

McPherson County Genealogical Resources Guide is a publication of the Archives, McPherson County Old Mill Museum, Lindsborg, Kansas 6th Edition, printed January 2004.

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McPherson County Old Mill Museum

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Lindsborg, Kansas 67456 785-227-3595

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Archive Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENT

Census: (Microfilm)

McPherson County 1870, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1895, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930

Saline County 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930

Marriage Records

Marriage Certificates 1870-1915*

Divorce Records

Probate Records

Probate vouchers & receipts 1871-1939

Record of final Account Probate 1877-1939

Cemetery Records – All McPherson County Cemeteries (Few Missing)

Church Records (Microfilm)

Trinity United Methodist Church, Lindsborg

Elim Lutheran Church, Marquette

Fremount Lutheran Church, Lindsborg

Naturalization Records (Microfilm)

School Records

Teacher Certificates 1881-1929

One Room School Records – Individual Files on Each School

School Work of McPherson County Children for the 1904 Worlds Fair

Land Records

Land Transfer Records 1877-1900

Tax Records

Tax Records 1877 – 1938

Tax Assessment Records 1870 – 1921

Newspapers (Microfilm)

McPherson Independent

Various Years

McPherson Freeman

Various Years

McPherson Republican	Various Years	Canton Carrier	Jun 1885-Aug 1888
Peoples Advocate (Galva)	Apr 1893-Aug 1893	Champion	Sep 1895-Jul 1898
Canton Argus	Dec 1898-Feb 1899	Canton Republican	Aug 1892-Sep 1895
Canton Pilot	Jan 1903-Dec 1915		

Directories & Phone Books

Lindsborg Phone Books	1912 – 1950*
Polk’s Business Directories	1878 – 1912
List of Residents Enumerations	1923 – 1966
Educational Directories	1933 – 1964*
Bethany College Catalogs	1882 – 1984
Bethany College Yearbooks	1908 – 1995*

Maps

McPherson County Atlases 1884, 1903, 1921
Saline County Atlases 1903, 1920
Sanborn Maps

Misc

Record of Guardian Accounts
Township Records
Kansas State Historical Quarterly
Community History Books
Published and Unpublished Family Histories

*** Missing Some Years**

McPherson County Resources

GALVA

Galva Museum

c/o Linda Andersen

P.O. Box 2

Galva, Kansas 67443 620-654-3328

- Township records for: Lonetree 1889-1945
 Empire 1891-1954
- Records from Galva Public Schools prior to consolidation 1891-1957
- One room school records for: Grasshopper late 1880's to mid 1950's
 North Diamond late 1880's to mid 1950's
 Good Hope 1924-1940
- Galva City Records: Prior to 1950's
- Delmore Township Records 1874-1955
- Empire Cemetery Records - Cemetery located 1 mi east & 2 1/8 mi south of Galva.

Groveland

Cindy Baldwin

988 9th Ave

McPherson, Kansas 67460 620-241-7997

- Groveland Township records:
 Treasurers books - 1878 to early 1900's
 Assessor's books - 1920's to 1940's

Inman

The Inman Heritage Association

c/o Adolf & Wanda Neufeld

Box 217

Inman, Kansas 67546 620-585-6748

- Computerized records for:
 1. Inman Municipal Cemetery
 2. Superior Mennonite Cemetery Assoc.
 3. West Liberty Mennonite Church Cemetery
 4. Groveland Township Cemetery

Amish Mennonite Cemetery

- Misc. Superior Township Assessor Records
- Misc. City of Inman Records

Inman Public Library

100 N. Main

Inman, Kansas 67546 620-585-2474

- Church Histories: Andover Lutheran, Bethel Mennonite, Inman Mennonite, Groveland Christian, Hoffnunsau Mennonite, St. Peter's Evangelical & Reformed, West Liberty, Zion Church of God in Christ and Zoar Mennonite Brethren
- Family Histories and Genealogies of Inman area families
- Inman Elementary and High School Yearbooks - not a complete set
- North Inman Cemetery - record of burials
- Misc. Books on the history of Inman and surrounding area.

