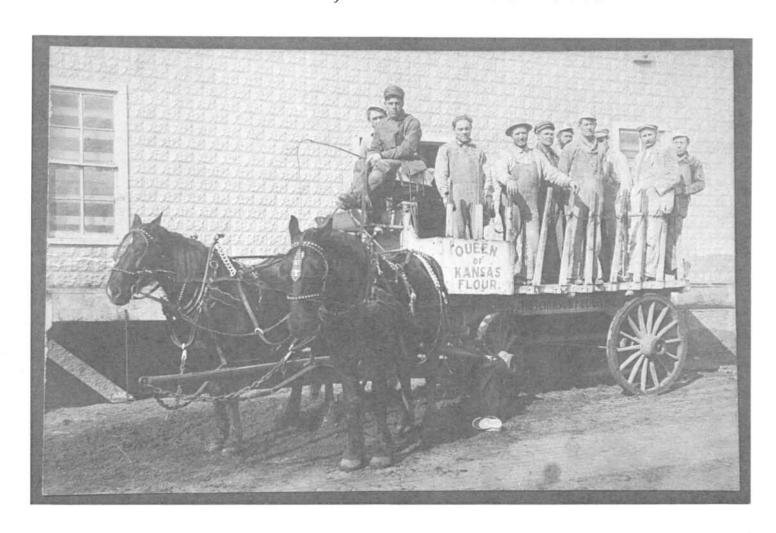


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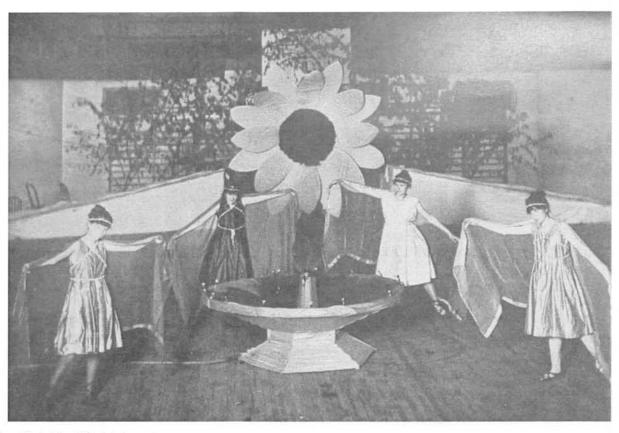
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ON THE COVER

Carl Teeter - driving the Hutchinson Flour Mill wagon



Bulletin of Reno County High School, Volume XIII, May 1916, No. 3



Physical Education Exhibit 1916 (above)

Spanish Dancers 1916 (below)



#### Samuel P. Teter & Family, continued



Samuel was born in Virginia on February 22, 1842. He passed away in the family home at 1515 N. Main Street, Hutchinson, KS on January 3, 1929, following a heart attack. Had he lived until February 22nd he would have been 87 years old.

When still a young man, he went with his parents from Virginia to McLean County, IL and from this place he enlisted in Co. K IL Volunteer Infantry in 1861. He served for the duration of the war and participated in the Grand Review of the troops at Washington, D.C. During the war he saw service on Island No. 10 at the capture of Memphis, in the campaign around Vicksburg, Chattanooga and Knoxville. He served in the battle of Atlanta and the campaign of Georgia. He was wounded at the assault on Jackson, MS and again at an engagement near Atlanta.

Upon his return to McLean County, IL after the war he was united in marriage to miss Phoebe Jane Stewart. A brief time was spent with the father on the farm and then the family set out for Kansas, settling in Reno County. He remained here with a few brief exceptions. He served on the police force of the city for a number of years after giving up his active participation in farming and dairying. To the home were born 10 children. Allie Estelle died in infancy in IL. Maggie Grisdale died in South Hutchinson in 1909 at the age of 32.

Samuel was one of those substantial men upon whom this great western country depended to make it what it is today. He was one of the pioneers who helped lay its foundation. He held membership in G.A.R. Post 17 and the Grasshopper clue. He was active in both organizations.

