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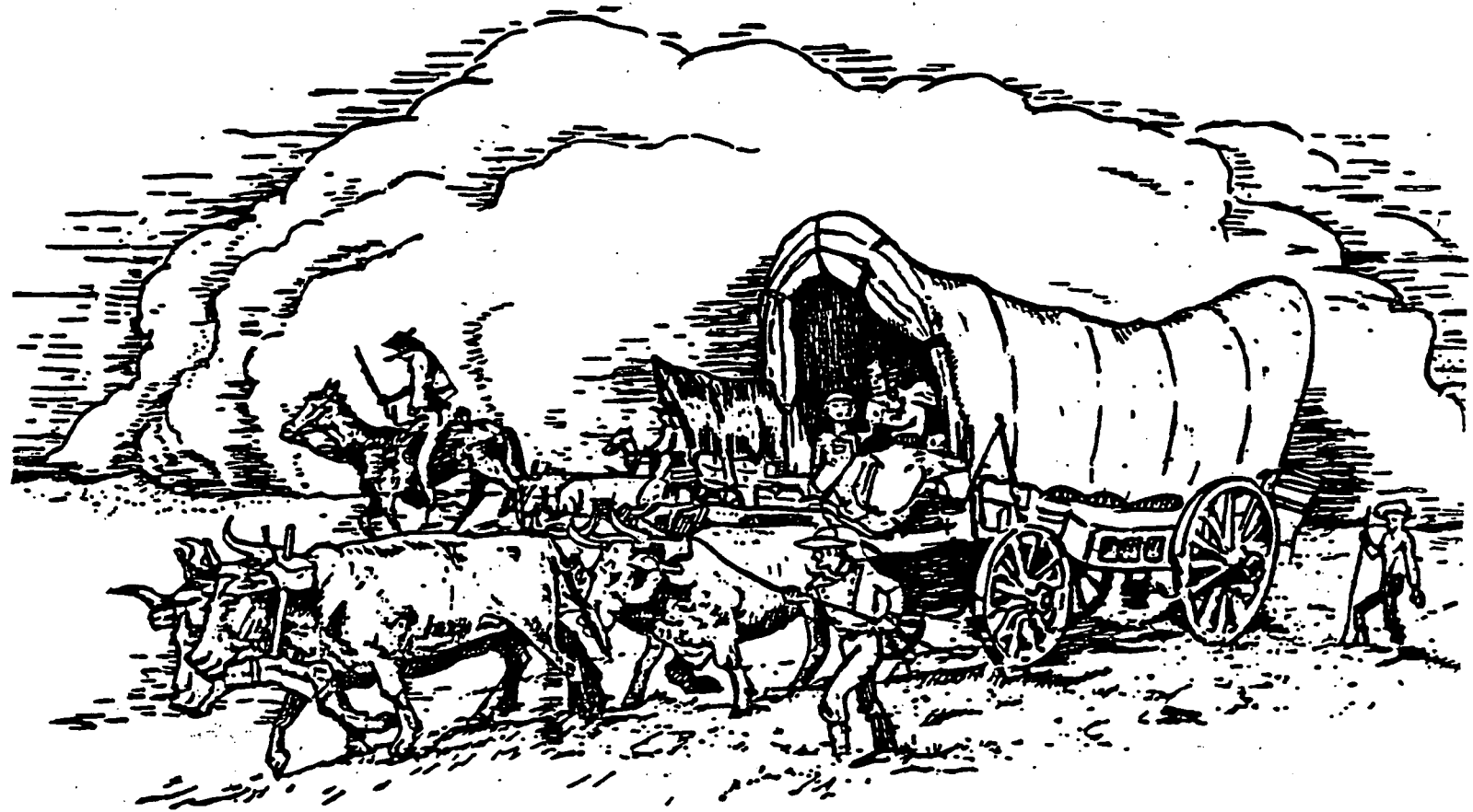
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AUGUST - DECEMBER, 2001

July 15, 2:30 pm. Bring questions about your research, we'll share information.
August 19, 2:30 pm
September 16, 2:30 pm.
October 21, 2:30 pm.
November 18, 2:30 pm
December 4, Christmas Pot Luck

The Society needs your ideas for programs. Bring them to the meeting in July. Don't be shy about volunteering to give a program. All meetings will be in the Lawrence Public Library either in the meeting room or the Osma Room.

The Lawrence Daily Journal

June 11, 1882, page 4

CLASS REUNION

"A Feast of Reason and a Flow of Soul"

One of the pleasantest features of commencement week was the reunion on Thursday last, of one of the early classes of the university. This was the class which entered the year General Frazer became chancellor. It was the intention to include all persons who were members of the class while it was in the old university building. Of the teachers of those days, only Profs Snow and Robinson are still members of the faculty. A previous engagement took Prof. Robinson to Wyandotte on that day.

