

# FYI

## For Your Information



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#### Library Hours

Tues & Thurs 10 am to 4 pm  
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## Upcoming Events

**May 21** Round Table at Radina's, 10 am

**June 6** Picnic at RCGS grounds, 5 pm

**June 27** Jim Morrison, *Legal terms in Wills and Probate* at Manhattan Public Library, 2pm

**July 25** Linda Glasgow

and Cheryl Collins, *Genealogical Research at the Riley County Historical Society*, 2 pm, Riley County Historical Society

**September 19** William Keel, *German Ancestry in Kansas*, 2 pm Meadowlark Meeting Room

October 17 Mabel Goering, *Research in England and Ireland*

**November 8** Annual Meeting and Dinner. Program by Jim Sharp, *An American Soldier as Eyewitness to the Nuremberg Trials*, 6:30 pm, Zeandale Church

## Resources available for your ancestor searches

RCGS volunteers have indexed many library materials for quick scanning. These materials are available to you. *If you live out of town, you can request our researchers to search these indexes for you.* Call the Riley County Genealogical Society at 785-565-6495 for the Research Request Form and send to:

RCGS, 2005 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502-3415.

Contact Wann Towers 785/776-3128 for further indexing information or to volunteer. You may work from home on some indexing projects.

If you have not looked at the wonderful stories in the books in our library, you are missing local history at its best!

#### Riley County Resources

- Community history books of Randolph, Wildcat (Keats), Odgen, Leonardville, Bala, Riley, Stockdale

and Blue Valley. Some of these community locations are under Tuttle Creek Lake. Many first person accounts.

- Manhattan histories and first person stories.
- Newspaper clippings of obituaries. Large collection assembled by Imogene Farley.
- Riley County School records from microfilm 1909, 1910.

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(Family Research Resources, continued)

- Military records WWI and WWII. Spanish-American War veterans researched.
  - Census - territory and state census to 1925.
  - Rural Riley county cemeteries from the beginning to 2000.
  - Manhattan's two cemeteries Sunrise and Sunset.
  - Church history books from small community and rural churches.
  - Kansas Kin and Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie.*
- Pottawatomie County**
- Town histories of St. Marys, Onaga, Wamego, Pottawatomie Township, Elbo school, Fostoria, etc.
  - Historical stories by Charles Scott chronicled in Westmoreland Recorder.
  - Newspaper clippings of obituaries compiled by Imogene Farley.
  - Poll Tax list 1923 and Pottawatomie county residents 1921.
  - Old Settler Tales of Pottawatomie and Nemaha County Earliest Days to 1877. Newspa-

## You are invited to the genealogy research round table

We would like to invite you to attend a monthly round table at Radina's Coffee Shop. A group of people researching family history meet to share stories and tips.

Drop by with your questions and find out how others have overcome dead ends in their family tree.

Members also discuss how they organize and share family informa-

tion they discover.

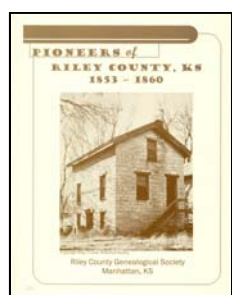
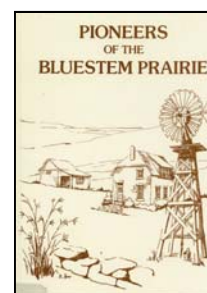
The group usually meets the third Friday of the month at 10 am.

Contact Rebecca Rose at 537-8495 for further information.

### Reduced price on two popular books. Combined price \$70! (\$95 value)

#### *Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie*

046 Biographies of original settlers in Clay, Riley, Geary, Wabaunsee, Washington, Marshall, and Pottawatomie Counties. Five hundred pages of authentic history and family records as told by pioneers themselves and their descendents. Surname index, hardback. 1976



#### *Pioneers of Riley County Kansas 1853 to 1860*

Includes Full Name Index

141 Includes 130 biographies researched by RCGS members. Includes pictures and colored maps; Territorial Censuses from 1855, 1856, 1857; township descriptions and a bibliography.

