Dear Mrs. Teschke,

I remember promising you copies of photos of persons non-related to my Jett and Bender families of Decatur County. I hope you get south again this winter.

I think I sent copies of the pictures of my family to the library at Troy. I have been working on my paternal family several years—not from Kansas—I my memory is starting to dim—although
I kept notes of correspondence.
I have traced the Jetts back to Virginia, & the Benders to North & South Carolina, so do not actually need any help in that area - I just try to fill in dates of cemeteries. So, I thought I'd share with the library, interested persons, what I have. My family left the area by 1910 or so, or in some cases had died there.

If any descendant of the persons in the copies enclosed shows an interest
In wanting a picture/pictures,
I will send the original(s) to the descendant. I will probably donate them to the library, if no descendant shows up — if the library has space or interest in them.

I've been trying to get back there again, but don't seem to make it.

2/3 of the enclosed are sent just for the buds — my relatives are in 2. I think I may have sent 1
Copies of these to the library, I can make clearer copies.

If I can be of help, let me know. Happy New Year's and good health.

Sincerely,

E. R. Bristow
ALBERT LOWE, 1890's/ca 1906?
Brother of Clare & Nora;
neighbor of the Ira Jett's

Doniphan Co., Kansas

NORA LOWE, sister of Albert
and Clare; died June 20, 1901,
age 18 years, 9 mo., 5 days;
Neighbor of Ira Jett's - my
mother, Pauline C. Jett, attended
her funeral. Doniphan Co., Kansas.
CLAREN ELNEN LONG, sister of Albert & Nora Long
age 19 years
The LONGs were neighbors of the Iras Jett's
ELVIRA, AMANDA, & MARION DEAN
Residents of Doniphan Co., Kansas.
Moved to Norwich, Kansas ab. 1909-1910.
Doniphan County Residents:

Kansas

(____) Brock
Kortense Brock
"Jim" Brock - friend of Ira Jett
UNKNOWN FRIENDS OF DORPHAN CO./ATCHISON CO., KANSAS
I do not know if this was her maiden or married name, or if she
she for sure lived in Doniphan Co., Kansas. She may have lived in
Atchison Co., Kansas, where the Ira Jett's moved in 1910's.
SCHOOLHOUSE:
Doniphan Co., Kansas
On the bluff of the Missouri River
DONIPHAN POST OFFICE
Sept. 09, 1900?
Doniphan Co., Kansas
DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS: along the Missouri River about late 1901 - home of the IRA JNTT's
Dear Ms. Bristow:

Thank you for the $10.00 check for information which you already had.

Glad the story was helpful about the death of Nathan Bender cleaning the well and the assistance of William Jett. By the way, William Kirby, on whose farm the well was located, is the great grandfather or grandfather of our librarian, Lois Kirby Owens.

Lois and Melvin, her husband used to care for the Doniphan Cemetery. His brother is doing that now. They have moved and cared for it for years. You can write Melvin if you have not already done so and he would be happy to correspond with you. It sounds as if you have already covered this resource as you know who purchased the lots. His address is: Melvin and Lois Owens, Rt #2, Atchison, KS. 66002 Telephone-913-985-3978.

Yes, yes, we would like photos of the early residents of the county. I just finished putting together books of old photos given to the library when Sinclair’s Pharmacy sold recently. Mr. Sinclair was the photographer for Troy High School as well as some of the other schools in the area. Some of the pictures were of families...wedding pictures etc. I just discovered that those wedding pictures are the only ones left for the originals were lost in a flood in the Kansas City area. That family will be happy to get a copy. Yes, the relatives would like copies many times. Some people don’t care though.

