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Dear Sirs:

I recently discovered your Historical Society on the Internet - Kansas GenWeb Page. I have been working on my family tree for some time in Doniphan County, Kansas and have two different lines that lived there. My Grt-Grt Grandparents, Dr. George Washington Brooke (s) and his wife Sophia and children lived there from just prior to 1890 to somewhere between 1910 and 1920. Then my Grt-Grt Grandmother on my Grandpa's side, Catherine Lear Soverns Spicer and her family also lived there, coming from Jewell County, Kansas. She had Lear and Soverns children. I have been very interested in the history of the area and copied everything I could find on it. My Grandfather, Maurice Byno Soverns was born in White Cloud, Ks. 1893. I have discovered my Grt Grt-Grandmother, Sophia, ran a boarding house for a short time. They bought cemetery plots in Olive Branch Cemetery, but only one of their sons is buried there - the rest of the plots are not used. I have tracked down all their children and found where they died and are buried, but have been unable to find my Grt-Grt Grandparents! Believe Dr. Brooke (s) (have found it both ways) died between 1909 and 1910. She went missing after the 1910 census in White Cloud. They did not own their house - it belonged to a son. He was in the Topeka State Hospital and died there. The house was sold for what was owed the hospital for boarding etc. It is a puzzle I may never unravel! Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. I have tried a Death certificate search with no luck.

I have a picture that was in the possession of the family of one of the Brooke (s) sons. I was a post card of a pretty little girl and is addressed to Mrs. Brooks. The first name is unreadable, but the middle name is Ethel and it looks like Brooke, age 11 years Morrill, Kansas. Thus far, no one in our family has been able to give me any idea who she is. It was suggested I send you a copy and see if it matches up anything you might have in your files or archives. I appreciate your help. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virginia L. Basford

FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name

George Washington Brooke (5)

This information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	1	1823		Bridgeport	Belmont	Ohio	
Chr'nd							
Marr.	31	3	1861		Jefferson	La.	
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

farmer

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each marr.

1. Maria French

His Father

William Brooke (5)

Mother's Maiden Name

Harvey Porter

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Sophia Langston Smith

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	10	1836		Yansville	Carleton	Ohio	
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler

Places of Residence

Address

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each marr.

1. James H. Smith

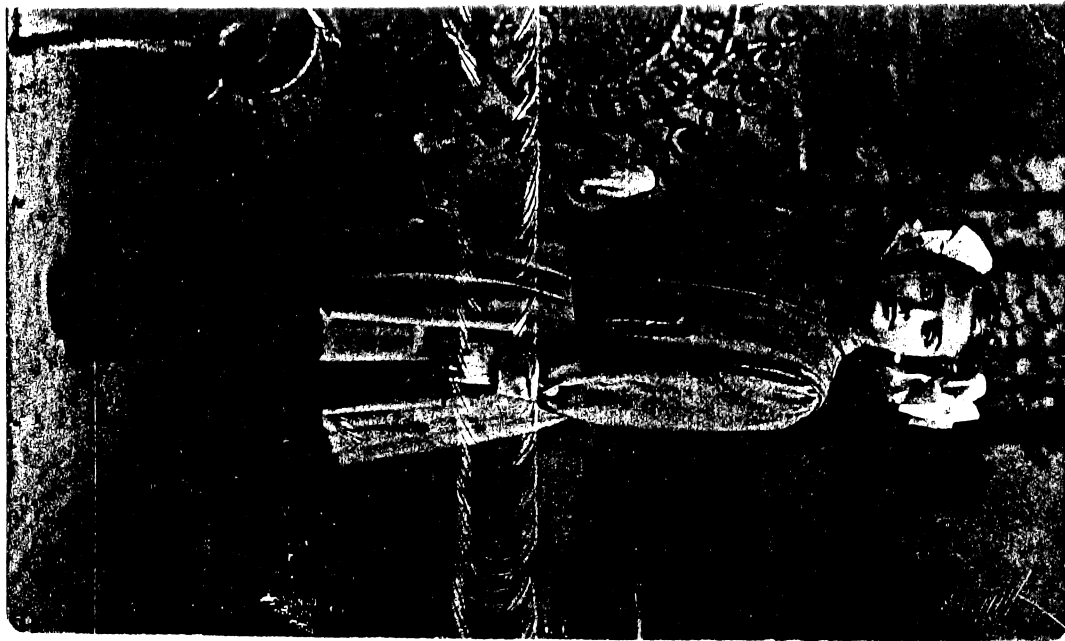
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Her Father