The following churches have their own cemeteries and keep their own records:

- Hoffungsau Mennonite Church 620-585-6733
- Monitor Church of the Brethren 620-834-2278
- Zion Mennonite Church 620-585-6449
- Zoar Mennonite Church 620-585-6999

L i n d s b o r g

Bethany College

Wallerstedt Library

421 North First

Lindsborg, Kansas 67456 785-227-3311

Hours:

When School is in Session:

Mon-Thu 7:30 am- 10:30 pm, Fri 7:30 am - 5 pm, Sat 11 am - 4 pm, Sun 2:30 - 10:30 pm

Summer/Holiday:

Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm

Newspapers on Microfilm:

Smoky Valley News	Sept. 21, 1881 to July 1887	Lindsborg News-Record	1912-present
Academica (in Swedish)	1884-1885	Hemlandet Det Gamla och Det Nya	1855 - 1870
Budarare (in Swedish)	May 1895-June 1896	Gamla och Nya Hemlandet	1870 -1914
Bethany Messenger	Dec. 1892-1897, 1902-present	Svenska Haralden	1878-1885
Lindsborgs Posten (in Swedish)	1898-1930	Framat	1887-1891
Lindsborg Record	1897-1912	Lindsborg Localist	1879 -1883
Lindsborg News	1887-1912	Pedagogen	1885-1887

Records on microfilm:

- Freemount Church Records 1869-1990
- Trinity United Methodist Church 1870-1996
- 1st Agricultural Society of McPherson Co. 1868-1877

Bethany Lutheran Church

320 North Main

Lindsborg, Kansas 67456 785-227-2167

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 5 pm

- Membership records from 1869 to present
- Baptism & marriage records from 1869
- Funerals from 1880

McPherson County Old Mill Museum - *For a list of holdings please see consult See Page 3.*

Jane Brunsell

223 South Second

Lindsborg, Kansas 67456 785-227-3207

- Elmwood & Kentuck Creek Cemetery records

McPherson

McPherson County Courthouse

117 N. Maple

McPherson, Kansas 67460

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 am - 5 pm

Register of Deeds Office: P.O. Box 86 620-241-5050

- Deeds, Mortgages and misc. records for McPherson County starting in 1870
- Files for all old school districts 1875 to around 1955
- Census for McPherson County - 1870,1875,1880,1885,1895, 1905, 1915
- McPherson County Atlas 1884, 1903, 1921, 1969
- Old Soldiers registration record for McPherson Co. 1883
- Cemetery book of township cemeteries compiled by James Cassler

Plot listings for the following cemeteries:

Meridian Township

French Cemetery
German Evangelical Lutheran
Meridian Cemetery

Bonaville Township

Gypsum Creek Township

Eureka Cemetery
Zion/Crazy Ridge Cemetery
Roxbury/ Valley View

Turkey Creek Township

Eden Mennonite Cemetery

McPherson Township

McPherson City Cemetery

Superior Township

Bethel Mennonite Cemetery
Esau Cemetery
Inman City

Harper Township

Fairview

South Sharps Creek Township

Excelsior/Baker

Mound Township

Moundridge Cemetery
1st Mennonite Church of Christian

Union Township

Freemount Lutheran Cemetery
Stephens Family Cemetery

Groveland Township

Monitor Church of the Brethren
Groveland Cemetery

Smoky Hill Township

Elmwood Cemetery
Kentuck Creek Cemetery

New Gottland Township

Koons Cemetery

Hayes Township

Amish Cemetery
West Liberty Mennonite Cemetery

Battle Hill Township

Oakes Cemetery

Empire Township

Diamond Cemetery

Castle Township

Windom Cemetery

Lone Tree Township

Empire Cemetery
Canton/Emmanuel Mennonite

Spring Valley Township

German Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery/
Spring Valley Mennonite

County Clerk Office: P.O. Box 425 620-241-3656

- Birth, death and some marriage records before 1911
- Population figures: 1932-1995

District Court Office: P.O. Box 1106 620-241-3422

- Probate records 1870 to present
- Marriage records 1870 to present

- Divorce records 1873 to present
- Civil court records 1873 to present
- Naturalization & Immigration records

City of McPherson

Clerk's Office

400 East Kansas, P.O. Box 1008

McPherson, Kansas 67460 620-245-2535

- McPherson County birth & death records 1911-April 29, 1989
- McPherson City Cemetery Records

McPherson Public Library

214 West Marlin

McPherson, Kansas 67460 620-245-2570

Hours:

Mon - Wed 9 am - 8 pm

Thurs 9 am - 9 pm

Fri & Sat 9 am- 6 pm

Sun 2-5 pm

Obituary File of McPherson and the surrounding area which begins in 1872.

