

McPHERSON COUNTY
Historical Society
INC.
McPHERSON, KANSAS 67460

Register of Pioneer Families
of
McPherson County, Kansas

Volume 8, Part A
last names: A - H



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Introduction

As part of the observation of the centennial of the county in 1970, the McPherson County Historical Society and other county historical organizations convened at a banquet to honor the descendants of pioneer families in the county. Persons throughout the county were invited to submit names of their pioneer ancestors, as well as documents and other historical information, for inclusion in this register of pioneers.

Under the leadership of Linn Peterson (1920 - 2010), McPherson historian and long-time president of the MCHS, the number of pioneers added to the register increased steadily and now numbers over 1,000.

Peterson added valuable historical information to many entries in the register over the years. These include newspaper clippings, correspondence, and his own notes. Thus, a listing for a particular individual may include material about other members of the family as well.

Over 40 years later, the McPherson County Historical Society and the other county historical organizations continue to induct families into the register at their annual dinner. Now, the many volumes of the register are available to the public online in their entirety via the web site of the McPherson Public Library, as well as in print and in the McPherson Room of the library.

How to Use This Volume

The application forms and any accompanying information for each pioneer are arranged in the volume as indicated by the contents page. The names are listed as submitted by the family member completing the application. The name of a spouse may be found in the material under a particular name even though it is not listed in the contents.

Women who were inducted into the register singly are listed by their married name, if applicable, with their maiden name in parenthesis. There also are typically *see* references under the maiden names directing the user to the married name.

Titles and nicknames are listed in parenthesis.

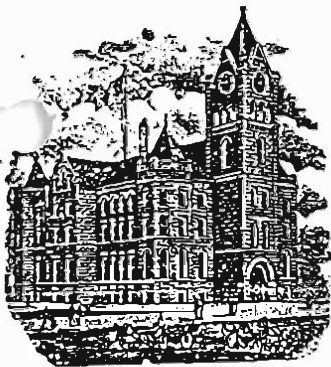
Many immigrants changed their names upon arriving in America. If the family provided both names, the main entry for the person is listed in the contents under the American name with *see* references under the original name. Note that last names where both the original and American names are similar, such as Jansson – Johnson, Nilson – Nelson, Olafson – Olson, Bjork – Burk do not have *see* references under the original name.

The date column indicates the year that the pioneer settled in McPherson County, and the township column indicates the township.

Please remember that the great majority of the information included in this volume was provided by family members. Neither the McPherson County Historical Society nor the McPherson Public Library are responsible for its accuracy.

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name(s)	year	township
Aitken, William M	1878	Superior
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Barnes, John J	1874	Empire
Becker, Tobias A	1888	Lone Tree
Bruce, James Fineley	1878	Delmore
Carlsson, Alex Gustav (see John Axel Falen)		
Chilstrom, Olof	1884	McPherson
Clark, John	1870	McPherson
Darrah, Hannah (Nelson)	1868	Smoky Hill
Darrah, Thomas J	1869	Union
Engdahl Carl Johan Ludvig	1870	Marquette
Falen, John Axel	1878	Smoky Hill
Fensky, August Ferdinand	1897	Meridian
Giesel, John William	1900	Empire
Harder, Johann	1874	Superior
Harrison, Elizabeth	1874	Canton
Helberg, Gustaf	1887	Bonaville
Henrich, James	1883	South Sharp's Creek
Hoefer, Frederick H	1874	Little Valley
Holdeman, David S	1873	Meridian



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Rec. 1/15/02

*Discarded - body moved to
Mpherson*

*Wife and
family were
buried
in the cemetery
1985*

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*(covered)
Burial place
Never resided
in the County*

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather William M. Gilkey
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler great great grand daughter
Month and year settled in McPherson County 1878
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Superior Twp
Occupation of Pioneer Settler farmer
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Rich. IL. Ill. Pennsylvania
Pioneer's age when he settled in County see other side
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? no
Is homestead still in possession of family? no
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: Louise Thomas 1008 Cedar Dr.
Dyron Morrow 801 N. Wheeler

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? unknown

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: X John E. Patrick
If woman, Maiden Name: Compton
Your address: 01 Pheasant Run
Your occupation: Accountant Retired



Re: 10:26.000



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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather SWAN ~~ANDERSON~~ EDWARD (EDVARD) ANDERSON
 Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GRANDSON
 Month and year settled in McPherson County FEBRUARY 1870 W2 NE 1/4 Sec. 28-17-5
 Township and section number, or town in which forefather settled SHARPS CREEK 28-17-5
 Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER HOMESTEAD (now Main Street top)
 Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer DALHEM, KALMAR LAN SVERIGE - SWEDISH
 Pioneer's age when he settled in County THIRTY-TWO YEARS
 Did settler homestead in McPherson County? YES
 Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
 Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: NONE

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? FEBRUARY 1870 ARRIVED WITH GALESBURG LAND COMPANY FROM BERLIN (SWEDEN) WITH SIXTEEN OTHERS
HOMESTEAD 17-28-5 McPHERSON COUNTY STATE OF KANSAS FILED JUNE 26-1871
APPROVED FEB 15 1877

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: James A. Gustafson
 If woman, Maiden Name: _____
 Your address: 303 MAIN ST
 Your occupation: SMOLAN - KANSAS

Compiled by:
Elmer A. Clark Gustafson

WHO

CAME FEBRUARY 1870 GALESBURG LAND COMPANY MEMBERS CAME ↓

CHARLES G BONDE SON'S (BURNISON)

OO NYBERGS'

PETER AND ANNA MAJA NILSON CHILDREN CHARLEY, MARIA + JOHN A. PETERSON

SWAN HARTS'

ANDERS SWENSON

ISAAC HAWKINSON

C. A. INGMAN

DANIEL ENGBAHL

A. J. ANDERSONS

P. J. INGEMANSONS

CHARLES ROBERTS

SWAN PETERSON

JONAS PETERSON

EDWARD ANDERSON

JOHANNES BLOOMQUISTS

OTHERS FOLLOWED 1870.

THE 1905 KANSAS CENSUS LISTS IN SHARPS CREEK TWP. MCPHerson

#65	61	ANDERSON	ED	AGE	66
		IDA	"	"	42
		HILDA	F	"	23
		TILIE	F	"	19
		MABEL	F	"	18
		NORA	F	"	14
		TRACY	F	"	12
		HATTIE	F	"	10
		EFFIE	F	"	10
		EDGAR	M	"	7

IN 1906 EDWARD ANDERSON PURCHASED LAND IN SMOLAN TWP. SALINE COUNTY KANSAS N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 18-15-3. MOVED THE FAMILY CLOSER TO RELATIVES IN SALINE CTY AFTER 36 YEARS OF FARMING (AN ELDER AGE)

ON ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD IN MCPHERSON COUNTY AT MARQUETTE, KANSAS, ONLY SONS EDGAR WESLEY AND CARL ALBIN DIED IN YOUTHFUL AGE, 1901 (1875) WHICH LEFT ONLY DAUGHTERS FOR LAND ACQUIRED BY HOMESTEAD RIGHTS IN MCPHERSON COUNTY. MARQUETTE, KS. LAND IN MCPHERSON COUNTY WAS SOLD TO FRANK LINDSTROM.

Final Homestead Proof required under Section 2291 of the
Revised Statutes of the United States.

WE, Andrew Hanson & V. A. Anderson, do solemnly swear
that we have known Edmund Anderson for 6 years last past; that he
is a single man consisting of one 21 year old son and is
a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant
of the W 2 N E 4 of Section No. 28 in
Township No. 17 S of Range No. 5 W, and that no other person resided upon the said
land entitled to the right of Homestead or Pre-emption.

That the said Edmund Anderson entered upon and made settlement
on said land on the 15th day of October, 1871, and has built a house
thereon of logs 20x16 ft with door & window
a comfortable house to live in

and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the 15th day of
Oct, 1871, to the present time, and that he has, since said settlement, plowed, ~~fenced~~,
and cultivated about 40 acres of said land, and has made the following improvements thereon, to wit:
has built a stable a horse corn shed, a hen
house, a hog pen, dug a well,

I, A. Hanson
Edmund Anderson
Edmund Anderson, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was taken
and subscribed before me this 9th day of Nov, 1876

WE CERTIFY that A. Hanson & V. A. Anderson, whose names
are subscribed to the foregoing affidavit, are persons of respectability.

J. Bond, Register.

Receiver.

FEBRUARY 1870 ARRIVED FROM BERLIN (SWEDONIA) + GALESBURG, ILL.
GALESBURG LAND COMPANY

Charles G Bondeson's (BURNISON)

C.O. NYBERGS

PETER + ANNA MAJA NILSON children: CHARLEY, MARIA
AND JOHN A PETERSON

SWAN HARTS

ANDERS SWENSONS

ISAAC HAWKINSONX

C.A. INGMAN

DANIEL ENGD AHL S

A.J. ANDERSONS

P.J. INGEMANSONS

CHARLES ROBERTS

SWAN PETERSON

JONAS PETERSON

EDWARD ANDERSON

JOHANNES BLDMQUISTS

OTHERS 1870

C.J. CARLSON

ANDREW HANSON

AMOS ANDERSON'S

LARS PERSONS

PETER LJUNGGREN'S (YOUNGREN)

1869 AUGUST BROMAN

CHARLEY (CARL) BROMAN

JOHN F BROMAN

1869 GUST CARLSON

J.M. CARLSON

HANS HANSON

22 SECTIONS - OF LAND 14,080 ACRES SALINE + McPHERSON CTY.
PURCHASED FROM KANSAS PACIFIC RAILROAD.

(DRY CREEK IN SOUTHERN SALINE + ALONG SMOKY HILL RIVER McPHERSON CO.)

ISAAC SHARP (DUGOUT) HUNTER + TRAPPER

MARCH
01-1867

JM CLAYPOOL (FIRST SETTLER)

JOHN F HUGHES

JAMES + HENRY WABER

1860

CAME
STRAIGHT
FROM SWEDEN.

ANDERS SJOGREN (1869) WF ELIZABETH Children ANDREW ERICK ANNA

OLOF ERICKSON FAMILY FROM ENVIKEN - DALARNA - SWEDEN

ERICK HEDBERG (1869) ERICK'S MOTHER MARTHA ERICKSON - (ERICK BROTHER) JOHN HEDBERG (C) ANNA + BERTHA - ENVIKEN DALARNA S

GALESBURG DR A.W. DAHLSTEN

COMMITTEE O.H. THORSTENBERG

1868 GUSTAF JOHNSON

(SWEDONIA)

BERLIN

1868

JOHN RODELL

WILLIAM JOHNSON

1868

JOHN P STROMQUIST

CARL FRANK (SETTLER FALLS)

(SMÅLAND SWEDEN)

1874
ST. MARK TWP →

ANDERS ERICKSON (WF) ANNA ERICK ENVIKEN (DALARNA - SWEDEN)

1867

G.F. LUNDSTROM

A.G. "PAPA" LINN

C.A. LINDQUIST

LUNDQUIST FAMILY

P.A. FELDT family

CHARLES HAWKINSON

FRANK HAWKINSON

WILLIAM JOHNSON

ANDREW HOKANSON

OLOF OLSON

OLD F FLORMAN + WF (PARENTS OLOF OLSON)

FORM #1

(The following pertains to the person applying for the certificate)

ADDRESS: 303 MAIN SMOLAN KANSAS 67479-9519

Street

City

State

Zid

I am applying for a: Territorial X Pioneer Early Settler Certificate

NAME OF PIONEER OVEN EDWARD (EDVARD) ANDERSON

DATE OF BIRTH 20 FEBRUARY 1838 PLACE OF BIRTH DALHEM KALMAR LAN SVERIGE
Day Month Year City county/province state/country

DATE OF DEATH 06 AUGUST 1913 PLACE OF DEATH SMOLAN TWP. SALINE KANSAS
Day Month Year City county/province state/country

PLACE BURIED (if different from place of death) FALUN LUTHERAN CEMETERY

PIONEER'S FATHER'S NAME

PIONEER'S MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

PIONEER'S SPOUSE'S NAME IDA CAROLINE SVENSON
(maiden name, if woman)

SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH 23 JUL 1962 PLACE OF BIRTH BYRSUM JÖNKÖPINGS LAN SVERIGE
Day Month Yr. City county/province state/country

SPOUSE'S DATE OF DEATH 02 NOV 1926 PLACE OF DEATH SMOLAN TWP. SALINE KANSAS
Day Month Yr. City county/province state/country

PLACE BURIED (if different from place of death.) FALUN LUTHERAN CEMETERY

SPOUSE'S FATHER'S NAME SVENSSON LARS JOHAN

SPOUSE'S MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

PIONEER'S MARRIAGE DATE TO SPOUSE 06 FEBRUARY 1881 PLACE KANSAS
Day Month Year County State

DATE AND PLACE PIONEER SETTLED IN KANSAS 1870 SHARPS CREEK TWP. MCPHERSON
 Year City County

* * *

This is to certify that I have checked the attached proof, that the above named ancestor was in Kansas as stated by the applicant and the above statements are true to the best of applicant's knowledge. Certificate issued this day of 19 .

GUSTAFSON JAMES ARTHUR

Chart #: _____

GUSTAFSON MILSGUSTAFSON JOHN ARTHUR

(Father of No. 3)
 b. 27 MAY 1885
 p.b. SMOLAN-KS. SALINE CTY.
 m. 12 MAY 1926
 d. 66 NOVEMBER 1974
 p.d. LINDSBORG HOSP. MCPHERSON CTY. KS.