Re the vertical file information about your family. It seems you and I run "time wise" about the same pace. So don’t worry about how soon. We will be delighted whenever you send the information. It will add to our holdings. It has been growing since we have ask for information. Some are shy about sending it thinking it is of no value.
After our Texas visit, I went into the hospital for surgery to remove a lump at 6:00 o'clock left breast. (I got a second opinion in Texas. Our daughter is a nurse and she came home with us to ask the right questions etc. She flew home and did not come for the second surgery. It was cancerous..very early detected, and I had the second surgery on Dec. 13th for a partial mastectomy and lymph gland removal. There was no cancer in the lymph glands or the bones. As soon as the drainage slows, I will be taking 33 radiation (preventative) treatments in St. Joseph, MO. Monday thru Friday for 6 and 1\2 weeks. I have recovered very well and hope the radiation does not slow me down too much. I'm very fortunate that it was not in the lymph glands.

I am also 67 years of age. Have one sister in Spokane, WA., four children all married and 16 grandchildren.

I was to Salt Lake City a couple of times. The library is so vast it takes some time to learn your way around. Independence, MO Mid-Continent Public Library is a great resource in this area. They have all the Federal Census for each state as well as county histories for many counties. There are also family histories. The library recently expanded. YOU may have already gone there. Of course, a branch of the Federal Archives is on Bannister Road in Kansas City, MO.

Best wishes with your life. I was telling Gerald, my husband about your trust etc with your mother. We, too, have considered how best to handle financial affairs in the family. It is not always easy. You always assume that everyone will do what is best for the family. Some times those in trust decision making positions are not qualified or care about the family concerns and peace.

Again, thank you for all your information and looking forward to hearing from you about the Bender, Hall, Jett families at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Grace Loveall Jeschke
Elaine Bristow  
P.O. Box 604  
Newman, CA 95360

Dear Ms. Bristow:

You won't believe I am corresponding with you after three years. I am in Texas right now. We are going home Sunday afternoon after visiting our daughter and her family. The grandchildren are performing in a regional orchestra on Saturday.

I had time to work on my belated research and letters.

Re Bender Information especially Henry and Sarah "Sally" (McCoy) Bender.

I brought indexes of the old Kansas Chief newspapers with me and after reading your letter about Benders again, I looked and found a Nancy Bender death notice. "Died in Doniphan October 25th (1883) of congestion of the brain, Nancy Bender, wife of Henry Bender, 57y 10m 18d. Mrs. Bender was a native of Missouri, came to this county in 1854. Burial in Doniphan Cemetery."

I'm not sure if you already had this information or not for I don't have my files here.

In the 1870 Doniphan County Kansas Census, I found Henry Bender age 56y, farmer, born in North Carolina and his wife, Nancy age 42y, born in Missouri. They were living in Wayne Township.

They were also in the 1880 Census with Henry listed as 57y, boarder occupation, (there is a question mark by this information) born in N.C. as were his parents. There is a discrepancy in this age information. Nancy, his wife is listed as age 54y which fits fairly well the 1870 age of 42y., with her birth listed in Missouri and her parents born in KY.

In the 1870 Co. Co. Census I found William B. Hall age 53y, a farmer, born in KY and his wife, Amanda age 52y, born in N.C. Living with them were Amanda Bender, a girl 21y, born in MO. and Aaron Hall, a son, age 15y, born in MO.

In 1880 Do. Co. KS. Census is found Amanda Hall, age 63y a widow, living in Doniphan City, KS. Also living with her was Aaron Hall, a son, age 23y, a laborer, born in MO.

Evidently, William B. Hall had died.
I did not locate his death. The newspapers are just indexed through 1891.

An item from Sept. 5, 1889
"Last Friday on the farm of William Kirby, Nathan Bender and William Jett were cleaning out a well. Bender went down and was overcome by foul air. Jett went down, fastened the rope around his body and was being drawn up, but when near the top the rope came loose, letting Bender fall back, when taken out he was dead. Jett came near losing his life. Bender was unmarried."

May 9, 1889 KS Chief
"The Misses Moberly of Seneca, relatives of Mrs. Jett came to down to Donipahn Friday."

If this information is of assistance to you, you can reimburse me for my time. If it is of no use feel free to forget it. I don't think you intended for me to do research for you, but I thought this item about Nancy Bender might be helpful to you. It leaves us wondering about Sarah or is this the same person?

