

Indiana Extracts from Kansas Periodicals

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To widen its knowledge of genealogical information for Indiana, the Indiana Historical Society takes part in an exchange with genealogical and historical organizations across the country. The IHS sends out *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* in return for receiving the publications of other organizations. A volunteer with the IHS reads through the incoming publications to find listings of people with Indiana connections. The genealogical data below comes from the publications of the following organizations in Kansas: the Kansas Genealogical Society, the Riley County Genealogical Society, the Topeka Genealogical Society, and the Tri City Genealogical Society. The names and issues of the periodicals are listed with the data, along with names of articles, authors where specified, and years of publication. All data is transcribed exactly as it appears in the publications except where noted. Where information is needed for clarity, the compilers have inserted it in brackets. All periodical issues listed below are available for further research in the Genealogy Collection at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis.

Extracts from the *Treesearcher* Published by the Kansas Genealogical Society

Volume 50, No. 4 (2008)

“Early Settlers of Gray County, Kansas, Part I”

Contributed by Norma Daniels from the *Jacksonian*, April 26, 1945

page 103

James Harvey Egbert, the son of Israel Egbert and Mary Coleman, was born in Morgantown, Indiana August 15, 1861 and died April 17, 1945 at the age of 83 years, 8 months and 2 days. *Harve*, as he was commonly called, spent his early childhood on a farm near Morgantown, Indiana. He received his education in Morgantown city schools and at the age of 16 taught his first rural school in Brown County, Indiana. After teaching school a few years he accepted a position as station agent for the Big Four Railroad which he held until coming to Kansas in 1883. He returned to Indiana for a few months and in October 1886 he moved with his parents to Gray County, Kansas and filed on a homestead about five miles southwest of Cimarron.

Volume 51, No. 2 (Summer 2009)

“Paternal Descent of Joen Nillson”

Contributed by Larry Lee Jones from a flow chart
page 50

Joen Nilsson [descended from] Mans Jonasson [descended from] Peter Jones [descended from]
Peter Jones [descended from] Ezekiel Jones [descended from] Nicholas Jones, born November
14, 1789, in Berks County, Pennsylvania; died August 5, 1878, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Volume 52, No. 4 (Summer 2010)

“Ivanhoe, Haskell County, Kansas”

[From?] “*Haskell County, 100 years Beneath the Plow*, McClure, Janice Lee, Editor[;]
Haskell County, Kansas 1887–1987: A Historical Anthology, Haskell County Historical Society,
Inc., 1988”

pages 103–06

All that remains of Ivanhoe, once a contender for the Haskell county seat of government,
is a little cemetery. The site, 10 miles north of Sublette, on the west side of US Hwy 83, is well-
kept but little used.

In the late 1800s when this area was mostly prairie and people mostly homesteaders,
Ivanhoe claimed a population of about 1000. Santa Fe, [its] rival for the county seat designation,
claimed [a population of] about 1,500. Historians believe about half of each number would be
more accurate.

The county seat election was held October 13, 1887. When the votes were counted, Santa
Fe has 647, Ivanhoe has 381. The result of the bitter fight between the two towns and the
outcome spelled the end of Ivanhoe and its supporters. All that remains is a Santa Fe Trails
marker that identifies what was once the City of Ivanhoe.

Ivanhoe Twp, Haskell County, Kansas

1895 Census

| Name | Age | Sex | Birthplace |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Brannon, S L | 28 | M | Indiana |
| Bush, M M | 26 | F | Indiana |
| Henthorn, Levi | 47 | M | Indiana |
| Henthorn, Mary F | 36 | F | Indiana |
| Johnson, Hanna | 58 | F | Indiana |

Haskell Twp, Haskell County, KS
1895 Kansas State Census

| Name | Age | Sex | Birthplace |
|----------------|-----|-----|------------|
| Harshman, Chas | 32 | M | Indiana |
| Lohmiller, A H | 23 | M | Indiana |
| Miller, J J | 32 | M | Indiana |
| Mudlet, R | 26 | F | Indiana |

Volume 53, No. 1 (Spring 2011)
“Fort Dodge, Kansas, 1870 Federal Census”
page 16–19

Fort Dodge opened in 1865 and closed in 1882. 1870 was the only dedicated federal census taken there.

| Name | Age | Race | Birthplace | Occupation |
|-----------------|-----|------|------------|------------|
| Fuller Richard | 21 | M | IN | Soldier |
| Michler James W | 22 | W | IN | Soldier |
| Moore Philand W | 31 | W | IN | Soldier |
| Perry John L | 22 | M | IN | Soldier |
| Staring Mary E | 24 | W | IN | Laundress |
| Thomton James | 27 | B | IN | Soldier |
| Tremain Ethel | 1 | W | IN | At Home |
| Wilson Robt | 32 | W | IN | Clerk |

