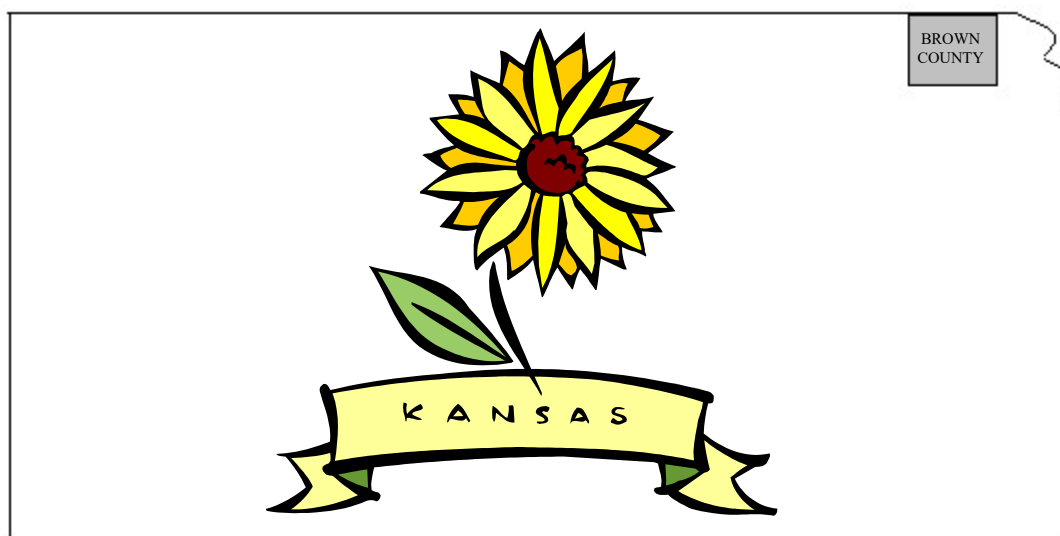


# BROWN COUNTY



# GENEALOGY

Developed by Sandy Carter, Brown County Courthouse  
Revised 10/11/2018

## OFFICES LOCATED IN THE COURTHOUSE

601 Oregon St.  
Hiawatha, KS. 66434  
Hours: 8am to 5pm, Mon-Fri.  
[brcoks.org](http://brcoks.org)

### **BROWN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

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

Birth & Death records for 1885-1889 & 1907-1911,  
indexed. 1860 & 1880 Brown County Census, indexed.  
Brown Co Newspapers 1875-1899, indexed.

### **CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT:**

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

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS:**

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

Military Discharges, Cemetery Deeds. Land Records from 1857 to present.  
Applications for copies of Birth and Death certificates available upon request  
and also available on our website listed above.

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## 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: [Vital.Records@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:Vital.Records@kdhe.state.ks.us)  
Web: <http://www.kdheks.gov/vital/index.html>

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.

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### **KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

6425 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Topeka, KS. 66615-1099  
Web: [www.kshs.org/](http://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:

| <u>GENEALOGY RESEARCH</u>                         |              |              |                 |                            |                     |       |
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| <b>SEARCHED</b> <u>SMITH, JONES</u>               |              |              |                 |                            |                     |       |
| <b>INFORMATION FOUND IN GRANTOR/GRANTEE BOOKS</b> |              |              |                 | <b>SIMILAR NAMES FOUND</b> |                     |       |
| <u>E. SMITH: 57-489</u>                           |              |              |                 | _____                      |                     |       |
| <u>A JONES: B-411</u>                             |              |              |                 | _____                      |                     |       |
| <u>SW/4 of SE/4 Sec 10 Twp 2 Rng 15</u>           |              |              |                 | _____                      |                     |       |
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| WD  | Apr. 8, 1887 | ALBERT LEWIS | E. SMITH        | 57                         | 489                 | S 10A |
| WD  | Jan. 4, 1901 | E. SMITH     | HERBERT JENKINS | 60                         | 125                 | S 10A |
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# GENEALOGY RESEARCH

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

**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)

**CENSUSES IN BOOK FORM**

1855 Territorial Census

1860 Territorial Census

1880 Federal Census, Brown County, Kansas

# **MORRILL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

413 Oregon St.

Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

Ph. (785) 742-3831

[www.hiawathalibrary.org](http://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.



# **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

Ph. (785) 742-7511

Email: [brcogenealogy@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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**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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