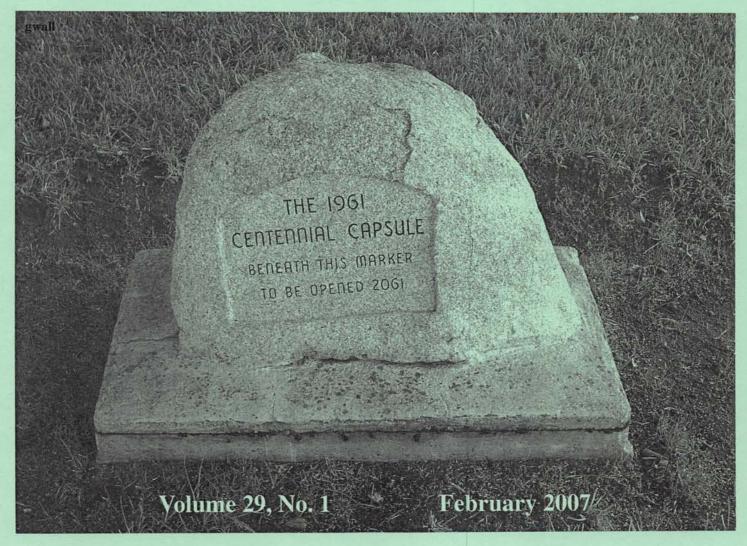


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# Coming Soon ~\*~ Coming Soon ~\*~ Coming Soon

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- · The Hopkins Family
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- · Lost Cemeteries & Lost Burials of Reno County
- · William Hodgson & Family

# HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2007 DUES?



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### WE ARE THE RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

What can we do to become stronger?

Some suggestions:

- 1. Give a RCGS gift membership to a friend or relative who is interested in family and/or Reno county genealogy.
- 2. Attend the meetings.
- 3. Volunteer to present a program or help someone who is giving a program.
- 4. Volunteer to help in the Kansas Room of the HPL. Can you spare one afternoon a week or even a month?
- 5. Write a column about your Reno County family for The Sunflower.
- 6. Have you made a research discovery that you could share with others, such as finding a family member in a new book (name of the book and author), online research (where and what method), or through a relative (how did you find them or they find you)?
- 7. Contribute by helping with the cemetery project. Ask Gale Wall how you can help.
- 8. Offer to help an officer or committee chairman.
- 9. Plan and organize a workshop.

Happy Hunting in 2007!

Ruth Filbert



#### RENO RECORDS



**Cemetery records** - We are updating our cemetery records. There are many phases to this project and a place for everyone to help. If you would like to volunteer please send an email to: RCGS@cox.net

#### We need volunteers:

- with digital cameras; to assist in the cemetery; to help with typing
- Proof readers are needed for the complete transcriptions [local volunteers]

You <u>do not</u> need to live in Reno County - help is needed retyping the old book data.

Special thanks to these out of town volunteers helping retype the old book:

Melody Spence of Kewanee, IL; Freda Lea of Phoenix, AZ; Bob Richardson of Topeka, KS; Melody Morgan of Plano, TX; Debby Brown of Parkville, MO; Annetta Hoffman of Denver, CO and Darren McMannis of Newton, KS. We passed the halfway mark with 230 (of 400) page assignments! You are appreciated!!!

Special thanks to Phillip Pitzer of Partridge, KS and Ken Graber of Munising, MI for their personal research contributions on the Partridge and Lone Star cemeteries.

Locally: Kathleen Dankanyin is about 85% finished with typing the approximate 13,000 burials at Eastside.

See page 21 for a list of Reno County Cemeteries

#### **NEWS & NOTES - DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Have you paid your 2007 dues? If not, this is your last issue of The Sunflower. We hope you'll join us
  again this year.
- National Genealogical Society Conference Richmond, VA May 16 19, 2007
- Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Conference Salina, KS June 16, 2007
- Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference Ft. Wayne, IN August 15 18, 2007
- Kansas State Fair Entry Genealogy in Fine Arts August [probably around the 15th]
- Marriage books update: The marriage books will not be returned to the courthouse until June 2007. They
  were removed in the fall of 2006 for microfilming.
- Myfamily.com has changed its name to The Generations Network.
- ProQuest, creator of the HeritageQuest Online genealogy databases (available through subscribing libraries), has sold that service along with the rest of its ProQuest Information and Learning division. It was purchased by Cambridge Information Group of Bethesda, MD.
- National Archives and Footnote launch project to digitize historic documents online. The U.S. National
  Archives and Records Administration announced a major new initiative to scan millions of historical documents and to make them available online. You can read more on this at Eastman's Online Genealogy
  Newsletter; www.eogn.com. The announcements are dated January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The records can be found
  at this website: www.footnote.com/nara.
- Another interesting article posted on Eastman's site January 8th is that for "Website Design for the Genealogist". Patricia Geary's site includes tutorials and tips for creating a website.
- Read an article or posting that would be of value sharing with our readers? If so, send an email with the
  information or link to RCGS@cox.net.