#### Timeline for Samuel Paul Teter

1915 Census Hutchinson, KS 1920 Census Hutchinson, KS

1/3/1929

1925 Census Herndon, Rawlins County, KS

Born in Pendleton County, VA to Laban A. and Sarah Ervin Wimer Teter 2/22/1842 To McLean County, IL Young man 1850 Census Randolph Grove, McLean County, IL 1860 Census Downs, McLean County, IL Enlisted in the Army at McLean County, IL, in the 26th IL Vol Inf 1861 Part of the Grand Review in Washington, D. C. End of War Married Phoebe Stewart 3/29/1866 Son, Dicey Albert was born in IL 10/20/1871 Daughter, Aice E. was born. She died 3/25/1874 in IL 12/5/1876 Son, Ira J. was born in IL 3/3/1875 Daughter, Maggie G. was born in IL 9/211877 Washington, Rice County, KS as a farmer 1880 Census Son, Jonathan E was born in KS 6/3/1880 8/22/1883 Daughter, Nancy May was born in KS Son, Samuel Carl was born in Oregon 12/22/1887 1887 To Hutchinson farm Dairy business in Newton, KS 1889 In Oregon 6 months 1889 Kansas Dairy 1889 Daughter, Jennie Myrtle is born 7/1/1890 Son, Alfred Ray is born 9/19/1892 1900 Census Hutchinson, KS 1905 Census Hutchinson, KS 1910 Census Hutchinson, KS

Died at his home, 1515 N. Main Street, Hutchinson, KS

#### Items of Interest from Samuel Teter's Pension File

1861 Dec 25 Enlisted in war, Bloomington, IL, musician (bugler)

1864, Aug 26 Gunshot wound, Atlanta, GA, scar behind left ear

1865, Jul 20 Discharged at Scottsboro, AL

Four page hand written letter to U.S. Department of Pensions by Mrs. Myrtle Huffman, daughter, re:

Total funeral bill \$438, Johnson & Son

All cash money left by deceased, \$50

Death Certificate

1872 Feb 8 Pension \$2

1878 Feb 11 Pension \$5

1880, Sep 18 Pension \$8

1887, Jun 22 Pension \$14

1892, May 11 Pension \$24, 2nd grade disability

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#### Unaware of Discharge

#### This Old Soldier Served Through the War Needlessly

Although he had been discharged from the service and was at liberty to go home, S. P. Teter didn't know it and he served through the war of the rebellion, nearly being killed on three occasions.

Not until the war had ended did Mr. Teter find out that he need not have served at all, and that he had been discharged nearly three years before.

Mr. Teter, who now resides in Hutchinson at 1515 N. Main Street, being one of the old residents of Hutchinson, had as unique an experience perhaps, as any veteran of the civil war.

He had enlisted on the breaking out of the war, in an Illinois regiment. Before his regiment had started to the front he was taken down sick with typhoid fever and for four months was in the hospital. His condition was so feeble that application was made for a disability discharge, he being considered unfit to go to the front with the regiment.

But the discharge was delayed, the regiment went on down into Mississippi and Teter who was a company bugler went along. When the discharge finally came, Bugler Teter was so strong and hearty that his captain burned the discharge and said nothing about it.

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Teter served through the campaign and until the end of the war. Although disease failed to get him, he came nearly to finding death on the battlefield.

Three times was he wounded, once being shot in the back by a shell at Jackson, Miss., a second time being shot in the face at the battle of Atlanta, and a month later his skull was fractured by a bullet.

After the war was over his captain told him of the disability discharge which had come long before and which he had burned. And Mr. Teter was always glad his captain burned it.

> Hutchinson News Weekly October 12, 1911, Page 6

#### Phoebe Jane Stewart

Phoebe was born January 31, 1852 to John and Phoebe Stewart at Monongahalia County, West VA. She passed away June 24, 1934 at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 23 days. She was the youngest child of a family of 11, all of whom preceded her in death. She was 14 when she moved to McLean County, IL. The following Spring she was married to Samuel P. Teter. To this union were born 6 sons and 4 daughters.

Phoebe resided in and near Hutchinson for 62 years, being one of the early pioneer settlers. For 5 years after the death of her husband she was cared for by her daughter, Myrtle and son in law, Lus Huffman in the family home at 1515 N. Main Street where she resided for 42 years.

She affiliated with the First United Brethren Church in its early history, when the church was located at 2nd and Poplar. During all those years she had been a loyal member.

