24 Dec '96

Dear Mrs. Jeschke,

I remember promising you copies of photos of persons non-related to my Jett & 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. C. I have been working on my paternal family several years — not from Kansas — & my memory is starting to dim — although
I kept notes & 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 & 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 ORIGINALS 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.

3 TWO OF THE ENCLOSED ARE SENT JUST FOR THE BLIPS — MY RELATIVES ARE IN 2. I THINK I MAY HAVE SENT 3
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,

S.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 13 years, 9 mo., 5 days; Neighbor of Ira Jett's - my mother, Pauline O. Jett, attended her funeral. Doniphan Co., Kansas.
CLARE ELLEAN LOWE, sister of Albert & Nora Lowe
age: 15 years
The LOWEs were neighbors of the Ira Jett's
ELVIRA, AMANDA, & MARION DEAN
Residents of Doniphan Co., Kansas.
Moved to Norwich, Kansas ab. 1909-1910.
MARION DEAN, 1905? Doniphan Co.,
Kansas: born May 21, 1901, Doniphan Co., KS
The Deans were neighbors of the Ira Jetts.
Doniphan County Residents:

Kansas

(______ ) Brock
Hortense Brock
"Jim" Brock - friend of Ira Jett
UNKNOWN FRIENDS OF DONIPHAN CO./ATCHISON CO., KANSAS
I do not know if this was her maiden or married name, or if she lived in Doniphan Co., Kansas. She may have lived in Atchison Co., Kansas, where the Ira Jett's moved in 1910's.
Dear Mrs. Jeschke:

I received your letter of Feb. 4, 1992. Thank you for all the info about what you have and what else is available.

My interest in great great grandfather Henry Bender and great great grandmother Sarah "Sally" (McCoy) Bender was their dates of burial plus their daughter Amanda's marriage date to whom. They lived in Rustonville, MO. in Doniphan, & some things may have occurred there, including burial of Henry. I was to Doniphan in 1982 & purchased the 1981 Doniphan Co. history at the library.

I have corresponded with:
DONIPHAN CEMETERY BOARD.
HENRY'S SISTER, AMANDA HALL, 
AND HER HUSBAND WM. B., ARE 
BURIED THERE. AS SEVERAL 
GRAVES ARE NOT MARKED, HENRY 
BENDER MAY BE THERE. AS 
HE WAS A "FIXTURE" ABOUT 
DONIPHAN—HE HAD A BOARDING 
HOUSE, I THOUGHT IT WAS LIKE-
LY HE WOULD BE MENTIONED 
IN THE NEWS, WITH PERHAPS 
HIS D. DATE AND BURIAL. IT 
IS POSSIBLE HE & HIS FIRST 
WIFE ARE BURIED AT RUSH-
VILLE. I HAVE TRIED TO WRITE 
THEM, BUT THE NW MO. GEN. LIB. 
SAYS NO ADDRESS—ARMSTRONG 
CEMETERY, A NEIGHBORS TEND IT.
ALSO SUBER CREEK, NEAR ST. JOS., 
NO ADDRESS. PLUS NUMEROUS 
SMALL FAMILY GRAVESTONES, BY 
STONE ONLY. BOOKS OUT OF 
PRINT. AS I AM TRYING TO GET 
TO THE AREA AGAIN BEFORE LONG, 
I WILL FIRST CHECK THE ARM-
STRONG & SUBER CREEK CEMETERIES, 
PERHAPS THE MORMON LIBRARY AT
SLC has a list—I will go there first. However, I would like to visit the site, if found.

As for the cem., I just wondered what happened to their son Aaron, y daughter Anna. Since writing you I've discovered Anna married James Robley of Had at least 1 son: John W., who is buried at Doniphan Cem.

As for my great grandfather Stephen Jett, he purchased 5 cemetery lots at Doniphan Cem., & I am trying to determine who, if anyone, is buried there of the Jett family. (Henry Bender was Stephen's father-in-law.)

