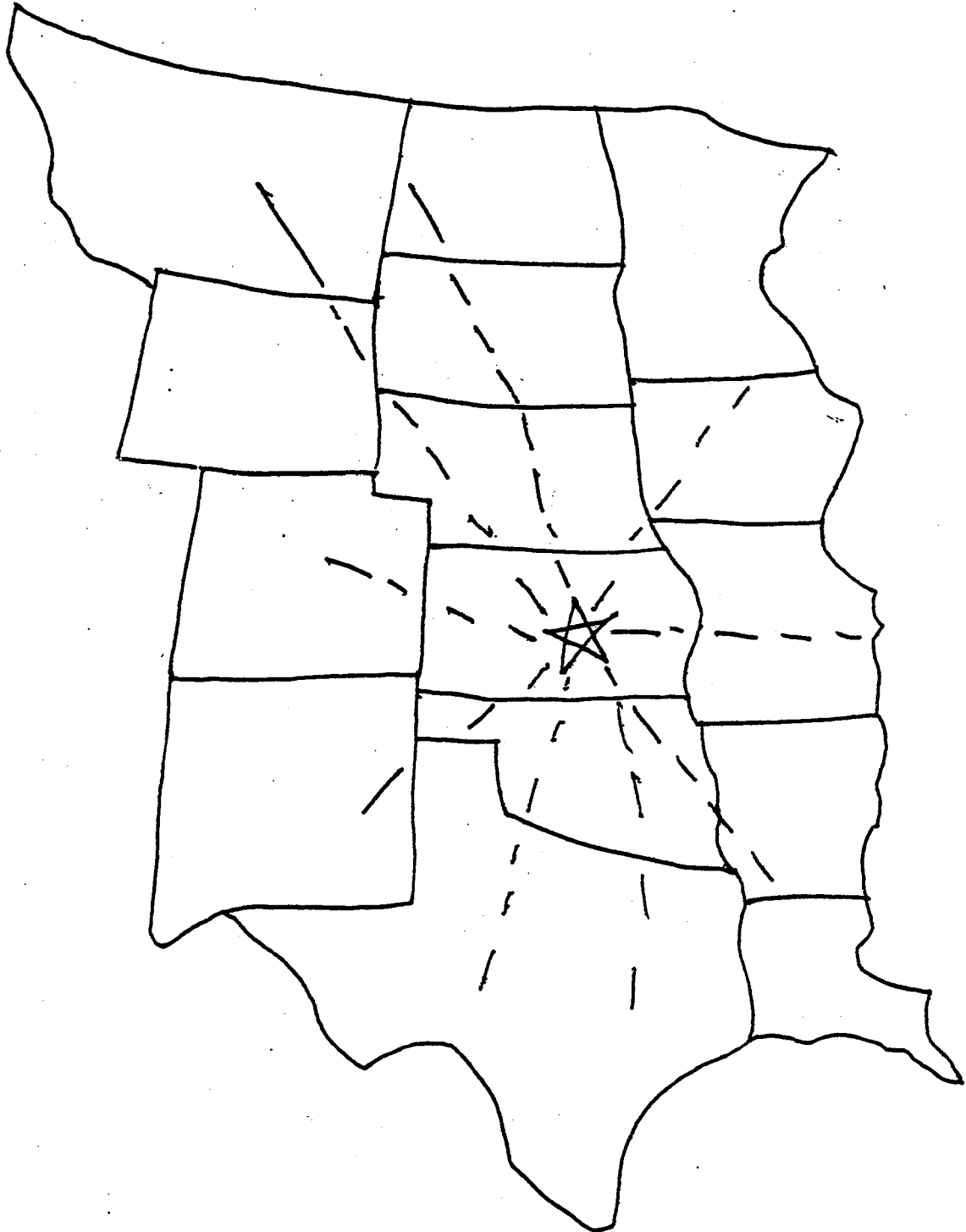


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The Midwest Genealogical Society greets you on this our first publication date; and in the form of a newsletter we want to advise you of our hopes and ambitions for our Magazine and the Society.

Inasmuch as publishing is a relatively new field for most of us, we ask you to bear with us, if we inadvertantly make mistakes.

Our objective as a genealogical publication and Society is to preserve the records that exist now and may not, for one reason or another exist in the future. Also we want to put these records in a form that will reach the greatest number of people.

The clerks at the County Courthouse tell us that not a week passes but what they receive a number of requests for information. This, of course, they try to comply with. But this is an added burden to them. So it is our ambition to bring these records to the public.