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#### SAMUEL P. TETER

Samuel P. Teter, a leading and influential agriculturist of Reno county, maintains his residence at 1517 (sic) North Main street, in Hutchinson, and in this city which has for so many years been his home he has made many friends, who esteem him highly for many excellencies of character. A native of the Old Dominion, he was born in Pendleton county, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 1842. His father, Laban Teter, was a native of the same locality, born about the year 1810, and he followed the tilling of the soil as a life occupation.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of the father land, and after coming to this county located in Virginia. He was a brave and loyal soldier during the terrible struggle for liberty. In the Old Dominion he spent the remaining years of his life, having followed the trade of a blacksmith. Laban Teter was one of a family of eleven children, all of whom have long since passed to the home beyond. When about twenty-four years of age he was united in marriage to Sarah Wayman, a native also of Virginia. In 1849 Mr. Teter emigrated with his family to McLean county, Illinois, making the journey with one two-horse team and one five-horse team, and having started in the fall, they encountered very severe weather during the trip, at times the snow having fallen to a great depth and they suffered many hardships and privations. Before starting on the long. wearisome journey Mr. Teter had sold his farm of one hundred acres in Virginia for fourteen hundred dollars, and a part of this money he invested in a one hundred and sixty acre tract in McLean county, Illinois, then raw prairie land. As time passed, however, he improved his land and added to his original purchase until his landed possessions consisted of six hundred acres, on which he made many substantial improvements, and upon this valuable tract he spent the remainder of his earthly pilgrimage. At the time of his death he was residing with his youngest son, Reuben, who had taken charge of the farm. Mrs. Teter had passed to the home beyond about two years prior to her husband's demise. He was a very prominent man in his community, having filled many of the local offices, and in political matters he was identified with the Republican party. He was a stanch Union man, and was prominent and worthy member of the Methodist church, in which he long served as a deacon. His death was occasioned from blood poisoning, caused by having his finger pricked by a hedge thorn. Unto this worthy couple were born thirteen children, of whom our subject was the fourth in order of birth, but several of the children died in infancy. Those who reached mature years were: Malinda, who died in McLean county, Illinois; Jonathan, also deceased; Huldah, the wife of Will Edmunds, a farmer of Hutchinson Kansas; Laban C., deceased; Samuel P., the subject of this review; Sallie E. wife of Solomon Phillips, a veteran of the Civil war and now a prominent farmer of McLean county, Illinois; Reuben D., who is engaged in fruit farming near Salem, Oregon; Sina, who makes her home with her sister in McLean county; Almeda who died in Haven township; and Hezekiah B., also deceased. The second son, Jonathan was a member of Company F, Ninetyfourth Illinois Infantry, during the Civil war, but after nine months' service was discharged on account of disability. He took part in the battles of Prairie Grove and Spring Hill, and in the last name engagement suffered the loss of one of his eyes. His death occurred in Hutchinson, Kansas in 1899. Laban C. also rendered valuable service to his country during the war of the rebellion, becoming a member of Company K, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, his military career covering a period of three years, nine months and twenty-one days. He was wounded in a charge made on a fort in front of Atlanta. He was loved and honored among his fellow soldiers for his strict adherence to the standard of Christian manhood, and all who knew him entertained for him the highest respect and esteem. He passed to the home beyond about 1885 while residing near his father's home in McLean county.

Samuel P. Teter, whose name introduces this review, received only meager education advantages during his youth, having attended school but twenty days in all, and that having been during his absence from the army on a furlough. When only fifteen years of age, he performed a man's work in the harvest fields, and after the close of the day's labor in the field, it would be his task to feed the horses, cattle and hogs and milk the cows, his work extending until late in the evening. His father was at the time extensively engaged in the stock business owning about one hundred head of cattle and one hundred and fifty hogs, while his landed possessions consisted of six hundred acres. In this manner our subject spent his youth and early manhood. When the trouble between the north and south culminated in civil war he nobly offered his services to the Union cause, enlisting, in 1861, at Bloomington, in Company K, Twenty-sized Illinois Volunteer Infantry. On account of sickness, however, he was unable to accompany his regiment on their march to the south but he joined it in St. Louis, and from there the regiment was sent to Madrid, its first engagement being at Island No. 10. For about four months thereafter Mr. Teter was absent from duty on account of sickness caused by typhoid fever, but in

the spring of 1862 he rejoined the army at Holly Springs. Reaching La Grange, he was among the one hundred who were left there to hold the fort. He was at the time much broken in health and was daily expecting his discharge, but it was delayed and when it finally arrived he had grown so strong and rugged that his captain burned the paper without telling him of its arrival, nor was he acquainted of the fact until the war has closed. Mr. Teter entered the service as a fifer, but after regaining his health he demanded a place in the ranks as a soldier, and the request was granted him. From La Grange they went to Memphis and participated in the taking of that city, and was next stationed on the Yazoo river, where they were engaged in guarding the city of Vicksburg. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July following the regiment started for Jackson, Mississippi, waded Black river, camped on the opposite side during the night and in the morning proceeded on their way. During that engagement the regiment of which our subject was a member charged and finally captured the deep ditch, but during the combat Mr. Teter was struck in the back, probably by a piece of shell, and was temporarily disabled for service. After the capture of Jackson he returned with his regiment to Black river, where he was taken sick with chills and fever, and with many other soldiers was sent to Vicksburg, where in company with five hundred sick and wounded comrades, he was placed on a hospital boat bound for Memphis, and a few days later his regiment passed that city on the way to Iuka. After remaining in the hospital for two days he and a comrade starting to rejoin the regiment, and on reaching luka they were informed that in three days the regiment would start on a forced march to Chattanooga. With others who were too weak to walk Mr. Teter was taken to that city in wagons, where he was engaged in doing guard duty for one month, and during that time witnessed the taking of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, after which the army set out to the relief of Burnside at Knoxville, where with many other invalids he was stationed for a time at Whiteside Station. There they suffered severely for the want of potatoes, as guerillas had infested the country and had cut off all supplies. For eleven days those there stationed subsisted on a half an ear of corn each per day, but they finally organized a party and set out on a foraging expedition their first fine having been half bushel of flour, which the immediately converted into flapjacks and ate until their appetites were satisfied.

