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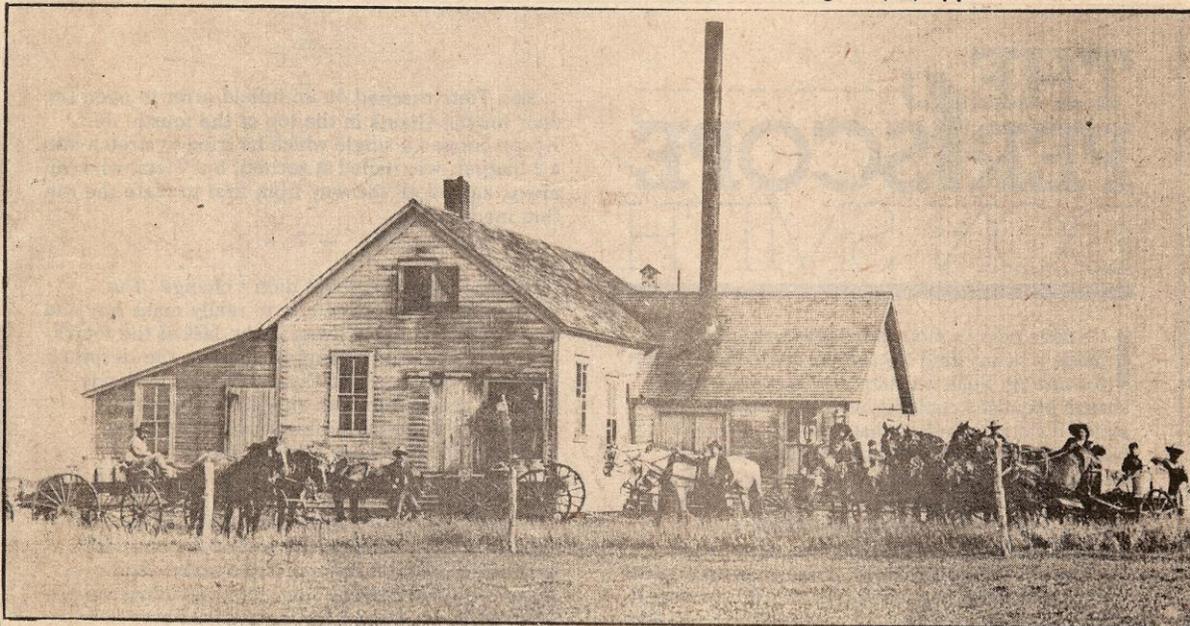
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The Busy Sexton Creamery

This rare picture of the Sexton Creamery is from the collection of Dorothy Blain Climer of Nora Springs. She is the granddaughter of Tom Blain, one of Sexton's pioneers. Dorothy forwarded the photo to Mrs. Jerome Eisenbarth of Algona for publication here.

It is believed that the Sexton Creamery was established around 1900. When this picture was taken it was a thriving center for farmers milk delivery. Sexton was in its prime as a village around 1912. The population was 140 and there were 2 pool halls, a hotel, livery barn, 2 banks, 2 elevators, 2 groceries, drug store, blacksmith shop, barber shop, lumber yard, depot, postoffice and telephone

switchboard.

Sexton got its start in 1889. Kossuth pioneer, Colonel John Spencer, donated land along the tracks and platted an area for the community that would suit his hay harvesting business. It enjoyed some spurts of business through the years, but never was able to match the modern growth of other, larger communities in the area.

The rugged spirit of Sexton lives on, however, in the form of the "Victory Bell" used at Algona High School. It comes from the Sexton church, built in 1894. When it closed in 1953, Glenn Gabrielson bought the property and donated the bell to Algona High.

Early Settlers of Union Township
(Continued from September, 2010 newsletter)

*Early History – as written by Mrs. Floyd R. (Ethel) Gardner in May of 1954
(Comments and updates as of 2003 added by Letty Henriksen in italics)*

In 1867 **Dr. W.T. BOURNE** (1837-1923) located on the SE ¼ of section 6 (2003-RATH & HEIFNER own the land) where the schoolhouse was located but the school has now been discontinued. He later sold this place to **Ed DONOVAN** (1849-1933) and bought the W½ of section 5. (2003-Opal BOURNE owns the land) He was **Dr. Melvin BOURNE's** grandfather.