(Father of No. 4)
 b. 07 SEPT 1843
 p.b. FINEDOM SOCKEN VASTERGOTLAND SWEDEN

m.
 d. 20 MAY 1913
 p.d. LINDSBORG-KS.

PERSON MARGRETA

(Mother of No. 4)
 b. 22 MARCH 1841

p.b. TUNA SOCKEN-VASTERGOTLAND SWEDEN
 d. 18 OCT 1889 SWEDEN

p.d.

GUSTAFSON JAMES ARTHUR

(Father of No. 1)
 b. 21 FEBRUARY 1927
 p.b. SMOLAN TWP SALINE CTY KS.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

ANDERSON EFFIE WILHELMINE

(Mother of No. 2)
 b. 25 MARCH 1895
 p.b. MCPHERSON CTY. FARM SHARPS CREEK MARQUETTE KS.
 d. 06 NOVEMBER 1974
 p.d. SALINE CTY-CITY OF SALINA KS

ANDERSON EDWARD

(Father of No. 5)
 b. 20 FEBRUARY 1838
 p.b. DALHEM, KALMAR LAN, SVERIGE
 m. 06 FEBRUARY 1881
 d. 06 AUGUST 1913
 p.d. SAUNE CTY-SMOLAN TWP. KS.

SVENSSON IDA CAROLINA

(Mother of No. 5)
 b. 23 JULI 1862
 p.b. BYRSUM, JONKOPINGSLAN, SWEDEN
 d. 02 NOV 1926
 p.d. SALINE CTY-SMOLAN TWP. KANSAS

GUSTAFSON Rhonda Mae

b. 15 FEBRUARY 1961
 p.b. SALINE CTY-SALINA KANSAS
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

CLARK CARL EMANUEL

(Father of No. 3)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

CLARK ELEANOR AURELLIA

(Mother of No. 1)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

AURELL ESTHER ELIZABETH

(Mother of No. 3)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

TOAL RICHARD

(Spouse of No. 1)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

CLARK ANTON

(Father of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

JOHNSON

(Mother of No. 6)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

AURELL FRANC OSKAR

(Father of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

BRANDT

(Mother of No. 7)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

(Father of No. 8)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Mother of No. 8)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Father of No. 9)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Mother of No. 9)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Father of No. 10)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Mother of No. 10)
 b.
 m.
 d.

SVENSSON LARS JOHAN
 b. 06 MARCH 1895 SWEDEN

m.
 d. 17 MARCH 1911 MARQUETTE KS.
GUSTAFSON GUSTAEA
 (Mother of No. 11)

KLARK JOHN

(Father of No. 12)
 b.
 m.
 d.

HOLMOVIST MARIA
 (Mother of No. 12)
 b.
 d.

JOHNSON

(Father of No. 13)
 b.
 m.
 d.

SVENSSON

(Mother of No. 13)
 b.
 d.

AURELL

(Father of No. 14)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Mother of No. 14)
 b.
 d.

BRANDT

(Father of No. 15)
 b.
 m.
 d.

(Mother of No. 15)
 b.
 d.

Rec. 3. 11-002



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REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather Albert Thomas Ball
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler Grandfather/daughter
Month and year settled in McPherson County Sept. 27 1882 Sec. 27
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Just S. E. of Cleveland Twp
Occupation of Pioneer Settler farmer
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer near Rockwood, Randolph County, Illinois
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 30 years old
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? yes
Is homestead still in possession of family? No - Sold - 1968 to Lowell Sawyer
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: 2 granddaughters - Edith Ball Davis Mountledge Mary Ann Ball Williams - Foyne B. Pettie Conway. His great
Grandmother was a half sister to A. T. Ball Foyne's grandmother ms. Elmer
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting Bettie
and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? _____

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(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - Your Signature: X Mary E. Pate
If woman, Maiden Name: Mary E. Ball
Your address: 748 E. 1st St. McPherson
Your occupation: Homemaker

Albert purchased 120 acres of land from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for \$483.00 on September 19, 1882. The land was located on the eastern edge of Perry's property in the southeast quarter of Section 27. Together they owned all 320 acres in the southern half of Section 27. Albert built a two-room house and barn one half-mile east of Perry's house.

Albert's
Brother

Albert sold 40 acres to Henry Rump, his neighbor to the north, for \$800.00 on October 29, 1883. He then purchased 20 acres from Perry C. and Mary Ball in the west half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 27 for \$400.00 on November 1, 1884.

Albert purchased another 20 acres from Perry in the west half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 27 for \$360.00 on January 13, 1891.

On December 11, 1897, Albert sold his 120-acre farm in the southeast quarter of Section 27 to Perry for \$3,000.00 and purchased Perry's 160-acre farm in the southwest quarter of the same section for \$4,000.00. Albert then expanded Perry's house into a large two-story house to accommodate his growing family. The new house was one-half mile west of the old house and one mile south and one and one-half mile west of Groveland. After Albert moved his family into the new house, Perry sold Albert's original 120-acre farm in the southeast quarter of Section 27 to Oliver L. Mitchell for \$3,000.00 on September 2, 1899.

Albert married a young German immigrant, Helena Johanna "Lena" Muenchoff, on March 27, 1887. Albert and Lena had ten children during the next 20 years: Maude Ann, born on January 25, 1888; Elmer Perry, April 19, 1889; Walter ^{Dad} ~~my~~ Thomas, November 21, 1890; Earl Albert, August 6, 1893; Arthur Harry, September 9, 1895; Mabel Alice, August 10, 1897; Emery Frank, April 20, 1900; Elsie Rebecca, July 21, 1902; Eva May, November 24, 1904; and Harvey Edward, July 25, 1907. All ten children were born on Albert's homestead, or after 1897, on Perry's homestead both near Groveland, Kansas.

Lena was interviewed by a reporter from the McPherson Sentinel just prior to her 100th birthday. According to an article dated August 21, 1964, she was still alert, spent most of the day sitting in the rocker, could read the headlines in the newspaper and listened to the radio, where her favorite program was the Sunday morning church service on the KNEX radio station.

February 4, 1995

Rec 2/8/95
Copy to
Judy Faldut
2/14/95

Mr. Linn Peterson, President
McPherson Historical Society
540 E. Hill
McPherson, KS 67460

Dear Linn,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me last week about McPherson County and the Ball family. I have already contacted Mr. Raymond Flory and have ordered a copy of the Atlas of McPherson County. I have also contacted Mrs. Adolyn Bartels and have ordered a copy of the Inman Centennial History.

To help you place me, I am a great-grandson of Albert Thomas Ball, a grandson of Elmer Perry Ball and a son of Wilbur Perry Ball. I was named after Albert's older brother, Perry Columbus Ball. Perry and Albert both homesteaded in 1880 and 1882, respectively, on Section 27 of Groveland Township.

I would be interested in any information you could provide on Albert Thomas Ball and Perry Columbus Ball and their families. I would be especially interested in anything that might be written in the 1884, 1903 and 1921 atlases of McPherson County that you have in your possession.

I have also enclosed the drafts of two biographies I have written on Albert Thomas Ball and Perry Columbus Ball. There is a good deal of duplication in the biographies up until 1901 when Perry moved to Colorado. Since you are from McPherson County, you may want to begin with the Albert Thomas Ball biography. I would appreciate any corrections or comments you might have.

Thank you for help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Perry E. Ball
1311 N. Abingdon St.
Arlington, VA 22207

June 1, 1995

Linn Peterson
540 E. Hill
McPherson, KS 67460

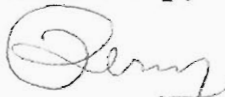
Dear Linn,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the photocopy of the newspaper article about Elyria. I knew my great-grandfather's older brother, Perry Columbus Ball, had moved from Groveland to Elyria in 1894 and from Elyria to McPherson in 1899, but that was all I knew. From the article I learned that he was the first depot agent, the second postmaster, operated the telegraph and had a blacksmith shop. He must have been a busy man!

My biography of Perry Columbus Ball is now 21 pages long with 15 5x7 pictures. My biography of my great-grandfather is of similar length. I will hold off on publishing them as long as I keep finding new information like what you sent.

Thanks again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,



Perry E. Ball
1311 N. Abingdon St.
Arlington, VA 22207

*his Dad was 1st
Cousin of Mrs. Linn*

Rec 6-11-95

December 10, 1995

Linn Peterson
540 E. Hill
McPherson, KS 67460

Dear Linn,

Last March you sent me a photocopy of Groveland Township from the 1884 Atlas of McPherson County. I was able to use it to locate the farm of my great-grandfather Albert Ball and the farm of Christoff Lehring, which was just across the road. This was useful because my great-grandmother Helena Muenchoff was living with her mother Mary Elizabeth Muenchoff and Christoff Lehring when she married Albert Ball.

This time I am writing to ask if you could send me similar photocopies of Groveland Township from the 1903 and 1921 atlases of McPherson County. I am trying to locate the neighbors of my great-grandfather Albert Ball during the period when my grandfather Elmer Ball and grandmother Etta Wendt were growing up in the early 1900's. I know the Wendts lived nearby, but they are not listed on the 1884 atlas.

I have enclosed a check for \$5.00 to cover the cost of your photocopies from your last letter and this request as well.

I am sorry to trouble you again. I have not been able to find a copy of the 1903 and 1921 Atlases anywhere else, not even in the National Archives, the Library of Congress or the DAR National Library in Washington. You seem to have the only known copies.

Thank you once again for your help.

Sincerely,



Perry E. Ball
6708 Post Oak Lane
Montgomery, AL 36117

'03 AJ. Ball
SW Sec 27. Groveland
Howell Sawyer
'72 SW Sec 27. Groveland

rec 12/13/95

January 1, 1996

Linn Peterson
540 E. Hill
McPherson, KS 67460

Dear Linn,

Thank you for sending the copies of the land plats for Groveland Township. They were very helpful in determining the relationship of some of my relatives over an extended period of time.

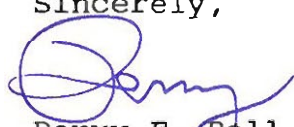
For example, I knew that my great-grandmother Helena Muenchof and her mother Mary Elizabeth Muenchof were living with Christoff Lerhling at the time she married my great grandfather Albert Ball in 1887. However, she is buried as Mary Muenchof in the North Inman Cemetery and there is no evidence that they were ever married. The 1903 land plat shows that Mary Lerhling owned 100 acres just west of Christoff Lerhling's 160 acres, which suggests that she was married to him. He was her second husband, so she probably chose to be buried under the name of her first husband.

There were many other things I got out of the land plats, but this is the best example. I hadn't realized they would be so helpful.

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I am finished with the two biographies I was writing on Albert Thomas Ball and Perry Columbus Ball and only add something from time to time when I learn something new. This year I will begin writing a biography on my grandfather Elmer Perry Ball and perhaps another on my great-great-great grandfather Christian Wendt (also buried in the North Inman Cemetery).

Thank you again for your kindness in responding to my request.

Sincerely,


Perry E. Ball
6708 Post Oak Lane
Montgomery, AL 36117 -

related to Mary J. Ball

to: 1-6-96

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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather JOHN J. BARNES
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON
Month and year settled in McPherson County NOV. 14, 1874 N.E. 4
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19.2
Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer ANDRIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI N.E. 44
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 28
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? YES
Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: FRED & LINDA PETERSON (LINDA IS A GREAT
746 E. EUCLID GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)
McPHERSON, KS
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest?

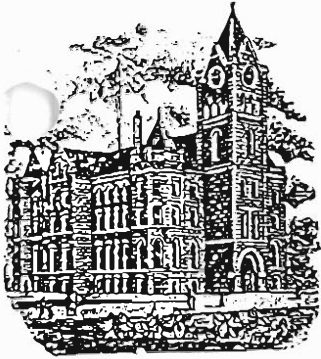
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Information provided by - - - - Your Signature: X Robert A. Hill
If woman, Maiden Name: _____
Your address: 1200 BLONDALIA, McPherson
Your occupation: RETIRED



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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather Tobias A. Becker
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler granddaughter
Month and year settled in McPherson County November 1888 NE 22
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Lone Tree - Sec 15
Occupation of Pioneer Settler Farmer
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Antonaka, Poland Russia Jan 1903 atlas
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 22 years
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? No
Is homestead still in possession of family? No
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: Yes. Too numerous to list.

(Have a family record so it is possible to give names & address.)
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? NO

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: x Bernie Lorenzen

If woman, Maiden Name: Giese

Your address: 2457 Avenue Rd. Centon, KS 67428

Your occupation: Homemaker

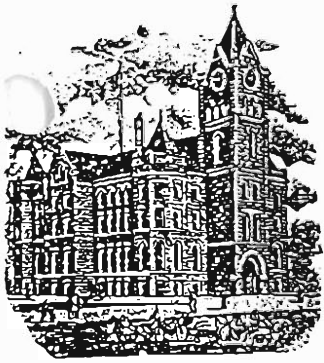


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Township - Lone Tree, Section 15². This was 8 miles north of Moundridge.

Tobias purchased his farm from Goerings, it consisted of six 80's. Tobias & his wife Aganetha (Nettie) married in 1888. They had 11 children, 2 died in infancy.

His parents were Andrew P. & Helena Becker. Tobias was 7 years old when the family immigrated to the United States in 1874.



