Kansas Historical Notes

Daryl Schwab was reelected president of the Clyde Community Historical Society at a recent meeting of the group. Mrs. Dee Pearson was elected vice-president; and Mrs. Virginia Racette, secretary. The society sponsored a bicentennial banquet March 5, 1976, with Ken Church, Concordia, as the speaker.

One of the recently organized local historical societies is the Anthony Area Historical Society. Initial officers of the organization were: Ruth Bluhm, president; Arthur Joyner, vice-president; Howard Wimmer, secretary; and Nan Wilcox, treasurer. A membership drive was launched and a temporary museum opened in the city hall.

Rod Bentley was elected president of the Gove County Historical Society at a recent meeting of the society. Other officers named were: Kermit Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Tuttle, secretary; and Mrs. Jerry Bretton, treasurer. Albert Tuttle was the retiring president.

Current officers of the Thomas County Historical Society are: W. O. Shelby, president; Lloyd White, vice-president; Betty Secrest, secretary; and Terrell Turner, treasurer. The society reports a membership of over 1,100, one of the largest in the state.

Officers reelected at the March meeting of the McPherson County Historical Society were: S. M. Dell, president; Leland Lindell, first vice-president; Carrie Mugler, second vice-president; Maurine Lehmburg, secretary; and Robert Bartels, treasurer. Leland Akers, Caroline Bunn, and Oliver Ash were elected to the board of directors.

Michael Baughn, Brewster, was reelected president of the Logan County Historical Society at the group’s annual meeting in April, 1976. Marge Wright, Russell Springs, was named vice-president; Alberta Radnor, Russell Springs, secretary; and L. J. Koon, Winona, treasurer. Ms. Wright, Earl Artley, and Ms. Radnor were elected directors.

Dan Reed was reelected president and Oma Girsch secretary, of the Lanesfield School Historical Society at a meeting April 15, 1976, at the museum in rural Johnson county. Sanderson Shields
was named vice-president, and Harry Girsch, Darrel Paris, Roberta Knabe, Roy Bruce, and Mrs. Robert Thomen, directors.

Jim Long, Freda Spena, and Jay Heckman were named board members of the Trego County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society, April 19, 1976, at the museum in WaKeeney. At a meeting of the board Mrs. Sadie Simmons was chosen president; Long, vice-president; Heckman, treasurer; and Anna Benton, secretary. Rudy Spitsnaugle was the retiring president.

Leon Sherwood was reelected president of the Montgomery County Historical Society at a May, 1976, meeting at the museum in Independence. Other officers are: Mrs. Karl Gibson, vice-president; Mrs. A. G. Miller, secretary; Everett Slater, treasurer; and W. C. Burke, Mrs. Ben Taylor, Mrs. John Clement, Mrs. W. E. Schweitzer, Mrs. Gibson, and Harry Wagner, directors.

Members of the Congregational church of Ellis, meeting in May, 1976, organized the Ellis Historical Society. The church building, not used for services since 1971, will be utilized for a meeting place and workshop for several organizations. Trustees of the new society are: Jack R. Nicholson, Dr. J. R. Hall, Mahlon Kingsley, Gertrude Weatherholt, Sally Ward, and Mary Pearson.

Dean C. Banker was reelected president of the Russell County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society May 14, 1976, at the Fossil Station Museum in Russell. Mrs. Kate Lee Ewing and Mrs. Ruth Wolfe were named vice-presidents; Clyde Carter, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Louis Mai and Lavern Becker, directors.

Meeting May 23, 1976, in New Almelo, the Norton County Historical Society elected the following officers: Raymond Bower, president; Mrs. Carl Henningsen, vice-president; Mrs. A. V. Poage, secretary; and Bill Rouse, treasurer. Tom McNeive was the retiring president.