Horace WHEELER (1840-1896) located on the NW¼ of section 8. With **Peter MARTIN** (1831-1874) south of him on the N½ of SE¼ of section 8 and **Joseph MARTIN** in a cave on W½ of SE¼ of section 6 (2003-Marjorie RATH owns the land) and **W.T. BOURNE** on the E½ of the SE¼ of section 6 (2003-Marilyn HEIFNER owns the land) and a southern man by the name of “**Devil**” **KING** on N½ of SE¼ of section 8. (2003-James DODDS owns the land) This made quite a few neighbors.

In 1869 **Fred POMPE** (1846-1922) located on the W½ of section 20 (2003-McENROE owns the land) which now is owned by Mr. **BICKERT**. **E.A. SPEAR** (1825-1910), a grandfather of **Bertha SARCHETT**, worked the S½ of the SE¼ of section 35 which is now owned by **Mark ELMORE**. Mr. **SPEAR** lived in Algona at the time. **George SIMPKINS** lived on the NE¼ of section 3, (2003-Michael SCOTT owns the land) now owned by **Delos GARDNER** (1883-1954). The **SIMPKIN's** were the parents of **Mrs. Hugh (Nettie) HERMAN** (1872-1946), **Fred KOEPKE** (1834-1924) lived on the NW¼ of section 3. (2003-FERSTL owns the land) The daughter **Mrs. DOEGE** now owns the place and the granddaughter, **Mrs. Clarence (Eunice) REIBHOFF** (1905-2003), lives there.

John KOEPKE (1837-1921) lived on the N½ of the NE¼ of section 2, where the daughter, **Mrs. Anna MARLOW** and son live. **Ed DONOVAN** (1849-1933) lived on the W½ of the SW¼ of section 6, (2003-Doris (WAGNER) HOLST owns the land) where Mr. **WOODS** recently lived. Later he bought the south half of section 6 and gave it to his three sons. Mr. **DONOVAN** was the first secretary of Good Hope Church.

James McMAHON located south of the church on the S½ of the NE¼ of section 8. Later his son **Hugh** lived there and **William “Bill”** another son lived across the road on the N¾ of the NW¼ of section 9, (2003-Marvin BROESDER owns the land) which **Fred PLUMB** (1893-1985) now owns.

S.D. PATTERSON (1841-1920) lived on the S½ of the SW¼ of section 9 (2003-Dennis SWANSON owns the land) where **Henry STEINMAN** (1869-1922) lived at one time but now is where **Walter WEISBROD** farms. **PATTERSON** sold out and moved to Algona and went into the grocery business.

Ed PATTERSON (1868-1905), son of **S.D. PATTERSON** (1841-1920) lived on the N½ of the SW¼ of section 9 (2003-Marvin BROESDER owns the land) on the **Ed BROESDER** estate where **William BROESDER** lives.

John McDONALD (1846-1882) settled on the S ½ of the SW¼ of section 8. (2003-40 acres is still owned by **BAKER Trust**) It was later owned by **William DODDS** but now is **Arthur BAKERS** (1903-1984). **John McDONALD** (1846-1882) married a **McARTHUR** girl. **Alex McDONALD**, a brother of **John's** lived west on the SE¼ of section 7 (2003-Joe KING owns the land) on the place from which **Floyd LONG** just moved.

Thomas HANNA (1838-1912) bought the N½ of section 6 (2003-Still owned by **Robert, Dorothy, Phyllis HANNA**) but had more land across the road that was in Burt township and where the house was located. There have been three generation working the land. A daughter of **Mr. HANNA** is

still living, Mrs. **Sadie SCHENCK** (1866-1954). (2010 *Gene HANNA, Robert's son, is farming the land*).

