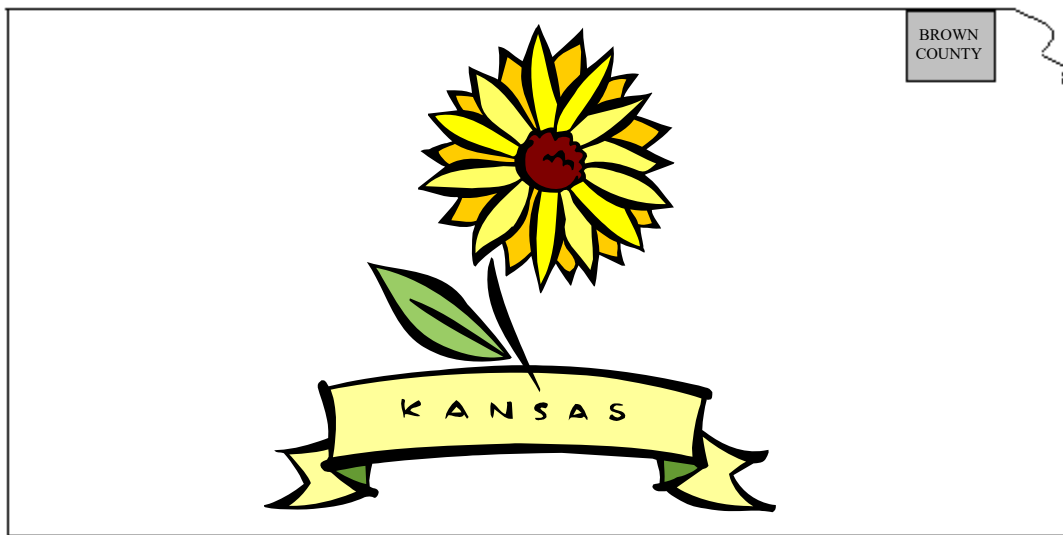


BROWN COUNTY GENEALOGY



Developed by Sandy Carter, Brown County Courthouse
Revised 02/01/2022

OFFICES LOCATED IN THE COURTHOUSE

601 Oregon St.
Hiawatha, KS. 66434
Hours: 8am to 4:30pm, Mon-Fri.
brcoks.org

BROWN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:

2nd Floor Ph: (785) 742-2581
dawn@brcoks.org

Birth & Death records for 1885-1889 & 1907-1911, indexed.
1860 & 1880 Brown County Census, indexed. Brown Co Newspapers
1875-1899, indexed. Office staff will do minimal research as time allows.

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT:

3rd Floor Ph: (785) 742-7481
jmoore@brdistct.org

Marriage records from 1857 to present, cost: .50 per copy,
\$1.50 per certified copy. Naturalization records starting in the 1930's.
Office staff will do minimal research as time allows.

REGISTER OF DEEDS:

2nd Floor Ph: (785) 742-3741
nbrockhoff@brcoks.org

Military Discharges, Cemetery Deeds. Land Records from 1857 to present.
Office staff does not do research.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

KANSAS DEPT. OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Office of Vital Statistics
Curtis State Office Bldg.
1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 120
Topeka, KS. 66612-2221
Email: kdhe.VitalRecords@ks.gov
Web: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1666/Certificates>

Customer Service Hours:
9am - 4pm, Mon-Fri
Phone: (785) 296-1400
Closed Holidays
Fax: (785) 296-8075

Birth and death records are filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics commencing July 1, 1911. For a marriage that occurred prior to May 1, 1913, contact the office of the Probate Division of the District court in the county in which the license was issued and for a divorce record prior to July 1, 1951, the Clerk of the District Court in the county in which the decree was granted.

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

6425 SW 6th Ave.
Topeka, KS. 66615-1099
Web: www.kshs.org/

Research Hours: 9am to 4:30pm, Tue-Sat
Closed Mondays and State Holidays
Ph. (785) 272-8681, 117 Fax (785) 272-8682
TTY: (785) 272-8683

Kansas Census: 1855-1930, Out of State Census: 1790-1930, Special Census: 1850-1940. They also have biographies, vital records, Tax Assessment Rolls, newspapers, directories, county and town histories, church records and histories, school records, military records, land records, Indian records, maps and many other holdings to numerous to list. Copying service is available on a limited basis. Limited research by mail is also available.

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

The following forms are designed to help you in your research in the Register of Deeds Office. The "Genealogy Research" form can be used when searching the Grantor/Grantee books and then the numerical index. After finding your surname in the Grantor/Grantee book, you may then look at the numerical index for that particular legal description which in turn will list all instruments recorded concerning that tract of land. You can also record any similar names found. See the "Example" below. Additional forms are available upon request.

Some people have taken photos of the pages they are interested in and some have even video taped the books.

You will also find a map of Brown County and a map of the cemeteries in Brown County. The Cemetery map lists the Township numbers down the left side and the Range numbers across the top of the page, with the section numbers where the cemeteries are located in each respective Township-Range combination.