In beginning research it is most important to start first with what we have in our homes. Look for old diaries, journals, baby books, Bibles, and old books kept by your ancestors. For instance, I personally have part of an old ledger kept by my Grandfather Hooper in Manchester, Mass. in the years of 1839 -40. In this are listed the names of people who resided in that town in those years and which might help another locate a lost member of their family. Clippings from old newspapers were saved by the families in question and often they are a goldmine of information, giving you an inkling as to the characteristics of your ancestors. It is most gratifying to find a sketch of your progenitors, it brings them alive to you. Often the people of the eighteen hundreds kept family data on the backs of old pictures. More often than not the name of the photographer and town in which he resided and conducted business were imprinted on the backs of these photos, and thus furnishes us with a lead.

In our magazine we will have a column devoted to publishing some of this information and we are especially interested in family Bibles.

Old letters are equally important to the genealogist. They often tell of family members and are valuable in giving you bits of history concerning the activities of your people. I have an old letter in which the writer addressed my grandfather as "Cousin" and thus I located a previously unknown relative.

The next logical step would be to contact our known relatives, especially the older members. Visit with them and find out if they have kept records of the family. Perhaps they have traced back several generations. A section of our magazine will be devoted to publishing lineages whose roots extend to their homeland and whose branches spread to the midwest.

We will want a column about what our older people can tell us, particularly about people of earlier days. They have a heartful of interesting memories to talk about. Perhaps it is the things they heard in their youth from the then older people. It is bits of folklore that we won't have access to in a few years. Any of you older people who feel you have something you'd like to have recorded please write or call Mrs. Rosalee Jackson, 1729 Ventnor Wichita, Kansas, 67219, Phone SH 4-1663.

Next in our step by step research we would search the cemetery or mausoleum in the area where your people lived.

In our modern times life moves at such a pace we tend to destroy the old. In some communities, small cemeteries are either being lost or moved; hundreds of small family cemeteries are forgotten. In order to preserve these cemetery records for those, like our-

selves, who need this information, we want to publish in each issue a record of the small, and not so small, cemeteries. Our objective is to make them more readily available and have a permanent record of them.

In a small town in the south, one year, I visited a rather large cemetery; and in wandering about I followed a small ravine to the creek bed. Apparently a bulldozer had partially covered them. The identifying marks had been chiseled off them. For the most part they looked like tombstones of the 1860/1870 era. I could only surmise that they had been removed and new graves put in their places. What a waste of good material for the genealogist, to say nothing about the dishonesty involved. I sincerely hope this is not an indication of what is occurring all over the country.

In the small communities where the family graveyards are, it is in my estimation, most important to locate and copy these records. I hope anyone who reads this and knows of such a place will take it upon themselves to copy these records along with the location and send it to: Mrs. Arietta Gage, 784 N. Custer, Wichita, Kans. 67203. Phone WH 3-7380.

Hand in hand with cemetery records are the Sexton's records. While not as reliable as the tombstones, they nevertheless are valuable.

Another source which would have priceless information would be the obituary and mortuary records and we will publish old obituaries from the oldest newspapers available.

In many of our public libraries today, we find thousands of records of our forefathers published in book form or Microfilm. These are for our use.

One of the things we must do before going into Original records which can be expensive, is to search all local libraries for census reports, old newspapers, and for local histories and biographies. Perhaps you will be lucky enough to find a book published about your family. A word of caution is advisable here; check the record carefully and find out about the author and publishers. In all probability it will be correct, but it pays to be cautious. Our historical societies are a wonderful source of material. In our own state of Kansas we have a good historical library at Topeka, Kansas. I understand they have nearly ten thousand books plus the largest file of old newspapers in this part of the country.

One of our favorite people is our Librarian, Pat Fineout, who has wonderful ideas to bring to you. She will have a page in each issue of our magazine to keep you informed of new books in Wichita and surrounding areas. We are especially interested in books that are in the smaller libraries which may bear a find in genealogy wise. At the end of our newsletter, Pat will give you her first list of new books and Microfilms at the Wichita Public Library.

In doing our research, possibly our next step would be the vital records in your County Courthouse. Therein is housed a wealth of information. First would be your land records, deeds, abstracts, tax lists, transfer of titles. Your wills would be filed with the Probate Judge's Office. There are, of course, the birth, marriage and death records. Another source we don't often think of are the divorce papers. These vital records were not compulsory before 1911 (in Kansas). There may not be a record

of your people before 1911, there is that possibility however; so it is definitely worth your while to make the search. In fact I would say that it was imparitive that you do so. One other record of some value would be the naturalization papers. We plan to publish the oldest of these records as they are received.

As we continue we would need to search the census records for the year or years your ancestors resided in a given area. Therefore, we will publish the earliest census records of the midwest. This method, we hope will further the availability of census records to those who do not have access to them. It is our hope to arrange them in alphabetical order.

