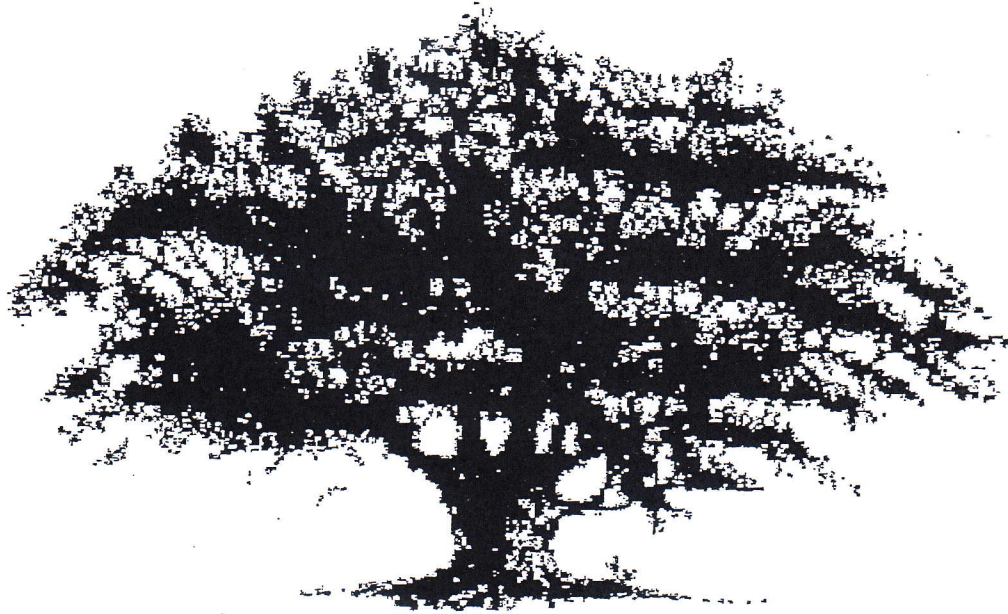


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From the SVGS President

Dear SVGS Members,

I'm always amazed at the genealogical goodies that our library holds. Not too long ago, I was librarian on a Saturday and I had a visitor from Utah. He had spent the previous day at our library and was so pleased with what he had found. He wanted to make sure that he had gleaned everything possible before his flight home. He spent some time looking at the tax books and he was able to locate information about his ancestor and the type of real and personal property that he owned. The one thing that we couldn't find, was the divorce record between the ancestor and his wife. The file folder that was given to us by the court was empty.

Right before the young man was ready to leave, he mentioned something about land records. Just on a whim, I took him back to the room that contains the land abstracts that SVGS has. Since the property that his ancestor owned was in the county, there was no guarantee that we would have the abstract. Much to our delight, we did indeed find a file that contained the abstract for his ancestor and the best part of finding the file??? We found the divorce papers! Happy Dance, Happy Dance!!!! The young man was delighted to finally have an answer! Isn't this the reason that we keep our library open? Isn't this the reason that some of our members have spent long hour indexing and filing? I wish you could have seen this young man's face! We both left the library feeling good!

Just a reminder to watch your email. I will send out information about upcoming meetings and other things that our members need to be aware of.

Happy Hunting!

Mary Jane McIntire,
Pres. SVGS

***The First Country School in Saline County Was Started In a Dugout
taken from: Poheta, A Pioneer Community Center Organized 1870***

The following information was taken from a paper prepared and presented by Mrs. Cora W. Reese to the Native Daughters, Saline County Chapter, in a meeting held in April 1933.

In the spring of 1865 the first country school in Saline County, Kansas, was built in the northeast corner of Section 15, Township 14, Range 1. This spot is on the south side of the road, now termed Country Club Road, almost eleven miles east of Highway 81, Salina, Kansas. It is a little over two miles west of the sixth principal meridian which divides Saline and Dickinson counties.

The land was then owned by the government as the records show the patent was given to Edgar W. Blair, July 18, 1871.