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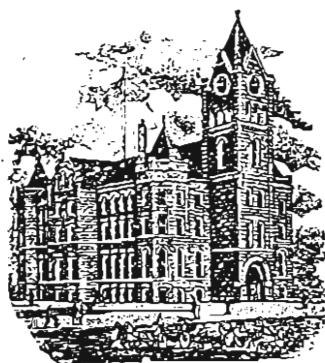
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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather JAMES FINELEY BRUCE
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER
Month and year settled in McPherson County 1878 SEC 4 of
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled SEC 25 18-2 Delmore Twp.
Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO, DEC 5, 1842
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 36
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? ?
Is homestead still in possession of family? No
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: my Father, Aunt and numerous COUSINS, brothers and sister
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? no CIVIL WAR INFORMATION

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - Your Signature: X Lonny Bruce (LONNY BRUCE)
If woman, Maiden Name: _____
Your address: 406 PONDIEROSA, McPHERSON
Your occupation: OIL PRODUCER





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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather OLOF CHILSTROM
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GRANDDAUGHTER
Month and year settled in McPherson County _____
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled SE 5-19-3
Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER & BRICK LAYER
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer SWEDEN
Pioneer's age when he settled in County _____
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? NO
Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: GLEN JOHNSON - 206 AUGUSTAS - McPHERSON
DELLAH JOHNSON - 511 N. CHERRY - McPHERSON
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? NO
HELPED ELLEN LUNDSTROM'S FATHER DIG GRAVES
BY HAND AFTER MOVING TO TOWN
(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)
Information provided by - - - - Your Signature: X Ellen Johnson
If woman, Maiden Name: SAME
Your address: 710 W. ELLIOT
Your occupation: RETIRED



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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather CARL JOHAN KLARK ^{NAME ↓} JOHN CLARK
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GREAT GRAND CHILD
Month and year settled in McPherson County 1870 See Section
Township and section number, or town in which forefather settled McPHERSON 10-19-3
Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer EKEBY FORSAMLING, OSTERGÖTLAND, SWEDEN-SWEDISH
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 1870 DECLARATION OF INTENTION SIGNED 24 JULY 1871
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? YES SECTION (10) TWP (19) SOUTH OF RANGE 3-160 ACRES
Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: MEMBERS OF JOE CLARK-MARTIN CLARK-CARL CLARK AND DAVID CLARK FAMILIES. MANY MEMBER OF NEW GOTTLAND COVENANT CHURCH AND ALSO COUNTRYSIDE IN McPHERSON-KANSAS. PLUS OTH. DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY.
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? NOT A SOLDIER - SON GUST CLARK CAME TO CHICAGO-ILL. SENT FOR PARENTS (KARL & MARIA) AND BROTHERS ANTON, AXEL & FRED. FATHER & SON CAME TO KANSAS & HOMSTEADED. FAMILY CAUGHT IN CHICAGO FIRE AND LOST ALL THERE POSSESSIONS SAVE KEPOSENE LAMP - AN ANTIQUITY & FAMILY BIBLE.
(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - Your Signature: Eleanor A. (Clark) Gustafson

If woman, Maiden Name: _____

Your address: 303 MAIN ST. SMOLAN KS

Your occupation: HOME MAKER - RETIRED



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FAMILY GROUP NO.

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Full Name

Carl Johan Clark

Birth	Month - Day - Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	7-31-1817	Lindings		Sweden	(Johan Kler)
Chr'd					John Clark
Mar.	3-20-1844				Naturalized in
Death	4-12-1902	McPherson CEM. McPherson		KS	Saline Co. KS
Burial		"	"	"	4-17-1907

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name Maria Elisabet Holmquist

Birth	Month - Day - Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	12-9-1823	Saby-Tors Jontapingslan		Sweden	
Chr'd					
Death	12-9-1895	McPherson McPherson		KS	
Burial		"	"	"	

Compiler Joan Coughenour

Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Month - Day - Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
✓ M	Anton	Birth	5-18-1855	Östergötlan		Sweden	Joe Martin
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	6-16-1881	McPherson McPherson		KS	Adelia, Edla
	Ida Christine Johnson	Death	1-28-1939	"	"	"	David, Carl
		Burial	1-31-1939	"	CEM.	"	Edith, Emma, Ed.
M	Gustaf	Birth	1 1849			Sweden	Worked on
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					rail road
		Death	08-29-1924				Nov. 1898
		Burial		McPherson CEM. McPherson		KS	Buried in McPherson
✓ M	Axel	Birth	06-17-1858	EKEBY FÖRSÄMLING ÖSTERGÖTLAND		Sweden	Adopter:
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	12-09-1885				Afred
	Ida	Death	01-19-1937	314 THIRD WINDSBURG	MC PHERSON	KS	ELSIEMADINE
		Burial	01-24-1937	ELMWOOD CEM	MC PHERSON	KS	
M	Fred	Birth				Sweden	Deed (P. 1) J. T.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					Home (P. 1) J. T.
		Death					
		Burial					
F	"Lottie" ANNA CHARLOTTE	Birth	11-09-1845			SWEDEN	John EMILY
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					OTTO CARL
	August Gomer	Death	12-21-1904	Exelston CEM.			AXEL FRICK
		Burial		Exelston CEM.		KS	ERNEST - ANNIE
		Birth					ALFRED ANTON
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
		Birth	11-08-1837				8 Boys - 2 girls
	ANNEST GOMER	Mar.	Husband of Lottie (above)				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	1-03-1919				
	SPOUSE of # 5 ABOVE	Burial		Exelston CEM. (P. 1) McPherson		KS	
		Birth	1-22-1865	from Lindings			
	IDA PLARK	Mar.	WIFE of AXEL (above)				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	6-25-1947	AT HOME 314 B. 11th St. W. B. 6 KS			
	SPOUSE of # 3 ABOVE	Burial	6-29-1947	WINDSBURG McPherson CEM. Elmwood CEM. Topeka			

no fees paid

Final Homestead Proof required under Section 2291 of the
Revised Statutes of the United States.

WE, Andreas Burggren C. Sundstrom do solemnly swear
that we have known John Clark for 6 years last past; that he
is man of family consisting of a wife and five
children and he is a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant
of the 864 of Section No. 10 in
Township No. 198 of Range No. 3W, and that no other person resided upon the said
land entitled to the right of Homestead or Pre-emption.

That the said John Clark entered upon and made settlement
on said land on the 24 day of July, 1871, and has built a house
thereon 12 ft by 18 ft 2 doors & three windows
one story comfortable to live in &
a dug out, 10 ft x 12 ft

and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the 1st day of
August AD, 1871, to the present time, and that he has, since said settlement, plowed, fenced,
and cultivated about 60 acres of said land, and has made the following improvements thereon, to wit:

one stable pool 12 ft x 16 ft lunary 12 x 16 ft
frame. Room corn shed 16 ft x 24 ft.
chicken house dug a well. planted 2000 cotton
wood trees & 80 fruit trees. Hedge row broken on all the boundary
lines

Andreas Burggren
C. Sundstrom
I, AR Wagstaff Rec., do hereby certify that the above affidavit was taken
and subscribed before me this 17 day of April AD, 1874

AR Wagstaff Receiver
WE CERTIFY that Andreas Burggren C. Sundstrom, whose names
are subscribed to the foregoing affidavit, are persons of respectability.

AR Wagstaff, Register.
AR Wagstaff, Receiver.



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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather HANNAH NELSON-DARRAH
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GRANDDAUGHTER
Month and year settled in McPherson County JULY 1868
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled SEC. 20 Smoky Hill
Occupation of Pioneer Settler CHILD - F7-3
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer SUNNE, VERMLAND, SWEDEN
Pioneer's age when he settled in County FIVE
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? NO, HER PARENTS DID
Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: JOHN BRENT SHEETS, 712 PENN, McPHERSON

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? NO

SEE ATTACHED

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - Your Signature: Margaret Ann Darrah Sheets
If woman, Maiden Name: MARGARET ANN DARRAH SHEETS
Your address: 1400 RANCH ROAD, McPHERSON
Your occupation: RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER
& HOUSEWIFE



Mrs. Hannah Nelson Darrah

Contributed by Mrs. F. O. Johnson, McPherson

I was born in Vermland, Sweden, September 30, 1863. When five years old I came, together with my parents, five brothers and one sister to America. Our family consisted of my parent, John and Kerstin (Margaret Johnson) Nelson, and my brothers Magnus, Frederick, Gustaf, August and Axel, and my sister Sophy, and myself. Our first stop was in Chicago where we were regaled by tales of the wonderful rich Smoky Hill Valley in McPherson County. We came over the Kansas Pacific Railroad to Salina, where mother and we smaller children lived over Trecin's store for a while until father and my older brother had located a claim and built a dugout. This was in 1868.

Our dugout consisted of one large room dug out of the Smoky River bank. It was located one mile south of Lindsborg on what later was know as the Wetterstrom place. When the dugout was complete they came back for the family and household effects. In a wagon drawn by oxen we traveled over the bare and treeless prairie until we reached the Smoky River just across from our future home. Alas, the river was swollen. But nothing daunted these early pioneers. They placed us smaller children in a large wooden tub, in common use at that time and with my father in front with straps over his shoulders and two big brothers on either side guiding us, they swam across the river and landed us safely on the other side. And we children enjoyed it immensely and thought it great sport.

In Sweden we had a large and beautiful home with two servants and yet we children were delighted with our new and novel surroundings. However, when the fall rains set in, the roof of our dugout leaked like a sieve and although we had sense enough to come in out of the rain, the rain came in on us. But we early timers always found a way out. My father dug a hole in a haystack and carried us smaller children out there and tucked us in where we were snug as a bug in a rug. In the summer when the mosquitoes got too thick on the river bank, we build bonfires in the yard and sat around and enjoyed the cool of the evening in peace. We had good food, wild grapes and plums and gooseberries, homegrown potatoes and vegetables, plenty of fish right in the river a few steps from our door, prairie chickens, quails, wild turkeys, rabbits, antelope and occasionally buffalo meat, with plenty of buffalo robes for bed covers, we were always kept warm.

We had been only in this new home about three months when my mother took sick and died, October 31, 1868, leaving seven children, the youngest not two years old. She was the first to die of the early settlers and it was a real tragedy to us. But somehow my father and older brothers managed quite well. Later when we needed new clothing, my father fashioned some plain calico dresses for us girls and jeans for the boys. I can remember especially a bright ink calico with glass buttons down the back that my father was very proud of. He sent me to a neighbor to borrow yeast, but in reality to show her my new dress. I was now eight years old, and quite old enough to learn how to bake bread. The lady from whom I borrowed the yeast, gave me implicit directions how to make bread, emphasizing the fact that I must keep it warm. Having glorious visions of light, fluffy loaves of bread, I went to work and placed my sponge on the back of the stove. I waited for it to rise and mixed it according to her direction, put it in a large square pan, patted it down good and baked it. But it proved a failure, was dark and heavy, and my brothers used a broad ax to cut it up. Even today they insist it was so hard, even the

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pigs could not eat it.

We soon had a big log house built, which is still standing on the old homestead though covered with siding. The windows were low, and I remember once when we two smaller children were at home alone all day long, our father and brothers being away fighting a prairie fire, that a big dog barked at us, first in one window and then in the other, which frightened us dreadfully, and we were quite relieved when a small band of Indians came in and made themselves at home. Having been imbued with the spirit of Swedish hospitality since my birth, I proceeded to cook them some coffee. They patted me on the head and said "Good girl". My father and brothers returned while they were still in the house and all was well. Our whole family joined Dr. Olof Olsson's church, and I was a member of Dr. Carl Swenson's first confirmation class.

We attended school in Lindsborg over Carlson and Johnson's store which also served as a land office. We did not worry over germs in those days. Our teacher wanting to reward us for being good and industrious children told us he had a treat for us. He had both hands full of hard candy and threw it all over the room. There was a mad scramble over the floor and under the long backless benches to get our share. I ate my share and am still alive to tell it. We children enjoyed playing in the clay of the river bank. We became quite expert in fashioning dishes, dolls and whole herds of animals out of this clay, which we enjoyed quite as much as the children of today enjoy their squawking mamma dolls. I grew up in Lindsborg, attended Bethany College, and sang in the early Messiah concerts.

My husband, Thomas J. Darrah was also a pioneer. As a young boy he was engaged in freighting over the Santa Fe trail from Kansas City to Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1869 he and his brothers Sam and James located on the Smoky east of Marquette and engaged in the cattle business. We were married in the eighties and have reared a family of five sons and one daughter, Margaret, Thomas, Andrew, Sam, Edward and John. Bess Darrah, a daughter of Sam Darrah, also has made her home with us. My husband died in 1916, and my youngest son John and I are still living in our old home here in McPherson. I am now engaged in the florist business and am leading a busy and happy life. I am very much interested in church and club activities and still feel that life holds much sunshine and joy.

Additional information:

Hannah Nelson Darrah was born in Sunne, Vermland, Sweden on Sept. 30, 1863 and died on Feb. 10, 1950, at her farm home Northwest of McPherson.

She married Thomas J. Darrah on July 17, 1888 & lived at 800 N. Ash, McPherson, a wedding present from her husband, until 1936 and then moved to her farm, an engagement present from her husband.