McPherson Cemetery Index

McPherson County Census: 1870, 1875,1880,1885, 1895, 1900,1905,1915,1920,1925, 1930

Newspapers on Microfilm:

McPherson

Farmer's Advocate	Jul 1874 – Sep 1874
McPherson Freeman	Aug 1878 – Nov 1919
McPherson Independent	Oct 1874 – Nov 1879
	Aug 1882 – Jul 1884
McPherson Messenger	Dec 1872 – Dec 1873
McPherson Republican	Dec 1879 – Dec 1930
Democrat	Oct 1886 – Aug 1912
Democrat-Opinion	Aug 1912 – Apr 1945
McPherson Daily Rep.	Feb 1887 – Oct 1959
McPherson Sentinel	Oct 1959 – Feb 2003
McPherson Opinion	Jul 1893 – Aug 1912
McPherson Co. Advertiser	Dec 1934 – Jun 1937
McPherson County News	Jun 1937 – Jul 1966
Educator and Companion	Nov 1894 – Jan 1895
Educator	Feb 1895 – Jul 1895
Indicator	Aug 1895
Industrial Liberator	Feb 1882 – Aug 1882

Israel at Work

Jul 1889 – Aug 1889

Kansas American

Jul 1903 – Oct 1904

Canton

Canton Argus

Dec 1898 – Feb 1899

Canton Pilot

Mar 1899 – Dec 1983

Inman

Inman Review Jan 1892 – Jan 1971

Inman Review & Buhler News

Jul 1973 – Dec 1983

Marquette

Marquette Tribune

Aug 1889 – Dec 1983

Moundridge

Moundridge Leader

Mar 1887 – Jun 1894

Moundridge Journal

Jun 1894 – Dec 1983

Lindsborg

Lindsborg Posten

Feb 1898 – Dec 1930

Lindsborg News-Record

Jan 1971 – Dec 1983

McPherson County Historical Society, Inc.

c/o Linn Peterson

540 East Hill Street

McPherson, Kansas 67460 620-241-2699

- Original pioneer family registers 1971-1999: 4 vol.-625
- Pioneers of McPherson County 1866-1897
- McPherson County Directories 1895, 1902, 1907, 1915
- Bound copies of McPherson Republican 1880's, 1900-1930, 1960's and 1970's
- McPherson City telephone books 1918, 1926, 1930's thru 1980's
- Listings of all school districts
- Teachers' names and board members
- Superintendents Educational Reports 1923 - 1969
- City of McPherson annual reports 1914-1966
- McPherson Obituary collections 1970's to 1999

McPherson County Genealogical Society

P. O. Box 483

McPherson, Kansas 67460-1402

McPherson College Library

1600 East Euclid, P.O. Box 1402

McPherson, Kansas 67460-1402

620-241-0731 ext. 1216 Fax: 620-241-8443

Hours: Mon - Thu 7:45 am - 10 pm, Fri 7:45 am - 5 pm, Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 2 - 10 pm

- The Brethren Collection: Historical and current materials relating to the Church of the Brethren and McPherson College.

DICKINSON COUNTY

Abilene Public Library

209 NW 4th (4th and Broadway)

Abilene, KS 67410 785-263-3082

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed 9 am-6 pm, Thu Noon-7 pm, Fri 9 am- 5 pm, Sat 9am - Noon

- Abilene Newspapers 1870 - 1942 (to 1972 by end of 1996)
- DAR Notebook - Early settlers - Dickinson County

Dickinson County Heritage Center

412 S. Campbell

Abilene, KS 67410 785-263-2681

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Obituaries, County census records, City directories, Marriage records 1861 - 1913

Family Histories, County tax records, County Probate records

Newspapers on microfilm include:

- Abilene: Advocate - 1932
- Chronicle (weekly) 1881-1891
- Democrat Nov. 1880 - Mar. 1882
- Little Sand Pounder Aug. 14 - Nov. 30, 1886
- Reflector (weekly) 1883-1886, 1912-1935
- Republican Nov.12 - Dec. 17, 1888
- Union Labor Banner Oct. 5 - Dec. 14, 1888

Also limited newspapers for the following towns in Dickinson County:

Banner City, Carlton, Detroit, Dillon, Enterprise, Herington, Hope, Navarre, Solomon and Woodbine.

Tri-County Historical Museum

800 S. Broadway

Herington, Kansas 67449 785-258-2842 email: trimus da@ikansas.com

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 1pm – 5pm

Marion, Morris & Dickinson Counties History; Obituaries; Genealogy information.