#### RCGS 2007 PROGRAMS

- 1/15 <u>Tour of the Kansas Room</u> [2nd floor of HPL] by Cheryl Canfield
- 2/19 Family Health History by Rita Lingg
- 3/19 Preparing a Kansas State Fair Genealogy Entry by Keith Burgess
- 4/16 <u>Immigrant Origins</u> by Marilyn Finke, Archivist, National Archives Central Plains Reg.
- 5/21 <u>Documentation & Citing Sources</u> by Ruth Filbert
- 6/18 <u>Census on the Internet [HPL computer lab]</u>
   by Cheryl Canfield

- 7/16 <u>Internet Resources & Web Sites</u> by Karen Burgess
- 8/20 TBA
- 9/17 <u>Creative Ways to Display Your Family History</u> by Ruth Filbert & Gale Wall
- 10/16 <u>Celebrating Family History Month</u> Join us at the Delos V. Smith Center, 101 W. 1st, 6:00 pm.

Potluck - bring your favorite dish to share Bring a family item to share for "show & tell"

- 11/19 <u>Book Review & Genealogical Magazines</u> by Ruth Filbert
- December No meeting Happy Holidays!

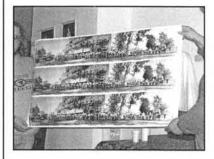
#### ANNUAL POTLUCK AND SHOW & TELL

Our November 2006 issue went to print before we held our annual potluck. Here are some photos.





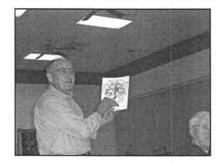
















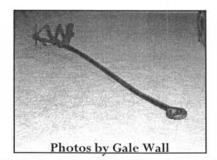




While we didn't have a big crowd, we did have some great food and fellowship. Members brought some interesting items for "Show & Tell". Bill Rexroad and Keith Burgess shared their winning Fair entries.











#### PIONEERS & SETTLERS OF RENO COUNTY

#### Diary Extracts of Pioneer William Junken Ross

The following extracts were taken from the diary of W. J. Ross, who settled in Roscoe township in the fall of 1873. Mr. Ross each day entered in his journal the record of the day's events. During the stirring days of the Indian scare, the gloomy period of the grasshopper days and the other experiences of Reno County, Mr. Ross kept this journal. It is one of the best records of early days in Kansas obtainable.

- 4/8 Three buffaloes passed and Thomas shot and crippled one but did not get it.
- 4/9 Thomas and Charles went 15 miles east after chips. Returned at night with a large load.
- 4/10 Thomas and Will hauled a load of chips. Wheat just coming up.
- 4/14 Charles shot at an antelope. Missed.
- 5/30 To Castleton to attend grange. Was elected county delegate.
- 6/3 Bartons killed a buffalo south of the house.
- 6/16 950 Texas cattle drove past just south of the place.
- 6/21 Robert Espy and Mrs. Kerchner and child came from Medicine. Kerchner sent his family here to stay until the trouble with the Indians is settled. Espy says they have killed three men and stolen 16 horses and mules. Only 35 Indians have been seen. The people are building stockades and moving in. Some are leaving the country. Thomas and Ann and others went out riding in the p.m.
- 6/25 Mrs. Kerchner went to post office. Reports of another man killed on Medicine. Sun City taken. Fort Dodge taken. Langdon burned. People moving to Hutchinson. People about Castleton ready to run. Thos. Collingwood and Laquay boys gone out this evening to see what they can find out 15 or 20 miles west.
- 6/26 Dry. Everything suffering for rain. Boys returned this morning. Have been out 25 or 30 miles to the sand hills. Saw no Indians. Houses all vacant. Met some Texas cattlemen who said they ate dinner with 14 or 15 Pawnee Indians on their way down to the reservation. Also saw a company from Hutchinson out looking for Indians who reported seeing 15 Pawnees on their way down to the reservation all armed with bows and arrows and on foot. The boys met a man from Sun City who reports all quiet out there.

- 6/28 Two buffaloes run past here this morning. Boys were plowing corn. Charley took the gun and started after buffaloes. Thomas caught a young antelope. Jordans are scared and very near leaving this afternoon.
- 6/29 Herd of 17 buffaloes ran past half mile east.
  Thomas killed one. Thomas rode over to Union
  school house to attend a meeting to organize a military company.
- 7/3 Wheat very thin on ground. Grasshoppers cutting it.
- 7/4 Went to Castleton to celebration. Saw a buffalo on the way. Mr. Whiteside made an address.
- 7/5 Six buffalo ran past near the house. Everyone is getting discouraged over the dry weather. Everything is ruined by the drouth [sic], bugs and grasshoppers except corn and that cannot stand it much longer.
- 7/7 Drouth continues. Hot south wind. Boys went out west after chips and met a man who had just killed a buffalo. Got a quarter of it. Kerchner came after his wife. Reports all quiet on Medicine.
- 7/10 Buffalo getting plenty. Can get no cartridges for our gun.
- 7/11 Drouth continues. No grange meeting.
- 7/17 It looks like corn is lost and can make nothing.
- 7/18 Corn nearly all in tassel. Badly cut by grasshoppers. Certainly cannot make corn and but little and poor fodder. Boys are plowing a little on the timber claim, but we are all so much discouraged that no one has the heart to work.
- 7/25 Thomas went to Collingwood's to a military meeting.