Her father was Jan (John) Nelson

Her mother was Stena Jansen (Margaret Johnson)

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3-- Thomas DARRAH-1558
2-- Thomas DARRAH (II)-59 (1726)
sp-Agnes THOMPSON-60 (1730)
3-- Thomas DARRAH (III)-57 (1768)
sp-Olivia (?) -58
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sp-Mary (Molly) T TEMPERLY-34 (1850)
6-- Percival Walter DARRAH M-35 (1871)
sp-Bertha Louise THEOPOLD-145 (1874)
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7-- Dorothea DARRAH-147 (1907)
sp-Col. Russell P REEDER-149 (1902)
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sp-Dale Eugene HRUBY Col.-158
9-- Dale E. HRUBY II-159 (1960)
9-- Dorothea Lee HRUBY-160 (1961)
9-- Elizabeth Mae HRUBY-161 (1964)
8-- Julia Potter REEDER-152 (1938)
sp-Hugh Laurens MCCUTCHEN-162 (1937)
9-- Alan J. MCCUTCHEN III-163 (1963)
9-- Heather Lynn MCCUTCHEN-164 (1965)
9-- Scott Reeder MCCUTCHEN-165 (1968)
8-- Russell Potter REEDER I-153 (1940)
sp-Susan Ann MILLARD-166
9-- Wendy REEDER-167 (1966)
9-- Russell Philip REEDER-168 (1970)
sp-Deborah ROTHMAN-696 (1948)
7-- Jane DARRAH-148 (1909)
6-- Thomas Walter DARRAH B-30 (1873)
sp-Rose Morgan WOOD-31 (1878)
7-- Marion Maxwell DARRAH-32 (1900)
sp-Warren Dwight BREWSTER-42 (1901)
8-- Isabel Erskine BREWSTER-43 (1932)
sp-Vance VAN DINE-47
9-- Rose M VAN DINE-48 (1960)
8-- Thomas S BREWSTER-44 (1934)
sp-Mary Linda GUDGEON-49 (1949)
9-- Maxwell Rice BREWSTER-50 (1980)
9-- Sophia Warren BREWSTER-51 (1982)
8-- Samuel Dwight BREWSTER-45 (1939)
sp-Eliza LAMM-621
sp-Margaret Ann MCDONNELL-695
8-- Richard Warren BREWSTER-46 (1941)

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sp-Michelle GROSJEAN-52
9-- Sylvia W. BREWSTER-53 (1969)
sp-Dale M. O'CONNOR-968
9-- Scott BREWSTER-54 (1971)
sp-Barbara BEIDLER-616
7-- Jean West DARRAH-7 (1903)
sp-Woodlief THOMAS-6 (1897)
8-- Woodlief THOMAS Jr.-1 (1929)
sp-Merrillan MURRAY-2 (1931)
9-- Spencer Woodlief THOMAS-3 (1955)
sp-Amy Lowell GIBSON-39 (1958)
9-- George Murray THOMAS-4 (1957)
9-- Jeananne THOMAS-5 (1961)
8-- Thomas Darrah THOMAS-8 (1932)
sp-Barbara Joan RASSWEILER-23 (1931)
9-- David Edward THOMAS-24 (1957)
sp-Laurel KOHLER-897
9-- Steven Darrah THOMAS-25 (1959)
sp-Astrid ENGEL-186
9-- Kathleen Rose THOMAS-26 (1961)
sp-Kim Alan DELONG-273
9-- Susan Ann THOMAS-27 (1970)
6-- Edna Josephine DARRAH-143 (1876)
sp-Edwin William CRANCER-620 (1862)
6-- Mary DARRAH-144 (1878)
sp-Mary Jeffrey RINGLE-629 (1865)
6-- Bessie Lilian DARRAH-630 (1897)
5-- Thomas Jones DARRAH-631 (1843)
sp-Hannah NELSON-647 (1863)
6-- Margaret R DARRAH-1570 (1889)
6-- Thomas Jones DARRAH-1571 (1891)
6-- Andrew Nelson J DARRAH-1572 (1893)
sp-Mary Lydia PROSSER-1576 (1887)
7-- William Edward DARRAH-1577 (1923)
7-- Mary Jayne DARRAH-1578 (1924)
7-- Samuel DARRAH-1579 (1927)
7-- Margaret Ann DARRAH-1580 (1929)
sp-William Joseph SHEETS-1581 (1929)
8-- John Brent SHEETS-1582 (1952)
8-- Mary Margaret SHEETS-1583 (1954)
6-- Samuel Jones DARRAH-1573 (1895)
6-- Edward Bryan DARRAH-1574 (1897)
6-- John Jay DARRAH-1575 (1910)
5-- James Bryan DARRAH-632 (1849)
sp-Mary FERGUSON-633
6-- Margaret R DARRAH-648 (1872)
6-- Robert Moyer DARRAH-649 (1874)
6-- James Ferguson DARRAH-634
sp-Nelle CHADWICK-635
7-- Thomas Keith DARRAH-636
sp-Eileen Francis HOEMANN-637 (1920)
8-- Stewart Lane DARRAH-638 (1948)
6-- Nettie DARRAH-650
6-- Nellie DARRAH-651
4-- Joel DARRAH M.D.-642 (1804)
4-- Thomas Bryan DARRAH-645 (1809)

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4-- Ann DARRAH-643
sp-Susan PIPER-644 (1790)
4-- (dau) DARRAH-1555 (1825)
4-- George P DARRAH-1556 (1829)
4-- Andrew Jackson DARRAH-646 (1830)
3-- Mark DARRAH-1230
3-- Nancy DARRAH-1231
sp-James FERGUSON-1549
3-- Mary DARRAH-1232
sp-WALKER-1550
4-- Nancy WALKER-1551
4-- Mary WALKER-1552
3-- Martha DARRAH-1233
sp-David DANA(DENNY)-1553
3-- Susanna DARRAH-1235
sp-BRYAN-1569
3-- Rebecca DARRAH-1234
sp-FAIR(PHAIR)-1554
3-- Elizabeth DARRAH-1236
2-- Henry DARRAH Capt.-624 (1730)
sp-Ann JAMISON-1240
3-- James DARRAH-1559
3-- William DARRAH-1560
3-- Margaret M DARRAH-1561
3-- John G. DARRAH-1562
3-- George DARRAH-1563
3-- Ann DARRAH-1564
2-- William DARRAH Capt.-622 (1735)
sp-Rebecca THOMPSON-1557 (1740)
3-- Archibald DARRAH-1565
3-- William DARRAH-1566
3-- five daughters DARRAH-1567
2-- James DARRAH-625
2-- Agnes DARRAH-626
sp-John DAVIS-1238
2-- Esther DARRAH-627
sp-George SCOTT-1237
2-- Susanna DARRAH-628
sp-Dr. KUHN-1568

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MILNER CASE GOES TO JURY

ELOQUENT PLEAS BY TALENTED COUNSEL

The Verdict Extremely Probimatical
Much Interest Manifest
In the Case

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After the prosecution had had Milner on the rack for some time Tuesday afternoon, the defense had their last witness sworn. This was Dr. J. F. Martin of Los Angeles, who had been a member of Darrah's family for several months. He told of threats made by Darrah against Milner's life. Explained as the reason that neither of Darrah's shots took effect that the rifle barrel was bent, and hence it could not shoot true.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up with rebuttal testimony, in which no new or additional facts were brought out. This closed the case, with the exception of arguments by the counsel.

ARGUMENTS BY COUNSEL

The court room was crowded when the Milner case was called at 8 o'clock this morning, those present expecting to be treated to some fine bits of court-room oratory, and they were not disappointed.

Attorney Gill opened the case for the prosecution, and in opening paid a compliment to Hon. Tom Fitch of the defense. Never before in the history of legal procedure in the court had there been an orator of national reputation employed as counsel. Mr. Gill then warned the jury

raising any specious arguments that Col. Fitch might use, assuming that he might attempt to appeal rather to their sympathies than their judgments. He then summed up the testimony, arguing that the crime was a premeditated one, and that they should bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Mr. Gill's friends declare that this address was one of the most eloquent and forceful ever made before a Riverside county jury.

Mr. North followed the district attorney, and made a masterful plea for his client. His summing up of the testimony for the defense was logical and convincing, and his handling of the defense's testimony left few of their vulnerable points assailed. He spoke for nearly two hours, and was listened to with the closest interest by the jury and court room audience.

Hon. Tom Fitch began his address to the jury at 1:30, and is still pouring out logic and eloquence when this report closes. The court room is packed to the core and the speaker is being given the closest attention. The silver-tongued orator is not disappointing his auditors, and in some respects his address is much more effective than it was expected to be. Eloquent Tom is demonstrating that he is a master of logic as well as oratory.

A VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER

FINDING OF JURY IN MILNER MURDER CASE

**Defense Will Move For a New Trial,
and if That is Not Granted
Will Appeal the Case**

The People of the State of California, vs.
John F. Milner, defendant:

We, the jury in the above entitled ac-
tion, find the defendant guilty of man-
slaughter.

GEORGE H. DOLE, Foreman.

Such was the verdict rendered by the
jury which tried John F. Milner of Ban-
ning for the murder of S. J. Darrah.

The case went to the jury at 5:30 last
night, and it was not until 9:30 this morn-
ing that they came to an agreement. It
is understood that on the first ballot the
votes stood: Guilty, 8; not guilty, 4. The
votes were frequently changed during
the night, and for a time it looked as if a
verdict would be impossible.

The verdict is generally regarded as a
compromise measure, and is satisfactory
to neither party of the suit. Mr. North,
attorney for the defense, declares that the
verdict is without any foundation in evi-
dence, and is entirely unwarranted. He
believes the malignant attacks on Milner
by the Enterprise had the effect of in-
fluencing the jury adversely against his
client.

Mr. North will move for a new trial,
and believes that the judgment is reversi-
ble on the sole grounds that the verdict
was not in accordance with the evidence.

Should the application for a new trial
not be granted, the case will be appealed
to the supreme court.

District Attorney Gill was asked for his
opinion of the verdict by a Press reporter.
"The verdict is altogether too light,"
he said. "It should have been murder
in the first degree."

It is said that a legal point might be
made against the verdict of the jury on
the ground that the foreman, Mr. Dole, is
an American citizen, he having been
a member of the Hawaiian legislature
during the time he was a resident there.

The point was raised last fall when
Mr. Dole was nominated for the assembly,
and District Attorney Gill then gave the
following opinion:

Riverside, Cal., Nov. 2, 1896.

Hon. George H. Dole, City:

Dear Sir:—In answer to your inquiry in
reference to your citizenship, I will say
that the naturalization laws of this coun-
try provide that "children of persons who
now are or have been citizens of the
United States shall, though born out of
the limits and jurisdiction of the United
States, be considered as citizens thereof."

As you have informed me, your parents
were both American citizens and always
remained such, and that you were born in
Hawaii; I take it, that you come under
this provision of the law, you being the
son of American citizens who never re-
nounced their allegiance to this govern-
ment and you never having affiliated
yourself with any other government, you,
by the provisions of the law above quoted,
are a citizen of this country and entitled
to vote, provided, of course, your name
is upon the last great register of this
county.

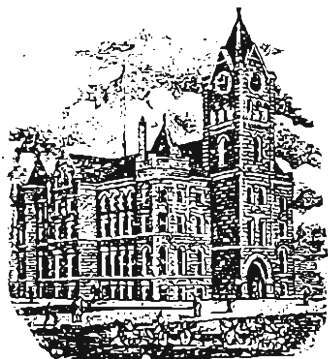
Respectfully yours,

L. GILL,

District Attorney.

On the advice of the attorney general,
however, Mr. Dole withdrew from the
ticket, so that it seems as if some techni-

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REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather THOMAS J. DARRAH
 Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GRANDDAUGHTER
 Month and year settled in McPherson County MONTH NOT KNOWN 1869
 Township and section number or town in which forefather settled ?
 Occupation of Pioneer Settler CATTLEMAN
 Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer LEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA IRISH
 Pioneer's age when he settled in County 26
 Did settler homestead in McPherson County? NOT KNOWN
 Is homestead still in possession of family? No
 Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: JOHN BRENT SHEETS, 712 PENN, McPHERSON

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? No

SEE ATTACHED

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - Your Signature: Margaret Ann Darrah Sheets
 If woman, Maiden Name: MARGARET ANN DARRAH SHEETS
 Your address: 1400 RANCH ROAD, McPHERSON
 Your occupation: RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER & HOUSEWIFE



Thomas J. Darrah

THOMAS JONES DARRAH. One of the men most prominently identified with the development of McPherson County from pioneer times forward, and who made a striking success in business, was the late Thomas Jones Darrah, who died in the City of McPherson May 4, 1916.

Mr. Darrah was in his seventy-third year when death called him. He was born in Burke County, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1843, a son of Dr. James and Margaret R. (Jones) Darrah, who were also natives of the Keystone state. Prior to the Civil war, Doctor Darrah brought his family out to Kansas and located in Leavenworth County, where he lived until his death. The widowed mother afterward died in McPherson County.

Owing to the conditions under which his boyhood was spent, Thomas J. Darrah derived most of his education from the great teacher, Experience. His alert mind, keen perception, and remarkable memory enabled him, when but a boy, to meet the responsibilities and undertake business ventures worthy of a man. He and his brother Sam, just a little older than himself, engaged in freighting over the Santa Fe trail, a profitable but hazardous business in those days of Indian raiders and frontier desperadoes. They not only hauled freight for the Government, mails, money, etc., and for other shippers, but they often bought their own loads and carried on a prairie mercantile business. The cargo was always valuable and frequently they had to defend it at the risk of their lives. The capital required to buy wagons, mules, horses and other equipment would have dismayed more conservative young men, but the Darrah brothers dared to use their credit and their enterprise was rewarded with success.

