohio and Georgia records but both of us indicated our interest in doing Kansas records of all kinds. We will need to organize at KCGS with a state coordinator and then a coordinator within each society. We must reach out to all of the societies in the state, not just our members.

An entire session was devoted to scanning and retouching photos-again in regards to societies needing to become virtual.

Digitized technology seems to be the theme of most of the booths in the vendor's hall. None the less there are thousands of books there!

YOUTH AND GENEALOGY

FGS has appointed a Youth Committee to promote genealogy among young people. One session attended dealt with getting children and grandchildren involved but many of the suggestions could be applied to a "Genealogy in Schools" program. The new FGS committee will work with us should we elect to get started on this.

Helen and Eileen

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DEFINITIONS

BABY— A new acorn on the family tree.

CEMETERY (n) - A marble orchard not to be taken for granite CUSSIN—what genealogists do when they can't find someone. FLOOR (n) - the place for storing your priceless genealogy records GENEALOGISTS—time unravelers

GENEALOGIST—one always in search of a good dead man GENEALOGY—collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin

GENEALOGY—the marriage of a jigsaw puzzle to a dungeon & dragons game.

GENEALOGY— tracing descent from someone who doesn't (descend)

GENEALOGY— tracing yourself back to better people

DOCUMENTATION—the worst part of genealogy also the hardest part of genealogy

FAMILY HISTORY—a quilt work of lives

KINSHIP—it's all relative RELATIVES—people who come

to dinner who aren't necessarily friends

PURITANISM—the fear that someone somewhere is happy RESEARCH—what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 34 #1

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HINTS FOR SEARCHING PRINTED INDEXES

- 1. Look for other names that sound the same even though they are spelled differently.
- 2. Look for nicknames of given names. For Germans and Swedes, also look for their middle name since many went by this name.
- 3. In small indexes, look at each surname that starts with the first letter you are looking for, keeping in mind that the name might be misspelled. This is especially true of indexes for census records. If searching for the name Anderson, for example, look at al the A's that end with "son".
- 4. The two capital letters that are most often mistaken for each other are "L" and "S" in handwriting in the 1800's. The same is true for "T" and "Y" and sometimes "I" and "J". If your surname starts with one of thse letters, check the spelling starting with the other letter. Abstractors can make mistakes.
- 5. Slow down when searching indexes. Don't hesitate to check a second time.

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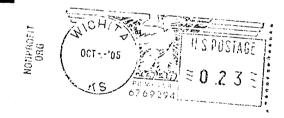
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