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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009 PICNIC, LAKE SHAWNEE

ST JOSEPH AUTUMNFEST, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

St Joseph Church, Topeka. Noon until 5 pm

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings are held bi-monthly at 1:00pm, the second Sunday of the month in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, at the corner of 3rd Street and Van Buren Street, Topeka, KS. Guests are always welcome

ROUNDUP

The Northeast Kansas Chapter will host the Kansas Round-up of Chapters, in Topeka, Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2009, at the Ramada Inn.

ILLNESS

Dear Family and Friends, Our cousin and friend Marilyn Rohr has been very sick again and the doctor has now found that her pancreas cancer is now in her liver. She will have a couple of rounds of chemo but that is all there is left to do. She is very sick at her stomach and also lots of pain. Please remember her in your prayers. Love, Carol Malecki

July 17,2009 Marilyn was upbeat considering her situation. She has a new physician after her previous surgeon retired. She had some new developments that the doctor said could be possibly not from the pancreas, it could be from her breast cancer of 2 years ago or even the colon cancer of many years ago. Severe pain in her shoulder was coming from the pancreas. Believe it or not the doctor said shoulder pain is common in pancreas cancer. Somehow the pain manifests itself in the shoulder sometimes. It was good to hear her very upbeat. Its amazing what a little bit of encouragement from the doctor can do. I just wanted to update you. Love, Carol

Henrietta Gleason continues to maintain favorably at last report. While she and Jack traveled to Florida this Summer, she did develop new complications of cellulitis and swelling in her legs. While she has apparently mastered this last malady, she reports that her days of long road trips with Jack are over and it is now time to retire their motor home. While we wish her all the best with her health, we will miss all of their able assistance in the preparation of bierocks in "old reliable" at the Farmers Market.

Gary Ubert announced the loss of his Uncle Joseph Dreher of Topeka recently.

1922 SANTA FE RAILROAD STRIKE

In 1922 the railroad workers in the Topeka Santa Fe Railroad shops went on strike. Most were fired and a major exodus of Volga Germans followed from Topeka, many to Chicago. The North Illinois Chapter of AHSGR has made a recent inquiry of this migration.

From Jerry Amen
President/ Northern Illinois Chapter of AHSGR

Frank, do you have a listing of the other families who came to Chicago in 1922. Would like to use this in our Newsletter. We had just mentioned this type of migration at our last NIC Chapter meeting titled "The Mystery of Jefferson Park"? Analyzing why did the G/R's come to this part of Chicago in a short time period, mentioned also the migration from Lincoln, NE., during this period which my Amen's did along with at least two other families (different area of Chicago). Did not know of Lillian's family history as she had not made a Chapter meeting in years, she was up there in years. Jim Osbourne of our Chapter would also be interested in this info as he is a Catholic Village co-ordinator, Brabender and Dehler (off the top of my head.)

Will also look into Kay Cortez for our newsletter
Jerry Amen President NIC-Ahsgr

Gary Ubert and I had made a previous study of this migration by using the records of St Joseph Church, seeking inquiries from St Alphonse Catholic Church in Chicago, regarding church histories of their parishioners. Approximately 122 individuals were noted, largely at the time of their marriages in Chicago.

Ike Appelhanz reports that others went to Oelwein, Iowa (including the Stadlers), others to Dyersville, Iowa, Sheyboygan, Wisconsin and Sterling, Colorado. Some of those who remained in Topeka went to work for the Rock Island and the Union Pacific Railroad. And some crossed the picket line, usually individuals with very large families.

The children of those who crossed the picket line, some who were not yet born in 1922, had to learn to fight, as they became the targets of the other youth whose parents no longer worked for the Santa Fe.

TOPEKA VOLGA GERMAN DVDs

Three VG tapes have been located in the Sunflower Journey collection. It is the Chapter's intention to purchase the three for library. These include:

a 10 minute segment on the construction of St Joseph Church,

a segment on the repair of the clock mechanism which drives each of the four clock faces in each of the twin St Joseph church towers,

and a program on Little Russia, Topeka, created by Ike Appelhanz.

REMODELING HINDERS JULY BIEROCKS SALES

Construction of a new facility at our Supplier's kitchen has temporary Halted bierocks sales at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays. Members may Wish to continue sales in September to Make up for sales loses in July.

OBITUARIES

The following obituaries were collected during June and July, 2009. The obituaries are provided as a service to the membership and the general public. Copies may be obtained by e mail in limited quantities at fjacobs@cox.net or by floppy disc at most Chapter meetings. The obituaries are offered as a research tool, and are NOT the final word on accuracy on any particular genealogy, rather they represent the most accurate information provided by the obituary's author and may contain errors.