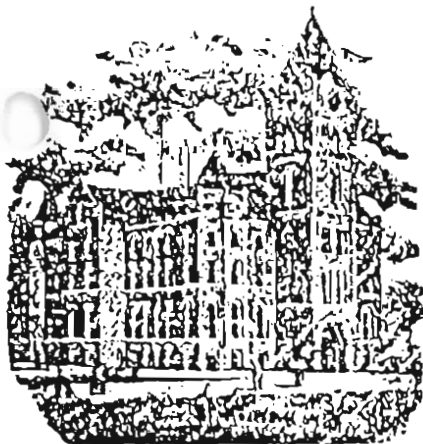
In 1871, after the railroads took over the work of freighting, Mr. Darrah went into the new district of McPherson County and located on Government land. He improved a claim and gradually extended his interests until he was one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of that section. He always did business on a large scale and with the typical generosity of the westerner.

On July 17, 1888, at McPherson, he married Miss Hannah Nelson. Mrs. Darrah, who is still living at McPherson, was born in Sweden, September 30, 1863, a daughter of John and Margaret (Johnson) Nelson. She came to America with her parents in 1868. The Nelson family located at Lindsborg in McPherson County and were among the pioneers of that community. Mrs. Darrah is a sister of Mr. J. M. Nelson, a prosperous merchant at Lindsborg, whose career is sketched on other pages of this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrah had a family of six children, five sons and one daughter, all of whom are still living. The daughter, Margaret R., married John F. Battaile and resides in Houston, Texas, where Mr. Battaile practices law. They have one child, Margaret Jane. The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Darrah are as follows: Thomas J., Jr., born May 30, 1891, a graduate of the Kansas State Agricultural College and now an active young farmer in McPherson County; Andrew Nelson, born October 5, 1893; Samuel James, born November 25, 1895; Edward Bryan, born November 22, 1897; John J., born May 3, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Darrah also reared a niece, Bess L. Darrah, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Norton) Darrah.

Mr. Darrah was a member of the Congregational Church. He was well known fraternally and had affiliations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was always loyal to his home community, to his friends, and

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REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather Carl Johan Ludvig Engdahl
 Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler Granddaughter
 Month and year settled in McPherson County 1870
 Township and section number or town in which forefather settled NW 1/4 Sec 28-17-5
 Occupation of Pioneer Settler Farmer
 Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Jonkoping Province Sweden
 Pioneer's age when he settled in County 5 years old Came with parents
 Did settler homestead in McPherson County? Yes - Corrected on Note
 Is homestead still in possession of family? Yes
 Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: Carl Stanley Engdahl
Marquette, Kansas

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest?

Freemont Lutheran
 Confirmed Freemont Church 1889
Marquette Elm Lutheran Church 1898

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Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: Carolyn L. Houghton
 If woman, Maiden Name: Peterson
 Your address: 1780 S. Filbert Ct. Denver CO
 Your occupation: Retired

land purchased here from
Daniel Engdahl
Originally written
land, then Kansas, then Engdahl
October 12, 2000

Dear Lin¹ and Mary too:

You know the old adage--"If you want it done right, do it yourself."

Well, I don't know if I actually did this right because the word "homesteader" is not clear to me. I imagine he did not get his land under the Homestead Act, so does that term apply to him.

Also, I am not sure when he bought the land. He lived in Denver when he got married in 1895 and moved back to Marquette shortly after that. I suppose the land papers have that information. If you look up this info, would it be too much trouble to send me a copy - if that is possible. It would be a good addition to the Family Tree. Stan still has the farm.

I have recently re-opened the Engdahl tree and am in touch with 2nd cousins that I never met. In fact, didn't even know their parents - that family didn't have the bond and stay in touch like the Petersons. Have gotten the feeling that these new contacts have the same desire I do to learn more about the Engdahls. They all have said that reunions were always with their Mother's family.

My genealogy was put on hold while Jack was sick and it is fun to get back into it. I am going through a similar situation as you had, Mary, with the discovery of an error way back when in Sweden. Since 1992 I thought I had correct information on the Houghton side - lots of it taken from one family book that was published in 1912 and included Jack's Dad. Well, I have recently been in contact with a gentleman I met on the internet and he tells me that I am wrong from Jack's g-g father on back. So who do I believe? So much has been published about that family, but most trees were based on that one book. Makes it interesting!!!! I have an LDS Family History Library close by, but their hours are so limited that it isn't always convenient and they are always so busy that it is hard to get to some of the materials. I would love to get back to Salt Lake City - that was really a great experience.

I'll bet your Fall trip was nice. It is a glorious time of the year. We have hot for a few days and cool the next, but so far only a couple snow showers that didn't amount to much. A friend and I are going to Branson next week - looking forward to that.

So, guess this is about it. Lin - let me know what I owe for copies if you make any.

Stay well.

Love,

Carolyn

(See Daniel Engdahl
Sheet 2)

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Name in Sweden

REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Name in America → JOHN AXEL FALEN
Full Name of your Pioneer forefather AXEL GUSTAV AUGUST (CARLSSON)
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GREAT-GRANDSON
Month and year settled in McPherson County 1878 or 1879 BORDER OF
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled SMOKY HILL - SMOKY VIEW
Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER 34-524 McPHERSON - SALINE CO
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer TIDERSBURN, OSTER GOTLAND, SWEDEN
Pioneer's age when he settled in County ABOUT 46
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? NO
Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: LEONA JACOBSON BRATCHER
1287 11th AVE
McPHERSON, KS 67460-6056
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? NO, but additional information is enclosed that may be of interest

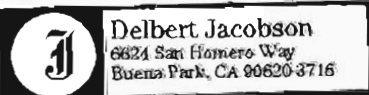
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Information provided by - - - - Your Signature: x Delbert Jacobson

If woman, Maiden Name: _____

Your address: _____

Your occupation: Retired Teacher



A Family History Book is on file at the libraries of McPherson College and Bethany College and at the genealogical societies in Lindsay and Salina.

Axel Gustav August Carlsson

(Name in Sweden)

John Axel Falen

(Name in America)

Sixth child of Carl Fredrick Falen & Maja Hansdotter

5-6 John Axel Falen-birth name-**Axel Gustav August Carlsson**

b. 24 Feb 1833, Tidarsrum, Östergötland, Sweden

d. 3 Jun 1906, buried, Rose Hill Cemetery, Lindsborg, KS

m. Josephine Matilda Carlsdotter, 23 Oct 1859, Tidarsrum, Sweden

b. 28 Apr 1838, Locknen utan Forswar, Kisa, Östergötland, Sweden

d. 27 Sep 1883, buried, Rose Hill Cemetery, Lindsborg, KS

m. Christina Johannesdotter Jensen, 5 Mar, 1884, Lindsborg, KS

b. 17 Feb 1846, Ljung, [Goteborg-Bohus], Sweden

d. 15 May 1933, buried, Rose Hill Cemetery, Lindsborg, KS

Occupation: John Axel; Farmer, Josephine and Christina; Homemakers

Last Residence: Lindsborg, KS

Children of John Axel Falen & Josephine Matilda Carlsdotter:

(Born in Sweden)

6-1 Anna Christina Sophia Axelsdotter, b. 25 May 1860

6-2 Emma Carolina Axelsdotter, b. 25 Nov 1863

(Born in America)

6-3 Hilma Falen, b. 25 Nov 1866

6-4 Frank Victor Falen, b. 17 Jun 1870

6-5 John Andrew Falen, b. 25 Jan 1875

6-6 Carl Oscar Falen, b. 1878

Children of John Axel Falen & Christina Johannesdotter Jensen:

6-7 Clarence Arthur Falen, b. 10 Dec 1884

6-8 Edith Magdelana Falen, b. 17 May 1888

According to records located in Tidarsrum Parish, Östergötland, Sweden, John Axel Falen was christened with the name, Axel Gustav August Carlsson. His father, Carl Fredrick Falen, was born in the Malexander Parish of Östergötland and moved to the Tidarsrum Parish after his marriage. In about 1859, Axel met Josephine Matilda Carlsdotter from the nearby Kisa Parish. On August 16, 1859, she moved from her home in Kisa to Orsänge in the Tidarsrum parish area. Axel and Josephine Matilda planned to marry. Swedish Lutheran Church law required that a couple post a notice (banns) of their intent to marry in the church for three Sundays preceding their announced wedding date. They posted their intent to marry on the twenty-eighth of August and on September fourth and eleventh in 1859. They were married in the church in Tidarsrum on October 28, 1859. Axel was twenty-six and Josephine was twenty-one years of age when they were married.

Axel had been a farm hand for many years in the area around Orvik and Kråkarp. On or about the time of his marriage, he moved a few miles north to Orsänge where Josephine Matilda had just moved. Here, he became a tenant farmer (topare) on the Thorsberg and Lodermo farms. The topare farms were usually quite small and contained a small cottage on the property. Sometime after their marriage they moved to the Torpet Karinge farm. Axel continued to farm in Orsänge for the next few years. During this time, two daughters, Anna in 1860 and Emma in 1863, were born to them.

Several families had immigrated to southeastern Iowa during the preceding twenty years. They had sent back glowing reports of a new found life and so Axel Gustaf August, and Josephine Matilda and girls headed for America. They left the parish of Tidarsrum on August 18, 1865 and immigrated to America. Axel was about thirty-two and Josephine Matilda about twenty-seven years of age when they left Sweden. Today no record of their journey across the Atlantic to America has been located. They probably left Sweden from the port in Goteborg. It is likely that Axel Falen and his family left Sweden on a steam ship. It was about this time when steam ships were put into service. During this time it would have taken approximately six weeks to reach America in a sailing ship and less than two weeks for a steam ship. It is not known today in which port they landed in America. It is possible the Falens arrived at a Canadian port before coming to America. More research is needed to determine the exact location of their arrival on the shores of North America in the fall of 1865.

A most interesting discovery in researching Swedish church records in an attempt to locate the whereabouts of Axel Falen when he lived in Sweden was the change of his surname from Carlsson to Falen when he and his family arrived in America. About four years after research was begun in trying to locate Johan Axel Falen in Sweden, the long awaited breakthrough came. Records in Lindsborg, Kansas indicated he came from Tiersona. After much searching it was found that no such parish existed in Östergötland. So, playing a hunch, a search was launched into different possible spellings of parishes that closely resembled Tiersona. Several thousand records in several likely parishes were researched. Finally, we researched records in the parish at Tidarsrum, Östergötland—but no Falens were found. Not giving up, it was decided to roll the films again and look for the name "Axel." Dozens of given names were listed on the roll for the name "Axel." Finally, the breakthrough came (See Pages 142-143) when the name of Axel Gustav August Carlsson came up on the screen. Axel's name was followed by the name of his wife Josephine Matilda Carlsdotter, daughters, Anna Christina Sofia and Emma Carolina. The given names were correct for his wife and children. The birth dates matched those used by the family in Lindsborg. The wedding date matched. The year they left for America matched United States Census records. The search was over. We had located the Falen's, or rather the Carlsson's in Sweden.

Axel's father's name was Carl Fredrick Falen, and Axel's given names were Axel Gustav August. Axel was given the surname "Carlsson" which followed the patronymic system of giving the offspring the plural of the father's first given name and then adding son—thus becoming Carl's son—Carlsson. When immigrants first arrived in New York the entire family generally adopted the same surname, and it is here that the surname Carlsson was probably changed to Falen.

The surname Falen was first used by Axel's grandfather, Samuel Larsson-Falen. Samuel was in a Swedish military unit and it was common practice for the original patronymic surname to be changed to something that related to the area in which the military person was stationed. It was common to assign a geographical name that alluded to the rote in which the soldier served. The rote was a section of land whose inhabitants were responsible for equipping and maintaining one soldier for their

area. Lars Samuelsson lived in and was stationed in the Fallerås Rote so it appears possible the name Falen evolved from that place. Also, the Falen surname appears in many French records, however, no connection has been found that links any of the Falen ancestors to a person of French descent.

Several stories have been tossed about concerning the Falen name. The first states that some great-great grandfather, was in the military, stationed in France, married a French girl, and, since there were so many "—son's" took her name. Another story said that Frank's great-great-grandfather was a French sea captain who came to Sweden during some war, stayed, and married a Swedish woman. And yet another states that Axel's wife, Josephine Matilda, had long black hair and was half French. No records have been found in the several parishes researched that would substantiate any of these legends. Nowhere have any records shown that one of the Falen ancestors came from France or married a person of French descent. It has been found, however, that several persons in France have the surname, "Falen."

When the Falen Family first arrived in the Burlington, Iowa area they lived in a log cabin and worked on a nearby farm. It is not known exactly where they lived, however, it appears to have been in the New Sweden area of Jefferson County—about sixty miles west of Burlington. Axel had worked on his small farm as a tenant in Sweden so it was quite natural that he would become a farmer when he arrived in America.

The 1870 U. S. Census shows that Axel and his family lived near Lockridge. Axel's brother, Andrew Peter Falen, owned forty acres two miles north of the two Swedish churches located in New Sweden. Axel probably farmed this land because his brother was a shoemaker in Burlington and lived too far away from New Sweden to farm the land. Arthur Falen reports that his father, Axel Falen, built a log cabin near Lockridge and that it was still standing in 1936 when he visited the Burlington area. Axel probably built the cabin on the land owned by his brother. Arthur Falen visited Caroline Peterson-Falen the widow of his uncle Andrew Peter Falen when he traveled to Iowa in 1936. She was an artist and had made a painting of the log cabin.