#### Part 1 from: A Biographical History of Central Kansas, Vol I. 1902

#### Samuel



#### Phoebe



## Then and Now: Hutch News / Sturgeon Glass

#### By Steve Harmon



The first photo is of the 1888 Hutch News building at 13-15 E. Sherman. It had two stories then with space leased to the Bell Telephone Co. They were there until 1923.

The second photo is of the same building minus the second floor, now housing Sturgeon Glass. Donnie Sturgeon told me that he purchased the building from Delos Smith in 1986.

#### Historic photos from the Conard-Harmon Collection



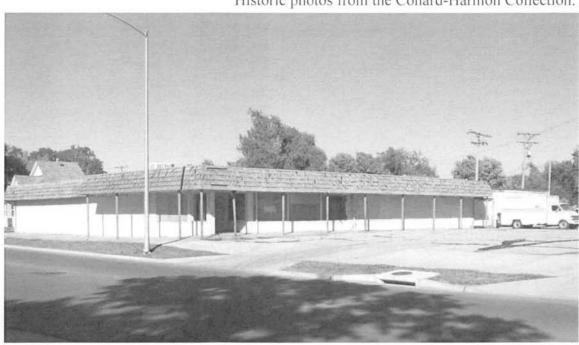
#### Then and Now: Fitzgerald's Grocery

#### By Steve Harmon



Corner of 8th Avenue and Plum Street. In 1910, James Fitzgerald moved to Hutchinson from Kingman and opened the "Crescent Butter Store" at 1227 N. Main. It was a combination of soda fountain, ice cream and other convenience foods. In 1924 he ran the Staple Grocery at 214 W. 9th. In 1935 the Fitzgerald Grocery was at 800 N. Plum operated by James' son Gene. The first photo shows the original building at that location. In 1964 that building was razed for more needed space and a new larger building constructed at 806 N. Plum. The second photo shows the newer building which was sold to J.R. Collins in 1972 and operated as the Collins Grocery after that. On a family note, James grandson Ed Fitzgerald started the Pic Quik convenience store chain, that still continues to this day.

Historic photos from the Conard-Harmon Collection.



#### **Tombstone Troubles**

#### Over a Monument

Mrs. M. E. Scott, widow of William Scott, formerly a hardware merchant at Nickerson, buried at Farmington, Ill., this week entered a petition at the probate court of Reno County, asking that L. C. Brown of Nickerson, administrator of her husband's estate be required to erect over the grave a better monument than the one now standing.

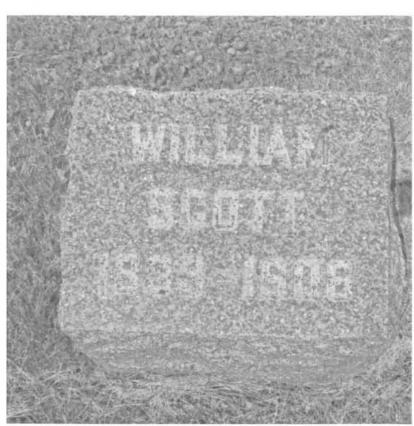
Miss Nora Scott, daughter of the deceased, appeared in court, presenting herself and another daughter, explaining that a fine monument of Italian marble already stands in the family lot, being placed there by Mr. Scott during his lifetime, and that the children are satisfied with it and wish it to remain, while the widow seems to wish it displaced by a finer one, to be paid out of the estate.

The widow is the stepmother of the misses Scott in the case, and there seems to be some friction over the disposition of the funds remaining from the estate. The matter seemed to be without jurisdiction of the court and Judge Jordan could not interfere in the matter, which seems to be up to the heirs and the administrator.