In pioneer days the church was the center of social life. There the pioneers met for christenings, marriages and deaths in addition to their church activities. The pastor of these churches usually kept a close record of his congregation. Consequently we have many fine early day records of our forefathers--and in many cases the only record

We hope to have a page of early church records copied by the faithful members of our society and invite those who aren't members to contribute also. Moreover, we want to bring you brief histories of the genesis of individual towns and the people who settled there, what they did and where they went, if possible. We are especially interested in our small communities, as we tend to concentrate on larger areas. This is too bad, because there were many interesting people in the places of lesser note.

We want to bring a page of genealogical news from the world in general. We will print notices of histories written; of recent genealogical books published; of areas being Microfilmed; timely

news of finds by genealogists and new genealogy societies formed; and news of genealogical interest locally. This column will be titled "Around the World With Genealogy".

At this time our plans aren't complete concerning our queries and Register. We know that we will include these in our magazine and that there will not be a charge up to 100 words to members of the Society.

The Midwest Genealogical Society Inc. does not endorse nor recommend any professional genealogist. The name of the Society may not be used to imply such endorsement.

We will accept advertisements for our publication at a set rate to be decided by the board. If any are interested call: Mrs. Arietta Gage, 784 N. Custer, Wichita, Kansas, Phone WH3-7380 and I will notify you when a decision has been reached by the board. Only advertisements related to genealogy will be accepted.

The Publications Dept. has set the following subscription rates, which have been accepted unanimously by the board: One copy per issue free to members, \$4.00 per year to non-members or \$1.25 per single copy.

Our area of activity will include the following states: Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana. We realize this is an ambitious program and that it will take years to spread into this large an area. Our hopes are that others within this area will have an interest in starting a group to further the preservation of records in their respective areas.

Meanwhile we invite anyone in surrounding communities, in the midwest, who are interested in compiling records, heretofore,

unpublished, to send in what they have. We urge you to spend four hours a month visiting old churches, Courthouses, Cemeteries, etc. and copy this information and send it to us.

You will be fully recognized and your name will appear at the head of your contributions. While we do not, nor can we, promise to publish them at any given time, we will include this material in our library, so that it will be available to the public. We feel this has to be left to the discretion of the publications department as to whether it meets with their needs at any given time. These records will be put to good use in any case. We also plan to have a list of those contributing to the library in our magazine as they are received.

Our first magazine will be published in September and we invite each of you to start sending in records so that, with your interest and help, we may have a successful magazine. Thank you.

Publications Department.

LIBRARY LORE

by Pat Fineout

In this column, our first, we are going to be brief in order to leave room for the census rolls and the new books at the Wichita City Library. These lists will be supplemented by the new additions as they arrive, in our future publications. Keep these lists handy and use them in your research.

Do you need assistance in researching? Meet us at the library on Wednesday from 1 to 5 pm; we're glad to help. The Wichita City Library hours are: weekdays, 8:30 am to 9pm; Saturdays, 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Does your home town library have a genealogy section? If so, let us know; we welcome any and all information.

In future columns, short run-downs will be given on genealogical materials available in other Kansas libraries. So watch this column, your town may be next.

BOOKS

April 1966 additions to genealogy section

Boogher, Wm Fletcher	Gleanings of Virginia History (reprint)
Clark, Peyton Neale	Old King William Homes and Families (Virginia)
Curtis, Mary Bennett	Early Tennessee Tax Rolls
Elliott, Katherin B.	Early Settlers, Mecklenburg Co. Va. Vol 2
Hathaway, J. R. B.	No. Carolina Historical & Genealogical Register 3 Vols.
Hoskinson, Josie V. Henkel,	Mackeys & Eberlys of Texas and allied families of McIlwaine, Elgin, Harrison, Adams, Smallwood, Stone Troope, and Perry of Ky., Tenn., Md., & Va.
Hummel, Elizabeth Hicks,	Hicks History of Granville Co., N. Caroline Vol 1
Innes, Sir Thomas of Learney,	Scots Heraldry; a practical handbook on the historical principles & modern application of the arts & science 2d rev.
Kamikow, Jack & Marion	a list of immigrants from England to America 1718-1759
McBee, May Wilson,	Abstracts of early records of Anson Co., No. Carolina Marriages of some Virginia residents 1607-1800 Massachusetts militia in the War of 1812
Mathews, John	Mathews American Armoury & blue book
Poppino, Mrs. Hattie E.	Population schedules Jackson Co., Missouri census 1860
Rupp, I. Daniel,	A collection of 30,000 names of immigrants in Penn
Wayland, John W.	Virginia Valley Records (reprint)
Wilson, Harry & Vena	Hunt Genealogy

Micro-film Census Rolls

State	year	counties
Connecticut	1800	Roll 1
		Roll 2
		Fairfield
		Hartford
		Litchfield
		New Haven