The school was in a dugout which was made solely for that purpose by settlers: Oliver Blair, Thompson Trosper, William Carstatt and James Waddle, who themselves were living in dugouts which were built in the bank of the stream known to the early settlers as the "Old Dry Branch," because it seldom contained much water and often was entirely dry. This school dugout faced the east. The door opening out on level ground. There were no windows. It was 10x14 feet in size. The seats were rude benches made from heavy planks, which were placed around the wall, each settler furnishing his own benches.

The name of the school was "Gypsum." The first term was held in March, April and May of 1865 and was a subscription school. There were twelve pupils: Hattie Blair, Louise Blair, Helen Yockers, Juliette Trosper, Emma Walker, Dora Walker, Bruce Trosper, Chas. Trosper, Harvey Blair, John Trosper, Jas. Walker, and William Carstatt. Two pupils of this early day school are still living, Mrs. Hattie Blair Bigler, Abilene, Kans. And Bruce Trosper, Solomon, Kans. Mr. Trosper has lived all of these years not more than two miles distant from his first school.

The teacher's name was Miss Kate Grier, whose father was one of the pioneer physicians in the county and their home was on the west side of the road on the hill just south of Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina, Kansas. Miss Grier taught several terms of school and later became the wife of Lyman Field, one of the men who helped make Solomon, Kansas.

It is interesting to note that Mr. B. M. Simons took office February 1, 1866 as the first County Superintendent of Saline County. He started the organization of Saline County into school districts by making official record of the organization of district one upon that date. This first organized district included parts of what is now included in districts number 12, 1, and 3. In the spring of 1866, the "Gypsum" school (up to this time a subscription school) was organized as school district No. 5 and for a short time included all of Solomon Township.

During the spring of 1867 a flood destroyed the dugouts all along the stream and settlers were forced to build other homes. When they could afford the next term of school, it was held in the log house owned by Galveston Taylor. The early location was divided into the following district; District No. 51, Mount Tabor School; District No. 16, Poheta School; District No. 9, Red Brick School; and District No. 2, Union School as it has remained for a period of years. - Saline County School Journal.

The Poheta Post Office was located at the home of C. F. Ramsey, about 80 rods south of the site of the school house.

The name "Poheta" seems to have come from the Osage Indian language, and has a meaning translated to be, "in the direction of the fire, or camping place." It would seem that the word "Poheta" could also mean "Home."

In 2018, all that seems to remain of the Poheta area, is the small Poheta Cemetery. Burials are still made in the quiet, little country cemetery. Twelve Civil War veterans are buried in there.

Google's Free App Helps Genealogists Preserve Family Photos and Records

Anyone who knows me, knows how often I say, "Have you tried googling?" Google and I are great friends, and I have to say that I've found some really wonderful genealogical information by using Google. Sometimes, it's in the form of an old book. Sometimes, it's a wonderful old map. Sometimes, it's a link to furthering my research.

Now, Google has come up with a fantastic app that makes it easy to scan and preserve old family pictures and records.

We have all tried using our phones to take pictures of pictures. Many times we walk away disappointed because of the glare or out-of-focus images that we get. Google's new "**PhotoScan**" uses your phone or tablet's camera and flash. It uses filters to help reduce the glare and crop the photo if necessary. Once your pictures are scanned, you can easily store them in your Google Photos account or anywhere else that you back up your photos. You can also save them to your family tree or share them with friends or family.

There is no need to remove the old family pictures from albums or from behind glass. This reduces the chance of harming the original.

PhotoScan is free and can be downloaded for either Android or iOS. You can learn more about **PhotoScan** by going to: <https://www.google.com/photos/scan>

I downloaded the app to my phone and was up and running within a couple of minutes. I was impressed with how easy it was to use. With so many of us having family reunions in the coming weeks or months, this seems like a perfect time to ask all the relatives to bring out the old pictures and family records!