Hutchinson Times, Friday, October 8, 1909.

I found this article a few years ago. At the time nothing was posted at Find A Grave. Recently I checked again to discover these headstones.

Another article states the widow and step-daughters did not agree on the existing stone being for the first wife of William Scott.





It would seem tombstone troubles would not be the last of troubles for this family. Other articles continued to report the tombstone saga and it being thrown out of court and the estate could not be settled because two heirs, sons of William, were missing. Son Charles had "dropped out of sight 32 years ago" and Edwin had been lost a number of years to the family and feared dead.

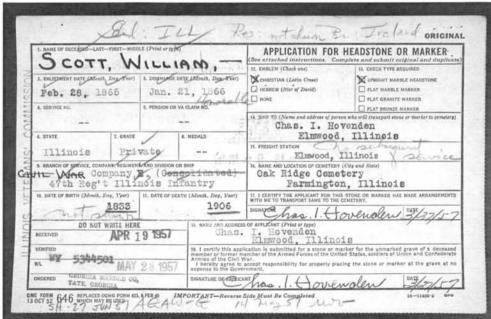
Later, Martha would move to Illinois where she dies and a suit is filed to break her will, which was stated to have been made without her being of sound mind.

I did not find a photo online for a headstone of Williams first wife, Mary. As you can see from the photos below William has a granite headstone and military headstone, as well as Martha having a headstone. When they were placed I do not know, with the exception of the military headstone. It was ordered in 1957.

9/17/1909 Hutchinson Daily News; William Scott Obituary 10/5/1909 Hutchinson News "Monument Fine Enough" 10/6/1909 Hutchinson News "Court Has No Power" 10/13/1909 Hutchinson Daily News "Two Heirs Missing" 1/18/1924 Hutchinson News "Suit Brought to Break Will"

William Scott first married Mary. She was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Fulton County, IL on 12/27/1872 according to cemetery records. William later married Martha E. Dow Horde (widow of Lyman G. Horde).





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#### THE KCGS PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

As a member of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, the Reno County Genealogical Society is able to offer an exciting award package to our members that involves not only recognition RCGS (your local Society), State recognition from the Kansas Council, and National recognition through KCGS from the Corporation For National & Community Service and the Points of Light Foundation.

Award Levels are based upon AGE and ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOURS.

You must log your volunteer service hours. RCGS will distribute forms you can use for this purpose. All volunteer hours must be generally related to the collection, preservation, transcription, organization, and helping others in using genealogical or historical records; basically, serving in a volunteer capacity in genealogy or history-related activity. Attending Society meetings, helping with projects all meet the volunteer service requirement. You can count conference and other educational time IF you reasonably believe you will have opportunity to potentially use the information you learn to assist or share with others in any volunteer capacity. You will turn in your log to the designated coordinator at the Reno County Genealogical Society, either quarterly or annually as requested. This is not to "keep tabs" on you but we are required to certify that to the best of our knowledge we believe the hours turned in are reasonable and accurate.

#### Requirements for the National President's Award also include:

- Recipient(s) must be a United States citizen or a lawfully admitted permanent resident of the United States.
- Awards are issued for volunteer service only; additional levels of participation with the organization (i.e., charitable support) are not a factor considered for the award.
- Court-ordered community service does not qualify for the award.
   Serving the Genealogists, Family Historians, & Genealogical Societies
- Volunteer Service must be with projects directly or indirectly connected to the overall purpose of your local Society, or in achievement of the purposes of the KCGS; primarily, in promoting genealogy and family history research, collection and preservation of genealogical and historical records, assisting others in their research, educating others in any aspect of family history, etc.

This information was emailed to members on February 5, 2015 and included a tracking form in both Word and Excel options.

If you need another copy or have questions please email the society at RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com and use PVSA in the subject line.

A project coming in 2015 will be "They Were Here: 1890". Watch your email and this quarterly for additional information.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!





## Track Your Time!

Your time is valuable. That's why we want to honor you for your genealogical and historical volunteer service to our County and our State throughout the year.

We'll provide you with a simple form to use – then, just Track Your Time! A variety of Award Levels will help us honor your service.

Reno County Genealogical Society

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Congratulations on RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY's acceptance into Community Rewards! Community Rewards is designed for non-profits of all sizes.

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will get credit for every purchase its members make using their registered Plus card. You have been assigned a new NPO number 80570.

A customer must have 3 things to register and begin supporting RCGS:

- A Plus card, which is available at any store by asking an associate
- A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous
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- 3. Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page
- 4. You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

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<sup>\*</sup> Other records indicate George Alexander is buried in the city section. Further research is needed.

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