Axel, who had been a Lutheran in Sweden, is believed to have first attended the nearby Swedish Lutheran Church in New Sweden. During this time there was quite a bit of dissension among many members regarding the Lutheran doctrine. Axel apparently developed a friendship with the minister (A. G. Engstrom) of the Swedish Methodist Church in New Sweden and joined that church. The church records were accidentally destroyed for the Swedish Methodist Church in New Sweden so no record exists showing that Axel was a member. In the late 1860's and early '70's, Rev. Engstrom, who was also a woodworker, was instrumental in building the Swedish Methodist Church in New Sweden. It is also very likely that Axel joined his friend, Rev. Engstrom, in helping to build the church. Rev. Engstrom was also associated with the Swedish Methodist Church in Burlington, Iowa during the 1870's.

In the late 1870's, Axel Falen appears to have left New Sweden and moved into Burlington, Iowa. (Probably at the urging of Rev. Engstrom.) Burlington city directories indicate that Axel worked as a clerk in a retail store, possibly a photo shop, on Jefferson Street close to where his brother, Andrew P. Falen, had his

shoemaker's shop. The records also indicate that Axel boarded in the nearby Union Hotel and at the Moore House. Axel and family left Burlington, Iowa for Lindsborg, Kansas about 1878 or 1879. It is possible that Axel worked for only a brief period in Burlington and that his large family continued to live in New Sweden until they were ready to move to Lindsborg, Kansas. This is pure speculation. The rent at the Union Hotel was about two dollars per night and probably less at the Moore house. This would have been a very steep price to have paid for lodging in the 1870's.

While they were living in the New Sweden-Lockridge area, a third daughter, Hilma (1866) and three sons were born to them; Frank Victor in 1870, John Andrew in 1875 and Carl Oscar in 1878. Carl Oscar might have been born in Burlington.

About thirteen years after arriving in the Burlington, Iowa area, the Falens moved to Lindsborg, Kansas. The Methodist minister Axel had become acquainted with, Rev. A. G. Engstrom, had been transferred from the Swedish Methodist Church in Burlington to the Swedish Methodist Church in Lindsborg, in 1877. He prevailed upon John Axel to move to Lindsborg. John Axel and his family apparently accepted the invitation. In 1878 or 1879 they packed up their belongings in a covered wagon, hitched up the oxen or horses, joined a wagon train and headed south on the five hundred mile journey towards Lindsborg, Kansas. They came through Salina and arrived in Lindsborg where they were probably greeted by their friend, Rev. Engstrom. When Axel and his family reached Lindsborg, he had just two dollars in his pocket. The family lived in their covered wagon for a time until Axel was hired to work on a farm for fifty cents a day. They lived in the Rose Hill area, three miles northeast of Lindsborg, Kansas.

On April 14, 1879, Rev. Engstrom received the letter of transfer for John Axel and Josephine Matilda Falen from the Swedish Methodist Church in Burlington, Iowa to the Swedish Methodist Church in Lindsborg. Their eldest daughter, Anna, was also transferred into the Swedish Methodist Church then. It is not known how long the family continued to attend the Swedish Methodist Church. The Swedish Methodist Church joined the English speaking Methodist Church in 1917.

About four years after settling in the Rose Hill community, tragedy struck the young family. Josephine Matilda died on September 7, 1883. The cause of her death was not widely discussed by family members, however, some mention has been made that she died during childbirth. John Axel continued to live on a farm with his three daughters, Anna, Emma and Hilma and three sons, Frank Victor, John Andrew and Carl Oscar.

On October 22, 1883, about two months after the death of Matilda, John Axel purchased an eighty-acre farm north of Lindsborg in the Rose Hill Community. It was about three miles north of Lindsborg in section thirty-three of Smoky View Township, Saline County. He paid eleven hundred and eighty-three dollars for the farm.

During the time Axel was grieving from the tragic loss of his wife, Josephine Matilda and their unborn child, he would take walks along the nearby Smoky Hill River. Sometime during that fall or winter as Axel was walking along the bridge over the Smoky Hill River, located on the south side of Lindsborg, he came upon a woman

holding two young children. She appeared to be distraught and apparently was about to jump from the bridge. Axel, sensing that something was drastically wrong, approached the woman and consoled her. The woman turned out to be Christina Jensen. Axel found that she was grieving and was despondent over the loss of her husband, Johan Severin Jensen. He had died during the past summer because of a sunstroke suffered while working in a hot, Kansas wheat field just three months after emigrating to America from Denmark in the spring of 1883. Christina was receptive to Axel's kindness and he persuaded her not to jump. This is not the end of the story. Because of this meeting, Axel and Christina became friends. And this friendship led to marriage. They were married on March 4, 1884.

Christina and her two daughters, Emilie "Millie" and Jenny had recently moved into Lindsborg after Johan Severin Jensen's death. Following her marriage to John Axel Falen, she moved to his farm in the Rose Hill Community. Her eldest daughter, Emilie "Millie," was ten and daughter, Jenny was six. They now joined John Axel's family of six children—three boys and three girls—Anna, twenty-two, Emma nineteen, Hilma, sixteen, Frank, thirteen, Andrew, nine and Oscar, five. On December, 10, 1884, John Axel and Christina had their first child, Arthur and in 1888, Edith was born. The family now numbered ten children—two from Christina's first marriage, six from John Axel's first marriage and two from this union. The children of John Axel Falen and the children of Christina Jensen became stepbrothers and stepsisters to each other.

Then, in 1891, after living in the same house for about seven years, Frank Victor, twenty-one, a son of John Axel married Emilie "Millie" Josephine Marie, eighteen, a daughter of Christina, thereby making them husband and wife as well as being stepbrother and stepsister to each other. This has been an interesting footnote in the history of our Falen family.

Tragedy again struck the Falen family. This time it was John Axel. He fell off a fence in his corral. During the accident he injured his spine and became paralyzed, spending the remainder of his life confined to a wheelchair. John Axel Falen died on June 3, 1906 and was buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery northeast of Lindsborg, Kansas. His friend of many years, Rev. A. G. Engstrom officiated at his funeral.

After Axel's death, Christina moved into Lindsborg and had a house built in the three hundred block of North Cole Street. She lived there for many years until she became too frail to live alone. She spent her last years, on the farm east of Lindsborg, with her daughter Emilie "Millie" and husband, Frank Victor Falen. She had been widowed for a second time, having lived with her first husband, Johan Severin Jensen, only eleven years and with her second husband, John Axel Falen, for twenty-one years.



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REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather August Ferdinand Fensky
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler husband's grandfather
Month and year settled in McPherson County 6-1-1897
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled 22-21-1
Occupation of Pioneer Settler farmer
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer West Prussia, Germany - 1855
Pioneer's age when he settled in County came to America 1883
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? purchased home 6-1-1897
Is homestead still in possession of family? yes
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: back side (yes)

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? no

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: X Lola Jane Fensky
If woman, Maiden Name: Lola Jane Kiebbiel Fensky (Myron)
Your address: _____
Your occupation: retired



Ms. Lola J. Fensky
2721 Cherokee Rd
Moundridge, KS 67107-7433

tele. 620-345-2607

August Fensky born in West Prussia, Germany in 1855, came to America in June 1883. In February 1891 he married Eva Franz and they made their home on a farm in section 23, Meridian Township. In May 1897 he traded his farm in section 23 for David Regier farm in section 22-21-1 Meridian Township. (I have deeds and documents for proof but don't know why these two men traded farms.)

August + Eva had six children they raised on this farm.

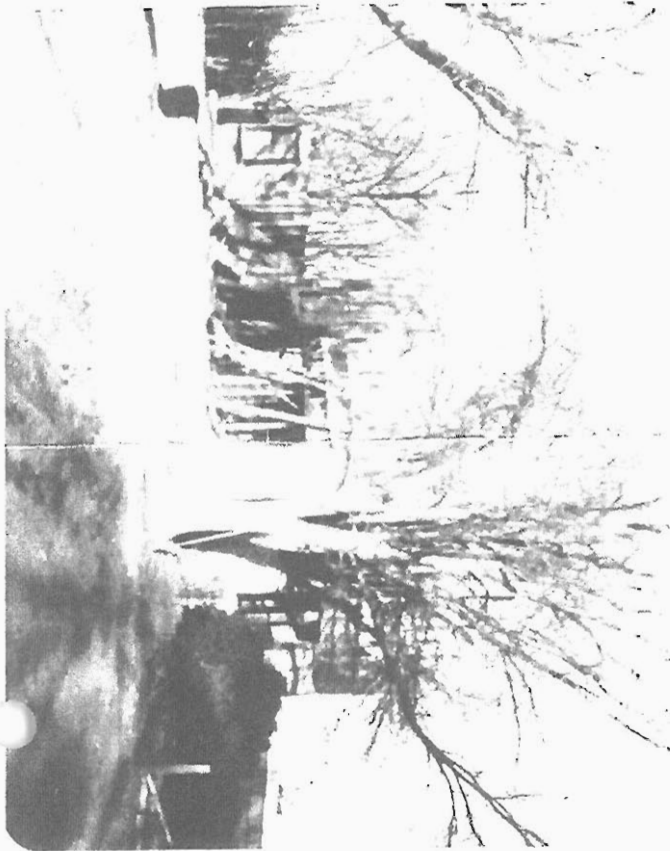
Carl H. Fensky was one son who was born & died on this farm 1900-1978.

Myron C Fensky, son of Carl, was born and raised on this farm.

Luke H. Fensky, son of Myron, purchased the farm in 1979 after Grandpa Carl's death from the heirs.

Luke H Fensky & wife Jody L Voth, Fensky still live on this farm and raised three children. Since 1897 this farm has been in the Fensky family; from Great Grandpa August Fensky to Luke H. Fensky
291 28th Ave

Down comes the old
farm home - 1980



Luke Fensky built this house,
with the help of his Dad Myron +
brother Brion, in 1980



for his bride, Jody.

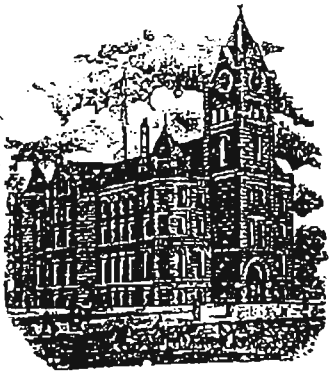
August + Eva
Fensky farm
home - 1906 -
six children





After three children, Luke and Jody
outgrew the little house. The new home
was built in 1997. Both homes are still
on this farm.

section 22-21-1 Meridian Township



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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather John William Giese!
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler Granddaughter
Month and year settled in McPherson County April 1900
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Galva
Occupation of Pioneer Settler Carpenter & General Repair Shop
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Wisher, Nebraska, nationality: Swiss German
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 24 years old (25)
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? NO
Is homestead still in possession of family? ---
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Yes Names and addresses: List on back of sheet

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? NO

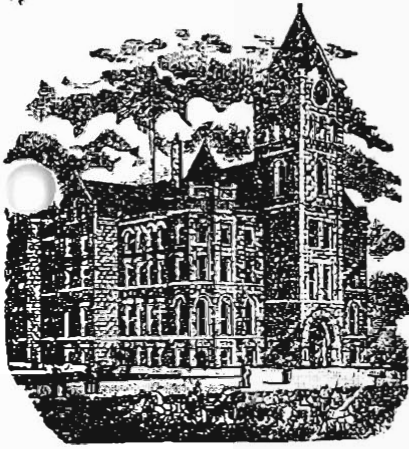
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Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: x Bernice Lorenzen
If woman, Maiden Name: Bernice Giesel
Your address: 2427 Lawrence Rd, City of KS 67428
Your occupation: Retired

Descendants who still reside in McPherson county

Barbara Jenkins, rural Windom
Jim Giesel, rural Gypsum
Daisy Giesel Friesen, McPherson
Kayden Friesen, McPherson
Beulah Unruh, Galva
Bruce Unruh, & children, rural Galva
Yvonne Friesen, rural McPherson
Jacki Koehn, & children, rural Canton
Amy Campbell, & children, McPherson
Lance Grant, & children, rural Canton
Kraig Friesen, & children, Galva
Evelyn Boese, Moundridge
Stephanie Walker, & children, McPherson
Talmage Boese & children, McPherson
Chad Boese & children, McPherson
Dawna Giesel Wedel, & children, rural Galva

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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather Johann Harder
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler Great Granddaughter
Month and year settled in McPherson County August 1874
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Superior Sect. 23
Occupation of Pioneer Settler Farmer
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Rosenort Russia - from Prussia
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 42
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? yes
Is homestead still in possession of family? _____
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: _____

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? _____

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Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: x Sara H. Harder

If woman, Maiden Name: Sara H. Harder

Your address: 101A Estate Dr., Juman, 67456

Your occupation: Homemaker/Farmwife Retired





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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather Elizabeth Stapp Harrison
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler Great Great Great Granddaughter
Month and year settled in McPherson County 1874 Clinton Twp Sec. 11
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Clinton Twp Sec. 11
Occupation of Pioneer Settler House wife
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Christian County, Kentucky - English
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 49 years
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? Yes
Is homestead still in possession of family? No
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: Jay H. Herren

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? No (Sold land + slaves in Kentucky in 1860 and moved north.)