An enthusiastic meeting of the above class was held at Bismarck Grove, June 8, 1882. An elegant dinner was served, at which Prof. Snow presided, evidently rejoicing to meet so many of his former pupils and recall old times. After the feast Prof. Snow called the roll as in former days, each one responding in person or by proxy.

Nineteen members were present and letters were read from many absentees, while college reminiscences were freely indulged in.

It was remarkable to note how good each was reported to have been and how varied were the memories called up by the many speakers.

The first name on the roll was that of Mary E. Anderson, now Mrs. Sam. Coffin. She was absent on account of illness in her family, but sent her regrets from her home in Kansas City.

Libbie E. Diggs, now Mrs. Harry Schaum and a resident of Lawrence, was unexpectedly absent.

Lucy F. Gleason, now Mrs. R.K. Tabor, of Lawrence, was present and gave an account of herself.

Claira Lopez, absent, was reported as living in Canton, Mass.

Abbie E. Noyes, present. Still resides in Lawrence.

[We are informed that it was largely due to the active

and untiring efforts of Miss Noyes, that the reunion was made a perfect success ---Ed.]

Hannah Oliver, who, with Ida Blood continued in the class until their graduation in 1874, was present. She has been a teacher most of the time, first in Abilene and now in Lawrence.

Eunice M. Pease, now Mrs. John W. Alder, was present and gave a sketch of her life since school-days. Her home is at Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota Territory.

Mary L. Willes was reported as long since dead.

Antoinette L. Williams, after leaving the university, graduated from the medical department of Michigan University at Ann Arbor. She is at present an assistant in the New England Hospital, Boston, Mass.

A very interesting letter was read from Lizzie A. Williams, now Mrs. Charles Smith, of Stockton, Kansas. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1876, with highest rank in her classes.

Alice Archibald was recalled as a modest, bright girl. After leaving Lawrence she went to Washington, D.C., thence to Trinidad, Col.; was married and has been dead several years.

Fannie Bigelow, now Mrs. O.P. Barber, of Lawrence, was present and added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Ida Blood, now Mrs. Hasselman, of Indianapolis, Ind., sent a very pleasant letter regretting her inability to be present.

Mertie C. Brett also sent a letter of regret from her pleasant home at the National Military Soldiers Home in Dayton, Ohio.

Anna F. Brown, now Mrs. Gillett, was reported as living in Southern Kansas.

The name of Susan E. Bullene called forth a tribute from Prof. Snow (which was echoed by all the classmates) to the memory of the beautiful girl so lately among us as Mrs. E.C. Deveraux, and in whose death we were all so bereaved. Though lovely in school-days, she was more so as years went on and those who once knew her cannot but regret her early death.

Louisa Guest, now Mrs. Fred Wann, of St. Louis, was unable to be present, but hoped to meet at least the Lawrence friends later in the season.

Emina V. Hadley, present, is now to be found at the National Bank of Lawrence.

Carrie M. Hunt was well remembered, though long since dead.

Fannie E. Kimball, now Mrs. Arthur Carruth, sent a letter from Las Vegas, New Mexico, where she now resides.

Laura Morrow, now Mrs. Criley, of Emporia, was present to recall old times with the rest.

Fannie Ross, Mrs. Nelson Bangs of Lawrence, answered present as in days gone by.

Sarah Sarchet, absent and unheard from.

Mary Sutherland, the artist of the class, now Mrs. Pickett of the Sac and Fox agency, Indian Territory, was also marked present.

Jane Wright was reported dead.

Gertrude Boughton, now Mrs. I.S. Blackwelder, of Chicago, related the even tenor of her way, reminding all that the happiest experience is least often told.

Emma Barber was absent on account of sickness.

Maggie Deming, now Mrs. Andrews, of Lawrence, was present.

Mary Speer (Neff) was absent, but is a resident of Lawrence.

Gertrude Welch and Belle Cronkhite, both of Lawrence, were present. The latter is now Mrs. Newlin.

The gentlemen of the class, present, were few. Of the absent ones, Frank Chadwick was reported as a farmer of Douglas county.

Ed. Chadwick is connected with a railroad at St. Louis.

Al. Diggs, absent on his vacation, is a member of the postoffice staff at Lawrence.

Frank Dinsmoor, superintendent of schools for Douglas county, was present and had a fund of old memories, which brought forth many others, among which Prof. Folkman and Janitor McConagie were well remembered.

Ed. Farren, now of New Haven, Conn., was recalled as "the irrepressible," according to Gen. Fraser.

Laban L. Kirk was the versatile genius of the class. Mr. Kirk sent a card from Wellsville, Mo., with the following business heading printed thereon:

"Wellsville Weekly Wide Awake, published by L.L. Kirk, attorney, notary, real estate and insurance agent."

