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7. Ellis County News & The Hays Free Press - MF 071.81 H425en July 10, 1924-Jan. 30, 1936. (See Ellis County News)
8. Ellis County News - MF 071.81 H425en Feb. 1936-Aug. 25, 1955. (Was Ellis County News & Hays Free Press)
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Additional Information

Primary and Secondary Sources

Genealogical information may come from primary or secondary sources. Primary sources are those that had their origin with someone directly involved with the event being reported near the time of that event. Examples of primary sources that might be found in the home include:

Family Bible	Family Letters
Marriage and or Death Certificates	Original Land Deeds
Baptismal Records	Photographs
Diaries or Journals	Scrapbooks
Annuals Yearbooks	Obituaries

A secondary source is anything that is not a primary source. Printed genealogies would be examples of secondary sources.

Types of Records Available

Examples of records that may be of interest include:

- County and city histories
- Church histories and cemetery records
- Printed wills
- Marriage, birth and death certificates
- D.A.R. Records of other patriotic organization indexes
- Masonic, Knights of Columbus, or other fraternal organizations
- State histories (such as Cutler and Andreas's History of the States of Kansas)
- Publications of a state historical society
- Printed genealogies
- County or city directories
- Census records
- Atlases and maps
- Oral histories
- Periodicals
- Mortuary and funeral home records
- Ship passenger lists
- Courthouse records (which may include marriage records; wills and probate records; guardianship records; land records (including patents); tax lists; vital records; naturalization papers (declaration of intent, proof of residence, and certificate of naturalization); military discharge papers; and coroner's records)
- Federal records (such as military war records for Americans who were in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II)

Genealogical Sites on the Internet

<http://www.familysearch.org> (FamilySearch) Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, this site is probably the most powerful genealogical site available. It searches for information in the International Genealogical Index as well as the Ancestral File. The site contains over 1 billion names in searchable databases. It also displays the Family History Library Catalog, which has records, books, microfilm and microfiche available in the library. The site also contains immigrant ship passenger lists, homestead records, births and deaths.

<http://www.cyndislist.com> (Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet) This site is user friendly and is especially recommended for beginning genealogists. Cyndi is also the author of *Netting Your Ancestors*, which is an excellent book on using the Internet for genealogical research.

<http://www.genserv.com> (GenServ-Family History) A person needs to be a member in order to use this site and at the present time it costs one dollar a month. Subscribers may query the system and receive reports.

<http://geocities.com/Heartland/1637> (Best Genealogy Links on the WWW) A listing of the top genealogy sites on the internet. Useful annotations guide users to web sites of interest

<http://www.usgenweb.com> (The U.S. GenWeb Project) A group of volunteers has provided internet web sites for genealogical research in every county and state in the United States. Links are provided for all state web sites, which eventually provide gateways to counties. Important special projects at the national level are also included.

<http://www.arkansasresearch.com/guide.html> (Beginner's Guide to Family History Research) This is an excellent guide for beginning genealogists and is quite extensive.

<http://www.funeralnet.com> (Funeral Net Directory) Over 20,000 U.S. funeral homes are listed at this site. Searches could be made by funeral home name, address, city, county, or state.

<http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html> (Repositories of Primary Sources) The site has over 5,000 web sites, which describe the holdings of manuscripts, photographs, archives, rare books, and other primary sources in archives and libraries in the United States.

<http://www.ancestry.com> (Ancestry Search-Database Searching) Subscription required to access the census and marriage records and family trees available through this web site.

<http://www.higginsonbooks.com> (Higginson Book Company) Higginson Book Company is a good source for genealogical materials that are unavailable from other sources.

<http://www.statearchivists.org/states.htm> (Links to State Archives and Libraries) Directory of State Archives and Records Programs

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<http://www.genealogical.com> (Genealogical Publishing Company and its affiliate, Clearfield Company) The leading publishers of books and CDs on genealogy and family history. Their genealogy collection includes over 2,000 books and CDs featuring a wide range of materials on topics such as colonial genealogy, immigration, royal ancestry, and genealogy methods and sources.

<http://www.shipmates.com/Index.cfm> Military buddies, pals, shipmates, families, and friends

<http://www.freedmensbureau.com> Freedmen's Bureau

<http://www.cyndislist.com/native.htm#tribal> Native American Sites

<http://www.jewishgen.org> Jewish Gen: The Home of Jewish Genealogy

<http://www.heritagequest.com> (Heritage Quest) This genealogical resource company specializes in renting microfilm and microfiche.