Volume 54, No. 3 (Autumn 2012)
“Kansas Civil War Soldiers Who Were Members of the Grand Army of the Republic”
pages 88–92

Department of California:
David C. Bailey, Sr.
Past Department Commander, IL Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Naperville, IL

Ellsworth Post #20 (Santa Rosa, California):
Joshua Fix—born 26 Jul 1830 in Wayne County, IN²¹; residence Big Springs, KS; Private,
Company A, 9th KS Cavalry¹¹; veteran’s pension application #592,514 on 31 Dec 1886^{12, 13}; died
30 Oct 1902 at Sebastopol, CA^{20, 21}; buried Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Sebastopol,
CA²¹

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**Extracts from *Kansas Kin*
Published by the Riley County Genealogical Society**

Volume XLV, no. 4 (November 2007)

“The Orrin A and Sarah Root Family”

By Tom Branigar

pages 66–68

Mark L. Burton, b Feb 1871 in Whiteside co. Ill; Mov[ed] to DKCO in late 1870s and appears with his parents in 1880 & 1885 census of Jefferson twp. He worked for a bank in Abilene, then became a newspaper editor and operated a paper at Hope in the mid-1890s. In 1896 he left DKCO. The *Enterprise Journal* of 23 Jan 1896 reported that he had seduced the daughter of a farmer near Hope and had to flee to avoid the farmer's wrath. He went to Grenola, Elk co, Kan, where he ran another newspaper. He m 24 Feb 1897 at Council Grove, Morris co, Kan to Jessie Borman (marriage notice *Hope Dispatch* 25 Feb 1897); she was b Feb 1872 in Ind, dau of Thomas & Julia Borman of Council Grove. They appear in 1900 census of Grenola, Elk co. They were div shortly after the 1900 census. Jessie returned to Council Grove to live with her parents. She m2 on 24 Nov 1904 at Council Grove to Edward Cooley (Morris co, Kan, marriage rec). Cooley killed himself on 27 Dec 1905 and was bur in Greenwood cem at Council Grove (death notice Council Grove *Republican* 28 Dec 1905); Jessie was living with her parents in the 1910 census of Council Grove, but has not been further traced.

Volume XLVII, no. 1 (February 2009)

“The Underground Railroad in Kansas—West of Topeka”

By Patricia J. O'Brian

pages 7, 8

In the 1870 census Riley county has 63 Blacks and 62 live in Manhattan in at least 14 Black households. . . .

There is George Johnson 28, a Mulatto butcher born in Missouri heading household #197. His wife Larana is 21, Black and Kentucky born and their son is John 2, Black and born in Indiana.

A second household cook is Noah Morgan who is a 22 year old Black male and an Indiana native living in household #28.

Volume XLVIII, no. 2 (May 2010)

“Tiny Tafel of James Elwood Bradley”
pages 27–29

22 Edwin G. (Granger?) PUTNAM. Born on 30 Aug 1827 in Cavendish, Windson [Windsor?] County Vermont. Edwin G. (Granger?) died in Enid, Garfield Co, Okla. Terr., on 29 Oct 1899; he was 72. Buried in Green City Cemetery; Green, Clay Co, KS. Farmer/Carpenter. On 20 Aug 1848 when Edwin G. (Granger?) was 20, he married Hannah OSWALT in Wells Co, Chester Twp, IN.

23 Hannah OSWALT. Born abt 1827 in Ohio. Hannah died in Wells Co., Chester Twp., IN, on 6 Nov 1856; she was 29. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier, IN.

45 Elmira Elmina BALDWIN. Born on 13 Apr 1806 in Cavandish, Windsor County, Vermont. Elmira died in Wells Co., Chester Twp., IN, on 11 Mar 1860; she was 53. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Montpelier, IN.

51 Phoebe TRIPP. Born on 17 Aug 1767 in Orange Co, NY. Phoebe died in LaParte [LaPorte?], IN, on 2 Nov 1844; she was 77.

Volume XLVIII, no. 3 (August 2010)

“Lew Grove Post Grand Army of the Republic Membership, 1883”
From the *Nationalist*, Manhattan, KS, 1 June 1883
[Compiled] by Sylvester C. Ekart
pages 54, 56–57

(Name and military outfit)

Crump, Henry C., 29th Indiana Infantry
Hutto, I. N., 26th Indiana Infantry
Stinson, George, 36th Indiana Infantry
Tobias, N., 12th Indiana Infantry
Tull, Isom, 6th Indiana Infantry

“Burials in the Manhattan Cemetery in 1903”
From the *Manhattan Republic* of 24 December 1903
[Compiled] by Sylvester C. Ekart

Mrs. Ella C. Lofinck, 42, Ind, tuberculosis, February 23.
Samuel Thackery, 77, Indiana, heart failure, March 24.
Wm. G. Fleeker, 40, Indiana, tuberculosis, May 22.