Richard Crump was elected president of the Kearny County Historical Society at the organization’s annual dinner meeting, June 4, 1976, in Lakin. Other officers named included: Diana Crump, first vice-president; Nolan Cole, second vice-president; Nelle Jane Scheuerman, recording secretary; Phyllis Hendrix, treasurer; Foster Eskeland, historian; and Alma McConaughey, curator. Directors of the society are: Leonard Enslow, Marjorie Eskeland, Edith Litton, William Florer, and Clyde Beymer, Jr. Elizabeth White was the retiring president. Bob Greer, Garden City, addressed the gathering on “Southwest Kansas—Our Heritage.”
Don Glaze was reelected president of the Gray County Historical Society at the organization’s 16th annual picnic, June 6, 1976, in Cimarron. Edna Nance was named vice-president; Ina Tuggle, secretary; Madeline Good, treasurer; and Clifford Benton, director.

Members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society met for the election of officers in St. Francis, June 6, 1976. Mayzee Schultz was named president; Fred D. Magley, vice-president; Gisela Kirby, secretary; Jack Maring, treasurer; and Ralph Crawford, member of the board of directors. Magley was the retiring president.

Quenten Hannawald was elected president of the Pratt County Historical Society at a meeting of the directors June 8, 1976. Warren Taylor, the retiring president, was elected vice-president. At the May meeting of the society, three directors were reelected: John Brant, Gary Curtis, and Portia Terry.

Meeting in Peabody June 8, 1976, members of the Marion County Historical Society reelected the following directors: Ernest Unruh, Goessel; Marie Dixon, Marion; Mrs. O. J. Shields, Lost Springs; Ruth Murray, Peabody; and Mrs. Marion Suffield, Florence. Bill Novak is president of the society. James Juhnke, North Newton, spoke to the group on “Marion County in the Mainstream of American History.”

Leda Christlieb was chosen president of the Greenwood County Historical Society at a meeting in Eureka, June 15, 1976. Alfred Ferguson was elected first vice-president; Gordon Philips, second vice-president; Helen Bradford, recording secretary; Enola Brown, corresponding secretary; and Thelma Marhenke, director. Eddie Bobbitt was the retiring president.

The Ellis County Historical Society has been busy converting the former Presbyterian church building in Hays to a museum. The oldest portion of the church was built in 1879; the main part of the building including the sanctuary, in 1924. Although open for several months previously, the formal opening date was July 4, 1976. A. A. Reisig is president of the society and M. V. Walker curator of the museum.

Cecil Wohlford was elected chairman of the Geneseo Museum board at a meeting of the board July 15, 1976. Marlyn Shuttleworth was named secretary-treasurer. Other members are: Frank Liscum, Willard Janssen, and Silvey Keaton.

Longford Centennial: A Short History, 1875-1975 was published in 1975 by the Longford centennial committee. The 44-page
booklet contains maps, pictures, and text covering the history of Longford and the surrounding area.

*Not Too Deep for Tears* by Pauline Fuller, is a story of the hardships of pioneer life in Kansas. The seven-page pamphlet was published by the *News Chronicle* Printing Co., Scott City, in 1975.

A 40-page pamphlet entitled *From Desert to Breadbasket—Developing Kansas’s Land Resources* by Grace Muilenburg, Floyd W. Smith, and Lowell Brandner, was recently published by the Agricultural Experiment Station, Kansas State University, Manhattan. Nine articles describe the development of agriculture in Kansas and give a glimpse of the future.

*From Pioneering to the Present—Linn County: Its People, Events, and Ways of Life* is a new 149-page booklet published for the Linn County Historical Society by the Linn County Publishing Co., Pleasanton. The volume includes 76 historical and biographical sketches of early Linn county citizens, places, and events.

Compiled and recently issued in observance of the bicentennial by the married couples association of the Kansas State Grange, the *Patron’s Practical Pamphlet—*“Receipts for Old Time Living,” is a 164-page “collection of thoughts, happenings, and remembrances of Kansas Grange members and their friends.” Distribution is through Ruth E. Shorthill, 3805 Kimbal Rd., Topeka, Kan. 66617.

*Liberty Clicks in ’76* is the title of a 120-page pictorial pamphlet edited by Mrs. Willard R. Allard and Mrs. Robert Shoff, and recently published by the Jackson County Bicentennial Committee, Holton. Photographs from each community and from rural areas of the county are included.

A 20-page 100th anniversary booklet giving a history of the church was issued by the Marion Hill Lutheran church, rural White City, at the time of its anniversary observance, May 29-30, 1976. The congregation was organized June 1, 1876, with 61 charter members.