So I've been trying to track down family members. I've written to Jim Jett in K.C. — no reply. I
Feel he is elderly, + a grandson of Stephen thru James "Jim" Jett. Stephen stated in his Civil War papers application for pension that he had certain children he named 3 whom I've never heard of, saying they died as infants. I'm thinking they are buried in 3 of the 9 "unfilled" lots at Doniphan Cem. — No markers; probably the 3 deaths weren't in the papers, 1865-1885. I can't locate Stephen's D. Y Burial—but he was in the Vet. Hosp. at Natchez, Miss., in 1900. He may have gone to Okla., or Colo., where a brother resided.

I probably would be more use to you if Hist. Soc., as a source of info on the Jett + Gender families—I have traced the Jett's
BACK TO VIRGINIA, THE BENDERS TO NO. CAR. SO, IF ANYONE CONTACTS YOU RE: JETTS, BENDERS, McCOYS, HALLS (AMANDA), I WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP.

I WAS TRYING TO LOCATE LOLA (JETT) ISECHNER, & TRACE HER FAMILY FORWARD. HER 2 SONS DIED IN OR NEAR ST. LEO. NO CHILDREN. HER DAUGHTER MOVED TO COLORADO — HAD 2 SONS & 1 DAU. (LOLA WAS STEPHEN'S DAUGHTER.)

EVA JETT, DAUGHTER OF STEPHEN WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GONE TO ST. LOUIS, MO., WHILE YOUNG. I WAS MURDERED THERE. I HAVEN'T LOCATED HER D. & BURIAL. I HAVE INFO ON THE REST OF STEPHEN'S CHILDREN, ETC. HIS SON IRA, WAS MY GRANDFATHER.

IF I CAN'T LOCATE HENRY "SALLY" AT SLC & RUSHVILLE, I'LL CONTACT YOU AGAIN.
In the meantime, I may run across you at the Troy Library.

I have sent pictures, an old letter, etc., to Mr. Gendon Hartman, for his old school papers, etc. I also have old pictures of the Lowe children — Nora, etc., — don't have them at hand. However, I haven't determined if they were from Doniphan Co. or Atchison Co. I'll check a census index for 1900, if I ever get back to the U.S. archives, or Mormon Gen. Lib., in W. Los Angeles.

I am sorry to hear of all your family misfortune. I've been disabled for several years — back and nervous system now. Other problems are smoke, lack of oxygen. I am almost 67. So, I'm try —
ING TO GET THINGS WELL ORDERED
BEFORE TAKING A TRIP TO SHC
+ KANSAS, ETC. I ALSO VISIT REL-
ATIVES AND THE SIGHTS. AS THE
YEARS GO BY, THE RELATIVES
ARE LESS + LESS. MY MOTHER'S
OLD FRIEND, LOUISE BAIL, IS
LIVING IN ATCHISON. I WOULD
LIKE TO MEET HER. MOLLY
CELIOTT) MISON, FRIEND OF
MY MOTHER'S AUNT'S RUTH
ELISIE WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR
TO THEM IN WAYNE TWP., DON-
PHAN CO., W/ HER PARENTS
BROTHER DIED A FEW YEARS
AGO AT ST. JOSEPH, MO. SHE
VISITED US IN THE 1930'S IN
L.A. I DON'T REMEMBER IF
WE SAW HER IN KANSAS OR
MISSOURI, IN 1940. I HAVE
SEVERAL OF HER LETTERS +
CARDS — SHE WAS VERY UNUSUAL
IN HER WORDING, ETC., I ALWAYS
BROUGHT A SMILE !

I KNOW WHAT LEGAL PROBLEMS
ARE - I'VE BEEN HAVING ONE
For years with my sister & "her" lawyers. Actually they are my lawyers, as I am part of the trust, which was to end at my mother's death 10/15/94. These lawyers have twisted & turned everything and made problems where there were none. As a result, my sister & I don't speak, so probably won't again. I finally went to the law library & became my own attorney. I even went thru a trial. I finally got $20,000 last July, but they beat me out of $12,000 or more, which I'm still trying to get - will have to charge perjury as they lied in court. Otherwise, I probably would have found Henry, 'Sally', Stephen, Lola, Yvva, Amanda, etc., long-long ago.