Volume 49, no. 2 (May 2011)

“A List of Civil War Soldiers Living in Riley County, Kansas, in the Year 1883”

From the *Manhattan Nationalist*, June 8, 1883

[Compiled] by Sylvester C. Ekart

pages 27–31

The list is from the County Clerk’s Office, first is the name, then rank if listed, unit in which served and place of Riley County residence.

Beck, F., Captain, 38th Indiana, Swede Creek Township.
Birch, Emery, Sergeant, 40th Indiana Township. [sic]
Blankenship, I. M., 145th Indiana, Manhattan.
Chaffee, J., 142nd Indiana, Mayday Township.
Crane, J. M., 67th Indiana, Fancy Creek Township.
Crane, J. W., 67th Indiana, Fancy Creek Township.
Crooks, J. A., 152nd Indiana, Mayday Township.
Crump, H. C., Sergeant, 29th Indiana, Manhattan.
Fox, S. M., Adjutant, 7th Indiana, Manhattan.
Garrett, J. M., Corporal, 34th Indiana, Manhattan.
Harner, H. M., 35th Indiana, Fancy Creek Township.
Harner, John, 11th Indiana, Fancy Creek Township.
Holman, W. P., 67th Indiana, Manhattan.
Hutto, Isaac N., 26th Indiana, Manhattan Township.
Keith, J. W., 145th Indiana, Manhattan.
Lyon, T. V., 33rd Indiana, Madison Township.
McNair, C. F., 83rd Indiana, Ashland Township.
Miller, I. M., 22nd Indiana, Ashland Township.
Petrick, D., 17th Indiana, Ashland Township.
Spilman, R. B., Captain, 86th Indiana, Manhattan.
Stanfield, G. W., 120th Indiana, Zeandale Township.
Tull, Isom, 6th Indiana, Zeandale Township.
Willoughby, F., Sergeant, 129th Indiana, Zeandale Township.
Winston, Jesse, 67th Indiana, Jackson Township.

Volume 51, no. 4 (November 2013)

“Research Done for Mary Caviness”

By James and Marian Bradley

pages 68–69

In the 1850 United States Census of Indiana, Sarah G. Siddens is a 17 year old sister of Joseph Siddens living in Monroe, Putnam, Indiana. Also, the Abraham and his wife, Sidney, Siddens listed in the 1875 Kansas Census is a brother (per the 1850 Indiana Census).

On August 18, 1853, Sarah G. Siddens married Hiram H. Cobb in Putnam County, Indiana.

In the 1860 United States Census of Indiana, Hiram H. Cobb and his wife, Sarah G. Cobb, are living in Steuben, Warren, Indiana, with three children.

In the 1870 United States Census of Missouri, Hiram H. Cobb and his wife, Sarah G. Cobb, are living in Platte, Clay, Missouri, with seven children.

**Extracts from *Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly*
Published by the Topeka Genealogical Society**

Volume 39, no. 3 (July 2009)

“Extracts from Early Kansas Newspapers: Shawnee County”

Abstracted from original newspapers and prepared for publication by Pat Owen

[From?] *Topeka Daily Capital*, Nov 8–Nov 14, 1903

Published in Topeka, Shawnee County, KS

Continued from Vol. 39, No. 2

pages 84–85

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. HILL of Carthage, Ind., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. WHITE.

Volume 39, Number 4 (October 2009)

“Free State Constitution for Kansas”

Transcribed and submitted by Don Lambert

page 124

In an effort to get Kansas admitted into the Union as a Free State rather than as a slave state, nearly 40 men from the Kansas Territory (eastern Kansas) wrote the Topeka or Free State Constitution in the fall of 1855. It took two weeks to write the constitution which said, most notably, “There shall be no slavery in this state.” The Constitution was written in Constitution Hall at 427–429 Kansas Avenue in Topeka and has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Efforts are underway to restore the building; its first floor is now covered by a colorful mural depicting an 1856 event there known as the Dispersion of the Free State Legislature.

Don Lambert, one of the volunteers helping with the project, is hoping to find descendents of the men who signed the Topeka Constitution. Below is a list of the signers, the towns where they lived in 1855, the towns from which they had come, and their ages at the time. Those with information about these descendents may contact Lambert at dlambert0753@yahoo.com or call him at 816-753-0753.

