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Good morning to you all.

This month is almost gone and Fall has arrived. It always amazes me how the temperatures can be so hot and summer like one day and then over night they drop and suddenly it is fall. I doubt I will ever stop being surprised.

In a macabre continuation of the board's difficulties, our Emma has been having a terrible bout of illness. That a coming just after her husband's tragic accident, has put us all behind on forgotten Settler publishing. She is much better now and improving every day so that we can resume our efforts to get out volume 29. We still need some applications to fulfill the requirements of our bylaws, so if you have been thinking about submitting your application, procrastinate no more. It would be great to get out this volume by Christmas.

I have been looking at our website, have you looked? Darren is doing a great job of adding information so if you have not visited in awhile, stop by. That goes for our page on Facebook also. As I remarked last month, there is a very active and willing group of Kansas genealogy researchers posting on Facebook. YOU might find someone who will take the time to help you find some document or proof that you still need. so far, I have not seen any request for payment for services. Of course you can also contact the genealogical society in the area you need and ask for their assistance. IF there doesn't seem to be a society in the right county, check for one nearby. Most, if not all, of our societies have current websites and that would be your first Google search.

If you live in the western part of our state, you may be aware of the Finney County Society's problem of where to store their large collection since the public library is wanting them to move it. I have not heard since our earlier meeting this month how things have progressed, but I do know they are working on it diligently.

A few of our societies have had to fold due to lack of membership and/or lack of any member's having been willing to take on the offices and responsibilities of their leadership. Others have been growing and thriving in spite of the current longing among researchers to be able to find "everything online". I have said it before and will reiterate that everything that you find online is not accurate. Some is, of course, but unfortunately, a lot of the pedigrees posted on various sites are compiled from family lore and not real research. I could cite several instances just from my own family research. Once again Let me urge you to find the original documents and official information before you decide that Joe Blow is really your great grandfather. That you are really directly descended from English royalty or even early

Families have gone on for generations believing they are descended from Noah Webster or Thomas Jefferson, only to discover by diligent research that their only commonality is the same surname. Perhaps the old adage is still applicable, "You get what you pay for."

i have been reading:

(This came from an exercise guru and it applies to writing and publishing our family just as well .)

Hey, it's Joel and today I want to share something from the heart with you. I'm guilty. I'm guilty, perhaps like you, for "waiting for the perfect time".

Have you ever waited for the perfect time to tell a family member or friend just how much they mean to you? Just how much you love and admire them? Just how *awesome* they are?

I have. Days, weeks, and sometimes months go by, all waiting for that perfect moment. Meanwhile, that person may also be waiting... waiting to receive those encouraging words or to feel that love wrapped around them -- and very likely more than you ever knew.

You never know what someone is going through inside. How broken they may be. Your words and actions can make all the difference...if you deliver them.

But many times, we wait. We assume they know. Or we brush it off as unimportant.

And then there's another reality. We are blessed by God with only so many days on this earth. I want the people in my life to know how important they are to me while they're here...when it counts. So many times we wish we would have expressed more love, support, and encouragement only after it's too late. Life can be fragile.

I'll call when I'm less busy...

I'll get together with them when things calm down...

I'll make more time for my kids when I'm not so swamped with work...

Excuses. Justifications. Many times at the expense of those who love and need us most.

Have you put off starting important projects because the timing wasn't "perfect"? It's something I've often struggled with.

The things that I know will have the biggest impact sometimes get put on the back burner far too long.

"When my schedule is clear, I'll start that.

That's a big one."

In reality, my schedule is never clear, and yours probably isn't either. Start the big projects today. Break out the pen and paper and start writing. Pull up the Word doc. Just start.

Have you put off prioritizing your nutrition and your health until "tomorrow" or until "Monday"? I've been there, too.

Every day, more and more people will begin a diet "tomorrow". Thousands more will start exercising on "Monday". Of course, *today* is bad timing...after all, there's that [dinner tonight](#). And oh yeah, company coming over tomorrow. [In two weeks](#), it's vacation...might as well wait until you're back.

You see, the reality is that with how busy we all are, there is never a "perfect time". In this day and age, schedules are jam packed. "Swamped" is the norm.

Will you let that consume you, your family, and your health? Will you let it stop you from being God's best?

Don't.

Change comes by starting. *Now. Today.* It will never be the perfect time. Circumstances will never be ideal. Just dig your feet in and begin.

Tell that person you love them. *Today.* Carve out 1 minute to send them a warm and loving text message. Make that phone call. Schedule time to get together. There's nothing more important in life than your relationships, and you never know just how badly someone may need the love and support that only you can provide.

Start your healthy nutrition plan (i.e "diet") ...*today*. It doesn't have to be perfect; just start. You owe it to yourself, and your family. Don't wait one more day hoping for the ideal set of circumstances or the ideal situation. It won't come, because unless you lock yourself away in solitude, it doesn't exist. You **HAVE** to start today. You **MUST** begin now. Otherwise, you're only kidding yourself and continuing to let those around you down.

Don't make your best life, your best relationships, and your best health (*and I might add working on your family history JC*) wait another day. Don't subconsciously settle for less than God's best for your life. You got this. You can CRUSH this. Begin today...right now.



When searching newspapers for family history information, include advertisements in your searches.

Advertisements are a valuable source of family information and newspaper routinely published various types of notices. Your ancestors advertised their shops, trades, items for sale, missing items such as lost horses, rewards offered for runaway servants or slaves and much more.

The visual nature of advertisements can have an impact on your family history research that the dates and facts found in other records do not convey.

[Download this free e-book](#). Discover new family history details and insights into your ancestor's lives.

Gripping and insightful, advertising is a reflection of life in the United States since its earliest days as British colonies. You will find family information in newspaper advertisements that you cannot find anywhere else.

Hope you enjoy!
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Lots of New Record Sets

This week, we have lots of new record sets to talk about from England, Ireland, the US and Canada.

We also have huge news for anyone with Danish ancestors. FamilySearch has put online the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1901 and 1906 census. As usual, we tell you what you need to know.

Finally, take a moment to read the description under the image of the Canada 1851 census form, which we talk about this week.

We often come across funny things when researching individual ancestors. However, we have never seen an official government census form with such a keen sense of humor!

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[New Genealogy Records](#)]

The Challenge of First Names

First names are always a challenge for genealogists. In historic records, people would often misspell first names and sometimes they even used nicknames. First names were also commonly abbreviated to save room when space was tight on a page.

This week, we are going to look at first name abbreviations. For example, who knew that Chs stands for Charles or Dy is an abbreviation for Dorothy?

Our article *First Name Abbreviations* looks at how our ancestors abbreviated first names. This was common in both handwritten records (such as family letters, parish records and census records) and typed records (such as street directories and voter lists).

At the end of our article is an extensive list of common first name abbreviations. To our knowledge,

GenealogyInTime Magazine maintains the most extensive and comprehensive list of first name abbreviations found anywhere in print or on the internet. This is a useful resource to bookmark.

[\[First Name Abbreviations\]](#)

Just thinking out loud I
will remind you again —
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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