Byron N. Ro_ks was also happily present. He left the university in the sophomore year, financially unable to continue, but has since graduated from the law department of Ann Arbor, and is now established at Kansas City.

Ernest Vliet was represented by letters expressing great regret at his inability to be present. He is now in Chicago, where he is passenger agent for the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. He is remembered as the fun-loving member, but is now the dignified, earnest man of business.

O.P. Barber, now one of the leading druggists of Lawrence, lent his aid to the occasion in many ways.

Isaac T. Barker was reported dead.

John P. Cone, absent, is now in business at Chanute, Kansas.

Charles H. Crew's sad fate in falling a victim to the Indians, was recounted by Prof. Snow.

Joseph Hood, absent, and residence unknown.

James Wickersham, a graduate in 1876, sent a letter from Dimon, Kan., saying he would be unable to be present. He studied in Europe for several years after leaving the university, and on his return to the United States, published a Greek tragedy and a book of poems.

John C. Donaldson, now postmaster at Sherman, Texas, was present and added much to the interest of the occasion.

Henry C. Burnett, now connected with the Leavenworth Standard, sent regrets and best wishes to old schoolmates.

De Forest Bigelow is located at East Lynne, Missouri, where he has an interest in a large mill.

GEN. JOHN FRASER

Of the many incidents brought to mind during the day, none seemed to touch the class more closely, or to affect them more deeply than those connected with that grand martyr to the cause of education, the former Chancellor of the University, Gen. John Fraser. Remarks highly eulogistic in nature were offered concerning that ripe scholar and enthusiastic teacher. In the course of these remarks it was brought out that the plan of the University building, its splended adaptation to the purposes of education, indeed, its very existence, are due to the untiring enthusiasm, the unselfish generosity and persevering zeal of Chancellor Fraser in its behalf. Had the agitation of the movement been delayed but three months, it is almost a certainty that the new University building would yet be a dream of its friends; for within that time after the money was pledged by the city of Lawrence, the hard times came on, and there has probably been no time since in the history of the city when such an enterprise could have been pushed to a successful termination. This class, which entered the University with Gen. Fraser and left it when he did, has most appropriately and lovingly taken upon itself to prepare a fitting memorial of its cherished instructor and friend. The class calls upon any and all who were connected with it at any time from its beginning an 1867 to graduation in 1874, to aid in this grateful duty. Active measures have already been taken toward procuring a bust of President Fraser, which, when presented to the university, will probably occupy a place opposite that of another benefactor, Amos A. Lawrence. We doubt not that the faculty and regents of the university will be glad to accept such a gift, and assign it the position suggested.

An organization of the class was effected with the following officers, all of Lawrence, Kan.; Frank F. Dinsmoor, president; Abbie E. Noyes, secretary; and O.P. Barber, treasurer.

Any information concerning former members of the class, (some of whom were doubtless overlooked) will be most thankfully received by the secretary.

It was decided to hold another reunion some time during commencement week of next year.

ABBIE E. NOYES, Secretary

LOCAL NEWS HELPS

Sometimes microfilmed newspapers from the early 1900s can get you past a brick wall. If you know your ancestor (or a sibling) lived in a small town, try ordering (by interlibrary loan) some films from the relevant state archive or other repository. Then read the "local news" items about who came and went on visits.

After reading through 40 hours worth of such newspapers for my great-grandmother, I found one small notice that referred to a married sister "of Monmouth, Illinois" coming to visit. Taking that name, I found the sister and her husband listed in the 1900 census. The "Number of Years Married" column suggested the year they had married in the 1880s. Assuming they'd married at Monmouth, I asked the county clerk for their complete marriage record from that approximate year.

When it came in the mail, I was pleased to see all the parents' names listed. Two of them, of course, were my own great-great-grandparents! A lot of work, yes, but I think it was worth it. This method worked after half a dozen dead ends did not.

James A. Rogers

SEARCH BY INITIAL

Remember, in a searchable database, a person's record might be stored only under the first letter of the person's given name, rather than the complete given name. So when searching for John Smith, for example, try another search for J Smith. But be sure not to enter any period after the initial. In some searchable databases (for example, the popular Ancestry.com and RootsWeb.com SSDI databases), a punctuation mark will stop the search engine cold, and it then will show zero hits. On the other hand, it seems that all search engines react fine if the period after an initial is omitted.

Art Klinger
Fort Worth, TX

BOOK REVIEWS. These are titles that are now shelved in the Osma Room of the Lawrence Public Library. Reviewed by Mary Burchill

Cha-Jua, Sundiata Keita

America's first black town: Brooklyn, Illinois 1830-1915. University of Illinois Press, 2000. 276 p., bibliographic references and index. No price.

