

Q# 4 Box 204 B  
Atchison, Ka 66002  
April 24, 1992

Dear Grace,

I'm so sorry I haven't  
written you sooner.

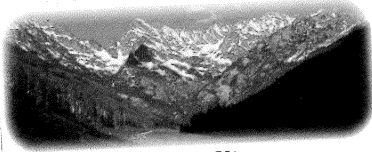
I misplaced your letter.

Thanks for the info on  
William Bentley. I like you,  
do not believe it is my William.  
My William was a farmer, but  
I appreciate your help.

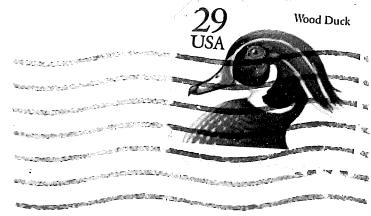
I didn't realize Cindy would  
ask anyone to do research.  
I more or less requested it  
as a F.H.

Thanks again, I really can't  
afford to hire anyone to do  
research.

Sincerely,  
Melba King



Ms Melba King  
Route 4 Box 204B  
Atchinson KS 66002-9356



Grace Jeschke  
Rt #1 Box 8A  
Highland, Ka 66035

3/3/92

Cindy,

Grace  
can you do this  
for me

Do you have the Brawson County  
Cemetery Records?

Do you show any of those  
buried in Brawson County?

Thank

Melba King  
Atchison Library

## BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS 1860 FEDERAL CENSUS

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May 25, 1991

FRAME	SURNAME	GIVEN	AGE	STATE	OCCUPATION
		C. W. (m)	7	IND.	
		S. F. (m)	5	IOWA	
134	OLDFIELD,	EVERETT H.	2	K.TERR	
		JAMES	27D.	IND.	FARMER
		IRISH	23	IND.	
		AMOS	6	IOWA	
		WILLIAM4	IOWA		
135	McBRIDE,	MARY	1/12	K.TERR	
		WILLIAM	37	OHIO	FARMER
		ELIZA	30	INS.	
		ELIZA	30	IND.	
		ELLEN	10	IOWA	
		MILY	8	IOWA	
		JOHN	7	IOWA	
		CLARA	4	IOWA	
		JAMES	1	IOWA	
136	HARDING,	WILLIS ?	31	IND.	
		MARTHA T.	19	IND.	
		AMANDA	3	IOWA	
		RUBEN	1	K.TERR	
137	THOMAS, MARKHAM,	WILLIAM G.	16	IND.	FARM HAND
		SAMUEL	41	PENN.	FARMER
		HANNAH	39	KY.	
		F. M.	14	KY.	
		CYNTHIA	9	MO.	
		JOHN	5	IOWA	
		JAMES	3	IOWA	
138	BENTLEY,	L. G.	2	K.TERR	
		SPENCER	30	KY.	FARMER
		MARINDA	29	MO.	
		S. E.	12	IOWA	
		M. R.	11	IOWA	
		WILLIAM	4	K.TERR	
139	VASSER,	R. I.	1	K.TERR	
		WILLIAM	34	MO.	
		MAY I.	29	ILL.	
		ELY	14	IOWA	
		S. C.	12	IOWA	
		JENKINS	11	IOWA	
		WILLIAM	9	IOWA	
		JAMES	7	IOWA	
		MARINDA	3	K.TERR	
140	McCRADY, ROBERTS,	WILLIAM	21	ILL.	LABORER
		GEORGE	30	ILL.	FARMER
		M. (f)	24	MO.	
		JOHN	?	MO.	
		S.I. (f)	?	K.TERR	
		JOSEPH W.	?	K.TERR	
141	MARKHAM,	DAVID P.	29	OHIO	FARMER
		E. A. (f)	22	MO.	
		M. E. (f)	7	IOWA	
		M. J. (f)	5	IOWA	
		S. R. (f)	2	K.TERR	
142	STARNES,	FRANCIS (m)	3/12	K.TERR	
		F. MN.	25	OHIO	FARMER

### Death of William S. Bentley.

William Simpson Bentley, who was one of the first white children born in this section, died at his home 2½ miles east of Sabetha, Sunday. He was born June 15, 1857, on the land known so many years as Sycamore Springs, more than 58 years ago.

Mr. Bentley leaves a wife and seven children. This is the real tribute to the man: He made a good home and reared a family of seven children on the forty acres on which he died. Unostentatious, kind, industrious, he served well the purpose for which men live. His success was not in the public at all, but his achievement nevertheless stands out boldly for those who name success for what it really is.

The two boys, who are employed away, Roy of Red Oak, Iowa and Amos of Maniton, Ill., were here to the funeral. They will return Saturday. The other children are Charley and Ralph of Sabetha. John, May and Floyd who are at home. He is also survived by his wife, and Mrs. J. A. Stewart and Mrs. J. F. Starns, half sisters, of Sabetha.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. S. J. Miner. Interment was in the Sabetha cemetery.

Mr. Bentley was married to Mary Frances Carpenter, February 17, 1886. His death marks the passing of one of the community's most respected citizens.

Cindy, I'm enclosing  
the obit.

Its the only  
info that I have.

Do you have any  
thing that I  
could borrow to  
help me find  
info?

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Melba

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Bentley  
Ch. Soc. Hist.

Trace - one of the Atchison  
Library staff asked for our help. - We have down  
the two items enclosed. Do you ever get to Heawatha?  
or while you're looking for others - - can  
you include Bentley? - Sycamore Springs area.  
Thanks - - - Lind,



Rt #1 Box 8A  
Highland, Kansas 66035  
March 26, 1992

Melta King  
401 Kansas Avenue  
Atchison, Kansas 66002

Dear Melta:

My name is Grace Loveall Jeschke and I answer research questions for the library at Troy on a volunteer basis. Cindy had placed your question in my mail box at the library. If the inquiries become too involved I charge, (my card is enclosed).

RE your inquiry about Spencer Bentley and family:

Enclosed is an item about a William Bentley. <sup>Andrew v 11 9781  
A 557</sup> It doesn't sound like he is your man though because of the birth place being in MA. The Bentley you have in the census shows birth place as Kentucky for Spencer Bentley and Kansas Territory for William Bentley. But these people could be related because I noticed that William was married in St. Joseph, MO to a Melinda Underwood. So evidently he was in this area in 1868. Spencer could have named his son after a brother??  
William Bentley.

We do not have the Brown County Cemetery Records in the library. We probably should get them.. They do have those at the:

Morrill Free Public Library  
431 Oregon  
Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

I'm not sure how much the staff searches for people but you can get in touch with them. If I am up there and have time, I can look also. I will keep those names in mind as I am searching for data in cemetery records.

Sincerely,

Grace Loveall Jeschke