In 1875 **Rochus HARTMAN** settled on the N½ of the NE¼ of section 17. (2003-*Delores (DODDS) THILGES owns the land*) **Pinkeny WARD** (1877-1925) bought the place in about 1884. It is now the **Homer DODDS** place, but farmed by his son, **Robert** (1885-1918).

Joe OSTERBAUER settled in the NE¼ of section 7. (2003-*SHEY owns the land*) **Matt OSTERBAUER** in the NW¼ of section 7. (2003-*Darlene BOLLINGER owns the land*) He was Mrs. **Ann FLESHNER's** father.

Christian DAU (1834-1903) came in 1876 settled on the NE¼ of section 23 on what is now the **SCHOLTE** place and where **Carol WILLRETT** lives. Mr. **DAU's** son **Herman** (1867-1946) lived north of his father on the SE ¼ of section 14 and this is now owned by his son **Clarence DAU** and where **Joe MILLER** lives. Another son **Max** was on the N ½ of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of section 14 which is owned by **BROPHY**. **August DAU** (1864-1921), another son, lived on the NW¼ of section 13 (2003-*PRIEBE owns the land*) now the **DeGRAW** estate.

Conrad HERMAN owned the SW¼ of section 15 (2003-*Angeline DEARCHS owns the land*) which is now the **Henry DEARCHS** (1882-1959) place. **Hugh**, a son lived across the road on the NW¼ of section 22 and **Ernest**, another son, was on the NE¼ of section 22 and **John** had the E½ of the SW¼ and W½ of the SE¼ of section 21, which is now the **George KOHL** place.

About 1876 four **SALISBURY** brothers came from Wisconsin. **Marion** came first and settled in a log house on the NW¼ and ¾ of the NE¼ of section 15. This is the **Harry BATES** (1877-1955) place on which the son **Earl** (1901-1956) lives. Later **Marion SALISBURY** moved across the road on the SE¼ of section 9. Then **John** (1828-1889), the older brother, moved on the place **Marion** vacated. He died shortly before the family moved to the SE¼ of section 4 in 1889. In 1890 the sons, **Grant** (1865-1928) and **Linn** bought the NE¼ of section 11 (2003-*Donald LICKTEIG owns the land*) from **Bill STRICKLER**. This is now the **Frank HOFUIS** place. In 1897 **Grant** (1865-1928) married **Lizzie REID** (1873-1955) daughter of **Henry REID** (1848-1926). He soon bought out **Linn**. The brothers, **Marsh** and **Earl** lived around various places but soon left for Oregon with **Marion**. The mother died in 1904.

Others coming later were **G.L. CARROLL** (1854-1938) on the E½ of the NE¼ of section 13. This is now the daughter, **Helen VOGEL's** place, where Mr. **WIGGINS** lives. **Wm DODDS** came in 1885 located on the SE¼ of section 8, (2003-*James DODDS owns the land and lives there*). There has been four generations living on the place. (1954)

John COOK settled on the S½ of section 17, where **Thomas C. COVEL** lived before. Mr. **COOK** was better known as "**Cap**" **COOK**. He was the father of **Mrs. Melvin DUTTON**, and **Russell COOK** (1827-1894). **Elliot COOK** moved in 1889 on the W½ of the NW¼ of section 10 where Mr. **ANGLE** now lives. Mr. and Mrs. **Elliot COOK** were the parents of **Mrs. Tom (Cora) REID**.

S. H. McNUTT (1854-1938) lived on the W½ of the NW¼ of section 35.

(2003-*Dirk HOOVER owns the land*)

H.H. TURNBAUGH (1840-1918) was on the NW¼ of section 28 (2003-*Mary WEYDERT owns the land*) where **Matt WEYDERT** now lives. He was **Myrtle TURNBAUGH's** father.

Robert LEASON (1858-1937) owned the NW¾ of section 11 and which is still owned by his wife **Anna** (1866-1955).

Clark PECK (1843-1927) had the SW¼ of section 18 (2003-*McENROE owns the land*) where the son **Harvey** (1881-1967) lived for sometime but the land is now owned by his son, **Bert** (1869-1955), and Mr. **McENROE**.

Stephen TJADEN (1840-1914) located on NE¼ of section 10.