Yes, you could be of assistance to the library if you had a brief history of the Jett, Bender, McCoy, Hall families we would love to have it for our vertical files. We are trying to collect family histories of those who were in this area at any time. We have so many researchers who use these files.

Best wishes from a fellow researcher,

Grace Loveall Jeschke
Dear Mrs. Jeschke,

I received your letter of November 28, 1995, but have been too busy to answer. When my mother passed away in 1984, I had legal problems for several years—and still do! I had been concentrating on the Jetts & Benders as that was her side of the family. Two or three years ago I decided to take up my father's side again, and now have 2500 names on a computer disk. Next winter I planned to go back to my mother's side & put them on a computer disk. So, your lateness is fine. However, I have much of the information you sent, and more. I was particularly interested in the burial place of Henry & Sarah "Sally" (McCoy) Bender. And also if any Jetts had died in Doniphan County in the early years—(Stephen Jett)—1850 to 1910. My great/grandfather claims, on his Civil War Pension Application, that he had 3 more children than I ever heard about. They must have died young, but Doniphan Cemetery has no record of them. I heard the story about Nathan several times, but not in detail, nor did I know he was an older man (my mother said he was a young boy), nor that William Jett was helping him. William Jett was Stephen Jett's son, and brother of my grandfather Ira Jett. I knew William Jett and his wife very well, and one of their children, Minta, whom I took care of in Covina, California, at various times—one time for 10 days—before she went into a Nursing Home. She passed away almost 3 years ago. My mother never mentioned that William Jett was with Nathan when the accident occurred. Perhaps no one had told her.

Nancy (Schoop) Bender was Henry Bender's 2nd wife. They had no children. She had been married to Wm. Shupe/Shoop, and had at least 3 children with Shoop, who were on the 1870 Census with her and Henry Bender. She &
I have a copy of Stephen & Mary Jean (Bender) Jetts DIVORCE papers. Also, her Death Certificate. She is buried in St. Joseph, Missouri, with 2nd husband, Norman Woods Phillips. Her first marriage to Stephen Jett was on July 03, 1860, in Buchanan Co., Missouri.

Sincerely,

Elaine R. (Babcock) Bristow

F. C. Box 604
Newman, CA 95360
1st husband Wm. Shoop, are buried at Doniphan Cemetery. I think that Henry Bender and wife Sarah "Sally" McCoy Bender are probably buried at Rushville, Buchanan Co., Missouri - just across the river from you and Atchison, Kansas. I was there in 1982, and saw the cemetery, not realizing its importance. Some fellows said I could look through it, but they had no list. I thought that the libraries in St. Joseph would have a list, but when I got there, I found that they did not. Henry & "Sally" & children, lived in Lake Twp., Rushville, Buchanan Co., Missouri, at the time of the 1850 and 1860 Censuses. Henry's brother Augustus Bender, wife, & children, lived there at the 1850 Census, but he (Augustus) evidently died before the 1860 Census, as his wife and children were listed without him on the 1860 Census. His wife and children who hadn't yet left home, were on the 1870 Census in Doniphan Co., Kansas.

Re: Wm. B. Hall & wife Amanda. This was Amanda (Bender) Hall, sister of Henry Bender. They were buried at Doniphan Cemetery. Aaron Hall was their son. Amanda Bender living with them on the 1870 Doniphan Co. Census, is Henry's daughter. Evidently "Sally" Bender, her mother, had passed away by 1870, or divorced Henry, and Amanda was living with her aunt & uncle, Wm. & Amanda (Bender) Hall. There were two Wm. Hall families in Buchanan Co., Missouri, at the time of the 1850 Census - I have never looked at the film for them, as far as I remember! But this is no doubt Wm. Hall & Amanda (Bender), and probably his father was also named Wm. Hall - so one or the other of the record is theirs. I do have that they had a daughter Anna Hall, besides Aaron Hall, & that she was married to James Robley. They had a child John W. Robley, who died Sept. 11, 1967, at 4 months of age.