<http://www.genealogy.org> Listing of a number of genealogy websites

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Catalogs of NARA Microfilm

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/microfilm-catalogs.html>

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Web Sites

National Park Service Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System -
<http://www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/>

State-level Lists of Casualties from the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts
<http://www.archives.gov/research/korean-war/casualty-lists/>

Vietnam-era Prisoner-of-war Missing-in-action Database
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pow/powhome.html>

Places of Genealogical Interest

Bookstore

The Gift Shop in the Ellis County Historical Society - 100 West 7th - 785-628-2624

The museum is open 10:00-5:00 Tuesday-Friday and the archives is open 9:00-12:00 Tuesday-Friday during the winter months. In the summer, the museum is open 10:00-5:00 Tuesday-Friday, 1:30-5:00 Saturday and Sunday, and the archives is open 10:00-12:00 Tuesday-Friday.

The Gift Shop in Sternberg Museum - 3000 Sternberg Drive - 785-650-0049 or 785-628-4286 for other questions

The Museum is open 9:00-7:00 Tuesday-Saturday and 1:00-7:00 Sunday and Monday.

Hastings - 3003 Vine – 785-625-6030

Hours are 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Sunday

Cemeteries in Hays

Mt Allen Cemetery and St. Joseph's Cemetery are both located at the corner of 27th and Vine. Names of people who are buried at the Mt. Allen Cemetery can be obtained by calling the City Clerk's office at 785-628-7300. The Clerk's office is located at 16th and Main. Names of people who are buried at the St. Joseph's Cemetery can be obtained by calling the St. Joseph's Church at 785-625-7356. The Church is located at 215 West 13th. Fort Hays Memorial Gardens is located on West 12th Street. Names of people who are buried at this cemetery can also be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office.

The County Clerk at the Ellis County Courthouse has a map that shows the locations of cemeteries in Ellis County. The County Clerk's phone number is 785-628-9410 and the Ellis County Courthouse is located at 1204 Fort.

Churches in Hays

Phone numbers area code is 785.

Agape Southern Baptist Church – 1300 Harvest 625-5373

Baha'i Faith – 2750 Thunderbird Circle 628-1919

Catholic Campus Center – 506 West 6th 625-7396

Celebration Community Church – Hwy 183 Bypass & I-70 625-5483

Church of Christ – 1100 Centennial Blvd 625-3966

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – 2901 Canal Blvd 625-2817

Church of the Nazarene – 400 East 7th 625-5555

First Baptist Church – 12th & Fort 625-9454

First Presbyterian Church – 2900 Hall 625-2847

First Southern Baptist – 29th & Indian Trail 625-9500

First United Methodist Church – 305 West 7th 625-3408

Hays Christian Church – 22nd & Marshall Road 625-3100 or 628-8413

High Plains Baptist Church – 2700 Canterbury Road 628-2558

Immaculate Heart of Mary – 1805 Vine 625-7339

Jehovah's Witnesses – 1112 Canterbury Drive 628-6980

Liberty Christian Fellowship – 120 W. 9th 625-6245

Messiah Lutheran Church – 2000 Main 625-2057

New Life Center (Assembly of God) – 1701 East 22nd 625-5528

North Oak Community Church – 3000 Oak 628-8887

Protestant Campus Center – 6th & Elm 625-6311

St Michael's Episcopal Church – 2900 Canal Blvd 628-8442

St Nicholas of Myra Church – 2901 East 13th 628-1446

St. Joseph's Church – 210 West 13th 625-7356

Trinity Lutheran Church – 2703 Fort 625-2044

Westview Church – 3000 West 41st 625-6359

Courthouse

The Ellis County Courthouse is located at 1204 Fort and they are open 8:00-5:00 Monday-Friday. The telephone number for the Register of Deed's office is 785-628-9450; the phone number for the Clerk of District Court is 785-628-9415; and the County Clerk's phone number is 785-628-9410.

Funeral Homes and Directors in Hays

Brock's North Hill Chapel – 2509 Vine 785-625-3215

Cline's Mortuary of Hays – 1919 East 22nd 785-628-8822

Hays Memorial Chapel – 20th & Pine 785-628-1009

Historical and Genealogical Societies

The Ellis County Historical Society is located at 100 West 7th and their telephone number is 785-628-2624. The museum is open 10:00-5:00 Tuesday-Friday and the archives is open 9:00-12:00 Tuesday-Friday during the winter months. In the summer, the museum is open 10:00-5:00 Tuesday-Friday, 1:30-5:00 Saturday and Sunday, and the archives is open 10:00-12:00 Tuesday-Friday. Materials at this location include area obituaries, news clippings, genealogies and church histories.