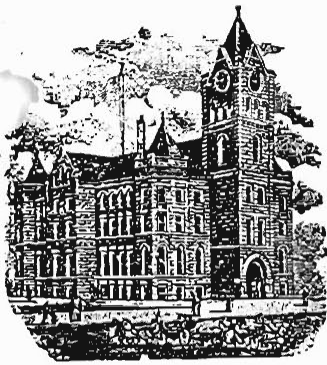
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Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: x J. J. O'Leary
If woman, Maiden Name: Patterson
Your address: 721 N. Main, Lindborg
Your occupation: Librarian



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Full Name of your Pioneer forefather GUSTAF HELBERG
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler GRANDFATHER
Month and year settled in McPherson County 9/26/1887 BONAVILLE Mo. Sec 4
Township and section number or town in which forefather settled TWP Sec 17-2
Occupation of Pioneer Settler FARMER
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer SWEDEN - SWED
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 49
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? YES
Is homestead still in possession of family? NO
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: YES

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? —

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Information provided by - - - Your Signature: Florence M. Loh
If woman, Maiden Name: FLORENCE HELBERG
Your address: 1517 MANCHESTER - McPHERSON
Your occupation: HOUSEWIFE



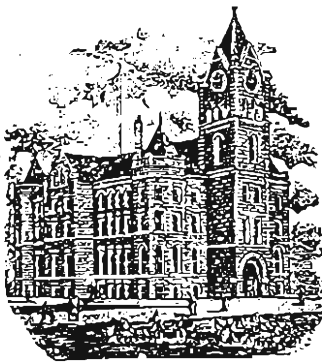
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Descendants of Gustaf Helberg

1 Gustaf Helberg b: August 25, 1838 d: December 24, 1906 Age at death: 68
+Mathilda b: February 26, 1852 d: May 26, 1932 Age at death: 80 m: August 20, 1873 Sweden
2 Hulda Helberg
+Erie Nel Glad
3 Eunice Glad
3 Gertrude Glad
+Gustaf Peterson
4 Margaret Inez Peterson
4 Constance Elin Peterson
3 Ruth Glad
3 Erie Glad
3 Ennis Glad
2 Emily Helberg b: October 03, 1874 d: August 31, 1960 Age at death: 85
+Frank Johnson
3 Irene Johnson
+Arnold Lindgren
4 JoAnn Lindgren
+Leo Anderson
4 Jeanette Lindgren
+?? Wagge
3 Mable Johnson
+John Friessen
4 John Jr. Freisen
4 Eugene Freisen
4 Don Freisen
4 Dell Freisen
3 Lawrence Johnson b: August 04, 1911 d: April 26, 1996 Age at death: 84
3 Florence Johnson
2 Anna Helberg b: May 20, 1876 d: November 14, 1956 Age at death: 80
2 Gust Helberg b: May 23, 1878 d: April 17, 1949 Age at death: 70
+Anna Norstrom b: January 24, 1884 d: February 03, 1983 Age at death: 99 m: November 14, 1906
3 Earl Theodore William Helberg b: November 25, 1909 d: November 14, 1961 Age at death: 51
+Clara Nichols
4 Nancy Jane Helberg b: October 05, 1946
+Don Givens
5 Jeff Givens
5 Kristen Givens
3 Marion Helberg b: June 14, 1907 d: February 08, 2000 Age at death: 92
+Joyce Peterson b: December 21 d: October 28, 1979 Age at death: 57
4 Jerry Helberg
+Lee Conger
5 Tanya Conger Helberg
+Gene Colson
6 Blake Colson
6 Trevor Colson
6 Joey Colson
6 Jessie Colson
5 Tara Helberg
+Rick Johnson
6 Curtis Johnson
6 Charlie Johnson
6 Christy Lynn Johnson b: 1996
5 Tracy Helberg
+Mickie
6 Scott Helberg
6 Travis Helberg
6 Justin Helberg
6 Kyle Helberg
4 Sandra Helberg b: February 22, 1941
+Ernie Allen
5 [1] Michael Allen
+[2] Nina
5 [3] Laura Allen
+[4] Tom Williams
6 [5] Jacob Williams
6 [6] Morgan Rence Williams b: 1996
5 [7] Guy Allen
+[8] Melanic
6 [9] Seth Alexander Allen b: August 12, 1997
*2nd Husband of Sandra Helberg:
+Gary Armstrong
5 [1] Michael Allen
+[2] Nina

..... 5 [3] Laura Allen
 +[4] Tom Williams
 6 [5] Jacob Williams
 6 [6] Morgan Renee Williams b: 1996
 5 [7] Guy Allen
 +[8] Melanie
 6 [9] Seth Alexander Allen b: August 12, 1997
 *2nd Wife of Marion Helberg:
 +Dorothy Jean Stewardson b: August 27, 1925 m: September 14, 1987
 3 Lucille Helberg b: April 06, 1921
 +Gilbert Brill b: July 23, 1917 m: January 17, 1942
 4 Mary Brill b: December 10, 1946 d: December 09, 1993 Age at death: 46
 +Ernest Kutzley m: Aft December 10, 1946
 *2nd Husband of Mary Brill:
 +Denny Maday m: Bef December 09, 1993
 4 Sally Brill b: July 26, 1953
 +Mike Jones
 5 [10] Michelle Renee Jones
 6 [11] Emilee Marie Jones b: October 24, 1995
 5 [12] Jami Lynn Deghand b: April 11, 1987
 5 [10] Michelle Renee Jones
 6 [11] Emilee Marie Jones b: October 24, 1995
 5 Jamie Lynn Deghand b: April 11, 1987
 *2nd Husband of Sally Brill:
 +Bernard Deghand
 5 [10] Michelle Renee Jones
 6 [11] Emilee Marie Jones b: October 24, 1995
 5 [12] Jami Lynn Deghand b: April 11, 1987
 2 Hanna Helberg b: September 30, 1882 d: November 04, 1898 Age at death: 16
 2 Melvin Helberg b: October 10, 1884 d: May 18, 1924 Age at death: 39
 2 Joe Helberg b: March 24, 1886 d: January 16, 1966 Age at death: 79
 2 Robert John Helberg b: December 13, 1887 d: May 13, 1975 Age at death: 87
 +Mabel Nelson b: August 20, 1899 d: April 18, 1955 Age at death: 55 m: September 05, 1927
 3 Florence Helberg b: March 28, 1933
 +Arehie Thorburn b: February 25, 1931
 4 [13] Connie Thorburn b: April 01, 1953
 +[14] Rick Farnsworth b: March 06, 1951 m: December 18, 1970 McPherson Ks.
 5 [15] Brandy Farnsworth b: August 12, 1972
 +[16] Gale Alan Wenthe b: January 24, 1966 m: February 18, 1995 McPherson Ks.
 6 [17] Bryce Alan Wenthe b: July 15, 1995
 6 [18] Braylan Lee Wenthe b: June 08, 1999
 5 [19] Matthew Farnsworth b: October 17, 1976
 *2nd Husband of Florence Helberg:
 +Donald L Rich b: August 06, 1931 m: May 28, 1978 McPherson Ks.
 4 [13] Connie Thorburn b: April 01, 1953
 +[14] Rick Farnsworth b: March 06, 1951 m: December 18, 1970 McPherson Ks.
 5 [15] Brandy Farnsworth b: August 12, 1972
 +[16] Gale Alan Wenthe b: January 24, 1966 m: February 18, 1995 McPherson Ks.
 6 [17] Bryce Alan Wenthe b: July 15, 1995
 6 [18] Braylan Lee Wenthe b: June 08, 1999
 5 [19] Matthew Farnsworth b: October 17, 1976
 4 Cindy Thorburn b: November 26, 1955
 +Jack Mizzell b: July 09, 1952 m: June 23, 1972 McPherson Ks.
 5 Catrina Jo Mizzell b: July 10, 1975
 5 Weston Mizzell b: November 06, 1979
 *2nd Husband of Cindy Thorburn:
 +William Crepe m: January 09, 1999 Canton Ks.
 5 Catrina Jo Mizzell b: July 10, 1975
 +Ron Sharp m: September 05, 1998
 5 Weston Mizell b: November 06, 1979
 4 Melinda Rich b: July 10, 1960
 +John C. Taylor m: McPherson Ks.
 5 Chase Martinson Taylor
 5 Nathan Taylor
 4 Tina Rich b: February 14, 1962
 +Robert Cherry
 5 James Cherry
 5 Nicole Cherry
 5 Lisa Cherry
 2 Edith Helberg b: December 18, 1889 d: April 07, 1973 Age at death: 83
 2 Ruth Helberg b: December 22, 1891
 +Rollo Timponi
 Bertha Helberg b: November 23, 1893 d: November 24, 1970 Age at death: 77
 Ayron Clark b: December 17, 1897 d: May 24, 1984 Age at death: 86
 3 Barbara Jean Clark b: August 11, 1929

..... +Dwight Allen b: May 02, 1928
..... 4 Terri Lea Allen b: March 22, 1952
..... +Gary Mallory b: December 01, 1951
..... 5 Jeffery Mallory b: January 08, 1980
..... 5 Micheal Mallory b: June 29, 1982
..... 4 Laurie Marie Allen b: April 09, 1956
..... +Bryant
..... 5 Jon Micheal Bryant b: April 29, 1982
..... 5 Lindsay Rae Bryant b: May 08, 1986
..... 2 Elvira Helberg b: April 18, 1895 d: June 20, 1987 Age at death: 92



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All four names are the same person

1. James M. Henrich

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather ^{2.} James M. Henry, ^{3.} James H. Henrich, ^{4.} James H.

Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler great-great granddaughter Heinrich

Month and year settled in McPherson County 1883

Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Township 18, Section 23

Occupation of Pioneer Settler farmer S. Sh. Creek 18-5

Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer Carlisle, Pennsylvania German

Pioneer's age when he settled in County 37

Did settler homestead in McPherson County? no

Is homestead still in possession of family? no

Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: no

Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? Civil War Veteran Ohio Comp Cavalry Company I, Regiment 8. He died in 1886, is buried in Excelsior Cemetery. While in the Civil War, between 19th and 30th day of June 1864 near Liberty, West Virginia, James was injured when his horse blundered →
(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: X Heathcock King

If woman, Maiden Name: Duncan

Your address: 9702 Charlotte Wichita, KS 67205

Your occupation: homemaker



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in crossing a narrow ravine and fell on top of James. James was in the line of his duty on a scout at the time. His stomach bothered him from that time ~~on~~ until his death 19 March 1886. He died of "inflammation of the stomach."

Note: James' comrade, who helped James stand up after his horse fell on him was William Ream. William Ream gave an affidavit on 13 Feb 1904 in Enon, Ohio that described the incident. There is a William Ream in the 1884 Atlas of McPherson County, KS - SW 1/4 Section 34 Jackson Township. These William Reams may or may not be the same person.



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December 11, 2001

Heather King

9702 Chartwell St.,

Wichita, KS. 67205

Dear Heather:

In reply to your comments on the back side of your Pioneer Resort, I find that the Wm. Ream who settled in Jackson Twp. SW 1/4 Sec. 34-19-4 - - Jackson Twp., He is not listed in the list of Civil War Veterans on the bronze plaque in front of the Statue of General J. S. McPherson in our Memorial Park just west of the Court House. The list of purchasers of the 1884 Atlas shows he did not come to McPherson County 1874, and came from Ohio. The land in South Sharps Creek Twp., - - NE 1/4 Sec. 23-18-5 (South Sharps Creek Township.) is listed in the Atlas under J. F. Henry. He is not listed as a purchaser of the Atlas, and therefore, it does not show when he came to our county.

You state he (Henry) is buried in Excelsior Cemetery, which is in S. Sharps Creek Twp.. Mr. Wm. Ream is buried in the McPherson Cemetery, having died 5-07-1901, as well as four other members of his family - - A Fannie died in 1883 - - no date given. Perhaps any obituaries for Wm. and his family would give details?

I hope this may help you.

Sincerely,

cc: File

Family buried McPherson Cem
+ Annie - 1883
+ Frank 3.21.1965
+ Wilda 11.18.1976
Infant . 1884
not Henry

Linn Peterson, Pres.
 540 E. Hill St.,
 McPherson, KS. 67460

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Kansas, McPherson County, ss.

Before the clerk of the District Court of the Frederick Judicial District of said State, personally appeared Frederick Philke, a native of Germany, aged about 11 years, who being duly sworn, upon his oath declares that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA, and to renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign power, prince, potentate, state, and sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Emperor of Germany of the German Empire of whom he was heretofore a subject.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, this 11th day of October, A. D. 1882.
Frederick Philke
Clerk.
D. B. Jeffers
Deputy.

STATE OF KANSAS, McPherson COUNTY, SS.

I, D. B. Jeffers, clerk of the District Court of the Frederick Judicial District of the State of Kansas, sitting in and for the County of McPherson, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full and complete copy of the original declaration of intention of Frederick Philke to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, as the same appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my

office in the City of McPherson, County and State aforesaid, this the 11th day of October, A. D. 1882.

D. B. Jeffers
Clerk.
By Deputy.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

STATE OF KANSAS,
County of McPherson,

OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 27th day of March A. D. 1900, I, [Signature], was issued from my office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy.

Marriage License.

STATE OF KANSAS, McPHERSON COUNTY, ss.