Example:

GENEALOGY RESEARCH						
				REQUESTED BY: _____		

NAMES						
SEARCHED SMITH, JONES						
INFORMATION FOUND IN GRANTOR/GRANTEE BOOKS				SIMILAR NAMES FOUND		
E. SMITH: 57-489				_____		
A JONES: B-411				_____		
SW/4 of SE/4 Sec 10 Twp 2 Rng 15				_____		
_____				_____		

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW/4 SE4 10-2-15						
DOC. TYPE	DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	BOOK	PAGE	PART
WD	Apr. 8, 1887	ALBERT LEWIS	E. SMITH	57	489	S 10A
WD	Jan. 4, 1901	E. SMITH	HERBERT JENKINS	60	125	S 10A

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

REQUESTED BY: _____

NAMES
SEARCHED _____

INFORMATION FOUND IN GRANTOR/GRANTEE BOOKS (List of Book & Pages or Legal Descriptions found.)

SIMILAR NAMES FOUND

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: _____

DOC. TYPE	DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	BOOK	PAGE	PART

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: _____

DOC. TYPE	DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	BOOK	PAGE	PART

NOTES:

TERMS
WD: Warranty Deed
QCD: Quit Claim Deed
PAT: Land Patent
BOND: Bond for Deed
LDR: Land District Record

CEMETERY MAP OF BROWN COUNTY

	RNG 15	RNG 16	RNG 17	RNG 18
TWP 1	SEC 1 SE4--German Baptist Church 5 *SW4--German Baptist Ch. (Keim) 11 SE4--Brethern Church 12 *SE4--Burial Sites 25 SW4--Morrill Cemetery	SEC 20 *SW4-- Heise Cemetery 33 SE4--Hamlin Cemetery	SEC 7 SE4-- Cornelison Cem 7 SE4--Mt. Zion Cemetery 12 SW4--Laus Creek Cemetery (*Anderson) 20 NW4--Cornelison & Hart Cem. 20 NE4--Hart Cemetery 31 NW4--Oakland Cemetery	SEC 2 *NE4--Bruin 3 NE4--(Unknown) 12 *SE4--Bruin 20 SW4--Pleasant Hill Cemetery (*Wolfley)
	1 SE4-- German Baptist Church 16 NE4--Isely Cemetery 24 SE4--Lutheran Church 24 *SW4--St. Paul Lutheran Ch. 25 NW4--Fairview Cemetery 27 *NW4--Mize Burial Sites *NW4--Meyer Cemetery	8 SE4--Hamlin Cemetery Assn. 12 SE4--(Unknown) 16 SE4--Niles Military Cemetery 30 SW4--Pleasant Hill Cem. (*Carson)	21 SW4--Hiawatha Cemetery 28 NW4--Hiawatha Cemetery (Mt. Hope)	4 NE4--Dunn & Kenyon Cem. 8 Mt. Roy 21 SW4--Ununda Cemetery
	4 *SW4--Haflick Cemetery 14 SE4--Pleasant Dale (*Crosier) 28 *SE4--Comet Cemetery	1 *NE4--Brown Co. Poor Farm 28 NE4--Grand Prairie Cemetery (Powhattan)	22 NW4--Parks Cemetery (*Claytonville) 35 SW4--Parker Cemetery	9 NW4--Rose Hill Cemetery 14 SE4--Pleasant Ridge Cem. 27 NW4--Upper Wolf Cemetery 36 NE4--Wolf River Cemetery (*German)
	32 NE4--South Powhattan Cem.	10 *NE4--St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery 11 NW4--German Lutheran Zion Church 18 *NW4--North Kickapoo Cem. 31 *NE4--South Kickapoo Cem.	12 *SW4--Carr Cemetery 33 SE4--Horton Cemetery Assn 35 NW4--St. Leo's Cemetery 35 SW4--Kenekuk Cemetery	5 SW4--Norwegian Evangelical (Zion) Lutheran Church 16 NE4--Methodist Church (*Kimberlin) *NE4--Page Cemetery 18 *SW4--All Saints Cemetery 23 SE4--Miller Cemetery 36 *SW4--Black Cemetery
TWP 2				
TWP 3				
TWP 4				

MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

413 Oregon St.

Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

Ph. (785) 742-3831

www.hiawathalibrary.org

GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

ATLASES

Meacham's Atlas of Brown and Nemaha Counties, Kansas. 1887.

Maps with names of landowners. Includes good illustrations of homes and farms.

OFFICIAL ATLAS OF KANSAS. 1887

Plat Book of Brown County, Kansas. 1904

Maps with names of landowners.

Standard Atlas of Brown County, Kansas. 1919

Maps with names of landowners. Includes small photos of some homes and owners in back.

INDEX

WPA Index to Hiawatha Daily and Brown County Worlds. Includes births, marriages and deaths that were printed in the paper, from the beginning to about 1955.

CEMETERY RECORDS

Mt. Hope Cemetery Burials. Computer generated list of all burials that were printed in the plot book of Mt. Hope.