*Russell Springs, Kansas—the Historic City on the Butterfield Trail* is the title of a 12-page illustrated centennial souvenir booklet published in 1976.

A 48-page pamphlet entitled *One Hundred Years*, by Christine Lukens Buchanan, and printed by Tom and Christine Buchanan, was recently issued in commemoration of the centennial of the Hopewell United Presbyterian church of rural Mitchell county.
Scenes and Memories of Dover is the title of a 56-page pictorial pamphlet published as a memento of Dover heritage days, June 5-6, 1976. The compilers were Bob Hood, Naomi Hepworth, Fay Scott, and Charles C. Todd.

Mrs. Alfred Gillen, Kingman, has compiled a 72-page mimeographed booklet on the history of Union and West Ninnescan townships of Kingman county. Included are family histories, and articles on schools, churches, and local organizations.

A 79-page booklet entitled An Old Path: A New Direction—Edna, Kans., 1876-1976 was published in 1976 on the occasion of Edna's centennial. The town was started when on June 20, 1876, a Mr. Booth and Alexander Pattison opened a general store on the site.

Prairie Monuments is an illustrated 40-page booklet by Ron Klein and John Mohn, describing the remains of rock fences, houses, barns, churches, and schools in Rush, Ellis, and Ness counties. Exhibits in the Post Rock Museum, La Crosse, operated by the Rush County Historical Society and featured in the booklet, show how rock was used in building by the early residents of the area.

A 52-page souvenir booklet was recently published in observance of the 75th anniversary of St. Anthony's Catholic Parish, Garden Plain. Copies are available from the parish.

History of Browns Grove and Burdett, Kansas, 1876-1976 is a 254-page, paper-bound volume by Arlene Notestine Todd and Jean Bindley Thompson, published in 1976 under the sponsorship of the Burdett Community Development Corporation. Browns Grove was founded in 1876 a little to the north of present Burdett. Many business buildings and houses were moved from Browns Grove to Burdett after its founding in 1886 on the railroad.

Everett Dick is the author of a new book entitled Conquering the Great American Desert. The 456-page volume was published in 1975 by the Nebraska State Historical Society as its Publications, v. 26. The author traces the change of the Plains from a desert image to a major food-producing area.

John Upton Terrell is the author of a new 244-page volume entitled The Plains Apache. Published by the Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York, the book covers over 300 years of Apache Indian history.

Nearly 100 paintings by James R. Hamil and text by Harold Hamil are included in Farmland USA, a 100-page volume published in 1975.
by the Lowell Press, Kansas City, Mo. The paintings are largely rural scenes representative of the nation’s heartland.

*Casement of Juniata* by Donald R. Ornduff, is a new biography of the late Dan D. Casement who operated the Juniata Farm near Manhattan for many years. The 113-page volume was published by Lowell Press, Kansas City, Mo.

Thirty-one stories from 11 Plains Indian tribes are included in *Plains Indian Mythology* by Alice Marriott and Carol K. Rachlin. The 194-page volume was published by the Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York, in 1975.

In 1975 the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, Tex., published a 192-page volume entitled *The Image of America in Caricature & Cartoon*. Representative cartoons from the American Revolution to the present depict the nation’s history.

*Small World . . . Long Gone* is the title of Avis Dungan Carlson’s story of growing up on a farm in the Flint Hills in the early years of the 20th century. The 154-page book, illustrated by photos and Herschel Logan’s woodcuts, was published by Schori Press, Evanston, Ill., in 1975. It is available through Porter, Gould and Dierks, 1236 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60202.

A 238-page history of the Continental Oil Company entitled *Conoco: The First One Hundred Years* was published by the Dell Publishing Co., in 1975. The company was formed November 25, 1875, at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

*Journey in Faith—A History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, a 505-page work by Lester G. McAllister and Wallace E. Tucker, was published by the Bethany Press, St. Louis, in 1975.

*Ancient Indians of the Southwest* is a 96-page volume by Alfred Tamarin and Shirley Glubok, published in 1975 by Doubleday and Company, Garden City, N. Y.