Micro-film Census Rolls

State	year	counties
		Tolland
		Windham
	Roll 3	Middlesex
		New London
Delaware	1800	Kent
		New Castle
		Sussex
	1810	same counties
District of Columbia	1800	Roll 5
Illinois	1820	Roll 11
		Alexander Roll 12
		Edwards Bend
		Franklin Clark
		Jackson Crawford
		Jefferson Monroe
		Johnson Pope
		Madison Randolph
		Union St. Clair
		Wayne Washington
		White
	1850	Rolls 74 to 95 AZ
	1880	Roll 238 Morgan Roll 239 Moultrie
		Moultrie (part) (part)
		Peoria
		(part)
Indiana	1820	Roll 13-15 AZ
	1850	Roll 96-105 AZ
	1880	Roll 278 Fountain (part) Roll 318
		Franklin Vermillion
		Fulton (part) Vigo (part)
		Roll 319
Iowa	1850	Roll 106-107 Almost complete
	1880	Roll 108-114 Almost complete 10 reels
Kansas	1875	Rolls 1-20 complete State Census 2
		schedules
	1880	Roll 375 Butler Roll 376 Cherokee
		(part)
		Chase Cheyenne
		Chautauqua Clark
		Cherokee (part) Clay
		Cloud (part)
Kentucky	1810	Roll 5-9 AZ
	1850	Roll 108-114 AZ
Maine	1800	Roll 6 Cumberland Roll 7 Hancock
	1850	Lincoln Kennebec
		Roll 8 Washington
		York
Maryland	1800	Roll 9-16 AZ
Mass.	1800	Roll 13-19
	1810	17-22
Michigan	k820	Roll 56 Oakland City of Detroit
		Wayne Mickelamackiner
		Brown Crawford
		Prairie Du Chieu (city)
		Monroe Macomb
		Mount Clemes (city)

State	year	counties
Michigan Cont'd	1850 Roll 143-146 AZ	
<u>Kansas Mortality Records</u>		
	U. S. Census 1880 2 reels	
	also 1 reel 1870 complete	
Minnesota	1850 Roll 367	Benton Territory Dakota Territory Gasca Territory Man Karta Territory Pombine (spelling??) Ramsey Wabashaw Wah Nah Tak Washington
Missouri	1850 Rolls 153-158 AZ 1880 Roll 671	Adair Roll 675 Andrew Buchanan (part) Atchison Roll 685 De Kalb (part) Dent Douglas Dunkin
New Hampshire	1800 Roll 20	Cheshire Graften Hillsboro Rockingham Strafford
New York	1800 Roll 21-28 1830 Roll 90	Franklin Genesee
North Carolina	Land Grants in Tennessee 1778-91 1 Reel	
North Carolina	1800 Rolls 29-34 AZ	
Ohio	1820 Rolls 86-95 AZ 1850 Rolls 248-267 AZ 1880 Roll 996	Brown (part) Butler (part) Butler (part) Carroll (part) Hamilton (part)
	Roll 997	
	Roll 1022	
Penn	1800 Rolls 35-44 AZ 1810 Rolls 44 57 AZ 1830 Roll 163 1850 Roll 274	Tioga Washington Chester Clarion Clearfield Clinton
Rhode Island	1800 Roll 45	Bristol Kent Providence
	Roll 46 New Port	Washington
	1810 Roll 58	Bristol Providence
	Roll 59	Kent New Port Washington
South Carolina	1800 Rolls 47-50 AZ	
Tennessee	1810 Roll 63	Rutherford
Texas	1880 Roll 1333	Williamson Wise Wilson Wood
Virginia, including West Va.	1810 Rolls 66-71 AZ	

State	Year	counties
Virginia cont'd	1820 Roll 133	Bedford Elizabeth City (co.) Lancaster Lewis Monroe New Kent Richmond Tazewell
	Roll 139	Goochland Louisa Dinwiddie Rockingham Wythe
		Henry Nansemond Petersburg Town Scott

As you can see, these census lists are far from being complete; our public library needs many, many more. You can help in this if you are willing to spend about \$4.00. The library will pay half the cost of a census roll if you will pay half; the roll will be ordered by them and will remain their property but you will have the satisfaction of having donated something of value to the Library.

The library of the Wichita University has a Kansas Room; the librarian being Mrs. Waddell. There are books on about 80 Kansas counties; if your family settled in Kansas, it might be well worth your time to pay the University a visit.

In the county seats are various County Historical Museums & Societies, among these being Woodson Co., Riley Co., Dickenson Co., Wyandotte Co., Jewell Co., Lyon Co., among my personal knowledge. There will be many others perhaps; if so, let us know so that we may pass this information along to our other members.