Ford's Cemeteries of Brown County, Kansas. 1986. Includes all of Brown County. Book not in exact alphabetical order.

MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY
GENEALOGY BOOKS ON BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS

Annals of Brown County, Kansas, by Grant Harrington

Brown County Cemetery Records, by Lyle Hinz

Brown County, Kansas 1860 Federal Census, by Della Crawford

Brown County, Kansas Marriage Records (3 books) A-F

Brown County Vital Statistics, Brown County Clerk

1860 Federal Census, Brown County, Kansas

1880 Brown County Census Records

Genealogical & Biographical Record of Northeastern Kansas

Hamlin Schools, 1859-1964, by Everett Byer

History of Brown County, Kansas, by E.N. Morrill

History of Carson, Kansas & Carson School District #1

History of Hamlin City & Community, Brown County, KS. 1858-1985

History of the State of Kansas, by A. T. Andreas, 1883

History of Powhattan & the Powhattan Community

History of Robinson

Kansas Historic Resources for Hiawatha, Kansas

Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920. (1987)

A Pictorial History of Brown County, Kansas

Ruley's History of Brown County, Kansas

Rural Schools of Brown County, Kansas Before Unification

Saint Leo's Cemetery Directory

The School News, 1905-1909, Hiawatha High School

Township Maps of Brown County, Kansas

Who Owns What

MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY
GENEALOGICAL MATERIALS ON MICROFILM

The following items are on microfilm and are located in the Genealogy Department of the Morrill Public Library. Microfilm is for use in the library only. A microfilm reader/printer is located in the department for your convenience. Microfilmed copies are 15 cents per page.

Brown County World 3/16/1882 thru 8/26/1983

Hiawatha Dispatch 1876-1882

Kansas Democrat 9/5/1883 thru 4/24/1924

Robinson Index 2/10/1955 thru 12/19/1957

Union Sentinel 8/20/1864 thru 8/10/1866

White Cloud Chief 6/4/1857 thru 12/28/1899

Kansas State Census: 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895

(Brown, Doniphan, Nemaha counties) 1905 (Brown County only)

SEARCHABLE DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

<https://www.hiawathalibrary.org/digital-newspaper-archives/>

CENSUSES IN BOOK FORM

1855 Territorial Census

1860 Territorial Census

1880 Federal Census, Brown County, Kansas

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

611 Utah Street

Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

Ph. (785) 742-3330

<https://browncountyhistoricalsociety.com/>

A. N. RULEY'S "History of Brown County" 1854-1917

BROWN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS: For most of the area towns

EDNA ROSENBAUM'S PHOTOS: Edna operated a photo studio in Hiawatha and these photos are from her studio for the years of 1933-1973. This collection contains baby, confirmation, children, family, graduation, group, wedding etc.

*The Historical Society has hundreds of old unidentified photos taken years ago and also many miscellaneous photos that have been identified.

MANY MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ON THE HISTORY OF BROWN COUNTY

BROWN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

116 S. 7th STREET

Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

<https://brcountyksgs.org/>

Ph. (785) 742-7511

Email: brcogenealogy@yahoo.com

BROWN COUNTY NEWSPAPERS: 1864 - 1998

SOLDIERS BOOKS: 1889

PLAT BOOKS: 1887 - 1904 - 1919

BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS MARRIAGE RECORDS:

Book A & B	1857-1880	
Book C & D	1880-1889	(all compiled by John & Enid Ostertag)
Book E & F	1889-1895	

BROWN COUNTY CENSUS INDEX: 1880

BROWN COUNTY FEDERAL CENSUS INDEX: 1860

BROWN COUNTY RECORD VITAL STATISTICS: Books A & 1 Index

BROWN COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS: For all area towns

BROWN COUNTY SCHOOL RECORDS: We have school records on some area schools, not all.

OBITUARIES: 1800's to present

MARRIAGE RECORDS

MISCELLANEOUS:

Various State Books pertaining to Brown County & it's residents
Family Genealogy
Miscellaneous books made by residents for the small towns of Brown County
Anniversary and many scrapbooks, newspapers, clippings, etc.
Several books and records from many other Kansas Counties

BROWN COUNTY TAX ROLL ASSESSMENT BOOKS (over 900)

First listing: Claytonville	1869 & 1870
Others dated:	1871-1955

BROWN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership Application (Please Type or Print)

DUES (please circle one)

Single - \$20.00

Family - \$25.00

Life - \$200.00

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code (Inc 4 digit extension): _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Receive newsletter by email () Yes () No

Email address _____

Indicate below the surnames (limit of 6) which you would like listed in the index of surnames being researched by members.

Surnames: _____

Please make all checks payable to the Brown County Genealogical Society. Enclose a SASE if you wish to receive your membership card through the mail. Return completed form and a check or money order to the Brown County Genealogical Society, 116 S. 7th St., Hiawatha, Kansas 66434.

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Membership Application (Please Type or Print)

Dues: Individual – \$15.00

Family – \$30.00

Lifetime – \$200.00

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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