*Documents of United States Indian Policy* is a 278-page compilation of 161 laws, treaties, presidential messages, court decisions, commissioners’ reports, and other documents relating to Indian affairs from 1783 to 1973. Edited by Francis Paul Prucha, the book was published by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, in 1975.

*Winfield and the Walnut Valley* is a 154-page illustrated history of the Winfield area recently issued by the Winfield Arts Council and the Winfield Bicentennial Commission. In 1869 Cliff Wood
built the first cabin on the site of present Winfield. By 1870 the Winfield Town Company was organized and the site laid out.

In a new work entitled *The Plains Indians*, Francis Haines traces the history of 27 tribes of Plains Indians from about 1200 until they were placed on reservations. The 213-page book was published by the Thomas Y. Crowell Co., N. Y., in 1976.

Between the years 1909 and 1915 Hattie Plum Williams wrote a manuscript on the Germans in Russia. This document, edited by Emma S. Haynes, Phillip B. Legler, and Gerda S. Walker, was recently published under the auspices of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia in a 236-page volume entitled *The Czar's Germans; With Particular Reference to the Volga Germans.*

In *Death Song—The Last of the Indian Wars*, John Edward Weems reviews the closing decades of the 19th century when white domination of Western America was achieved. The 311-page volume was published in 1976 by Doubleday and Company, Garden City, N. Y.

Stephen E. Ambrose is the author of a new 486-page work entitled *Crazy Horse and Custer—The Parallel Lives of Two American Warriors*, published by Doubleday and Company, Garden City, N. Y. Crazy Horse was the leader of the Oglala Sioux. His life in many respects was similar to Custer's. They met on the battlefield at Little Bighorn in 1876.

Fred Richard Belk is the author of *The Great Trek of Russian Mennonites to Central Asia, 1880-1884*, a 251-page book published in 1976 by the Herald Press, Scottdale, Pa., and Kitchener, Ont. Many of these Mennonites eventually left Central Asia and migrated to America, settling in Kansas and other Plains states.

The William Wilson chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has issued a reprint of the local news which appeared in the Garden City Paper, April 3, 1879, to October 30, 1879, in a 102-page pamphlet entitled *The Garden City Paper*. In effect this is the history of the first seven months of Garden City’s existence.

*Cherokee Sunset—A Nation Betrayed*, a 318-page work by Samuel Carter, III, was published in 1976 by Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N. Y. The book describes the gradual diminishing of the Cherokee's land area in the East and the infamous “Trail of Tears” when the Indians were forced to migrate west to present Oklahoma.
George P. Hammond is the author of *The Adventures of Alexander Barclay, Mountain Man*, a 246-page work published by Fred A. Rosenstock, Old West Publishing Company, Denver, in 1976. Barclay, an Englishman, after spending some time in Canada and St. Louis, became a trader and mountain man in Colorado and New Mexico. He built Barclay’s Fort in New Mexico in 1848.

On the morning of November 27, 1868, the Seventh U. S. cavalry commanded by Lt. (Bvt. Maj. Gen.) George A. Custer, attacked an Indian village on the Washita river in Indian territory. Over 100 Cheyenne were killed, including the chief, Black Kettle, and the village was burned. This event is the subject of *The Battle of the Washita*, a 268-page book by Stan Hoig, published in 1976 by Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y.

*The Corporation and the Indian: Tribal Sovereignty in Indian Territory, 1865-1907*, by H. Craig Miner, is a study of the relationship between corporations and Indian tribes in Indian territory between the Civil War and Oklahoma statehood. The 236-page volume was published by the University of Missouri Press, Columbia, in 1976.

*Kansas Territorial Settlers of 1860 Who Were Born in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina* is a compilation by Clara Hamlett Robertson from the index of the 1860 Kansas census volumes in the Kansas State Historical Society. The 187-page book was published by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, in 1976. The volume also includes maps, historical annotations, and editorial comment.

J. H. Johnston, III, is author of *Leavenworth—Beginning to Bicentennial*, a 239-page volume published in 1976 by the author. While Leavenworth wasn’t founded until 1854, Johnston begins his history much earlier, with the Indians who lived in the area and the founding of Fort Leavenworth in 1827.