To be continued in the May issue. Hutchinson News Thursday, July 4, 1912

[Ed. note: Not the Reno County we enjoy today!]

# 2007 KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

the 33rd Annual KCGS Conference presented by The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and The Flint Hills Genealogical Society	Registration Form  Name:
KIKCGS M	Early Registration \$40.00 bus and catered luncheon. ved by May 26.
Feb 3rd / Just heard Time?? Will hear a co-chairing	checks payable to:  bout  6604-6858  Publicity s in which you are interested in the syllabus if they are
featuring	received by May 26.  1. 2.
Tony Burroughs	3 4
June 16, 2007 Holiday Inn Convention Center Salina, Kansas	Genealogical and historical societies are invited to request a table to exhibit/sell their publications. To request this free table, give the name of the society/individual here:

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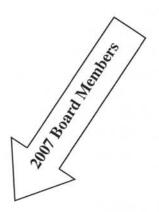
# 2006 RCGS SOCIETY REPORT - 2007 BOARD & COMMITTEE'S

## 2006 Year End Treasurer's Report

Income		Expenses	
Beginning Balance	\$850.46	Quarterly	933.47
Membership	\$1248.00	Ops*	370.09
Donations	\$120.50	Ending Balance	1357.14
Interest CD/Cking	\$213.72		
Research	\$187.87	*breakdown can	
CD xfer	n/a	be requested	
Book Acq Fund	n/a		
Can Money	32.05	<b>Publication Gift</b>	\$2789.00
Ops	8.10	Pub Acct Bal	\$2666.67
Total Income	1810.24	Pub Acct Owed	\$122.33

# Other Reports

Correspondence # pieces of mail	305
Research	27
Requests	
Membership ·	82
[ending 12/06]	





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Correspondence Sec.
Pam Stansel

#### VETERAN IN RENO COUNTY

#### Asael B. Caldwell - Civil War Veteran

#### Pioneer Plainsman and Legislator Dies

The death of A. B. Caldwell, civil war veteran and pioneer citizen of Reno county, occurred Sunday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Addie Draper, 505 Avenue B West. The passing of Mr. Caldwell marked the close of a life filled with adventure. Beginning as a trapper for the Hudson Bay Co., in British Columbia he served as an Indian Scout at the time of the Sioux uprising. He served all during the civil war and was wounded three times. He was also wounded while serving as a scout. Mr. Caldwell settled

with his bride, Miss Louisa Brown in Reno County in 1877. In 1880 he engaged in the real estate business in Arlington. He was associated here for many years with Judge G. V. Ricksecker. In 1884, Mr. Caldwell was elected to the state legislature where he served two terms. His first wife passed away in the early 80's and he married Miss Anna Babcock. Two daughters, Mrs. Florence White, now deceased, and Mrs. Addie Draper, with whom Mr. Caldwell made his home, were the only children. Four grandchildren survive. They are Louis D. White, Lee White, Mrs. Laura Cornwell and Mrs. Leno Louks of Hutchinson and two brothers, John Caldwell of Arlington, and Charles Caldwell of Moravia, N. Y.. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon from the Johnson Funeral Parlors at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. O.P. Garlock of the Calvary United Brethren church will have charge of the services. Burial will be made in the Eastside cemetery. [Hutchinson Gazette 9/14/1920 Page 2]

#### Attention G.A.R

All comrades are requested to attend the funeral of A. B. Caldwell today, Sept. 14th at 2:30 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home. John E. Holmes, Post Commander. [Hutchinson Gazette 9/14/1920]

#### Timeline:

1850 Homer, Cortland Co., New York; Asahel B. age 12

1860 Unable to locate

1870 Moravia, Cayuga Co., New York; Azel B. age 31 [wife Louisa - #1]

1880 Loda Twp, Reno Co., Kansas; Asael age 42 [wife Louisa]

1900 Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kansas: A. B. age 62 [wife Annie B - #2]

1910 Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kansas; Asael B. age 73 [wife illegible (Jane) #4]

1920 Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kansas; Asel B. age 81 years - widowed

Wives 3 and 4 are not mentioned in his obituary or biography in Ploughe's book. Marriage records indicate Asael married wife #3, Connie Simmons, age 35, on February 2, 1905. He married Jane Ward on May 17, 1906. His first wife is buried at Sego Cemetery and his second wife at Eastside Cemetery.

A. B. Caldwell 3/19/1838 - 9/12/1920

Eastside Cemetery, Lot 765 [no headstone]

Are there any living descendents in or near Reno County?