Brooklyn, IL was a magnet for African Americans from its founding by free and fugitive blacks in the 1820. Escaped slaves and immigrants made up the population. It became a town of workers for industries in East S. Louis. The author uses town records, regional newspapers, census data to provide a detailed social and political history of America's first Black town.

This title will be shelved in the Osma Room in the Lawrence Public Library and was donated by an anonymous donor.

Lovoll, Odd S.

The Promise fulfilled: A Portrait of Norwegian Americans today. U. Of Minnesota Press published in corporation with Norwegian-American Historical Assoc., 1998. 299p., ill., bibliographical references and index. No price.

In 1825 the first ship of Norwegians sailed into New York, 53 immigrants. Today's Norwegian-American population is nearly 4 million. The details where they live, jobs they hold, how they pass on their ethnic heritage are included.

This title will be shelved in the Osma Room in the Lawrence Public Library and was donated by an anonymous donor.

Bishop, Donald E., compiler.

Descendants of Bartholomew Stovall(1655-1722). Stovall Family Association, 1999. 396 p., index, no price.

Donald Bishop maintains the Stovall Family Association database. This database includes all known Stovall genealogies, extrapolations of Stovall genealogy from other genealogists, newspapers articles, periodicals and other family research efforts.

This book represents the first five American generations all coming from Bartholomew Stovall who came to Virginia in 1684. It is a compilation and not a professionally documented research genealogy. The documents used in this compilation are available at the Stovall Depository at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS.

This title will be shelved in the Osma Room in the Lawrence Public Library and was donated by the author.

Immerso, Michael

Newark's Little Italy: The vanished first ward. Rutgers University Press and Newark Public Library, 1997. 159 p., ill., maps. \$29.95.

This title uses vintage photos, interviews and archival material to tell the story of a remarkable American neighborhood, Newark, New Jersey's old First Ward. The history is traced from 1870 to 1953 when the neighborhood was uprooted to make way for urban renewal.

This title will be shelved in the Osma Room in the Lawrence Public Library and was an

anonymous donation.

The 1920 Federal Population Census Catalog of National Archives Microfilm. 1991. 77 p.

This catalog, published in 1991, lists the 1920 population schedules, reproduced in microfilm publication T625, and the 1920 Soundex indexes. This catalog supplements the Federal Population Censuses, 1790-1890, the 1900 Federal Population Census and the 1910 Federal Population catalogs. This publication discusses the 1920 census schedules, Soundex, enumeration districts and research hints, 1920 enumeration districts with microfilm roll numbers, 1920 enumeration district maps, which are available and how to order copies.

There are listings of 1920 Soundex names on pages 15-50 broken out by states and territories. Pages 51-77 are the 1920 census schedules.

This title was purchased by the DCGS to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Society and will be shelved in the Osma Room of the Lawrence Public Library.

Records of interest to genealogists at the National Archives and Records Administration, Central Plains, Kansas City, Missouri. Compiled by Charles Barr for the National Archives-Central Plains Region Volunteers, May 15, 2000. 27 p.

This is a comprehensive listing of the records. The index is comprehensive and very thorough. These records will all be available at the Kansas City, Missouri National Archives.

This title will be shelved in the Osma Room of the Lawrence Public Library.

World War I Kansas Alien Registration, 1917-1918. 2000. 115 p. Compiled by the National Archives-Central Plains Region volunteers.

Following the onset of hostilities during World War I, non-naturalized "Enemy Aliens" were required to register with United States authorities as a national security measure. The provisions of a Presidential Proclamation of April 6, 1917, included those women of American birth who were married to so-called enemy aliens. Registrants included school children, divinity students, former United States soldiers and sailors, Roman Catholic nuns, the elderly and the infirm. The series contains original affidavits of registration that record personal information about each registrant, fingerprints, and a photograph, in most cases. This is an alphabetical listing with first name, gender, county, city, date of birth, country of birth, city origin and ladies maiden names. This index is compiled largely from hand written originals so there may be errors.

This title will be shelved in the Osma Room of the Lawrence Public Library.

The Croll Family. October 2000, 106 p. Looseleaf with pages in plastic.

This is a photocopy of a book copyrighted in 1887 entitled The Croll Family: A golden wedding souvenir. It is divided in 2 parts: A brief history of the Croll Family and a biographical sketch of John Croll and his family. It was compiled by the Rev. P.C. Croll in 1887. The story of Henry Christian Croll of Eudora and Sara Ann Seip is included. There is no index but if your family names are included this will be invaluable.

This donate by Caroling Hutchings of Excelsior Springs, MO and will be shelved in the Osma Room of the Lawrence Public Library.

The Croll/Myers Descendants, 1700-2001. @1000 pages. Looseleaf with pages in plastic.

Listed are descendants of Philip Croll, Henry Croll, Richard Lee Myers, David Lewis

Myers, Arletta Jean Myers, William Jewell Griffey II, Max Lee Botkin, Dennis Harry Green and James Woodford Peterman. The rest of the book has family group sheets. No index but a very useful volume.