Interesting Historical Trivia

In George Washington's day, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg." (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts." Hence, the phrase "minding your 'P's and Q's."

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in "straight laced" wore a tightly tied laced up corset.

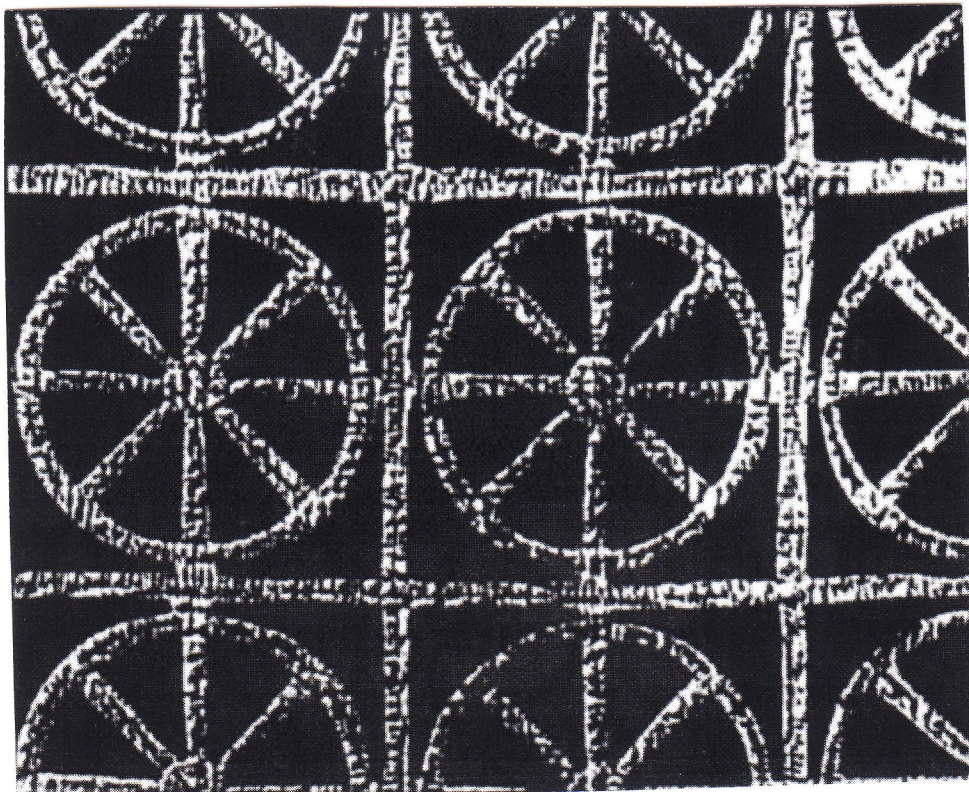
“Extra Cent A Day Band”

The Smoky Hill Museum has many old quilts in their collection, but one of the most fascinating is a signature quilt made about 1902 by the ladies of St. John’s Lutheran Church. The ladies called themselves the “Extra Cent A Day Band.” The purpose of the quilt was to sell space for names on the wheels as a money-making project. A space cost 10 cents.

There are 853 names on the quilt. The quilt was placed in the parsonage of the church for many years. In 1950, more names were added to the quilt. In May 1964, the Lutheran Church Women voted to place the quilt in the Salina museum.

After the last time the quilt was displayed in an exhibit at the museum, a small group of women from the church gathered one morning to copy all of the names. Museum staff and volunteers entered the data into a computer and generated an alphabetized list.

The following is part of the list of names. We will publish the remainder in the next issue of the *Tree Climber*.



The “Wheel of Fortune” quilts was a fund-raising project for the “Extra Cent A Day Band” of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Salina.

