

TREE CLIMBER



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MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Held the second Saturday of each month from September to May
2:00 p.m. In Community Room 208 at the Smoky Hill Museum Building

SMOKY VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2015

September 12 – Lou Adams will portray the infamous Carrie Nation. (This program was postponed in May due to severe weather.)

October 10 – To be announced

November 14 – To be announced

December 12 – Christmas Potluck Dinner

Refreshments for the monthly SVGS meetings:

We are again looking for volunteers to bring their favorite dish for refreshments at our meeting. SVGS will provide the table covering (unless the volunteer would like to do so) as well as plates, napkins, plastic ware, and coffee. Please contact Nancy Scholl, abileneresearcher@yahoo.com or (785) 263-7012. We appreciate your help!

NEW ON THE SVGS BOOK SHELF

A History of St. John's Military School

Salina, KS

1887 – 1963

By: Virgil B. Loy, Jan. 1964

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It was on a June day in 1871 that William Muir completed his filing proceedings and became a land owner. Muir, like so many other of that era, came west and now had filed a patent deed on United States government land in Saline County, Kansas, located at the north edge of the thriving community of Salina.

William Muir's land was fruitful. From the very beginning the fertile Saline valley land produced abundant crops of various grains. Soon, part of Muir's 111 acre tract would be used for another purpose. Instead of producing wheat, a portion of his acreage was to be the site of a private military school with the remainder being platted as a residential area.

Muir's 111 acre homestead was deeded to a group of prominent citizens who had banded themselves together to organize "The Episcopal Military Institute." This land was sold by Muir on October 28, 1887, to the newly-formed association for a sum of \$9,168.75.

This association, in actuality the first Board of Trustees, was the sole governing body of what was eventually to become St. John's Military School. The Rt. Rev. Elisha Smith Thomas, Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, and forward-looking citizens of Salina had seen the need for the disciplined environment of a military school operated under Church auspices. These far-visioned men included, besides Bishop Thomas, Rev. Ezra P. Chittenden, W. D. Christian, J. A. Antrim, Arthur M. Claflin, John H. Prescott, Ezra W. Ober, William Hogben and Hugh King. Intended by these founders as a school for Kansas boys only, the clientele has since spread geographically until today nearly all sections of the United States as well as several foreign countries are represented in the Corps of Cadets.

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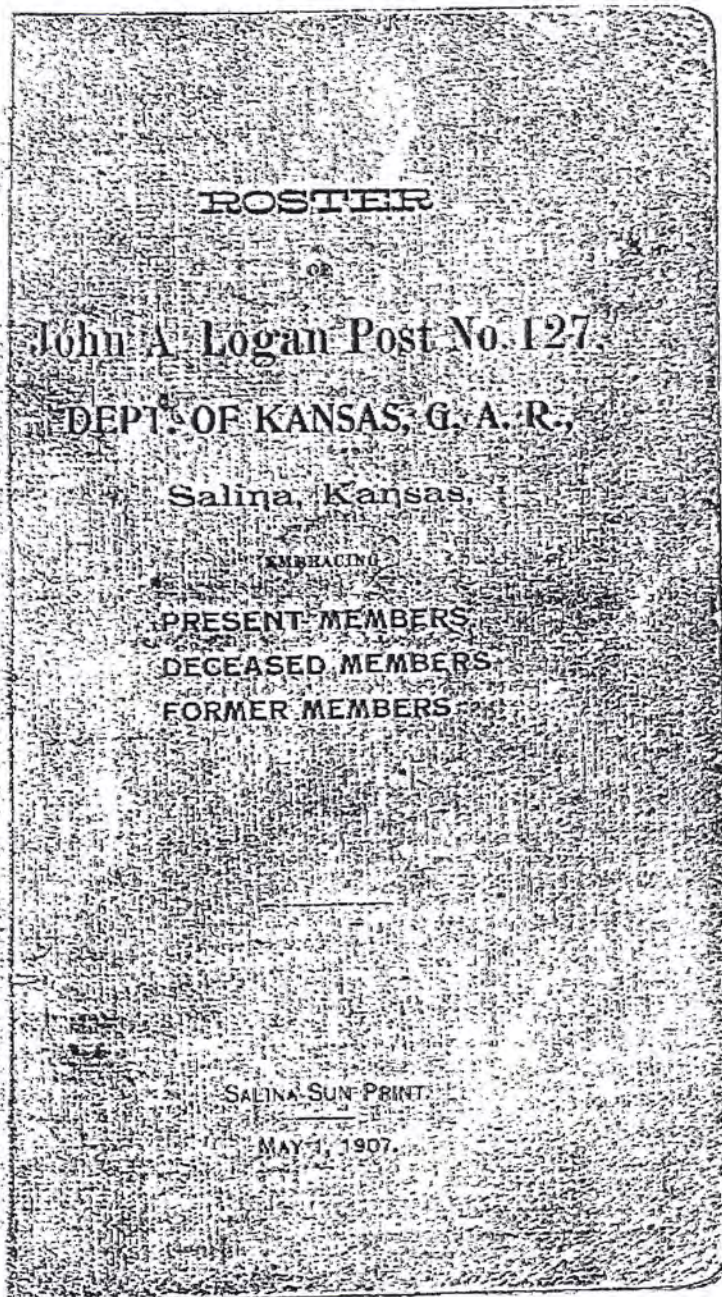
On September 12, 1888, the first student cadets began to report for admission to the Military Institute although construction was still in progress and the building still unfurnished. There were only two boarding students, although several town boys attended classes.