Sincerely,

Elaine R. Richardson
SCHOOLHOUSE:

Doniphan Co., Kansas

On the bluff of the Missouri River
Does this picture look familiar?
DONIPHAN POST OFFICE
Sept. 09, 1900?
Doniphan Co., Kansas
DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS: along the Missouri River about late 1901 -
home of the IRA JETT'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 mowed 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 turst 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 16d. 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 but 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, age 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

P. O. Box 604
Newman, CA 95360

I have been researching my family and now have 370 names on a computer file. Next subject I planned to go back to is "CIVIL WAR" in the Buchanan Co. families. About 1870, I was processing through the Buchanan, they had a "settle" of the public places of origin & surnames "Wool" (Woolf) Bender.

And also if any letters and genealogy to Double trouble county in the early years.

I first went to the Archives on the Civil War Pension

Application, first letter, more critiques now I have received. Since I have been writing, put prospect of my grandchildren. I have been researching my family, who are my mother's only son. William Jetts and wife, John, son.

I know he was an older man (my mother said he was a young man), not very well, my trace of them, even our own(?) Home, the passage we sought & Октябрь 1.

Wrote letter to the manuscript, sent Hurricane, 1910, 1916, the home of the Necks (South) Bennett, first wife. They had no children.

Good - made on the 1920 Census with her and Henry Benson. She &
1st husband Wm. Shoop, are buried at Doniphon 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 Doniphon Co., Kansas.

Re: Wm. B. Hall & wife Amanda. This was Amanda (Bender) Hall, sister of Henry Bender. They were buried at Doniphon Cemetery. Aaron Hall was their son. Amanda Bender living with them on the 1870 Doniphon 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, 1867, at 4 months of age.

I will send you the dates, etc. on the above when I have time. In the
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 1700's.

I am getting back to the desk work on Tuesday, & am going south to the desert and Arizona, so do not know when I can make up the family data, etc. Your story looks so interesting, & I will look forward to your 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-grandmother who married Stephen Jett), came to Buchanan Co., Missouri, about 1849, from Bertholomew Co., Indiana. Their daughter Amanda, and son Nathan, were born after they arrived in Missouri.
Mary's Aunt Amanda (Bender) Hall, w/ husband Wm. B. Hall + son, Aaron Hall, were in Doniphan Co. by 1870. The Benders + Halls had been living 20 yrs. more or less, in the area of Rushville, Buch Co., Mo. Stephen Jett was born & raised in Monroe Co., Mo. Most of the Jetts + Benders had left Doniphan Co. by 1910 — by death, or by foot.

Are there marriages, births, + deaths, available between 1865 & 1910 — newspapers? — church? Mr. Hartman

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MARRIAGES/NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEODORE BENDER'S Chld:

HENRY b. 1856/57 No. Carolina

ROSA  b. 1859/60 Kansas

THEODORE b. 1862/63

Dau. of Stephen & Mary (Bender) Jett

LOLA JETT + HERMAN C. TEISCHNER
6. 1865/66 Don Co. m. 1888?

NORMAN A. TEISCHNER  b. ?
6. 1890?
m. 1910?

Sons of Herman & Lola (Jett)

ADOLOAH TEISCHNER  b. ?
6. 1892?
m. 1912?

Dau. of Henry & Sally (McCon) Bender

MARY JEAN (BENDER) JETT
++ NORMAN woods Phillips
2nd M. for both: 1890-1915?

ATCHISON, KANS.

Son of Stephen & Mary (Bender) Jett

WM. JETT + ANNA McGlasson
m. 1894?

LAKEMAN, MO.

Sarah "Sally" Jett + WM. Emory
m. 7-22-1896 St. Jos. MO.

IRA L. JETT + CORA Sparks
m. 10-12-1895

ATCHISON, KANS.