Soft-bound, 162 pages

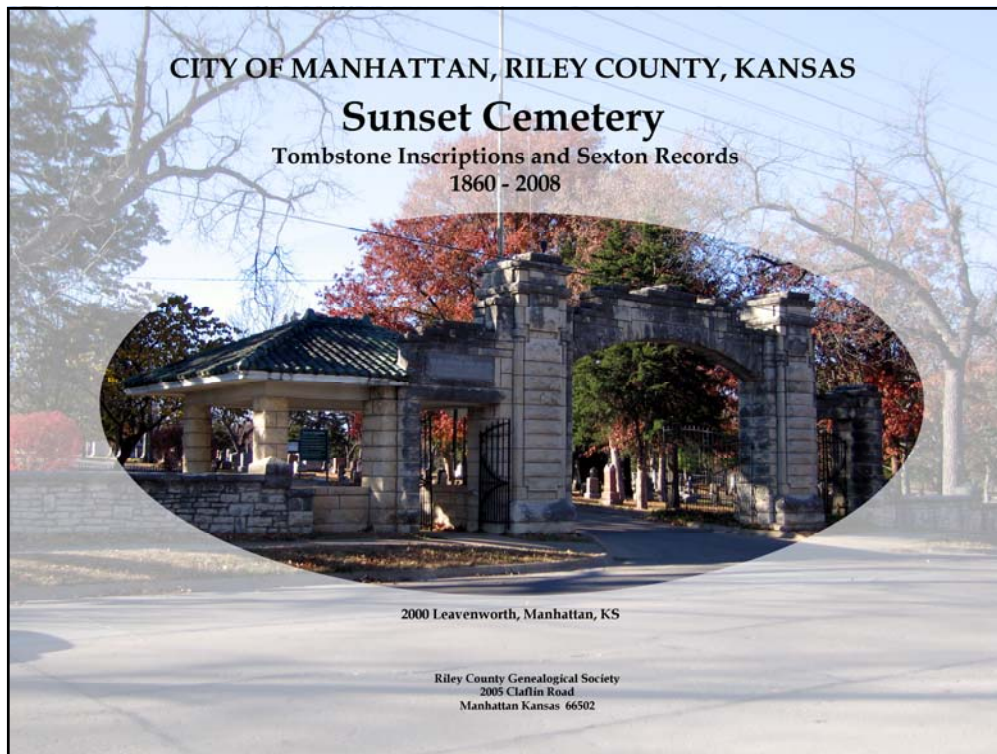
### This price is good only at the Riley County Genealogical Society Library

- per birth, death and marriage abstracts.
- Mariadahl Luthern church, 1958 Family Histories with photos,

- no index.
- Our Heritage, Havensville, KS 1878-1978. Over 100 pages, no index.

- Pottawatomie County Old Settlers 1879. Wann Towers Library Coordinator

## New Sunset Cemetery book available for sale



RCGS Researchers have completed the Sunset Cemetery book. It is available for purchase. You may request an order form by calling the RCGS Library at (785) 565-6495.

The book lists the names of people buried in the cemetery from 1860 to 2008. It can be a valuable tool for people researching their family history in Riley County.

## Are your family photos waiting to be rescued and shared?

On June 19, 2010, the 36th Annual Meeting and Conference of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. will be held in Wellington, Kansas.

Maureen Taylor will speak on topics including:

- How to identify and date family photographs

- How to preserve color photos with low-cost storage solutions
- Various ways to tell your family story

For more information on this important conference, stop by the RCGS Library for a brochure. Plan to attend!

## Important additions to last month's article on Sy Ekart

Sy Ekart and his wife Marna have four children, Tanya, Sharon, Brian and James; nine grandchildren Kelly, Kristopher, Kayla, Kim, Andrew, Ryan, Emily, Katie and Taylor and a great-grandchild Inna.

Sy is an important contributor to the Genealogical Society. He has compiled numerous indexes to genealogical resources. These indexes are available to you in the RCGS Library or for purchase.



We learned about genealogical resources at the Manhattan Public Library, March 21, 2010

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**June 27 Jim Morrison**

***Legal terms in Wills and Probate***

at Manhattan Public Library, 2pm

**Demystify legal language for your research!**

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