This donated by Caroline Hutchings of Excelsion Springs, MO and will be shelved in the Osma Room of the Lawrence Public Library.

Cemeteries of Wabaunsee County, Kansas. Compiled by Jill Herzog, A. Arleen Bayless and William Stadler. 2 vol. 1998.

Volume I-Reference material, index of cemeteries, county and cemetery maps. 270 p. Plus maps.

Volume 2-Selected obituaries and vital records(deaths) 1892-1911. Obituary index, vital statistics. 155 plus 23 pages.

Both volumes are plastic covered and spiral bound and will be shelved in the Osma Room in the Lawrence Public Library.

Osage County Cemeteries and Old Soldiers and Obituaries.(including some burials in the adjacent counties of Franklin, Coffey and Douglas). Prepared by Arleen Bayless and Jill Herzog for the Topeka Genealogical Society. Topeka, Kansas, 1996. 697 p. Includes index.

There are several indexes which include: Osage County cemeteries, (including some burials in the adjacent counties of Franklin, Coffey and Douglas), old soldiers listed in various sources(newspapers, journals, cemetery records, funeral home records), Osage county deaths and Osage newspaper obituaries. Also included are maps of Osage County and a few cemetery plat maps.

This title will be shelved in the Osma room of the Lawrence PublicLibrary.

TRICKS FOR READING TOMBSTONES

When trying to read old tombstones at a cemetery, it is very useful to bring a flashlight and a large paper bag. Pull the bag over the stone, stick your head and the flashlight inside, and shine the light sideways on the inscription; you may be able to read an inscription you could not read before. This technique is used to study antique rock carvings and should work equally well on old tombstones. Another way is to do what blind people do--use your fingertips. Very often you can feel the inscription you are not able to read.

Ulla Kristoffersen.
Oslo, Norway

ADJUSTING LIGHT AND DARK

A stranger sitting next to me at an archive photocopier gave me this tip. If you are attempting to make a photocopy and the microfilm is very light, you are probably inclined to move the copier setting to "darker," thinking this will improve the quality of your copy. The likely result is that the copy is not any better. The trick is to move the copier setting farther down to "lighter," which actually lightens the background of the microfilm and makes the print appear darker. I tried it. It worked marvelously. I recommend it to others.

Joseph Martin
Romeoville, IL

ABSTRACT OF TITLE

Your abstract may provide you with information from the past many times overlooked by those researching genealogy. Your local title insurance company is another excellent source of information.

The Abstract always begins with a "*legal description*" which describes your property. I am using an abstract for property Southeast of Eudora, the home-place of Joseph Seiwald, great grandfather of my husband Delbert. My husband and I purchased 120 acres of the original property, and have lived there thirty-three years.

The North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 13 South, Range 21 East of the 6th P.M., in Douglas County, Kansas.

United States
to
Mary Brighthorn
(Shawnee Indian)

Patent dated December 28, 1859
Recorded July 19, 1869, Deed Book X, Page 252

Recites that under the 2nd and 9th Articles of Treaty of May, 1854, between Commissioners of the United States and delegates of the United tribes of Shawnee Indians certain members of said Tribe became entitled to land and a Patent therefore – that there has been located for Mary Brighthorn the head of a family the following described tracts of land (40 acres). Now therefore the United States in consideration of the premises, in accordance with the directions of the Secretary of the Interior have given and granted unto the said Mary Brighthorn and to her heirs said tracts of land, with the stipulation that the said tracts shall never be conveyed by the grantor or her heirs without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior for the time being.

Warranty Deed
From
Mary Brighthorn
To
Joseph Seiwald

Dated June 27, 1864, November 4, 1870, Deed Book 2, Page 417
Consideration \$60.00

Warrants and Defends against the lawful claims of all persons (except the United States)

**Warranty Deed
Thekla Seiwald
To
John Seiwald**

Dated October 11, 1879, Recorded November 29, 1879 Deed Book 20, Page 230
Consideration \$1,000.00

Conveys the following described property: NE/4 of NE/4 of 16-13-21, reserving however by the grantor **“twenty feet in the West side of the above described tract for a road.”**

I make entry of the following as to the Estate of Joseph Seiwald:
Probate Court of Douglas County, Kansas No. 2219
March 18, 1875. Will filed and admitted to probate.
Will recorded. Record of Wills No. 1, Page 46
Will dated February 20, 1875. Gives to wife all property real and personal, except as to certain specific bequest of 100.00 each to his children to be given them of their respective arrival of 21 years of age, or at time of marriage if earlier. Children named, John, Franklin, Mary, Lewis, George, Anton and Michael.
Receipts filed in full for bequests of all heirs except Anton.