#### IN THE NEWS

#### Mayors of Hutchinson 1872 - 1941

1872 Taylor Flick

1873 C. L. Kendall

1874 J. B. Brown

1875 E. Wilcox

1876 George W. Hardy

1877 E. Wilcox

1878 L. A. Bigger

1879 A. K. Burrell

1880 John McCollough

1881-82 S. H. Sidlinger

1883 J. T. Lane

1884-85 S. W. Campbell

1886-88 L. A. Bigger

1889 Hiram Constant [died in office]

1889 J. V. Clymer

1890 John L. Severance

1891 R. A. Campbell [resigned]

1891 W.S. Winslow

1892-96 Frank Vincent

1897-1900 J. P. Harsha

1901-02 Frank L. Martin

1903-08 J. P. Harsha

1909-10 F. L. Martin

1911-12 Frank Vincent

1913 L. S. Fontron

1914-15 F. W. Cook

1916 A. C. Gleadall

1917 F. W. Cook

1918 Frank Vincent

1919-20 C. H. Humphrey

1921-22 George E. Gano

1923 [not listed]

1924-27 Walter F. Jones [resigned in 1927]

1927 C. M. Williams

1927-29 C. E. Lyman

1929-31 H. J. Haskard

1931-33 A. L. Oswald

1933-35 C. L. Burt

1935-39 D. J. Wilson

[Hutchinson News Herald; Sun. 4/20/1941, page 36]

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# Have you paid your 2007 dues?

#### **First Third Termer**

The much blasphemed "third term" for politicians cropped out early in Hutchinson's history. When, on January 9, 1881, Capt. J. C. Hedrick took his third term of office as sheriff. He was the first Kansas peace officer so honored.

[Hutchinson News Herald; Sun. 4/20/1941, page 36]

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A. M. Switzer, who runs the general store at Yoder, and has charge of the post office there, has a letter personally signed by Abraham Lincoln. It is a letter complimenting him for gallantry in battle and it is doubtful whether there is money enough in Reno county to buy that letter.

Mr. Switzer, at the age of fifteen years enlisted in an Ohio regiment, as a substitute for his father. His regiment was sent into the Shenandoah valley to drive out the rebels and at the close of the four months campaign there were less than 100 men left of the regiment. The survivors were each presented with an autograph letter from President Lincoln personally thanking each man.

[Hutchinson News Weekly 6/16/1910, Page 3]

Do we have any descendents in our area that may know more about this letter?

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#### For County Clerk

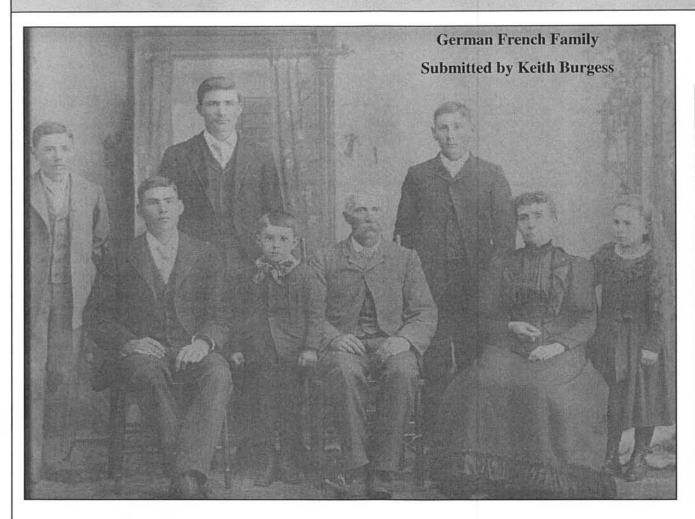
I announce my candidacy for the office of County Clerk of Reno county at the general election to be held on November 2nd. My name will appear in the Republican column. Your vote will be appreciated. Fred Lutz.

J. A. Schardein. Democrat candidate for County Clerk. A resident of Reno County for 48 years. 12 years experience in clerical work.

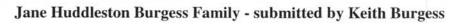
[Haven Journal - 10/14/1926]

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## **PHOTOS & POSTCARDS**









Submitted by Bill Rexroad

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**



Happy New Year! The holidays are behind us and cold weather has arrived. I can't wait until spring. Thank you to those that took time to share your comments and compliments on the November issue. I was a little disappointed with the clarity of the pictures. We pay for copies, not offset printing, and that will affect the quality, but you can still get a decent copy. I'm not sure what happened but this prompted me to bring the printing back to Reno County. I'll be able to request a proof and interact face-to-face with the printer here in town. And, we will be saving a little money too. Anyway, I'm still tweaking. Let me know what you'd like to see!

In the next issue I plan to include a short list of topics for research. Perhaps you'll find one that is of interest to you and volunteer to help. Cemetery work days are being planned for the spring. Warmer days will beckon us outside and we'll continue with our cemetery records update project. Does anyone know how or someone that can translate the German inscriptions on headstones?

As genealogists and family historians we deal a lot with death and prove our sleuthing skills hunting down those sometimes elusive dates. I have a date that I need to enter in my genealogy program that will prove to be one of the most difficult thus far. On January 6th I lost my 39 year-old sister, Teresa Love. While preparing her obituary I found myself recalling her life. As children we were friends and shared much laughter. Other times she was a pest of a little sister and a tattletale. As adults we didn't agree on a lot of things. Good times and bad - all of them I'll carry in my heart. We will miss her.