During the first year the number of cadets gradually increased, and the year ended with 38 boys in the Corps of Cadets. During the second year, growth of the student body more than doubled with 80 cadets in attendance.

To read more: Stop by SVGS and look at this booklet.

John A. Logan Post No. 127
Dept. of Kansas, G.A.R.
Salina, KS
May 1, 1907

Visit the library to look at the booklet giving the membership roster of the local chapter.



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DEPT. OF KANSAS, G. E. R.

INSTITUTED by C. S. Walkinshaw, Department Commander—V. M. Leeper, Assistant Adjutant - General--Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 4, 1882, as SALINA POST NO. 127, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

MUSTERED by C. J. McDivitt, Abilene, Kansas, Mustering officer, and duly chartered with the Secretary of State:

CHANGED to JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 127, G.A.R., at the regular meeting of the Post, held December 26, 1886, in respect to the memory of that tried soldier and soldiers' friend, a veteran of the 'Var for the Union, GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN, whose death occurred on that 26th of December, while a United States Senator from Illinois. The desired change was accordingly granted by Department headquarters, and charter corrected with the Secretary of State February 2, 1889

New On The SVGS Website

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Records of Funerals, Jan. 1910 – July 1951 Immanuel Lutheran Church 255 S. 7th Street Salina, KS 67401

The following is just a glimpse of new material that was added to the SVGS website. Kathy Mc Cullough is our typist and does an excellent job in organizing the material for web production. To see the entire collection, please visit our website.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Funerals Jan. 1910-July 1951

Typed by Kathy McCullough

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Date of Death	Date of Funeral	Residence	Where Buried
Adams, Barbara Josephine			13 Aug 1941	13 Aug 1941		Salemsborg, KS
Allison, Alice Maria		28	27 Mar 1923	30 Mar 1923	Salina, KS	Salemsborg, KS
Almquist, Johanna		95	4 Apr 1941	7 Apr 1941		Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Anderson, Andrew Gustaf		68	21 Jun 1940	23 Jun 1940	Enterprise, KS	
Anderson, Carolina		83	1 Jul 1928	3 Jul 1928	Salina, KS	Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Anderson, Charles F		76	2 May 1937	4 May 1937	Salina, KS	Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Anderson, Elizabeth		51	9 Apr 1922	11 Apr 1922	Salina, KS	
Anderson, Elizabeth		75	7 Nov 1939	9 Nov 1939		
Anderson, Ella		71	19 Nov 1946	21 Nov 1946	Salina, KS	Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Anderson, Frank Albert		75	6 Jun 1945	8 Jun 1945	Salina, KS	Salemsborg, KS
Anderson, Gustaf		50	6 Jan 1937	10 Jan 1937	Topeka, KS	Salina, KS
Anderson, Harold Gustof		7d	24 Oct 1925	21 ? Oct 1925		Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Anderson, Jennie May		41	8 Mar 1922	10 Mar 1922	Salina, KS	
Anderson, John Hed		67	8 Mar 1928	10 Mar 1928	Smolan, KS	Falun, KS
Anderson, Julia C L	8 Mar 1878		11 Jan 1913	13 Jan 1913	Salina, KS	
Anderson, Kenneth Andrew		3m	18 Dec 1922	19 Dec 1922	Salina, KS	
Anderson, Sophia		86	9 Apr 1937	12 Apr 1937	Salina, KS	Salemsborg, KS
Atkinson, Lola Maude		51	27 Jul 1942	30 Jul 1942		Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Aurelius, Eben Leonard		56	4 May 1940	6 May 1940	Oklahoma City, OK	Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Aurelius, Esther Naemi		59	5 Feb 1948	8 Feb 1948		Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Aurelius, Ida Gustava		74	5 Jul 1934	8 Jul 1934	Salina, KS	Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Aurelius, Pastor John		79	21 May 1932	24 May 1932	Salina, KS	
Bacon, Minnie Otelia (Danielson)		56	4 Feb 1936	9 Feb 1936	Bavaria, KS	
Bacon, William Albert			27 Feb 1936	1 Mar 1936	Kansas City, MO	Bavaria, KS
Baier, Hildor Adelia		56	29 Jul 1949	31 Jul 1949		Roselawn Cemetery
Bard, Rodney Platen		5d	11 Sep 1923	12 Sep 1923		Gypsum Hill Cemetery
Barnett, Luella		89	4 Dec 1946	7 Dec 1946	Salina, KS	Carrallion, MO
Bartell, Cecelia		71	22 Jan 1920	26 Jan 1920	Hedville, KS	
Bengtson, Carl Edward		62	15 Sep 1933	19 Sep 1933	Salina, KS	Salemsborg, KS
Bengtson, Carl Edward		91	7 May 1949	10 May 1949		Roselawn Cemetery