August DOERING was on the NE¼ of section 7 on what is now the **Jessie TURNER REID** (1897-1980) place and where **Arden HOVEY** lives.

(2003-Maurine HOVEY owns land in Section 7 SW $\frac{1}{4}$)

W.T. TAYLOR (1844-1907), better known as Trac, lived on the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 11.

(2003-Vic GARMAN owns the land)

D.D. KENYON had the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34 that **Harold HUNT** owns now.

(2003-Harold HUNT owns land in section 34 the NE $\frac{1}{4}$)

W.H. BAILEY (1856-1900), father of **Chester**, bought the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ in 1885. This place now belongs to **W.C. TAYLOR** (1873-1955) of Algona.

C.E. WALKER (1853-1937), a cripple, lived on the **Judson CHAPIN** place, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 29. This is where **Walter HEERDT** now lives and is the **GEILENFELD** estate.

C.D. WARD (1858-1936) bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$. The north part was bought in 1884. Mr. **WARD** married **Fannie SCHENCK** (1862-1930) in 1887 and moved to Plum Creek for a few years. Then he bought the rest of the place with a house and moved there. His daughter **Ethel GARDNER** owns the place. The south part was once owned by **Chauncey TAYLOR** and **Frank JENKINSON** (1857-1935) lived there after his first wife died leaving his with a small boy. He later married **Kate PALMER** (1856-1934) and the three older children were born there. After a time he bought $\frac{3}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27 where **Richard LEIGH** now owns.

George TAYLOR (1836-1863), son of **Chauncey TAYLOR** (1805-1876), bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 36 which **Frank HARRISON** (1825-1918) bought later. Mr. **HARRISON** built the first frame hotel in Algona. W., the son took over the place and it is now owned by Mr. **PUGSLEY**.

Henry REID (1848-1926) came to Union township in 1887 and located on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16 (2003-Fred FREESE owns the land) after he had taken claim in Burt township. The granddaughter, **Mrs. Raymond (Dorothy) VIGDAL** lives on the place.

Gevert KEUCK bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 5 (2003-Opal BOURNE owns the land) from the railroad company about 1879 and the son **Henry** lives there. A cheese factory had been on the place before he moved there.

James HUTCHINSON lived on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 4, (2003-Howard HOENCK owns the land) which later was the son **David's** place. **Mrs. Robert (Mary) SARCHETT** (1895-1981) was the granddaughter. The place is now owned by **Dr. LICHTER** of Burt.

B.F. SROUFE (1855-1942) lived on the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 12, now the Western Buyers property.

Charles BISHOP (1906-1933) owned the E $\frac{3}{4}$ of section 13, which is now the **F.S. NORTON** (1865-1931) estate and farmed by **Melvin ALT**.

W.B. CAREY (1819-1903), who lived in Plum Creek, owned about $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 25, which he bought from **Frank JARBEEK** in 1877. **M.C. CAREY** was the father of **Bertha CAREY GILBERT** one time county superintendent.

Charley ANDERSON lived on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 25, **CARRIERS, McFADDEN, KRIEPS** and now **Herald MOSHER** have lived there.

Julius MITTAG (1849-1909) owned the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 21, which was later purchased by **McENROE**.

Milton J. MOORE bought the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 20 (2003-McENROE owns the land) in 1902. He did not move on to the place the first year as he could not get possession until a year later. He reared and educated his eleven boys and one girl on this farm. He was supervisor of this district.

W.A. TAFT owned the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 2 later **James HANSON**, father of **Mrs. Lloyd (Luella E.) SCHENCK** (1896-1968) lived there. It is now owned by **Floyd BACON**.