**The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16;
Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 16; and Southeast Quarter of
Northwest Quarter of Section 16, all in Township 13 South, Range 21 East of the 6th
P.M., in Douglas County, Kansas.**

**United States
To Mary Brighthorn
(Shawnee)**

Patent dated December 28, 1859, Recorded July 19, 1869, in Deed Book X, Page 252.

**Warranty Deed
Mary Brighthorn
to
Joseph Seiwald**

Warranty Deed (except U.S.) dated June 27, 1864, Recorded January 30, 1865, in Book “K” Page 631. Consideration \$240.00 Stamps .50

Mortgage
Joseph Seiwald
To
Home Insurance of Topeka

Mortgage dated April 18, 1873; Recorded April 29, 1873,
Cons. \$1000 (for 10 years @ 7%)

1861 Tax amount \$28.04
1863 Tax amount \$19.27
1865 Tax amount \$17.64
1866 Tax amount \$25.36

Mortgage
Checkla Seiwald
To
Anton Gufler

Mortgage dated March 7, 1882; Recorded March 20, 1882, Book 3, Page 91.
Cons. \$1000 (3 years .10)

Warranty Deed
Checkla Seiwald
To
Louis Seiwald

Warranty Deed dated November 29, 1904, recorded December 10, 1904, in Book 71,
Page 510. Consideration \$3000.00 and other consideration.

Conveys the SW/4 of NE/4; also SE of NW/4 16-13-21.

Provided that party of the second part is not to sell this land during the lifetime of party of first part, and provided further that party of first part reserves during her natural life the South part of the house on premises, Also one Bin in Granary, also one fourth of all crops raised on place from year to year. Also privilege of keeping 40 hens, 1 cow and heifer to be fed by party of second part same as his own stock. Party of the second part also agrees to haul firewood from timber land, and rent crop to Eudora, and also agrees whenever he drives to Eudora to Church he is to take party of the first part along if she desires. This deed is intended to give party of the second part his share of his fathers as well as my Estate.

Warranty Deed
John Seiwald & Kathrine Seiwald, his wife,
To
Louis Seiwald

Deed dated February 2, 1914, recorded February 9, 1914, in Book 94, Page 419.

**Right of Way
To
Kansas Electric Power Company**

Recorded February 24, 1944, in Book 149, Page 377

Warranty Deed

Conveys certain property: Except a strip 8 rods wide and 45 rods long running North and South, in the Northeast corner supposed to be about 2 ¼ acres.

Other documents commonly noted in Abstracts might be:

Marital Affidavit:

May be used to tie in a name as being the same person, etc. Barbara Seiwald and Barbara Ann Seiwald.

Homestead Affidavit:

Used for the purpose of stating a particular residence as being the "Homestead" of the owner, generally used when the homeowner is attempting to sell his property, and has encumbered problems, etc. Federal Tax Liens, unpaid child support, judgments for debts, even Bankruptcy.

Partition:

This is an action brought to divide property owned by two or more persons, or if the same cannot be divided, to sell the property and divide the proceeds.

Death Certificate:

Used as proof of death of a landowner, most commonly a "joint tenant" owner.

Marriage Record:

Used in the event the landowner has a change of name, for example Barbara A. Seiwald, formerly known as Barbara A. Reid, (the name in which title is held).

Separate Maintenance:

This action, brought where divorce is not desired, but to compel the support of wife and family, involves the disposition of the property owned by the litigants.

Quit Title Suit:

This action is brought to eliminate or adjudicate an adverse claim against the plaintiff's ownership of a tract of land.

Rights of Majority:

This action is brought by a minor asking the court to confer upon him or her the rights of majority, granting the rights of a person of full age. This allows a minor to convey or mortgage real estate in his own right.

Specific Performance:

This action is brought to compel compliance with the terms of a contract and often affects land ownership. For example, an owner signs a contract to sell land and then refuses to carry out the terms of the contract; in such case, the purchaser may bring a suit for Specific Performance.

Quiet Title Suit:

This action is brought to eliminate or adjudicate an adverse claim against the plaintiff's ownership of a tract of land.

Condemnation Proceedings:

Suits brought by various governmental bodies or public corporations to take property for public use are suits in Condemnation.

Mechanic's and Materialmen's Liens:

Such liens are filed with the Clerk of the District Court in the county where the real estate is located, setting forth the description of the property on which labor was performed or material furnished, together with a statement of the kind of labor or material furnished and the amount due.

Divorce Proceeding:

This action, brought to sever the relations of matrimony, involves the disposition of property owned by the litigants.

Foreclosure:

This is an action to foreclose upon a mortgage, contract of sale, lien, and such other instruments which may have been executed to secure the payment of money.

Life Estates:

An estate for life is one whose duration is limited by the life or lives of certain persons.

All of which have an affect on real estate, whether you may be selling the property in question, or refinancing.