NAME	ROW	BLOCK
Adams, Louise Itzen Adams	1	4
Adee, Betty Krueger	5	1
Allison, Mr. Warren	6	5
Allison, Mrs. Gertrude Benz	6	5
Alman, Will	1	6
Anderson, C. W.	7	1
Anderson, Chester	5	4
Anderson, Frances	2	7
	7	3
Anderson, Henry W.	3	5
Anderson, Mrs. C. W.	7	1
Anderson, Mrs. Henry	3	2
Anderson, Mrs. R. L.	3	2
Anderson, Wm.	7	1
Andrew, Mrs. Alice	6	2
Aunt Nan	4	3
Bachtold (wheel hub)	6	1
Bachtold, Carl	2	3
Bachtold, Carl J.	6	1
Bachtold, Chris	6	1
Bachtold, Dr. Edward	6	1
Bachtold, Edward	6	1
Bachtold, Frank C.	6	1
Bachtold, Mrs. Ed	6	1
Bachtold, Mrs. Elizabeth	6	1
Bachtold, Sara	6	1
Bachtold, Sara Elizabeth	6	1
Backtold, Mrs. Frank	6	1
Baird, Katherine	5	3
Ball, Mrs. J. W.	5	6
Ball, Rev. Jesse W.	5	6
Barker, Mrs. Leo F.	4	3
Barnet, Mrs. Sophia	3	1
Barnett, Frank	3	7
Barnett, Lula Meyer	3	7
Barnett, Mrs. N. H.	3	1
Beebe, Charles F.	3	7
Beil, Bessie	6	6
Beil, Carl	6	6
Beil, Charlie	6	6
Beil, Fred	5	2
Beil, Gertrude	2	2
	6	6
Beil, Lawrence	5	2
Beil, Lydia	6	6
Beil, Mrs. Alice	6	6
Beil, Mrs. Augusta	6	6
Beil, Mrs. Eva L.	6	6
Beil, Mrs. W. A.	2	2
Beil, Rev. A. J.	6	6
Beil, Russel	6	6
Beil, Selma	6	6

NAME	ROW	BLOCK
Beil, W. A.	6	6
Beil, W. M.	6	6
Bender, Mrs. John	5	3
Benedict, Mrs. Alice	1	2
Benfield, Mrs. G. W.	2	6
Benfield, Mrs. J. W.	4	4
Benz, Irene	6	2
Benz, Mr. B.	6	2
Benz, Mrs. B.	6	2
Benz, Mrs. Pauline	2	2
Benz, Oscar	6	2
	6	2
Benz, Walter	6	2
Berg, Albert	7	3
Berg, Alexander	1	2
Berg, Charles W.	7	2
Berg, Charlotte Loriane	1	2
Berg, Clara	7	3
Berg, Edith G.	7	3
Berg, Edward L.	7	2
Berg, Elsie	4	4
Berg, Florence Eleanore	1	2
Berg, Flory A.	1	2
Berg, Frank A.	7	2
Berg, Golda May	1	2
Berg, John L.	1	2
Berg, M. D.	7	3
Berg, Margaret Ransom	7	2
Berg, Mary Louise	1	2
Berg, May	2	4
Berg, Minnie	4	4
Berg, Miss May	2	2
Berg, Mother	2	6
Berg, Mr. Henry	4	4
Berg, Mrs. Charles	7	2
Berg, Mrs. Emma	2	2
Berg, Mrs. Henry	4	4
Berg, Mrs. M. D.	7	3
Berg, Mrs. S. J.	2	2
Berg, Mrs. Wm.	7	2
Berg, Ora	7	3
Berg, Priscilla	1	2
Berg, S. J.	2	2
Berg, William	4	4
Berg, Wm.	7	2
Berg, Wm. jr.	7	2
Bergstein, J.	1	7
Beyer, Lila Poague	1	4
Biles, Harry	4	1
Biles, Karen Lucille	4	1
Biles, Mrs. Harry	4	1
Bivins, Mrs. R. E.	7	1