J.F. SCHOBY (1866-1915) bought the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34 in 1902 which is now owned by **Robert LOSS**. (2003-Owners of the land, Alice LOSS 60 acres & Joe GARMAN 70 acres)

John RICKER (1848-1893) came to Kossuth in the early 1890's, located in Irvington township and later moved to Union township on the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 26 (2003-SHEY owns the land) where the

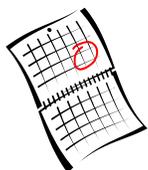
two older sons, **Joe** (1873-1961) and **Will** (1876-1963) have farmed since the father died in Irvington township in 1893.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

To give you a few ideas for New Year's resolutions, here's a list of things you can do throughout 2011 to make it a genealogically significant year:

1. Regularly write new chapters of your story in a journal--create a bit of family history for your descendants who will want to know your life's story.
2. Visit a living relative. It's never too soon to capture another story, or to record another digital image of the person or of a recently discovered document that the relative has.
3. Visit a dead relative. Capture a digital image of the tombstone, the plot, or some marker you don't already have in your digital archive.
4. Write the most concise explanation possible of why discovering family history and doing genealogical research is important to you.
5. Organize the photocopies and research notes that have been stacking up in your office, or on your dining room table, from numerous previous research outings. Commit to not engaging in "file-by-pile" when returning from research outings. Who knows, it's a habit that might catch on!
6. Convert more of your paper files to digital files for increased flexibility in preserving them and sharing them. Digitize old family documents and photographs, and then share them with family members.
7. Volunteer to do something tangible and specific to assist your local genealogical or historical society.
8. Attend a regional or national genealogy seminar. They are so spread across the country in 2011: RootsTech in Salt Lake City, UT; the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Springfield, MA; NGS in Charleston, SC; the Southern CA Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank, CA; FGS in Springfield, IL; and the National Black Genealogy Summit in Fort Wayne, just to name a few.
9. Join the genealogical society in your local area even if you may not have ancestors in that area. You're supporting good works.
10. Join the genealogical society in the area from whence an ancestor hails. It could be the key to unlocking some of your research challenges.
11. Map (literally!) the geographic route from you to your earliest confirmed ancestor (and maybe plan an excursion along some of it for your next genealogy road trip!).





12. Make a calendar of ancestral birthdays and anniversaries. It's just something fun to do and a great holiday gift for next year.

13. Read the history portions of those older county and town histories in which you found write-ups about your ancestors. It puts their lives in context. Write your own version of the history of the town during the time(s) your ancestor(s) lived there. It's a neat exercise in research and in discovering local history.

14. Write-up some family research you have done and "publish" it by placing a copy (paper or electronic) with KCGS. You'll be sharing and preserving.

15. Take photographs of a family heirloom and write a story about why that object is important in your family's history.

16. Organize your photographs--paper or digital. Let's get them all identified!

17. Pick one reluctant relative and share a digital image of something with him/her. If a picture is worth a thousand words, you might be surprised by with how much the person opens up and tells you.

18. Review old research notes and folders in your genealogical filing cabinet (real or virtual). You may find some answers just waiting for you!

19. Investigate whether there is a lineage society for which you qualify. It could be residency-based, military-based, or based on some other life event or activity. Applying is a great exercise in

organizing your research and making someone else understand what you have.

20. Visit a cemetery, any cemetery. See what local history you can learn from those buried there--the tombstone iconography, layout of the plots, the special markers, the surnames, the photographic images, and any notes or mementos left at the gravesites.



21. Create memorial pages on FindAGrave.com complete with photographic images, or post images to memorials already online.

22. Take a young person with you on your next genealogical research outing. You'll be surprised how fascinated youngsters and grandchildren are about what we do! (Yes, it is a genealogist's version of "take your child to work day!")

23. Register as a user of WeRelate.org. (Don't worry, it's free!) or add information and sources to pages already on WeRelate.org. (Yup, you guessed it--still free!). While you are there, upload a GEDCOM file to WeRelate.org. (Still no worries--also free!)

24. Interview your older relatives. Start with the ones you've always wanted to get around to interviewing but haven't. (Yes, that means *all* your older relatives!)

25. Have interested relatives help provide off-site storage and data security for your valuable research by giving them electronic copies of your genealogical records.

26. Create a piece of art centered on family history information: family scrapbook, shadowbox, webpage, quilt, etc.

27. Contribute to KCGS -- all gifts are welcome.

Best wishes for much happiness and great success in your genealogical endeavors in 2011!