TITLE'S FORMAT for an obituary presented here is:

- * Current last name
 - * first name
 - * father's surname (if deceased was married female)
 - * mother's surname if known, in parentheses
 - * the maiden name of the wife of a deceased male in brackets, if known
 - * "special interest" individual's surname in obit, flagged "randomly" within { }
- brackets.

The obituary listings will have three additional dates listed. Following the naming configuration we will list the Date of Birth; Date of Death, and following the Publisher Identifier we will include the publication date and the letter P if a photo was included.

These obituaries will eventually be placed in the Save Our Ancestral Records (SOAR) database at AHSGR, Lincoln, Nebraska

TCJ is for Topeka Capital Journal and HDN is for Hays Daily News.

Augustine, Dorothy Ann Arnold (Lydia _) 5 31 1926; 2 23 2009 HDN, 6 11 2009.txt
Basgall, Shirley Kay 4 2 1948; 6 29 2009 HDN, 6 30 2009.txt
Beckman, Dorven L (Kruse) {Baalman} 11 29 1929; 6 12 2009 HDN, 6 13 2009.txt
Bieker, Rita B Miller (Seitz) 5 22 1918; 7 10 2009 HDN, 7 11 2009.txt
Castor, Erple Estelle Weaver (Meredith) {Brungardt} 7 13 1920; 6 6 2009 hdn, 6 8 2009.txt
Copeland - Neugebauer, Juidith A Goetz (Senst) 1 23 1943; 6 2 2009 TCJ, 6 3 2009.txt
Dechant, Julitta Dinkel (Hertel) 10 18 1914; 6 9 2009 HDN, 6 12 2009.txt
Depperschmidt, George M (Lang) [Pffannenstiel] 12 10 1918; 6 14 2009 HDN 6 15 2009.txt
Dinkel, John Wayne (Sigler) 2 12 1968; 6 9 2009 HDN, 6 12 2009.txt
Etsel, Rosann (Best) {McCoy} 11 7 1939; 6 12 2009 TCJ, 6 14 2009.txt
Gaschler, Lois Ann Gugler (Lishen) 3 29 2009; 5 28 2009 HDN, 5 30 2009.txt
Gunzelman, David C [Karyn] {Dorothy Yost} 12 22 1940; 5 18 2009 HDN, 5 27 2009.txt
Haas, Hazel P Turner (Wynn) 11 20 1920; 6 3 2009 HDN, 6 5 2009.txt
Herman, Victor T (Schoenberger) [Schwartzkopf] 6 20 1918; 5 22 2009 HDN , 5 28 2009.txt
Hoover, Charles L (Hickert) {Dinkel} 5 10 1961; 6 23 2009 HDN, 6 26 2009.txt
Irvin, Beverly Charles (Lovitt) [Schraeder] 1 1 1921, 5 31 2009 HDN, 6 1 2009.txt
Karin, Joseph W (Staab) {VonLintel} 3 15 1957; 6 3 2009 HDN, 6 23 2009.txt
Karin, Joseph W about 1957; 6 23 2009 HDN, 6 24 2009.txt
Kendall, Robert A (Tackwell) [Herman] 3 13 1940; 7 8 2009 HDN, 7 9 2009.txt
Kippes - Schoendaller, Nowak (Rausch) 3 20 1925; 5 26 2009 HDN, 5 27 2009.txt
Kisner, Marlis A Meckel (Alexander) 2 15 1960; 6 1 2009 HDN, 6 2 2009.txt
Kreutzer, Patricia Brungardt (Graf) 7 22 1936; 6 27 2009 HDN, 6 27 2009.txt