May 2007 hold the answers you seek! We'll see you in May. Gale Wall

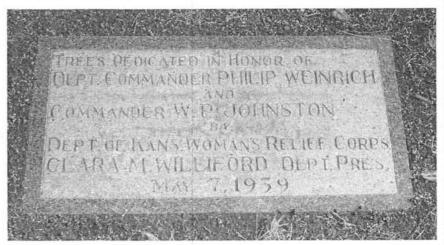
#### Welcome New members:

McMillan, Jerry - Saratoga, CA Moore, Nancy - Willow Creek, CA Nichols, Dewey & Deb - Hutchinson, KS Soukup, Sharon - Hutchinson, KS

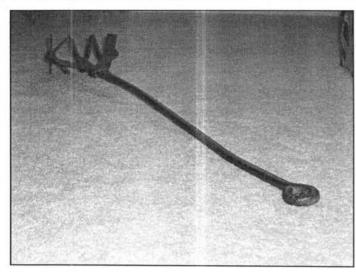


#### ON THE COVER

Located on the southeast section of the courthouse lawn is a centennial time capsule scheduled to be opened in 2061. Some of the items buried are: KU football schedule, parking tickets, wooden nickels, wheat and salt products, aerial view of Hutchinson, Hutchinson High Allagaroo, picture of county commissioners and many other items. The marker pictured right sits close to the time capsule and commemorates the planting of the trees in that area.



#### HEIRLOOMS ~ FAMILY TREASURES ~ KEEPSAKES



Branding Iron of Klaas Wall, the great grandfather of Barry Wall.



Born: January 14, 1850 South Russia Died: April 20, 1927 Reno Co., KS

# Share your family treasures!

# **Press Release** Reno County Church History

#### A Prairie Beacon

The Peace Creek, Kansas, Church of Christ

"A Prairie Beacon recounts the history of a country church planted by a band of homesteaders who came to Central Kansas from Western Missouri in the spring of 1874." This book, to be published in the Spring of 2007, is well documented by the contribution of many local families & their ancestors who carefully recorded the church's inception and growth. Dr. Grant Clothier, of Prairie Village, KS, was born in western Reno County and is being assisted by Jeanie (Clothier) Montford from Hutchinson, KS in this effort.

The first printing will be a limited edition in the Spring 2007

Editor's Note: Peace Creek Church of Christ is located in Hayes Township, while the cemetery is across the county line in Stafford County.

#### To Reserve Your Copy

Send check or money order made payable and to:

Grant Clothier 4102 Homestead Dr Prairie Village, KS 66208

or

Jeanie Montford 1909 N Madison Hutchinson, KS 67502

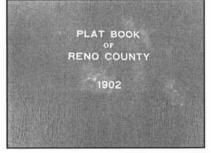
\$16.95 + \$3.05 S & H

#### VITAL RECORDS - PROMINENT DEATHS IN 1913 Hipple, Frank 26-Sep The Year's Death Roll Higley, A. J. 13-Nov Hutchinson lost many prominent citizens during the Jones, Rev. John W. 8-Oct past year by death, men and women active in community affairs. Here is the roster for the year of those Kelley, W. E. 23-Jan more prominent: 22-Oct Layman, J. M. Asher, A. E. 27-Jan Maguire, P. J. 13-May Asher, Mrs. A. E. 19-Dec 24-Dec Moore, Mrs. D. M. Buettner, Gottlieb 28-Jan 13-Feb Merrill, A. N. Barrows, Robt. P 17-Mar 3-Oct Miller, Rev. Stephen Branch, Mrs. Susie J. 22-Nov 17-Mar Mullen, Alice Blasdel, Dr. G. A. 3-Jul 13-Mar McBride, Dr. P. A. Brucke, Henry 6-Dec McWhorter, W. S. 5-Feb Burtch, T. J. 4-Dec Nussbaum, Ben 2-May Blair, John 12-Oct Nelson, Minnie 20-Feb Bisher, C. 22-Dec Parsons, E. F. 20-Jan Bailey, Mrs. J. N. 14-Jun Polk, Wm. 20-Nov Brink, Harry 22-Jul Pursel, Daniel 8-Jan Campbell, Jack 4-Nov Rogers, James E. 9-Mar Chapman, Miss Myrtle 7-Oct 15-Oct Rhoades, J. S. Campbell, Co. R. A. 12-Jan 16-Jan Ricksecker, Judge G. V. Clark, Alex T. 25-Aug Robertson, Mrs. E. P. 19-Mar Clune, Mrs. Mary C 1-Mar Shields, John H. 20-Oct Chaffin, Gladwin P 11-Jul 18-Nov Sprouse, O. L. Chilver, George 16-Jul Shaffer, O. T. 26-Feb Downard, Edward R. 22-Feb Snyder, H 22-Jun Downin, W. J. 25-Apr Talbott, T. M. 31-Jan Edwards, E. 4-Dec Tindall, B. 29-May Fearn, Ed C. 18-Mar Towne, C. B. 27-Sep Finch, A. J. 16-Jul Walker, Chas. A. 4-Jan Getter, D. T. 14-Oct West, A. M. 3-Nov Gibbs, W. E. 30-Dec Ward, William F. 31-Dec Gibbs, L. A. 23-Jan 27-Jul Wilson, Mrs. R. P. B. Griffith, Chas M. 8-Feb [Hutchinson News 1/1/1914] Grant, Capt. John H. 4-Mar The article gives a small amount of additional information on Harris, Walter B. 14-Jul each person. Edited to fit this page Head, Chas 1-Sep