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New to the SVGS Website

The following is just a "snip" of a new database that we've added to the SVGS website under the heading "Gypsum Hill Interments." SVGS Library holds just a bit over 10 years worth of the Gypsum Hill Cemetery Interment cards. Besides showing who died, they give a date of burial, a person's age, cause of death, and who owned the plot. These cards run from 1927 thru 1938. Our thanks to Kathy McCullough for indexing them!

Gypsum Hill Cemetery Interments 1927 Extracted by Kathy McCullough

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INTERMENT DATE & LOCATION	AGE	M/F	CAUSE OF DEATH	LOT OWNED
Albright	John R	13 Aug 1927-Lot 48 Block 3	63	M	Kicked by Horse	Albright
Allerton	Janet	12 Nov 1927-Lot 26 Block 5	78	F	Cancer of Breast	Allerton
Anderson	John Wallace	2 Apr 1927-Lot 97 Block B	92	M	Senility	Anderson
Anderson	Robt L	1 Sep 1927-Lot 31 Block 1	61	M	Hemorrhage	Anderson
Barnes	Infant Female	11 Jun 1927-Lot 29 Block 21	0	F	Stillborn-Father Eugene	
Bear	Harriett	30 Dec 1927-G A R Plot	88	F	Heart Trouble	G A R Plot

Wasn't This Us? - Remembering How It Used To Be!

A little house with three bedrooms, one bathroom, and one car on the street.
A mower that you had to push, to make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall, we only had one phone and no need for recording things. Someone was always home.

We only a living room where we would congregate unless it was mealtime (in the kitchen where we ate). We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine. When meeting as a family, those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set and channels, maybe two.....but, always there was one of them with something worth the view.

For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip. And, if you wanted flavor, there was Lipton's onion dip. Store-bought snacks were rare because mother liked to cook and nothing can compare to snacks in Better Crocker's book!

Weekends were for family trips, or staying home to play. We all did things together – even go to church and pray. When we did our weekend trips, depending on the weather, no one stayed at home because we liked to be together.

Sometimes, we would separate to do things on our own, but we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies with your favorite movie star. And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car!

There were picnics at the park peak of summer season. Pack a lunch and find home trees and never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know. Have real action playing ball – and no game video.

Remember when the doctor who used to be the family friend, we didn't need insurance, or a lawyer to defend. The way that he took care of you, or what he had to do, because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.

Remember going to the store and shopping casually, and when you went to pay for it, you used your own money? Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount. And remember when the cashier person, had to really count? The milkman used to go from door to door, and it was just a few cents more than going to the store.

There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door, without a lot of junk mail ads, sent out by every store.

The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent. There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."

There was a time when just one glance was all that it would take, and you would know the kind of car, the model, and the make. They didn't look like turtles, trying to squeeze out every mile; they were streamlined, white walls, fins, and really had some style.

One time the music that you played wherever you would jive, was from a vinyl, big-holed record called a forty-five. The record player had a post to keep them all in line, and then the records would drop down and play one at a time.

Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today. And always we were striving, trying for a better way. Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun. How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?

And why would boys put baseball cards between bicycle spokes? And for a nickle, red machines had little bottled Cokes.

This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways. I love the new technology, but I sure do miss those days! So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same. But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane. With all today's technology, we grant that it's a plus! But it's fun to look way back and say, "Hey look, guys, THAT WAS US!"

Well, some of us, anyway.....

A FAMILY TREE

I think I shall never see a thing so involved as a Family Tree.

A tree whose myriad boughs are spread to include the living and the dead.

A tree whose roots are imbedded deep before its sap began to creep.

A tree whose branches will multiply many times before I die.

Though too complex for a being like me, I'm glad I'm part of a Family Tree.

.....Contributed by a friend.....