I will send you the dates, etc. on the above when I have time. In the
meantime if you or anyone has any questions, feel free to write.

Did I tell you that I have some old photos of some early residents of Doniphan County? I'll look up the photos & names - perhaps one of their relatives would like them. Did I send you the one of the old school?

It sounds like you had a nice trip & vacation in Austin. I've never been there, but years ago went across the state 2 or 3 times by train, and once visited my uncle, Lawrence Jett, in Overton, Texas, near the border with Louisiana. One of my grandsons is now living in Clovis, New Mexico, 10 miles from the Panhandle. They had a son Sept. 22, so I am now a great grandmother. My in-laws were married in Cooke Co., Texas, and lived there on two occasions, before finally settling in California. They first came to the Los Angeles area in 1912! My parents got to Los Angeles in 1923. Did I tell you my mother was born in Doniphan? On Sept. 27, 1896. Also, her father Ira Jett was born there. He and wife Cora (Sparks) Jett are buried in Atchison, Kansas. Ira's father Stephen Jett was from Monroe County, Missouri. His father was William Jett, and mother was Martha Decker/Dicker. I have the Jetts back to Virginia in the 1700s.

I am getting back to the disk work on Tuesday, & am going south to the desert and Arizona, so do not know when I can make up the family data, & information for your library. Don't give up on me. I should mention that Henry Bender & wife, plus son James Bender, and daughter Mary Jean Bender (my great grand-mother who married Stephen Jett), came to Buchanan Co., Missouri, about 1849, from Bartholomew Co., Indiana. Their daughter Amanda, and son Nathan, were born after they arrived in Missouri.
Dear Mr./Mrs. [Text cut off],

The Historical Gave me your care.

Was kind of was was in the

North - Liberty, it Can
House? Newspapers Times,

My Great Great Great Grandpa. Stephen
And Mary Jane (Renner) Etna 4
Childs? Tennessee PA. Either.
During the Civil War, on

Slightly after. He was in the

Civil War Mary's Father,

Henry Renner, with his son

a few Step Children that

in Tennessee Co. by 1870.
Henry Bender, b. 1815 NC, Col. 1st m. Sally McCoy 2nd m. Nancy Settrop Widow 1890's
Dunlap TN

Theressa Bender, b. 1827 NC, Co
Alive 1870
Dunlap TN

What is your time estimate on any or all above that can be researched?

Thank you

Allene R. Babington

Enc. Stamped Return

P.O. Box 64
National, CA 95654
MARRIAGES/NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1837/38

Wm. RENTER, d. 1842/43, IN

James RENTER, d. 1842/43, IN

Annalee RENTER, d. 1848 (1st Mrs.)

Nathan RENTER, d. 1851/52, IN

s. 3-31-1899

Tillieton, Kans.

Marie ST. JEAN

Marie BAXTER

1885

Louis RENTER

1886

AIRON Hall, d. 1886 (5th Mrs.)

Anna Hall, d. 1886 (6th Mrs.)

AIRON (RENTERT)

RENTERT'S CHILD

David M.

Mary "Hineline" d. 1878/79

Amanda

Franklin

William P.

Joseph P.

Margaret A. d. 1887/88

"IV"
I particularly would like the death date and/or announcements for:

1890 Henry Bender, d. 15 Nov. 1890
5878 Augustus Bender, e.
1887 Theodore Bender, b. 15 Feb. 1887
Amanda (Bender) Hall, d. 12 Dec. 1900
Mary’s Aunt Amanda (Bender) Hall, her husband Col. F. B. Hall, and their son, Aaron Hall, were in Denison Co. by 1870. The Benders and Hills had been living there more or less, in the area of Ruthville, Mitchell Co., Mo. Stephen Jett was born and raised in Monroe Co., Mo. Most of the Jett's and Benders had left Denison Co. by 1910 — by death, or by foot.

Are there marriage & birth, + death, available between 1865+1912 — newspapers, church? Mr. Hartman
Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I received your letter of Jan. 5, 1933. Thank you for all the info about what you have and what else is available.