	L	AND RECORDS	- 1902	2 MED	ORA & LITT	LE RIVE	R TOWNSHIPS
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Rang	e 4 W		13	Dick	JB	36	Franz Peter
C	T N	E' AN	16	Dick	Franz	25	Friesen Jacob
Sec		ame First Name	16	Dick	F	21	Froese John
10	9	School District	23	Dick	Klaas	22	Froese Jno B
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3	Neiman Abrm	16	Siemens Jacob
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7	Nickel John	21	Siemens JH
30	Nickel Jacob	24	Siemens Jno F
30	Nickel PA	33	Siemens Jacob B
32	Nickels WA	33	Siemens Jacob
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#### BIOGRAPHIES & FAMILY RECORDS



# SAMUEL HIRST - HUTCHINSON PHOTOGRAPHER FOR 70 YEARS

Samuel Hirst was born Oct 1, 1864 in Darlington, Lafayette, Wisconsin to George and Elizabeth Bilbrough Hirst. George and Elizabeth came from Leeds, England in 1849 on the Queen of West. They had been married just a few days before they left. George was a millwright, who also learned photography. At the age of 8, Samuel and his parents along with his living brothers and sisters, Hanna, George, Lila, Frederick, William (one sister Mary Ann, died in Darlington) came to Hutchinson in 1872. He remembered taking the first Santa Fe engine over the new track from Newton to Hutchinson. When George Sr. came to Hutchinson he opened the first photography studio. When he decided to farm, his daughter Lila continued the business for several years. Samuel decided to also go into the photography profession after growing tired

of working in a restaurant. The year was 1882 and he continued in the photography business for 72 years, within that time there was a 12 year break as a traveling salesman for a photography supply house. He learned photography from his father and added to his knowledge from another photographer that he brought in to teach him more about the business.

His studio was at 21 North Main and later in life he moved it to his "cottage studio" at 414 East B where he remodeled it and put in skylights for better lighting. It was just down the street from his home at 402 East B. When he first opened his studio he printed little folders with his picture on one side and one of the 4 local churches on the other. They really circulated as people were exchanging them if they did not get the church of their choice. But he mainly concentrated on portraits and he gained a reputation as a child photographer. He had taken over 20,000 photos by WWI, when he had to send his negatives, which were on glass, back to the photography supply house where they were cleaned and recoated, due to the shortage of glass during the war. On Oct 22, 1887 he married Myrta Rogers in Hutchinson, Kansas. They had 2 daughters, Lilah born in 1888 then Doris was born in 1901 but only lived a few days. He was able to put enough money away to buy a home in Manitou, Colorado, where he spent the months of July and August until 1945 when Myrta died. He wrote a column for the Pikes Peak Journal, called "Visitors to Manitou Springs." He was president of the Kansas Photographer Association and won prizes in 1899, 1900, 1904 and 1905. In 1903 he was a city councilman. What marked his term was he and Henry Hartmann began doing something about the floods that occurred in Hutchinson. He continued going to his studio until he was no longer able. Samuel died peacefully on Nov. 3, 1956 in Hutchinson, Kansas at 92 years of age.

Quote from article by Eileen Foley - July 26 1953 - Hutchinson News Herald "The experienced photographer enjoys his work today just as much as 60 years ago. If you should walk into his studio through a door with the sign, "Hirst's Studio — Walk In"



you'd meet a white-haired man wearing a denim apron who would lead you into a room marked

"Posing Room — Private," — and he'd smile."

Submitted by Nancy Moore

moores\_mailbox@yahoo.com

Nancy is Samuel's great granddaughter and is interested
in photos or postcards that bear his name or logo



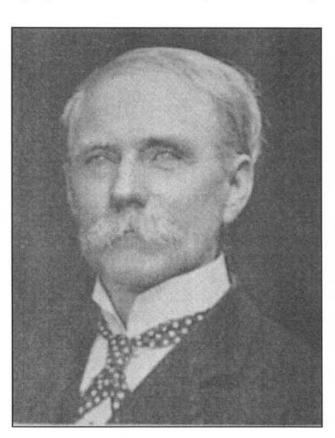
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#### Leander A. Bigger

Submitted by Kathleen Dankanyin

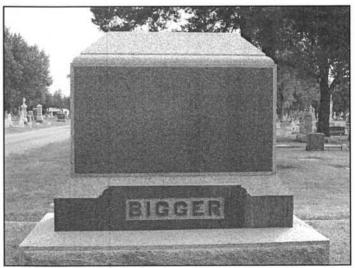
L. A. Bigger was a constant factor in the development of Reno County. Big cattle business was the attraction for him when he first came west. He settled down to help develop land business. From the firm of Brown and Bigger he sold thousands of acres in Reno County. Mr. Bigger knew more of the inside history of Reno County, than any other man. Only in later years of his life when no one could be injured by telling it, he told it.