Herington High School Yearbooks, information on schools and area churches

Lutheran Church Records on microfilm

Newspapers on Microfilm:

- Herington Newspapers Dec 1884 - Aug 1996
- Hope Newspapers Feb 1885- Dec 1979

Cemetery Records and misc. family histories

Kansas History books and periodicals, information on surrounding communities

ELLSWORTH COUNTY

Ellsworth County Historical Society

104 SW Main

Ellsworth, KS 67439-0144 785-472-3059

Hours: Winter: Oct - Apr: Tues-Fri 1-5 pm, Sat 9-12 & 1-5, Sun 1-5 pm

Summer: May-Sept: Tues-Sat 9-12 & 1-5, Sun 1-5, closed on Mondays

- Large collection of photographs, some family histories, obituaries
- Complete set of books on Civil War veterans
- Research files on a large number of Ellsworth citizens
- Small collection of old maps and various war memorabilia
- Local newspapers on microfilm from the 1880's
- A set of cemetery books compiled in the 1930's

Ellsworth City Library (J.H. Robbins Memorial Library)

219 N. Lincoln Ave.

Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3969

Hours: Tues, Thu, Fri 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mon, Wed 10:00 am - 7:30 pm Call for extended summer hours

- Ellsworth newspapers 1885 - 1980
- Cemetery records through 1940 (updating to the present)
- Misc. family histories and family history resources

HARVEY COUNTY

Mennonite Library & Archives

Bethel College

300 East 27th

North Newton, Kansas 67117 316-284-5304 E-mail: mla@bethelks.edu

Hours: Mon - Thu 10 am - 12 noon, 1-5 pm, Fri - by appointment

- Information on early Mennonite settlers to the South Central Kansas Region

MARION COUNTY

Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies

Tabor College

400 S. Jefferson

Hillsboro, Kansas 67063

620-947-3121 ext. 1211 email: peggyg@tabor.edu

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 am - 12 noon, 1:30 - 4 pm Reduced summer hours

- Records of US conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church, including congregational records.
- Genealogical and manuscript collections of families, particularly Germans from Russia
- Records of Marion Co., KS - transferred from Marion courthouse

- Records of Hillsboro Historical Society, and Marion County Historical Society
- Records of Tabor College
- German and English newspapers
- Census records, ship lists

RICE COUNTY

Young Historical Library

201 Main Street, P.O. Box 126

Little River, Kansas 67457-0126 620-897-6236

- Local Newspapers on Microfilm (Little River, Windom & Geneseo): 1900 to 2001
- Rice County Census on Microfilm: through 1925
- McPherson County atlases: 1903 & 1919
- Cemetery Records: Bean, Forrest Home, Union, Alden, Ebenezer, Raymond, Salem, Chase, Old Lutheran, Old Dunkard, Old Rice Co. Poor Farm, Geneseo, Bushton, Holy Name
- City Histories, City & Cemetery maps
- North Fork School, Dist. #24 records
- Clippings of obituaries, births, engagements, weddings, birthdays, some family genealogies

Fee: \$10.00 per hour (½ hour minimum), copies .10 each, mailers and postage

Coronado Quivira Museum / Rice County Historical Society, Inc.

105 West Lyon

Lyons, Kansas 67554 620-257-3941

- Marriage records 1870-1982
- Rice County cemetery records
- Biographical History of Central Kansas, 2 volumes
- Collection of Rice County obituaries
- Rice County history books
- Chase and Raymond history books, notebooks on Alden history
- Telephone directories of Lyons 1952-present
- 1902 and 1919 Rice County Plat books
- Old photograph collection
- Rice County school year books & school census books
- Misc. Family histories

Lyons Public Library

217 East Ave S

Lyons, Kansas 67554 620-257-2961

Microfilm:

- Lyons Daily News - starting in the 1880's
- Central Kansas News Democrat: May 8, 1879 - Fe. 3, 1887 & Apr. 15, 1904-June 17, 1909
- Lyons Republican: Sept. 11, 1879 - Sept. 10, 1909

Federal Census:

- 1880 - Reno, Republic, Rice & Riley Counties
- 1920 - Republic, Rush, Rice & Russell counties

Carolyn Lundstrom

560 27th Road

Little River, Kansas 67457 620-897-6602

- Rice County - Odessa Township: Forest Home Cemetery Records
- Hope School Records - Dist. 98, Galt Township, Rice County (Little River area)
- Old Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church Records
- Records of some early settlers to Odessa township
- Washington County, KS: Records of Swedish Baptist Church, Brantford, KS

SALINE COUNTY

Salina Public Library

Campbell Room of Kansas Research

301 West Elm

Salina, Kansas 67401 785-825-4624 Email: jlilly@salpublib.org

www.salpublib.org

Hours: Mon - Thurs 9 am - 9 pm, Fri & Sat 9 am- 6 pm, Sun 1-6 pm

Access for research during weekend & evening hours available through reference staff.