Chronicling America
Listing of Digitized Kansas Newspapers
Project by The Library of Congress

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

The Abilene Reflector (Abilene, KS)	1883-09-06	1888-04-26
Abilene Weekly Reflector (Abilene, KS)	1888-05-03	1894-06-28
The Advocate & News (Topeka, KS)	1897-11-24	1899-04-12
Barbour County Index (Medicine Lodge, KS)	1880-12-16	1910-12-28
Barton County Democrat (Great Bend, KS)	1886-11-11	1915-02-12
Baxter Springs News (Baxter Springs, KS)	1890-01-14	1919-07-25
The Big Blue Union (Marysville, KS)	1862-03-29	1866-05-19
The Chanute Times (Chanute, KS)	1897-01-01	1913-07-19
Dodge City Times (Dodge City, KS)	1876-10-14	1891-12-19
The Emporia News (Emporia, KS)	1859-08-13	1881-06-09
The Emporia Weekly News (Emporia, KS)	1881-06-16	1889-12-19
Free Press (Hays, KS)	1899-01-07	1908-06-06
Freeman's Champion (Prairie City, KS)	1857-06-25	1858-09-16
The Globe Republican (Dodge City, KS)	1889-10-23	1899-12-28
The Goodland Republic (Goodland, KS)	1891-10-16	1907-05-31
The Hays Free Press (Hays, KS)	1908-06-13	1922-10-26
Hutchinson Gazette (Hutchinson, KS)	1895-01-17	1902-02-27
The Iola Register (Iola, KS)	1875-01-02	1902-08-22
Kansas Agitator (Garnett, KS)	1890-06-07	1905-05-19
The Kansas Herald of Freedom (Wakarusa, KS Terr.)	1854-10-21	1859-12-17
Kansas Weekly Herald (Leavenworth, KS Terr.)	1854-09-15	1855-09-08
The Kansas News (Emporia, KS)	1857-06-06	1859-08-06
The Kinsley Graphic (Kinsley, KS)	1890-05-23	1904-07-29
The Leavenworth Weekly Times (Leavenworth, KS)	1870-07-07	1880-01-01
The Liberal Democrat (Liberal, KS)	1911-01-06	1922-12-28
Meade County News (Meade, KS)	1900-01-11	1918-10-03
People's Voice (Wellington, KS)	1892-04-01	1900-12-27
Phillipsburg Herald (Phillipsburg, KS)	1882-09-07	1905-04-13
The Saline County Journal (Salina, KS)	1871-03-02	1893-03-09
The Smoky Hill & Rep. Union (Junction City, KS)	1861-09-12	1864-11-19
Squatter Sovereign (Archison, KS Terr.)	1855-02-03	1857-12-05
Thomas County Cat (Colby, KS)	1885-03-12	1891-02-05
The Topeka State Journal (Topeka, KS)	1909-03-30	1922-12-30
The Weekly Kansas Chief	1872-07-11	1883-05-31
Western Kansas World (Wakeeney, KS)	1885-03-21	1894-06-30
White Cloud Kansas Chief	1857-06-04	1872-07-04
The Wichita City Eagle	1872-04-12	1883-04-12
Wichita Daily Eagle	1884-06-08	1886-08-17
The Wichita Daily Eagle	1890-03-18	1904-05-29
Wichita Eagle	1883-04-19	1885-11-27
Wichita Eagle	1886-08-18	1890-03-16
The Advocate & Topeka Tribune (Topeka, KS)	1892-07-27	1894-01-10

The Advocate (Meriden, KS)
The Advocate (Topeka, KS)
The Daily Eagle (Wichita, KS)
The Independent (Oskaloosa, KS)

1889-08-10
1894-01-17
1884-05-20
1860-07-11

1892-07-20
1897-11-17
1884-06-07
1865-12-30



First Social Security Payment

By: Sadie Whitelocks for DAILYMAIL.COM and ASSOCIATED PRESS
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75 Years Ago, Ida Mae Fuller Got the 1st Social Security Check – Number 00-000-001



On January 31, 1940 (Seventy-five years ago) the U.S. government cut a check for then 65-year-old Ida Mae Fuller. That check was number was 00-000-001 — the first Social Security check to be sent out.

Ida Mae lived in Ludlow, Vermont, and in early November of 1939, she happened to go by a government office in nearby Rutland. On a whim, she stopped in and asked about Social Security. She applied for benefits, and then got the first check. Now that was unexpected! That check was for \$22.54. This monthly check was just a tiny bit less than the \$25.75 that was being deducted from her paycheck for the last three years.

When she died in 1975 at age 100, Ida Mae Fuller had received a total of \$22,888.92 in social security benefits.

Social Security has undergone significant changes since Fuller received her first check, including the addition of disability benefits in 1956.

Today, 59 million retired workers, spouses, disabled workers, and survivors get monthly payments averaging \$1,194.