He was born on a farm in Henry County, Ohio on October 1, 1844 to Matthew and Elizabeth S. Adams Bigger. When he was 17 years old he volunteered in the defense of the Union. He mustered out as a First Lieutenant. After the war he turned his attention to study law. He became attracted by the possibility presented at the opening for settlement of this section of Kansas. He came to Reno County in company with J. B. Brown, his partner in real estate business.L. A. Bigger was one of the men who built Hutchinson. During 1878, 1886, 1887 and 1888 he served as Mayor. It was through his urgent instrumentality the city bought a tract of land for park purposes which later developed into the fairgrounds. L. A. Bigger is buried at Eastside Cemetery.









**WANTED: Your Reno County Family!** 

#### **CEMETERY CORNER**



# Maranatha Mennonite Church Cemetery Reno Township

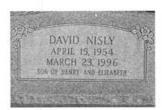
Thanks to Kathleen Dankanyin for bringing this new cemetery to my attention. This church cemetery is located on Blanchard Ave. about 1/2 mile west of Broadacres Road.



Janet Kay Chronister 1956 - 1997



Leslie S. Beachy 1937 - 1993



David Nisly 1954 - 1996



Meshach Caudillo 1992



Joanna Marie Hooge Boese 1932 - 1995



# **Lost Cemeteries**

Cemetery Name	<b>Township</b>	RCGS#
Asbury Methodist Cemetery	Center	5-3
Huntsville Rural / St. Paul Luth. Cem	Huntsville	12-3
Lincoln Township Cemetery	Lincoln	14-2
Medora	Medora	18-0
Mt. Zion Baptist Cemetery	Grove	9-2
N. Hayes	N. Hayes	21-0
Sumner Township Cemetery	Sumner	26-3
Sumner Township Cemetery	Sumner	26-4
Troy Township Cemetery	Troy	28-1
United Brethren Cemetery	Hayes	11-4
United Brethren Cemetery	Sylvia	27-2
United Brethren Church Cemetery	Medford	17-1
Church	Hayes	11-3

As I prepare this issue for print a new burial is taking place

in this cemetery.

Ray E. Yoder 1974 - 2006

In the May issue: Remembering the Hopkins family - buried in a lost cemetery in Sumner Township.

# RENO COUNTY CEMETERIES

**Cemetery Name** 

The headstones in these cemeteries have been photographed.

These cemeteries have been partially photographed.

**Township** 

Cemetery Name	Township
Amish Cemetery	Center
Bainum Cemetery	Langdon
Baker Cemetery	Troy
Buhler East Cemetery	Little River
Fairview Cemetery	Albion
Fairview Methodist Cemetery	Enterprise
Glendale Cemetery	Grove
Haven Priest Cemetery	Haven
Hayes Township Cemetery	Hayes
Langdon Old Cemetery	Langdon
Little River Township Cemetery	Little River
Lutheran Cemetery	Huntsville
Maranatha Cemetery	Reno
Mitchell Cemetery	Grant
Peace Bethel Cemetery	Enterprise
Peace Valley Cemetery	Walnut
Plainview Amish Cemetery	Lincoln
Pleasant Hill Cemetery	Loda
Pleasant Hill Cemetery	Ninnescah
Pleasant View Cemetery	Huntsville
Reformatory Cemetery	Clay
Salem Cemetery	Salt Creek
Schooley Cemetery	Roscoe
St. Agnes Catholic Cemetery	Castleton
Sterling Mennonite Cemetery	Walnut
Sumner Township Cemetery	Sumner
Thiessen Old Cemetery	Little River
Valley Twp Cemetery	Valley
Westminster Old Cemetery	Westminster
Yoder Amish Cemetery	Yoder

Centery Name	TOWNSHIP
Abbyville Cemetery	Westminster
Arlington Cemetery	Arlington
Buhler Municipal Cemetery	Little River
Eastside Cemetery	Clay
Fairlawn Cemetery	Clay
Fairview Elmer	Yoder
Hazen Cemetery	Plevna
Lerado Cemetery	Bell
Laurel Cemetery	Yoder
Lone Star Cemetery	Albion
Maple Hill Langdon Cemetery	Langdon
Memorial Park Cemetery	Reno
Partridge Cemetery	Center
Peace Creek Cem [Stafford Co]	Hayes
Pleasant View - Darlow	Lincoln
Plevna Cemetery	Plevna
Pretty Prairie Mennonite Cemetery	Albion
Sego Cemetery	Loda
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery	Sumner
St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery	Haven
Sylvia Cemetery	Sylvia
Turon Cemetery	Miami
Wildmead Cemetery	Grant
Yoder Mennonite Cemetery	Yoder



Valley Township Cemetery

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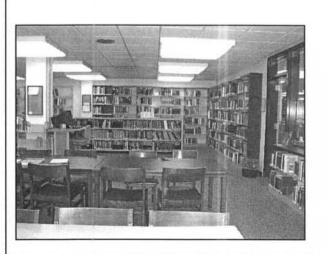


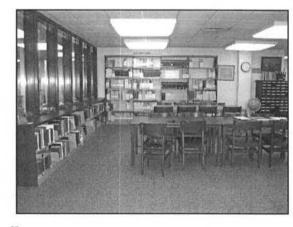
#### Check it out!

Stop by the reference area on the 2nd floor and check out the new microfilm scanner. Instead of printing out your pages you can scan them, up to 400 dpi, to the attached computer then copy them to your travel [jump, thumb, etc] drive and work with digital copies. The reference staff will be happy to show you how to use this new equipment. A great resource for capturing photos in the microfilmed newspapers.