[Of those men listed, two were from Indiana:]

James M. ARTHUR, Sugar Creek, 38, farmer, Indiana

William R. GRIFFITH, Fort Scott, farmer, 35, Indiana

Volume 41, no. 2 (April 2011)

“Shawnee County Marriage License Applications: A–Ashford”
pages 59–63

Application dates range from the mid 1880s to 1913.

[Groom] ADES, Isaac H. A., [Age] 28, [Residence] New York City; [Bride] BROWN, Luella,
[Age] 23, [Residence] Terre Haute, IN; [Application date] 16-Nov-1911

[Groom] AMES, Wm. W., [Age] 31, [Residence] Rockfield, IN; [Bride] CROOKS, Theodocia,
[Age] 30, [Residence] Topeka, KS; [Application date] 29-Sep-1909

Volume 45, nos. 2 and 3 (April and July 2015)

“Shawnee County Marriage License Applications: Hardy–Helms”
pages 52–56

Application dates range from the mid 1880s to 1913.

[Groom] HAWKINS, W. H., [Age] 62, [Residence] Pawnee, NE; [Bride] KENNEY, Mary A.,
[Age] 58, [Residence] Terre Haute, IN; [Application date] 29-Dec-1903

Volume 46, no. 1 (January 2016)

“Ingleside Home for Aged Ladies”
Submitted by Barbara LaClair
pages 16–18

At the time of the 1930 Census, the following individuals were listed as residing at Ingleside:

| Name | Relation | Age | Marital Status | Birthplace |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| COFFRIN, Louise | Inmate | 77? | Widowed | Indiana |

Volume 46, no. 3 (July 2016)

“Shawnee County Marriage License Applications: Johnson–Keene”
pages 67–71

Application dates range from the mid 1880s to 1913.

[Groom] JONES, Lemon F., [Age] 24, [Residence] Topeka, KS; [Bride] JENNINGS, Myrtle E.,
[Age] 24, [Residence] Washington, IN; [Application date] 3-Jun-1911

[Groom] JONES, Walter, [Age] 26, [Residence] Cedar Rapids, IA; [Bride] BROWN, Nina,
[Age] 21, [Residence] Indianapolis, IN; [Application date] 15-Feb-1907

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Volume 54, no. 1, Online no. 11 (March 2014)

“The Inspiring Story of Thomas Speakes”

By Carol Hansen Devine, 14 February 2014

pages 13–17

When we read these names and dates, they hold no life lessons and provide no historical insight for us today:

Thomas Speakes

Born 20 Nov 1806 Henry Co., KY

Married Nancy Henderson, 18 Oct 1826, IN

Married Mary Ann Ewing, 7 Oct 1863, Linn Co., KS

Died 10 Mar 1886 Pleasanton, Linn Co., KS

Here is the story behind the names and dates.

Born in Henry County, Kentucky in 1806, Thomas Speakes moved with his parents and three brothers a 100 miles north to Daviess County, Indiana when he was about 4 years old. Ten years later, Thomas’ parents, Joseph and Sally, drowned when a wagon in which they were crossing the frozen White River plunged through the ice. His 2-year old sister, Mary Polly, was thrown by her mother onto the ice and miraculously rescued by passing strangers. Under the guardianship of their maternal aunt and her husband, Thomas and his seven orphaned brothers and sisters were raised in southwestern Indiana.

When he was about 19, Thomas travelled back across the Kentucky border to Henry County, married Nancy Henderson in 1826, and had a son, William in 1828. They moved to Hamilton County, Indiana, where eight more children were born over the course of 25 years. No doubt Thomas entertained his four sons and five daughters in the evening with stories of his grandfather’s service in the Revolutionary War. Perhaps he knew, too, of the courage of his ancestor Johannis, who brought his young family to Maryland Colony from England in 1639.

In 1845, Thomas and Nancy Speakes’ oldest son William married and started a family. The granddaughter of a German mercenary soldier hired by the British to fight in the Revolutionary War, Susanah Ault married at age 15, bore a son who died at age 2, brought our ancestor Thomas Jefferson Speakes into the world 1 year later, and died at age 18 giving birth to William’s third child, Nancy. William married an old maid, Zenith Cook, then 25, who raised his son and infant daughter as her own.

In 1858, when Thomas and Nancy Speakes’ youngest child, Semantha, was just 1 year old, their entire family (including William, Zenith and the children) migrated 500 miles west from central Indiana across Missouri to the eastern edge of Kansas, and settled in Linn County. . . .

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