March 27th

A. D. 1900

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Fritz B. Wilke of Luman, Kan.
aged 27 years, and Clara Heger of Luman, Kan.
aged 15 years; and of this license you will make due return to my office within thirty days thereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, [Signature]

Judge of the Probate Court in and for McPherson County, aforesaid, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office, this 27th day of March

A. D. 1900

[Signature]
Probate Judge

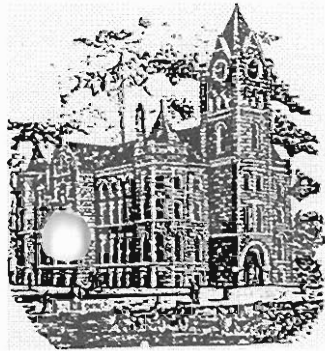
STATE OF KANSAS, McPherson County, ss.

I, Adolph Kueper
on the 27th day of March
Luman Kan
29 March 1900

I do hereby certify that, by virtue of the within license, I did,
A. D. 1900, join in marriage the parties therein named.

Adolph Kueper
Minister of the Gospel

1966



McPHERSON COUNTY

rec. 10-3-2002

Historical Society

INC.

McPHERSON, KANSAS 67460

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REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather Frederick H. Hoefler
 Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler great-great granddaughter
 Month and year settled in McPherson County prior to 1874
 Township and section number or town in which forefather settled Little Valley Twp. Section 12
 Occupation of Pioneer Settler farmer N.W. 1/4 Sec. 12-21-5
 Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer around Dusseldorf, Germany
 Pioneer's age when he settled in County about 32
 Did settler homestead in McPherson County? yes
 Is homestead still in possession of family? No
 Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson County? Names and addresses: Ruby Walline 419 S. Lucy; Karen Mendoza 424 S. Hickory; Kina Mendoza 515 W. Ave A; Margie Hansen 1837 9th Ave; Elnora Wilke 411 S. Hartup; Janet Helms 548 E. Mill St; Jackie Bohnenblust 220 S. Walnut; Jeanette Stockham 308
 Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting trails west and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of particular significance or interest? No See Attached and back

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - - Your Signature: x Elizabeth Johnson

If woman, Maiden Name: Walline

Your address: 1155 W 51st South, Wichita 67217

Your occupation: Retired

Additional Family Information: Leona Hoefler Enty daughter of Daniel & Lulu Hoefler was born Jan 2, 1908 in Inman. She is 94 yrs old and lives in Sunshine Home in Buhler.



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1900 US Census R488 Enumeration District 140, Sheet 5, 85B,
Lines 65-72, Little Valley Twp. Fred Hoefler

Frederick H. Hoefler was born March 3, 1843 in Germany and immigrated to Iowa as a young boy. His 1st wife Hannah Schaevee was born May 11, 1847 in Primrose, Lee County, Iowa. They married around 1867 and moved to Inman, McPherson Co, Ks before 1874. See attached record for homestead information.

Their 5th child was Daniel Conrad Hoefler, my great grandfather. He was born 3½ miles N.W. of Inman on Nov 1, 1879. He lived and worked in the Inman Community all his life. He was custodian at the Inman Grade School, Evangelical Church, and N. Inman Cemetery.

Daniel married Lulu Ethel Bowers on Dec 9, 1903 in McPherson by Probate Judge S. A. Sward. See attached marriage license. Lulu was born in Geneva, Indiana Aug. 31, 1886. In 1898 at age of 12, she came to Inman on an Orphan Train. She lived with Abraham Toers family until her marriage in 1903.

US Census 1900, R488, ED 140, Sheet 5, 85B, Line 55
Little Valley Twp.

Frederick, Hannah, Daniel and Lulu are all buried at the North Inman Cemetery.

Mabel Inez Elizabeth Hoefler, 2nd born to Daniel & Lulu, was born in Inman Feb. 19, 1906. She married Noah Henry Potter on Aug 12, 1924 in Hutchinson. Two of their daughters still live within McPherson County. Ruby Potter married Daniel Walline on March 27, 1943 at the McPherson Court House. Karen Mendoza & Elizabeth Johnson are 2 of their daughters. Margie Potter married M. D. Hansen and resides in Harper Twp.

Clara Louise Hoefler, 6th child born to Frederick & Hannah Hoefler, born on Oct 7, 1881 in Inman. She married Frederick C. Wilke March 29, 1900 at Inman. Their daughters and granddaughters are: Elnora Wilke, Jeanette Stockham, Jackie Bohnenblust, and Janet Helms all of McPherson. See attached pages.



Orlena Bell Aspy Bowers
Lulu's mother



Lulu Ethel Bowers Age 10



Dan & Lulu Hoefler
about 1903 - 1904



Hoefler Children
Leona, Myrl, Willis, Mabel & Ammiel
all born in ~~Ill~~ Kansas.

Wilke Family about 1924

Back Row: Vada, Gladys, Elnora, Rudy, Dorothy, & Hilda

Front Row: Clara, Jeanette & Fred.



The United States of America.

To all to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 3120Application 3129

Whereas, There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a CERTIFICATE of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Wichita Kansas, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Frederick Hofer has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the

North West quarter of Section Twelve in Township Twenty one South of Range Five West, in the district of lands subject to sale at Wichita Kansas containing one hundred and sixty acres.

according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General.

Now, Know Ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Frederick Hofer the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Frederick Hofer and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

(SEAL) Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the one hundred and fifth

By the President,

R. B. Hayes

By

W. H. Crook

Sec'y.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

The Judicial District of the State of Kansas,

Sitting in and for the County of McPherson,

May Term, A. D. 1878

Be it Remembered, That on this, the *Sixth day of May*

1878, personally appeared in open Court,
Fredrick Gofer, a native of *Germany*
and applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States, and produced a certificate of his declaration
of his intention to become a citizen, issued by the Clerk of _____

_____ dated _____ and proved to the
satisfaction of the Court here that he has resided in the United States for more than the period of five
years next preceding this application, and for one year last past, within the State of Kansas; and that
during the whole of that period he has conducted himself as a man of good moral character, attached
to the principles of this Government and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Thereupon, the Court being fully satisfied that said applicant has fulfilled all the requirements of
the laws of the United States, respecting the naturalization of Foreigners, and the said

Fredrick Gofer
having declared on oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and renounce and
abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince, Potentate, State or
Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Emperor of Germany*
of whom he was heretofore a subject. It is ordered by the Court, he, the said

Fredrick Gofer be, and he is hereby declared a citizen of the United
States of North America, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

State of Kansas, } **Sct.**
Mc PHERSON COUNTY.

I,

Clerk of the Court aforesaid, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and perfect copy
of the order naturalizing _____ as the same
now appears on record in said Court.

In Testimony Whereof, *I have herunto set my hand and affixed the*
seal of said Court, at my office in

this the _____ day of _____ A. D. 18

CLERK.

By

DEPUTY CLERK.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD

STATE OF KANSAS,
County of McPherson.

OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY.

BEFORE REMEMBERED: That on the 9 day of December
of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy.

A. D. 1903 there was issued from the

Marriage License.

STATE OF KANSAS, MCPHERSON COUNTY, SS.

McPherson Kans Dec 9 A. D. 1903

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony. Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage *Dan Hofer* of *Immane Kans*
aged *24* years, and *Lulu Brown* of *Immane Kans*
aged *18* years; and of this license you will make due return to my office within thirty days thereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I

*S. Seward**(Seal)* Judge of the Probate Court in and for McPherson County, aforesaid, have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office, this *9* day of *December*
A. D. 1903. *S. Seward*

STATE OF KANSAS, MCPHERSON COUNTY, SS.

I, *S. Seward*, do hereby certify that, by virtue of the within License, I did,
on the *9th* day of *December*, A. D. 1903, join in marriage the parties herein named.*Returned*
Dec 9 A. D. 1903.*S. Seward*
*Probate Judge*No. *2546*.

Inman Resident Passed Away

D. C. Hoefer Suddenly Passed Away On Tuesday Morning

The community was shocked and grieved by the death of D. C. Hoefer. Mr. Hoefer suffered a stroke while down town Monday evening. He was taken to Grace Hospital, Hutchinson, where he died at 3:15 a. m. Tuesday. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and five sons. Dan is going to be missed more and more as the days go by. His many years of experience as custodian of the grade school building served him well when called upon for a bit of finishing or repair work in a home. While serving as custodian of the Evangelical Church, which he did for fifteen years, every request—no matter how exacting—was granted cheerfully and with a smile. As an expression of appreciation of his services, the congregation honored him with a dinner at the church quite recently. He was serving as custodian at the cemetery north of town at the time of his death.

Obituary

Daniel Conrad Hoefer was born three and one-half miles northwest of Inman, November 1, 1879. He passed away Tuesday morning at 3:15 at Grace Hospital, Hutchinson, Kansas.

He lived in the Inman community all his life. At the age of fourteen years he was confirmed by Rev. F. P. Jens and became a member of the Evangelical Church and was true to that faith till the end.

In 1903 he was united in marriage with Lulu Bowers. To this union seven children were born, two daughters and five sons. Mr. Hoefer is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lulu Hoefer, Mr. Myral Hoefer and wife, Mrs. Mabel Potter and husband, Mrs. Leona Entz and husband, Mr. Amiel Hoefer and wife, Mr. Willis Hoefer and wife, Mr. Millard Hoefer and wife, Mr. Dale Hoefer and wife, fourteen grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church in Inman, Thursday afternoon. He was laid away in the Inman Cemetery.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT



Of the 25th Judicial District of the State of Kansas,

Sitting in and for the County of *McPherson* *April* Term, A. D. 1889

Be it Remembered, That on this the *fifteenth* day of *April*

Frederick Wilke 1889, personally appeared in open court, a native of *Prussian Empire* and applied to be admitted a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and produced a certificate of his declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, issued by the clerk of *The District Court of McPherson County Kansas*, dated *October 11th 1888*, and proved to the satisfaction of the court here that he has resided in the United States for more than the period of five years next preceding this application, and for one year last past within the State of Kansas; and that during the whole of that period he has conducted himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of this Government, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Thereupon, the court being fully satisfied that said applicant has fulfilled all the requirements of the laws of the United States respecting the naturalization of foreigners, and the said

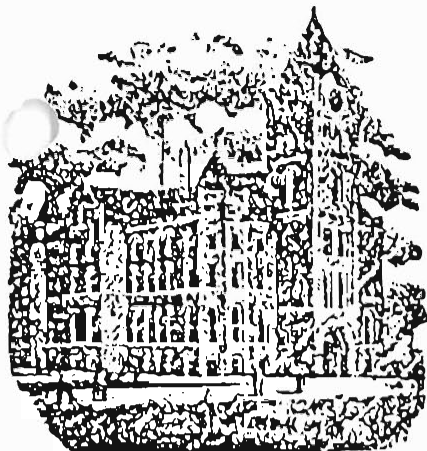
Frederick Wilke having declared on oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign power, prince, potentate, state, and sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the

Empire of Germany of whom he was heretofore a subject, it is ordered by the court he, the said *F. Frederick Wilke*, be, and he is hereby declared a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

Or and Doster
Judge of the 25th Jud. Dist. of
Kansas

State of Kansas,)
Set.
COUNTY.)

I, _____, clerk of the court aforesaid, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and perfect copy of the order naturalizing _____, as the same now appears on record in said court.



Rec. 5/11/00

McPHERSON COUNTY
Historical Society
INC.

McPHERSON, KANSAS 67460

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REGISTER OF PIONEER FAMILIES OF McPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Full Name of your Pioneer forefather DAVID S. HOLDMAN (David was
Your Relationship to Pioneer Settler my Grand Father - Phillard E Holdman
Month and year settled in McPherson County 1873 not sure of month
Township and section number, or town in which forefather settled Meridian Sec. 35
Occupation of Pioneer Settler Farmer + School Teacher + Veterinarian
Birthplace and nationality of Pioneer 7 E. 13 1/2 South of Moundridge Mo
Pioneer's age when he settled in County 44 50 Dec 35
Did settler homestead in McPherson County? Homesteaded 21-1
Is homestead still in possession of family? Part of it is owned by his son
Are there also other descendants of this settler who still reside in McPherson
County? Names and addresses: Frank Holdman my father owned the land
until he passed away in 1947 mother lived there in 1967 the home place was sold
I bought it Phillard Holdman my twin brother lives in Moundridge Phillard Holdman
Was the Pioneer a soldier in the Civil War, and if so, do you have any interesting
and pertinent information regarding the Pioneer Settler which you feel is of
particular significance or interest? no

(Please use reverse side of sheet if there is insufficient space above.)

Information provided by - - - - Your Signature: Phillard E Holdman

If woman, Maiden Name:

Your address: 121 Main Moundridge

Your occupation: farmed all my life now
retired



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Phillard E. Holdeman born June 20, 1918

5/10/2000

Frank Holdeman my father born July 1, 1874. farmed all his life lived on the old farm. til 1947 he passed away was buried in the cemetery on the south east corner of farm Grandpa David S Holdeman gave to community for burial. Grandpa David S Holdeman bought this farm. there were eleven children in our family.

Names Noah H. Lyla, Lee, Archie, Dorothy Nina, Adin, Phillard, Philbert Emma Lucila.

There are six left living.

Dad Frank Holdeman told the story when he was a boy. he remembered the time the last buffalo was shot on his Grandpa's farm. also he told when a boy he had to blow out the things he was afraid of most were the rattlesnakes & bumble bees.

Phillard Holdeman

5/10/00
This is some history
of our family.
When you think needs
to be marked out that is fine.

Thanks

Shillars

he has Van Procter in Dodge

(His Wife is in Cedar Grove)
in Mr. Pherson