NAME	ROW	BLOCK
Blake, Beryle	7	4
Blake, Blanche	7	4
Blake, Miss	1	5
Blatherwick, Mary	1	6
Bond, Alice G.	7	6
Bond, Frances	7	6
Bond, Frank G.	7	6
Bond, Harry A.	7	6
Bond, Mary	7	6
Bond, Samuel M.	7	6
Bond, Thomas	7	6
Bond, William	7	6
Bone, Mrs. E. A.	2	3
Booker, F.	5	5
Boyd, Mrs. W. G.	2	4
Bromstool, Herman	6	4
Bross, Amelia	6	3
Bross, Eddie	6	3
Bross, George	6	3
Bross, Louisa	6	3
Bross, Mary	6	3
Bross, Mrs. A. C.	6	3
Brotton, Clarence	3	4
Brotton, Earl	3	4
Brotton, Fred	3	4
Brotton, Lucy A.	3	4
Brown, Mrs. H. L.	7	1
Brown, Mrs. Maggie	2	5
Brubaker, J. M.	3	5
Bulkley Bros.	1	6
Burke, Mrs. Pearl	4	2
Burnbeck, Anna	7	5
Burr, H. A.	5	1
Burr, Mr. Herman	5	6
Burr, Mrs. H. A.	5	1
Burr, Mrs. Herman	5	6
Burr, Mrs. Sarah	7	4
Burr, Wayne	1	5
Bushey, Elise	5	7
Butzer, Mata	2	7
Butzer, William, jr.	7	3
Butzer, Willie	2	7
Carlberg, Boro and Swen	2	7
Carlberg, Bror (sic)	7	3
Carlberg, Sven	7	3
Carlin, Kathryn Ann	5	2
Carlin, Mrs. Ardith	5	2
Carlin, Mrs. Berneice Tanner	5	2
Carpenter, Edith	3	2
Chaltas, Mrs. Gladys	2	1
Charles, S. M.	7	7

NAME	ROW	BLOCK
Chilive, Jesse	3	2
Clark, Harrison	3	3
Cleveland, Edna	4	4
Cleveland, Mr. J. P.	4	4
Cleveland, Mrs. J. P.	4	4
Cleveland, Nina	4	4
Cooper, Clara	7	5
Corder, Jack	1	1
Cover, C. L.	7	1
Cover, Helen	7	1
Cover, Mrs. C. L.	7	1
Crantz, Mrs. Charles F.	3	6
Cranz, Master Karl	3	6
Cranz, Miss Helen	3	6
Cranz, Mr. Charles F.	3	6
Cravins, Richard Harold	1	5
Crisman family (hub of wheel)	5	7
Crisman, Dorothy K.	5	7
Crisman, Elsie	1	5
Crisman, Willie	2	5
Crisman, Willie May (Crisman Family block)	5	7
Crittenden, B. K.	5	3
Cromer, Rev. J. M.	5	6
Crosby, Florence	7	6
Crosby, Herbert D.	7	6
Crower, Mrs. J. M.	5	6
Croyla, Harley	6	4
Dahlstrom, Alice	2	3
Daisy (bovine)	1	3
Dannenfield, John	1	1
Daum, Myrtle	4	1
Davis, Mrs.	4	1
Dazey, Malissa	2	4
Dedman, Rhoda	7	5
Dedman, Roy	7	5
Depue, Jannett Krueger	5	1
DeTombey, Mrs. Lula	7	1
Deweese, Dr.	1	5
Deweese, Ida V.	4	2
Deweese, Wm. B.	4	2
	4	2
Dickey, Mary Weisgerber	4	3
Dickey, Randall Frank	4	3
Diehl, Mrs. R. H.	6	7
Donmyer, Mrs. Elizabeth	6	7
Doran, Geo. E.	2	3
Dorst, Mr. Clarence	1	7
Dorst, Mrs. Clarence	1	7
Dowd, Nellie	1	6
Dukes, James and wife	1	4
Easley, Luella Morin	1	3
Eaton, Bara Joan	1	7

