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Good morning to you all. It is another beautiful day in Kansas. Aren't we glad we do not live in Houston this week? I do have children who live there and one cousin and thank goodness they are still high enough and dry, but cannot make it to work. Love and best wishes to all. I know assistance is pouring in.

The Kansas Council held its August meeting this past Saturday in Emporia. Even though Bill is no longer there, the location is most central to the rest of us and so we will continue our meetings there as long as we can find a place to get together. So far the public library has been very accommodating.

Dan is still working on switching over our treasurer's books and so there was no report, but we know we are still solvent. Bernard made the trip from Garden City and we were very glad to see him. He was able to give Dan some much needed help also as he is our auditor.

We discussed our website and although Darren was not in attendance we talked about making it more of a tool to our association. Take a look at <<http://www.KCGS.us>> and see what we have. All of the indexes of our Forgotten Settlers series are posted. If you do not have your early Kansas ancestor so honored please submit your application soon. We need a few more in order to publish the latest volume. Some of you may be wondering why you have not received your CD or hard copy. Our Bylaws state that we must have about 200 pages before we can publish a book. Emma says she still needs several.

For those who are not familiar with our Forgotten Settler series, it is an opportunity to honor and save the history of our ancestors who were living in Kansas prior to 1900. All information and application forms are available on the website.

We also have a Facebook presence. If you are on Facebook, why not friend us so we can get more coverage and reach more genealogists.

Speaking of Facebook I noticed that there is a group that is trying to revive RAGK, Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness. That was a source of lots of free assistance a few years ago. I know I volunteered to take photographs of any cemetery in Pottawatomie County and did take many. The only expense to a researcher is the cost of materials and perhaps mileage for the volunteer. Volunteers did not receive a fee for service. I am hoping there is still an interest in RAGK.

Well it is back to school for the kiddos and off to college for the older siblings. That leaves us genealogists with the opportunity to get back into libraries and try once more to "break down that wall." If KCGS can be of assistance, just let us know.

I have been reading

From Fold 3 HQ US Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards

August 21, 2017 by *Trevor*



Do you have an ancestor who received a U.S Army or Navy pension between 1907 and 1933? Check out Fold3's collection of [US Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards!](#)

These payment cards document pension payments made to disabled veterans of the regular Army or Navy or their widows between 1907 and 1933. Prior to 1907, pension payments were recorded in pension agency payment books, but in 1907, the pension bureau switched to a card system and transferred all active pensioners to this new system. The system changed again in 1923, when they switched from quarterly to monthly payments. Pension payments made under this new system were recorded on a new card.

There are four classes of cards: those for [Army invalids](#), [Army widows](#), [Navy invalids](#), and [Navy widows](#). The four types of card are very similar. Although the information actually recorded on each card varies, the cards contain the following fields:

name of veteran

certificate number
unit or arm of service
disability for which pensioned
law or laws under which pensioned
class of pension or certificate
rate of pension
effective date of pension
date of the certificate
any fees paid
name of the pension agency or group transferred from (if applicable)
date of death
date the Bureau was notified
former roll number
home

On the widows' cards, the woman's name replaces the veteran's, and the veteran's name replaces the disability information. There is also a space for payments made to minors. Since payments were made to widows as well as to the veterans themselves, your military ancestor might have a pension payment card even if he died before 1907. On Fold3, the cards are organized alphabetically by the surname and then given name of the veteran, even for the widows' cards. This will save you time, as it eliminates the hassle of looking up a veteran's pension under the name of his widow.

Keep in mind that there might be more than one person with the same name, so double check that it really is your ancestor. If you can't find the person you're looking for in the records, try looking under any nicknames or aliases your ancestor may have used and also check alternative spellings.

Get started searching or browsing for your ancestors in Fold3's [US Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards](#) today!

From Sherry Kline of Sumner County Genealogical Society:

On Monday, August 28th, Karen Sturm, Caldwell, presented "Caldwell : 150 Years Along the Chisholm Trail" to the Sumner County Historical and Genealogical Society members and visitors

After the Civil War was over, when Texas had more cattle than money and the states in the war-ravaged parts of the north and eastern part of the United States were short on beef, there were men and women who saw an opportunity to make money.

One hundred and fifty years ago, men and women with an entrepreneurial spirit rounded up the Texas longhorn cattle, branded them, and headed them north to railroads in Kansas to be shipped to eastern markets.

Thousands of cattle and hundreds of men, (and a few women,) traveled the Chisholm Trail north to the railroads, first at Abilene, then later in Ellsworth, Newton, Wichita, and in Sumner County, Caldwell and Hunnewell.

In September, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Chisholm Trail, longhorns will once again be rounded up and headed north to Kansas. Sturm shared information about Caldwell's Cowntown days as well as the events that Caldwell has planned for the 2017 celebration.

I am sorry I did not get this newsletter written early enough to include this information as to the time of the presentation. However, if your society is looking for something interesting in the way of programming, the Chisholm Trail Experience would be a good one. For questions, please contact Jane at 620-447-3266 or Sherry at 316-833-6161. Sumner County has been having some good programs

*Just thinking out loud
Do you know if you or your organization
has not yet sent in your dues to KCGS?
Rosie said there are several memberships in
arrears.*

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