- Salina-Saline County Directories
- Card files on births, deaths and marriages before 1900 - from local newspapers
- Oral history tapes
- Large photographic collection

Microfilm:

- Salina Newspapers
- Some Saline county small town newspapers
- Census for all Kansas counties 1855 – 1930

Digital Resources:

- Online products available in house only (i.e. no remote access)
 1. Ancestry Plus
 2. Heritage Quest
 3. Civil War Database
 4. Genealogy.Com
- 1880 U.S. Census on CD

Limited research can be done by staff person if exact names and dates are supplied

Smoky Valley Genealogical Society

211 West Iron, Suite 205

Salina, Kansas 67401 785-825-7573

Hours: Mon - Sat 12-4 pm Closed all Federal Holidays

- Salina city directories
- Salina High School yearbooks
- Original records including:
 - Saline Co. marriages, probate, Salina voter registration, School census
- Plats maps for 1884, 1903, 1920.

- Roselawn cemetery index.
- Surname file
- Vertical File on Kansas
- War of the Rebellion Books
- Growing microfilm collection.
- Primary & original reproduced materials for sale.

For a fee the Society will do research in Saline County records.

SALINE COUNTY continued

Smoky Hill Museum

211 West Iron, P.O. Box 101

Salina, Kansas 67402-0101 785-309-5776

www.smokyhillmuseum.org

Museum Hours: Tue - Fri 12 - 5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-5. Closed Mondays & Major holidays

- Campbell collection - early history of Salina
- Photo collection - Salina / Saline County

Archives open for public research **by appointment only.**

Saline County Courthouse

300 West Ash

Salina, Kansas 67401

Hours: Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm

Register of Deeds Office: Room 212 Phone: 785-826-6570

- Surveyors' plats, military discharges, depositions
- Old school files- county common schools

Salina City Clerk's Office: Room 206 Phone: 785-826-7240

- Gypsum Hill Cemetery index: deaths & burials after 1911

Additional Resources State-Wide/Nation-Wide

Kansas State Historical Society

6425 SW 6th Ave

Topeka, Kansas 66615 785-272-8681 ext 117

Hours: Mon - Sat: 9 am - 4:30 pm

- Extensive research collection for the state of Kansas including:
- Records concerning McPherson & other counties
- State & Federal census records
- Newspaper on microfilm for most Kansas communities
- Published histories - towns, churches, etc.
- General family histories
- Newspaper clippings files
- Manuscript collection
- Photograph collection
- The Kansas State Historical Society is also the Kansas State Archives and hold the unpublished records of the State Government.

Family History Research Center

LDS Church

845 South Ohio (call for appropriate mailing address)

Salina, Kansas 785-827-0058

Hours: Tuesday 9:30 - 4 & 6:30 - 9

Thursday 9:30 - 4

Saturday 12:30 - 5

Family History Research Center

LDS Church

18 17th Crestview (call for appropriate mailing address)

Hutchinson, Kansas 67502 316-665-1187

Hours: Tuesday 1-5 pm

Wednesday 9:30 - 5

Thursday 9:30 - 5 and 7-9 pm

Ancestral File, international genealogical index, society security file, military index (Korea, Vietnam), card catalogs for holdings in Salt Lake City. Interlibrary loan of records on microfilm for Salt Lake City and assistance in using the microfilm and computer records.

Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

Augustana College

639 38th Street

Rock Island, IL 61201-2273 309-794-7204

The Swenson Center is a national archive and research institute for the study of Swedish immigration to North America. Its library and archival holdings are extensive, including materials from all sectors of the Swedish-American community in the US and Canada. The center is open to the public on a reference basis only. Call in

advance for an appointment. Research by staff: \$20.00/ hour.

Helpful Internet Sites

McPherson County Old Mill Museum

www.oldmillmuseum.org

McPherson County Research Library & Archives

www.rootsweb.com/~ksmcrla

Ancestry

www.ancestry.com

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

www.raogk.org

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet

www.cyndislist.com

The US Genweb project

www.usgenweb.com

Kansas Genweb project

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb>

Rootsweb

www.rootsweb.com

KSLC (Kansas State Library System – Access Heritage Quest)

www.kslc.org

Family Search (LDS Church)

www.familysearch.org

Kindred Konnection Family History Research Center

www.mytrees.com

National Genealogical Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org

Cemetery Research

www.interment.net

National Archives - The Genealogy Page

www.nara.gov/genealogy