The Kansas State Historical Society is the official archives for the state of Kansas and has microfilmed every newspaper in the state. They will search for obituaries in Kansas newspapers and other items if the patron can provide the name of the person, type of event, exact date of the event, and exact location. There is a \$15.00 research fee payable at the time of the request. Other information is provided at their web site – <http://www.kshs.org/research/index.htm>. Contact information for the society is as follows: The Kansas State Historical Society 6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615; Telephone 785-272-8681, extension 117; Fax 785-272-8682.

Mid-Continent Public Library, located in Independence, Missouri, has an excellent genealogy library. See its web site for more details. <http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/genlh/>

National Genealogical Society <http://www.ng3genealogy.org>

Local organizations that are active in genealogical research include the Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (Web site: <http://www.volgagerman.net>) and the Bukovina Society of the Americas Oren Windholz, President 3703 Fairway Drive Hays, KS 67601 Telephone 785-625-9492. (Web site: <http://www.bukovinasociety.org/>)

Libraries

The Western Room in Forsyth Library at Fort Hays State University has several items of genealogical interest in addition to the materials owned by the Fort Hays Kansas Genealogical Society. Although the Genealogical Society materials are available to anyone who is interested in this subject, only members of the Society may check them out. This area is usually open 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday. Otherwise, please call 785-628-5901 to schedule an appointment. Please check for special hours during semester breaks and holidays.

The Center for Ethnic Studies Room in Forsyth Library at Fort Hays State University has a lot of genealogical material that pertains to the Volga Germans in Ellis County and Kansas. Please call 785-628-5901 to make an appointment to use this area of the library.

The Kansas Room in the Hays Public Library is usually open the same hours as the library; however, assistance is not always available. Although help is usually available 9:00-5:00 Monday through Friday, please call in advance to be sure the Kansas Room Librarian or her assistant will be there. The library's telephone number is 785-625-9014. Summer library hours are usually 9:00-7:00 Monday-Thursday; 9:00-6:00 Friday, and 9:00-5:00 Saturday. Winter hours scheduled from Labor Day to Memorial Day are 9:00-9:00 Monday-Thursday; 9:00-6:00 Friday; 9:00-5:00 Saturday; and 1:00-5:00 Sunday. Check for special hours during holidays. A 1,000 volume genealogical collection is available at this location.

The LDS Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is located in Hays at 2901 Canal Blvd. Their telephone number is 785-625-2817. Assistance is available at this location to help you search for genealogical information. They are usually open 9:00-12:00 Saturday; 9:00-5:00 Tuesday. They have Family History Search both on microfiche and computer that will access The Ancestral File, the IGI (International Genealogical Index), The Family History Library Catalog Index (which includes materials available at Salt Lake City), Social Security Search and Military Records, as well as several other indexes. Although there is no charge to use the facility, it costs 15 cents a sheet for microfiche and \$5.50 for a reel of microfilm that has been obtained from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. A computer as well as a microfilm and microfiche reader is available for use.

The Iola Public Library is a small public library that has a good genealogical collection. The library at Iola has 3,200 volumes and 10,000 rolls of microfilm that can be loaned through Interlibrary Loan. Kansas libraries offer Interlibrary Loan to all patrons. It is free and walk-in borrowers can obtain materials free of charge. Their address and contact information is as follows; Iola Public Library 218 E. Madison Iola, KS 66749; Telephone 620-365-3262; Fax 620-365-5137; Email: iolaref@seks.org.

DAR Library – Founded in 1896, the Daughters of American Revolution Library has many sources of genealogical information to assist you in your research. Their contact information is: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-5303; Telephone 202-628-1776; Web Site: <http://www.dar.org/library/default.cfm>.

Library of Congress Genealogy and Local History Reading Room
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>

Regional Archives

There are two Regional National Archives less than 500 miles from Hays. The Regional National Archives that serves Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska is in Kansas City. Their contact information is: National Archives, Central Plains Region, 2312 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131-3011; Telephone 816-268-8000; E-mail kansascity.archives@nara.gov; Web site: <http://www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city/index.html>

The Regional National Archive that serves Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming is located in Denver in the Denver Federal Center. Their contact information is: National Archives, Rocky Mountain Region, P.O. Box 25307, Denver, Colorado 80225; Telephone 303-407-5740; E-mail denver.archives@nara.gov; Web site: <http://www.archives.gov/rocky-mountain/>.

The National Archives and Records Administration are located in Washington, DC. Their contact information is National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408-0001; Telephone: 202-357-5000; Web site: <http://www.nara.gov>.

Newspaper Office

The Hays Daily News is the only newspaper in Hays now. It is located at 507 Main and office hours are 8:00-5:00 Monday-Friday. Their telephone number is 785-628-1081. They only keep newspapers for a short period and then issues are placed on microfilm. Microfilm copies of the paper are kept at Forsyth Library and the Hays Public Library.