I am interested in finding out more about my paternal grandmother, her parents, and their dates of birth, marriage, and death. In their lifetime, they lived in Nashville, Tennessee.

Your letter mentioned some relatives who were located in Nashville, but I was unable to find any information on them. I am currently researching the early life of my father, including his birth and education.

I appreciate your help and look forward to any additional information you can provide.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
E.E. L. He is a descendant of Stephen Thrall.

Grandson of Stephen Thrall James 1791-1797. Stephen stated in his Civil War papers application for Pension that he had certain children—He named 3 whom I've never heard of; I surmised they died as infants. I'm thinking they are buried in one of the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp. No markers. Probably the bodies were not in the "unfilled" lots at Danahagum Camp.

I can't locate Stephen's Daughters—But I was in the.jpg hosp. at Natchez, Miss. in 1950—It may have been to Mrs. C. C. Lewis—A Brother Abroad.

I probably would have used you in the history & genealogy of the Jett & Bender Families. I have traced the Jett.
The first few lines: I will write more. However, I would like to visit the site, if possible.

As far as the family, I just compared that happened to the son, Henry, to the other family, and I went through many older journals, James King, of whom at least one son, family, who is buried at Dongan Cem.

As for my great-grandfather, Stephen felt, he purchased a cemetery lot at Jamaica Cem. He died and it became mine, if anyone is buried there of the Artt family. Perry Beridore was Stephen's father in law, and he, he then took his to the wedding. Probably I wrote it, it will be about 1850. I
Laughton, Virginia, the daughter of Thomas Laughton and Mary (Simpson) Laughton. She married Henry F. B. Laughton and they had three children: Mary, Laura, and Henry. 

Laura married John W. T. Laughton and they had two children: Virginia and Henry. 

Henry married Catherine E. Laughton and they had one child: Virginia. 

If I can’t locate Henry, I’ll keep you informed.
In the meantime, I may run across you at the library.

I have sent pictures, an old letter, etc., to M.Henri Hartman, for his old school papers, etc. I also have old pictures of the late children -- Nina, etc., don't have them at hand. However, if I haven't determined if they were from Campbell City, etc., I'll check the census index for 1900, if I ever get back to the U.S. Right now, I'm in Washington.

I am sorry to hear of your family's misfortunes. I've been disabled for several years -- Back and nervous system of now other problems as well -- lack of oxygen. I am almost 67. So I'm try-
III. To set things well before
before telling a story. To set
the story out, the setting, the
year, the day, the weather, the
feeling, the actions, the
emotions, the thoughts. To set
the stage for what is to come.

The relatives were late. They were
the mother's old friend, the
cousin, and the aunt. They all
were in America. She asked
where I lived. Her mother,
mother-in-law, the uncle,
and the aunt were back in
Louisville. The young
children, the children's
father, and a few years
ago at St. Joseph's, and the
mother and us in the 1930's so
and in New York. I can't remember if
we saw her in Kansas City,
Des Moines, or Chicago. I think
several of them living in
St. Louis. She was very unusual
in her dressing, and I wasn't
sure if she was right.

I didn't think she was
right. I've been telling her
FOR YEARS WITH MY SISTER. I'D "HER" LAWYERS ACTUALLY. THEY ARE MY LAWYERS, NOT ALL PART OF THE TRUST, WHICH WAS TO END AT MY MOTHER'S DEATH 12/31/82. THESE LAWYERS HAVE TURNED EVERYTHING I MADE INTO PROBLEMS WHERE THERE WERE NONE. AS A RESULT, MY SISTER & I DON'T SPEAK TO EACH OTHER ANYMORE. I FINALLY WENT TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LAWYERS AND ENDED UP TAKING A MELBOURNE Finally got $20,000 last July. But they Reset me out of $12,000 on more, which I'm still trying to get and I Have to charge (excuse me). As they went in Court, Otherwise, I probably would have found Henry, Sally, Stephen, Ada, Napa, Amanda, etc., long-long ago.

Sincerely,

[Signature]