NAME	ROW	BLOCK
Eaton, Mrs. Anna	1	7
Eaton, Mrs. Joan	1	7
Eaton, Nancy Kay	1	6
Eaton, Rev. Olney	1	7
Eberhardt, Edna	7	4
Eisenhauer, Simon	4	1
Ekstrand, R. A.	7	7
Elliot, Gladys	3	6
Elliott, Master George	3	6
Elliott, Mr. Harry C.	3	6
Elliott, Mrs. Harry	3	6
Emporia Friends	1	4
Fahnestock, Alice	7	4
Falin, Oscar C.	1	6
Farmer, Ronnda and Donnie	4	6
Finley, Fred	1	6
Finnegan, Mrs. Anna	4	4
Flanders, Maude	1	1
	1	1
Fleck, Anna	6	4
Fleck, C. C.	6	4
Fleck, Mrs. C. C.	6	4
Ford, Josie	2	2
Franz, Mrs. Ella	6	6
Fraziers, Jno. R.	6	7
Frederick, Isabel	2	6
Fredrick, Emma	7	2
Fry, Virginia Krueger	5	1
Fulton, Dorothy	3	5
Funk, Florence	4	6
Gable, Abia, A.	3	1
Gable, George W.	3	1
Gable, Mrs. J. F., Germantown	3	1
Gaddin/Gaddis, Mrs. Homer	1	7
Gaddis, Mrs. Opal	1	7
Garver, Samuel	7	6
Garverich, Lulu	5	3
Gates, J. S.	7	5
Gawthrop, Cyrus	2	1
	1	7
Gebhart, Clarin Bernice	3	1
Gebhart, Leslie Harold	3	1
Gebhart, Newton	5	5
Geigler, Dr. J. A. M.	5	6
Geigler, Mrs. J. A. M.	5	6
Geis, Leo F.	2	3
Geising, F. E.	6	4
Geising, May	4	1
Geising, Mrs. Emma	6	4
Gephart, Clay	5	5
Gephart, Ella, Germantown, Ohio	5	5
Gephart, George	5	5

NAME	ROW	BLOCK
Gephart, Hugh, Germantown, Ohio	5	5
Gephart, Maggie	5	5
Gephart, Mrs. Emma	3	1
Gephart, Mrs. Julia	3	1
Gerbe, Mrs. S. M	3	5
Getts, Betty Eugenia	5	2
Getts, Mrs. Anna L.	1	6
Gibbon, Mrs. D.	6	2
Gilbert, Alma	7	3
Gilbert, Mrs. J. A.	7	3
Giller, Mrs. C. H.	2	5
Giller, Mrs. John	2	5
Giller, Netta	2	5
Glaeser, A.	3	1
Glaeser, Mrs. A.	3	1
Gleason, Anna	1	1
	5	3
Godfrey, Mrs. Lida M.	4	6
Godshalk	1	1
Goodholm, Mrs. Mabel	1	2
Gottschall, H. L.	2	1
Gottschall, Mrs. H. L.	2	1
Graver, Sarah	7	6
Gregorius, Mrs.	7	4
Gridley, Edith	2	1
Gridley, Mrs. Mary	2	1
Gruber, Frances	6	3
Gruber, Walter	6	3
Gunter, Jennie Shiffert	4	7
Haggart, Julia	6	6
Haggart, Ted	3	7
Hale, Mable	1	1
Halle, William	5	7
Hammond, Mr. & Mrs. Miles	5	7
Hammond, Mr. Sam	5	7
Hammond, Mrs. Sam	5	7
Hanson, Wm.	6	5
Harms, Edith	2	1
Harms, Harry	2	1
Harms, Margaret	2	1
Harms, Mrs. H.	2	1
Hartman, Jessye S.	7	4
Hartman, Lydia	7	4
Harvey, Ernest Edward	2	7
Harvey, Helen Louise	2	7
Harvey, John	2	7
Harvey, Leslie	2	5
Harvey, Minnie	4	7
Harvey, Olga	2	7
Hays, Leroy	6	4
Hedge, Anna	6	4
Hedge, Edna	6	4