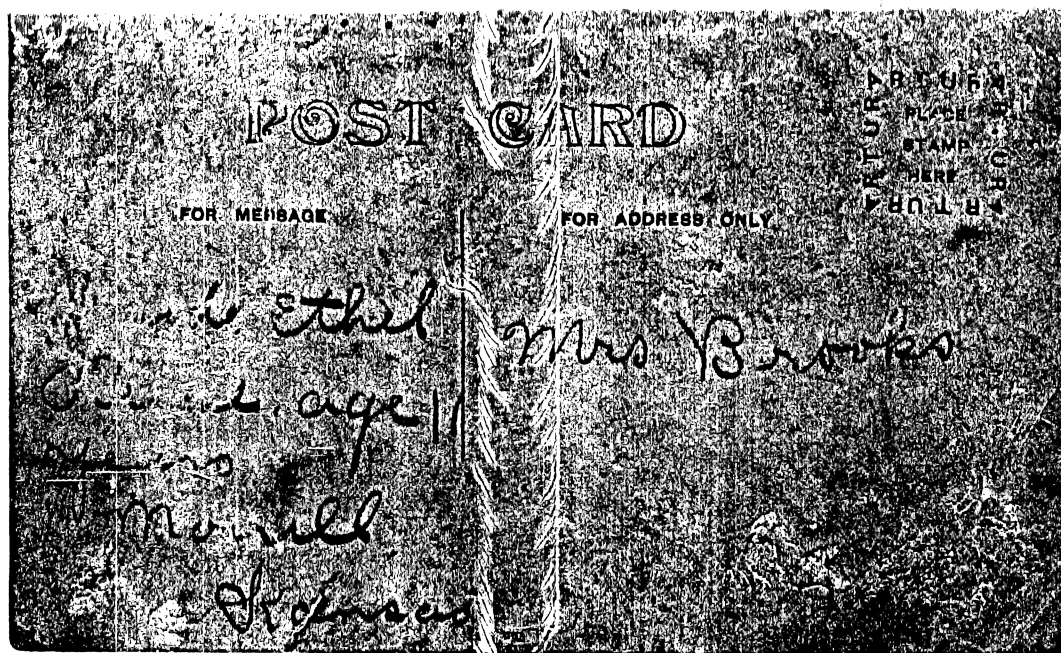
James Langston

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Children
	1 <i>Hattie Elizabeth</i>	Birth	19	12	1862	Harover	Jo Daviess	Ill	
		Marr.	8	12	1885	Stocker	Rooks	Ks	
	Full Name of Spouse <i>Isaac J. Bucklew</i>	Death	30	10	1946	Harover	Vernon	Ind.	
		Burial				Harover	Burial Park		
	2 <i>Arthur G.</i>	Birth	16	1	1865	De Soto	Vernon	Wis	
		Marr.			never married				
	Full Name of Spouse	Death	4	11	1922	Joplin	State Hospital		
		Burial				Joplin	Hospital Cemetery		
	3 <i>Elena Louise</i>	Birth	28	7	1868	De Soto	Vernon	Wis	
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse <i>Frank Sowers</i>	Death	18	9	1937	Warp	Eles	Ks	
		Burial				Int. Allen Cemetery			
2	4 <i>Elena Louise</i>	Birth							
		Marr.	21	10	1903	White Cloud	Doniphan	Ks	
	Full Name of Spouse <i>Howard Baker</i>	Death							
		Burial							
	5 <i>George B.</i>	Birth	3	1871		Harover	Ind.		
		Marr.			never married				
	Full Name of Spouse	Death	4	11	1942	Joplin	State Hospital		
		Burial				Recreation Cemetery			
	6 <i>Charles Irving</i>	Birth	22	10	1874	Harover	Ind.		
		Marr.	30	12	1892	Falls City	Richardson	Nebr.	
	Full Name of Spouse <i>May A. Pool</i>	Death	7	6	1913	Falls City	Richardson	Nebr.	suicide
		Burial	9	6	1913	State Cemetery			
2	7 <i>Charles Irving</i>	Birth							
		Marr.	21	6	1908	Falls City	Richardson	Nebr.	
	Full Name of Spouse <i>Emma Ethel McMahon</i>	Death							
		Burial							
	8 <i>Harry G.</i>	Birth	14	5	1876	Harover	Ind.		
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse <i>Emma Langley</i>	Death	13	1	1904	White Cloud	Doniphan	Ks	Diabetes
		Burial				Int. Olive Cemetery			
	9 <i>William</i>	Birth			1866	De Soto	Vernon	Wis	
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death			bef 1900				
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							



I'm sending you the pictures so you can see
which ones you want. I'm also sending you
the negatives it will be a lot cheaper
that way. I would appreciate the
Pictures + negatives Back. Take your
time no hurry. I hope this will fill
in some of the Blanks in our history
hope you receive these in good shape



I Can't make out the First name

Looks like Minde Ethel (Last name I
don't know) Could Be Brooke

Maybe you can fill in the Blanks

This was on the Back of Post Card Picture
of Girl 11 years