You may need to read between the lines, nevertheless it all tells a story, and is a part of your genealogy research.

Douglas County Title maintains a "title plant" which in essence is a "mini court house". We are the only company in Douglas County that has 24-hour access to all County records. We now have the convenience of "on line" information, however it does not pre-date 1990. Many of the above named cases dated prior to 1990 would have an affect on real estate. For example a divorce, which could contain child support over an 18-year period.

Another source of information might be the "Atlas of Eudora for the year 1921" "Atlas of Douglas County for the year 1902" We also have several City and Township Ownership maps.

We have a complete alphabetical index, (now being entered on the computer), which is a very easy way to search, compared to running the alphabetical index at the Douglas County District Court. We hope to donate these cards to the Historical Society when our data entry is complete. The old courthouse books are in storage, and not readily available for research. We maintain a complete set of geographical index books, one set pre-dating 1917, beginning with the Government Patent. **The only set of books in Douglas County.** The courthouse records begin with the year 1917, as the early records were destroyed by Quantrill.

LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE

When I am lucky enough to find a town of ancestral interest in Germany or Russia (where names and boundary lines have changed many times), I note the longitude and latitude for quick reference on future maps.

Deanna Greenwald
Lingle, Wyoming

POCKET PLUSSES

When I go to a busy archives facility or large library to do research, I often have to lock my purse, notebooks, and most of my papers in a locker. I've found it helpful to wear slacks and a jacket with several pockets so I have a place to keep my pencil, pen (if permitted), loose change for copiers, magnifying glass, tissue, a mint candy, etc. This allows me to keep my hands free for looking through records or filling out request forms. At times, I've even found it handy to indicate that my seat is taken by removing my jacket and hanging it over the back of my chair to indicate that someone is sitting there. A pile of books on the table doesn't necessarily do it, because they could have been left by the previous occupant of the space.

Mim Bryan

The two following excerpts are from letters that were found in a book in the Osma Room. They are handwritten so any errors are the editors in transcription.

Omaha, Nebraska,
December 12, 1954
Signed: Sallie.

...The Watkins came first and bought the farm. Then the Yarnolds came and settled across the road. In time they built a school house and I believe on a piece of the Yarnold farm and named it the Yarnold school house. My mother taught there and I have her old school bell. They finally sold out and all moved to town. They lived in the property that we all knew as the Woodard property. It was there they were living at the time of the Quantrel(sic) Raid.

Fay C. Moys.
No date .

I was born in Lawrence-as were my parents. Grandparents on both sides of the family came here before Quantrill's Raid. My mother's family came from Wales.

After resigning from the staff of Watson Library, I joined a summer workshop in painting at the home of Prof. R.E. Johnson. Later I took several courses in sewing and two terms of millinery which I enjoyed very much.

I am a member of Lawrence Art Guild and Writers Work Shop. I have had several poems published.

I worked in Spooner Library then in Watson library. Had charge of reserve desk. Started at \$33, 8 hours a day. (Monthly I believe: ed.) Later when Flande Flohnson Dahlene left to be married to Ed I was transferred to upst(?) of Sooner , \$40.00 per month. When Proffessors found out about how low salaries were, we were advised to see the Chancellor which some of us did. He was surely surprised and gave me an increase of \$20.00 per month making it \$60.00 per month gradually climbed up to over \$100.00. When the depression came salary was cut about \$19.00 per month making salary about \$88.00 per month.

Lois Richardson (cousin) said that her mother, as a little girl lived with Grandma Moys after Lois' father passed away before the baby was born and her mother had to go to work. Her mother started as a clerk, I believe, in Albaugh's store and on her feet behind a store counter was paid \$1.00 per day-8am to 6pm, 9-10 on Saturday night.

PHOTO PEELING

Recently, I was trying to remove old photos from a 1970s glue-on photo album. I was worried that the acid in the glue might react with the photos over time. Trying to pull off the photos resulted in tears, and I didn't want to destroy them. So I decided to use dental floss and slid it between the photos and the page. By going very carefully and slowly, I removed all of the photos with only an occasional small tear at an edge. The pressure of the floss is on the page. I will now be able to scan the photos into my computer and burn a CD-ROM to share with my cousins.

Just a note, though: The first time you try it, pick a photo you have another copy of, or one that isn't too sentimental.

Gaila Merrington



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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to photocopy the article on Giles Parman's migration from Kansas to Oregon. I really enjoyed it and appreciate your courtesy. Here is a check to cover the \$1.00 fee you requested. If you meet anyone who would like correspond concerning Parman genealogy, feel free to give them my phone, address and/or e-mail address, as I am currently writing a book on the Parman family during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Thanks again,

Dave Parman
Dave Parman

P.S I am the son of Ralph Parman, s/o George Preston Parman, s/o Samuel Parman, s/o William Craig Parman, s/o Alex Parman, s/o Frethias Parman, s/o Giles Parman. My line comes out of Kentucky, from Laurel County, next to Knox County, where the original "Giles" was laid to rest.