legleiter, Olivia Befort (Stecklein) 5 14 1918; 7 3 2009 HDN, 7 4 2009.txt
Leikam, Lucille M Schrandt (Adam) 9 23 1926; 6 15 2009 HDN, 6 16 2009.txt
Leiker, Shawn G (Diane) about 1972; 7 8 2009 HDN, 7 11 2009.txt
Leiker, Sylvester C (Suppes) [Rupp] 12 11 1934; 5 23 2009 HDN, 5 26 2009.txt
Malsom, Theodore (Keller) [Dinkel] 9 24 1024; 7 3 2009 HDN, 7 4 2009.txt
Meis, Jeffrey Lee (Mauch) 7 6 1961; 6 5 2009 HDN, 6 8 2009.txt
Mosher, Darby Joel (Degenhardt) 11 27 1962; 5 2 2009 HDN, 6 6 2009.txt
Munsch, LeRoy J (Depperschmidt) [Delaney] 7 20 1935; 6 22 2009 HDN, 6 24 2009.txt
Mutschinszky, Lillian Hergenreder (Resch) about 1922; about 11 16 2008 Chicago Tribune, 11 16 2008.txt
Pfannenstiel, Felix F; about 1922; 6 21 2009 HDN, 6 23 2009.txt
Pfannenstiel, Lisa Agnes (Dreiling) [Haselhorst] {Legleiter} 12 19 1978; 6 1 2009 HDN, 6 3 2009.txt
Pfannenstiel, Philippa Pfannenstiel (Leiker) 9 30 1919; 6 9 2009 HDN, 6 10 2009.txt
Pfeifer, Julius Richard (Liberto Kloppertanz) [Werth] 4 1 1927; 5 29 2009 HDN, 6 3 2009.txt
Phlieger, Judy (Loevenstein) 9 21 1944, 6 5 2009 HDN, 6 9 2009.txt
Plumberg, Kenneth Francis (Stattelman) [Hoover] 5 22 1943; 6 7 2009 TCJ, 6 8 2009 P.txt
Polifka, Alice Louise Dreiling (Brungardt) 8 10 1919; 6 9 2009 TCJ, 6 11 2009 P.txt
Popp, Viola M Kuhn (Hammerschmidt) 7 11 1921; 6 12 2009 HDN 6 13 2009.txt
Ridder, Karla Kay (Giesick) about 1964; 6 24 2009 HDN, 6 30 2009.txt
Ross, Justina Meier (Pfannenstiel) 12 8 1920; 6 25 2009 HDN, 6 27 2009.txt
Ruder, Hilda Heronime (Hertlein) 5 20 1918; 7 5 2009 HDN, 7 7 2009.txt
Saunders, Eleanor Stramel (Braun) 10 4 1927; 7 4 2009 HDN, 7 6 2009.txt
Schmeidler, Gilbert J (Wolf) [Pfannenstiel] 4 30 1930; 6 18 2009 HDN, 6 20 2009.txt
Schmidtberger, Kenneth Francis (Burghart) [Cera] 3 18 1948; 6 4 2009 HDN, 6 5 2009.txt
Schoenthaler, Wilhelmina H Trarbach (JANTZ) 10 28 1918; 6 10 2009 HDN, 6 11 2009.txt
Schant, Norman F (Hammerschmidt) [Rohr] 5 6 36; 7 1 2009 HDN, 7 4 2009.txt
Schumacher, Edna Walter (Polifka) 1 10 1923; 5 27 2009 HDN, 5 29 2009.txt
Smith, Elizabeth Ann Leiker (Kuhn) 9 22 1945; 6 8 2009 HDN, 6 11 2009.txt
Staab, Joan G Costello (Finnin) 10 7 28; 6 20 2009 HDN, 6 22 2009.txt
Stecklein, Alois C (Pfannenstiel) [Pfannenstiel] 5 7 1919; 7 9 2009 HDN, 7 9 2009.txt
Summers, Diane Sue Hammerschmidt (Groff) 1 12 1964; 6 13 2009 HDN, 6 15 2009.txt
Tweedy, Ken (Jacobs) [Roberts] 6 3 1937; 7 9 2009 HDN, 7 11 2009.txt
Urban, Dexter Benedict (Kreutzer- Werth) 7 2 1992; 7 2 2009 HDN, 7 6 2009.txt
Urban, Lillian M Sander (Stang) 3 29 1934; 5 29 2009 HDN, 5 30 2009.txt
Vogel, Grace E (Andress) about 1931; 6 3 2009 TCJ, 6 9 2009.txt
Wasinger, Neolah A Becker (Adams) 4 4 1927; 6 28 2009 HDN, 6 29 2009.txt
Werth, Eugene Joseph (Klaus) [Bell] 8 8 1941; 6 16 2009 Salina Journa 6 18 2009 P.txt
Wessel, Mary H Brucken (Sextro) {Appelhanz} 4 16 1917; 6 15 2009 TCJ, 6 17 2009 P.txt
Westerfield - Harding, Gertrude Hess (Mulvihill) 7 24 1924; 6 1 2009 TCJ, 6 3 2009 P.txt
Workman, Jeffrey L (Hilty) [Graf] 1 25 1957; 5 30 2009 TCJ, 6 3 2009 P.txt

Saratov Area in the Russian Civil War

Our eminent GR historian and translator, Rick Rye has kindly offered to translate the whole of the Russian Civil War battles in and around Saratov / Kamyshin in 1919, Wrangel's White Army trying to reach and unite with Kolchak's White Army... but in between lay the Red Army.

This is a 60 page document with 3 maps.

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