#### Publications located in the Kansas Room:

- The Forum publication of The Federation of Genealogical Societies
- National Genealogical Society Quarterly and NGS News Magazine
- Everton's Genealogical Helper
- New England Historical and Genealogical Register
- New England Ancestors
- New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
- Reunions
- Utah Genealogical Association "Crossroads"
- American Genealogist
- DAR "American Spirit"
- Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly [donated]
- New York Researcher
- Reno County Historical Society "The Legacy"





#### Don't forget to check out the library website

Home page link:

http://www.hutchpl.org/

Newspaper Index link [great resource]:

[Chg drop down menu to Newspaper General Keyword]

http://hutchpac.org:8080/#focus

Index created by volunteers!

#### NEWS FROM THE KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

[Note: this main topic was submitted for the Fall issue of the Kansas Review. Used here with permission]

When your editor and I first discussed producing this quarterly column, one of the topics she mentioned that might be of interest was what to do with your family research when you are no longer able to continue it or what to do with your research if your children are not interested in it and you fear it might all get tossed or lost. This is a common concern and this was brought back to me recently. We were contacted by a local genealogical organization, which had been donated three storage boxes of genealogical notes and materials on the Post and Bowen families. That organization was not able to store this research and wanted to know if we wanted the collection. When I went to their library to review the materials I kept three things in mind: Was there a significant Kansas connection with these families? Was the collection well organized and able to be used without extensive processing on our part? How big was the collection—our storage bays are rapidly filling up and, as much as we would love to save everything, we simply don't have the space. We also don't have enough staff to be able to take a box full of unorganized, loose papers and notes and organize them into a manner that any researcher would find useful. And, of course, we are the KANSAS State Historical Society family historical materials that are not published and are still in manuscript note form should have a substantial Kansas connection to make them appropriate for our manuscripts collection. In this case, the boxes of materials on the Post and Bowen families met all three criteria: Many of the Post and Bowen families had Kansas connections; the person who developed this collection had all of their family group sheets and notes neatly organized into LABELED folders and 3-ring notebooks and there weren't a lot of unphotocopied, unidentified loose newspaper clippings and notes involved; and the entire collection only took up three document boxes.

If you are concerned about the fate of your genealogical research after you are gone, here are some suggestions. First, prepare a printed or published or photocopied copy of your family history. Find a stopping place for your research and START WRITING. A compiled family history narrative and copies of your family group sheets is the best thing you can do with your materials. We actively solicit donations of compiled family histories (whether or not they have a strong Kansas connection) and these are available to researchers from all over the world. The work you have done may be JUST what someone in Germany or England or Sheridan County, Kansas has been looking for.

Your unpublished research materials can also be valuable research tools for others. You should first make sure your children or other relatives *don't* want to keep your materials. Once they come to us, they cannot be returned. But we would be happy to evaluate your materials for donation to the Kansas State Historical Society, based on the criteria I gave above. If we accept your donation, we can offer a safe and permanent repository for your research, where it can be used by others. And when your grandchildren or great-grandchildren, who WILL be interested in the family history, wish to find something out about the family your research will be waiting for them to use. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me by mail at Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66615 or by email at skeckeisen@kshs.org.

Sara J. Keckeisen
Family History Librarian
Kansas State Historical Society

Have you paid your 2007 dues?

## SCHOOL DAYS



Reno County High Teachers 1919

Left to right: Top row: Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Bereman, Mr. Campbell

Second row: Miss Moorman, Miss Dwelle, Miss Hill, Miss Rutledge, Miss Stevens, Miss Kintzel, Sec.

Bottom row: Mr. Reed, Miss Mauck, Mr. Mundell, Miss Dodd, Mr. Washler

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84	Allen, Monica	55	Byers, Besise	85	Denison, Orneta
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- Odessa A German-Russian Genealogical Library: www.odessa3.org/
- History of first names: www.behindthename.com/
- Atlas of German Empire: www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein/
- Charts & Forms: http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/get\_started/charts\_forms.html
- Brooklyn, NY genealogy: www.bklyn-genealogy-info.com/index.html
- U.K. maps online: http://archivemaps.com/mapco/index.htm
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#### **FAMILY**

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- Kansas Room volunteers can you volunteer an hour once a week or once a month? If so, please contact Karen Burgess.
- Volunteers to transcribe documents and books (in the public domain) that contain Reno County history. This material will be used in The Sunflower and RCGS website.

Send an email to RCGS@cox.net if you can help!

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Hutchinson, KS 67501

620-663-5441

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Sat 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sun 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

www.hutchpl.org

#### **Hutchinson Family History Center**

518 E 43rd Street

Hutchinson, KS 67502

620-665-1187

Tues 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wed 9:30 am to 8:30 pm

Thur 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

#### Kansas State Historical Society

6425 SW 6th Street

Topeka, KS 66615-1099

785-272-8681

www.kshs.org

#### Reno Co. Historical Society & Reno Co. Museum

100 S. Walnut

Hutchinson, KS 67501

620-662-1184

Tues to Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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