ON THE VIRUS WATCH

With the rapid proliferation of viruses and worms, I have learned to update my virus checks at least once a week; in fact, I usually try to update them twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday.) This not only keeps my virus outlooks reasonably up to date, but it also takes much less time away from my genealogy work and home life!

I also do not open any attachments that come from an unknown source or that have been forwarded to me without prior notice. If I am exceedingly curious about what I have been sent, I download the attachment to a floppy, scan the floppy for viruses, and then open it using the oldest machine in the house! Working in the public sector has taught me the damage these things can do, and I would much rather spend extra time checking for viruses than have my computer damaged.

Nan Ross
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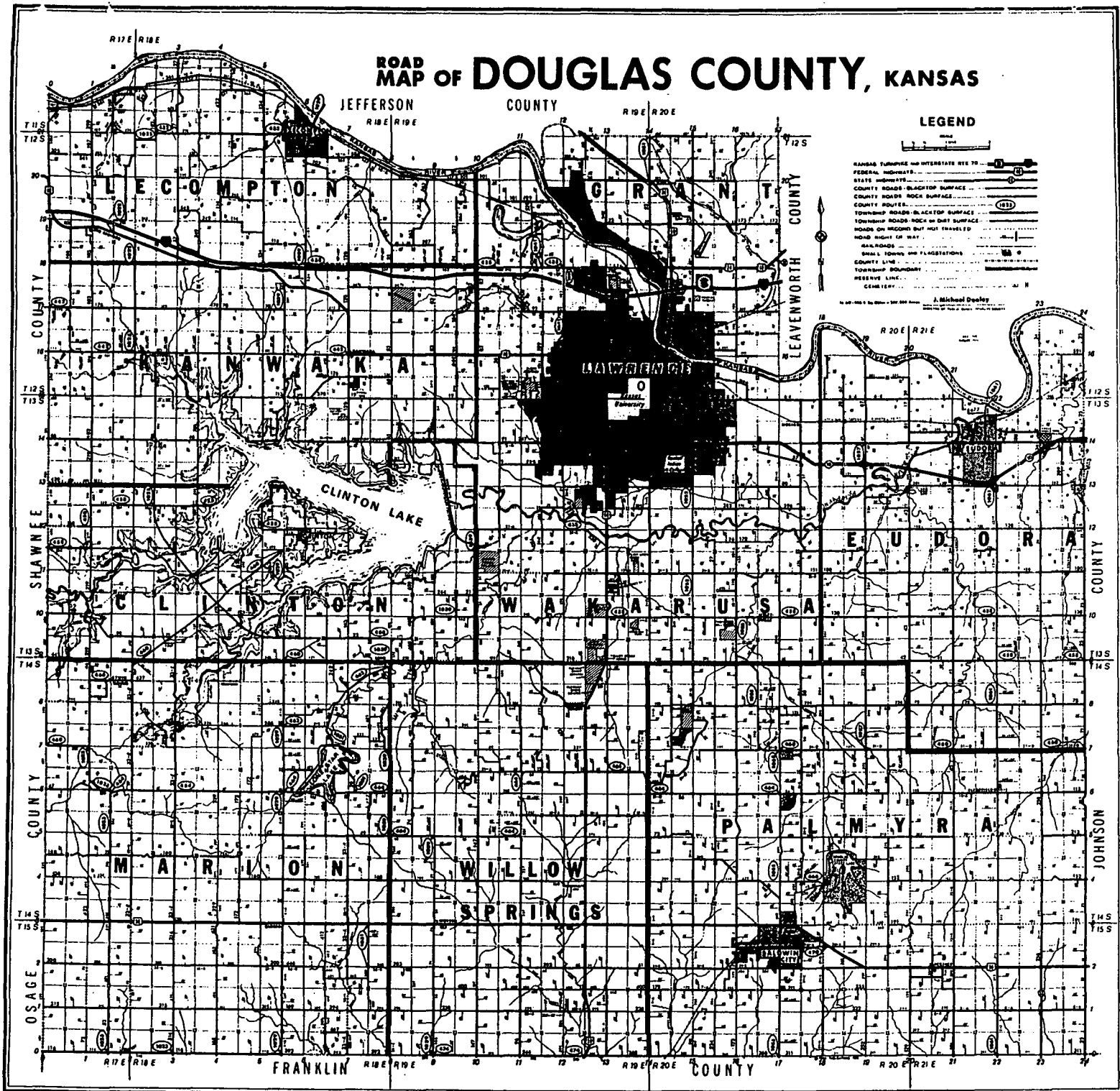
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