NEWS FROM KCGS

As some of you may be aware, the Algona Public Library is in the early stages of renovation plans. Offices on the south end of the building formerly used by the Algona Community Schools will be vacated when the occupants move to their facilities in the new middle school addition to the public high school. Several members of the board of KCGS attended the first public meeting on November 30th where the library trustees sought ideas and opinions.

The genealogy room currently used is quite small as any of you who have visited it can attest. Since our formation 3½ years ago, KCGS has accumulated close to 400 items which cover a wide range of topics from cemetery records to high school yearbooks and beyond. When combined with the items that were already in the room owned by the library, little space remains for additional items. At the meeting we made a request for a much larger room which would allow us to display our current collection in a much more organized way as well as allow us to continue to add items as we acquire them. The gentleman conducting the meeting encouraged us to submit information in writing concerning our collection and estimating the amount of room we would like. We have done so. Obviously no promises were made and since the project is in the infancy stage, many factors will still come into play. However, we would encourage any of you who know any of the library trustees or Kyle Neugebauer, the library director, to make your voice heard if you would like to see the genealogy room expanded.

We anticipate another meeting coming up in the next several months with the architects who will be gathering information before drawing up initial plans. If you have time and the weather cooperates, come to the meeting and support KCGS in our efforts to increase our space. We would love to have room not only to display our collection but also to provide work space for visitors doing research. There is so much information yet to be collected for use in genealogy research concerning residents of Kossuth County that we feel we could easily fill a large room within several years. Any support you can give will be appreciated.

We are planning on having our annual meeting in March. Further details will follow.

Stay warm on these cold winter days.

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Letty Henricksen, Pat Klemm, Jean Kramer & Nancy Yeoman

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Lake Park: <http://lakepark.newspaperarchive.com> – Arnolds Park, Lake City, Lake Park, Milford, Terril, Spirit Lake, Mt. Ayr **User name:** lakepark – **Password:** library

Laurens: <http://laurenspl.newspaperarchive.com> - Laurens, Iowa newspapers online. **User name:** laurenspl **Password:** archive

Ruthven: <http://ruthvennewspaperarchive.com> - Ruthven, Iowa newspapers online. **User name:** Ruthven **Password:** heritage123

"The Diaries of Asa Cyrus Call" are posted in their entirety on BYU's library web site:

http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm4/document.php?CISO_ROOT=/FH30&CISOPTR=6761&REC=11 .

Recent Additions to the Genealogy Room:

Family Histories:

Michael Riebhoff Descendants (1807-1998)
 F. H. Slagle, His Family & Journal
 The Kressin Genealogy
 The Family of Lewis Edward Krantz
 Blain Family History
 Murray/Burt Family History
 Van Benschoten/Benschoten/Seeley/Seely—The Benschoter Line of Alice Ester Benschoter Seely
 A Seely Family History
 A Better Life—The Story of Johann Heinrich & Anna Kottman Lensing

Other:

Dorothy Climer Scrapbook Collection - Volume 9
 Bernice Shaw Scrapbook Collection –Volumes 1-4

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MEMBERSHIP:

Dues are \$10 per year individual/\$15 couple and run from March 1 to the last day of February. Membership includes subscription to the newsletter (one per membership). **In addition to membership dues, KCGS welcomes donations, both of money and/or genealogical materials.**

MEETINGS:

The Society meets in Room D of the Algona Public Library at 7:00 p.m. several times annually on a date to be announced. The annual meeting is held each March.

RESEARCH CHARGES:

The Society charges a minimum of \$5 for one-half hour of research and \$10 per hour thereafter, plus copying costs and postage. Your research requests can be mailed to KCGS at the address listed on the front of the newsletter or can be submitted via email to Nancy Yeoman at ncyeoman3@hotmail.com. When the materials requested have been located, a bill will be sent to you and upon payment receipt, the materials will be mailed to you. As a member of KCGS, you are entitled to submit queries for publication in the newsletter free of charge. If you are not a member of KCGS, there is a \$5 charge per query. (See the section "How to Submit a Query" in this newsletter).



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