

SOURCES FOR BARTON COUNTY RESEARCH

Federal census records are available for Barton County beginning with 1870 (population at that time two) and state census records beginning in 1875. The Great Bend Public Library has microfilm copies of the federal censuses of 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920, as well as the state censuses of 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1925. Microfilmed copies of local newspapers are also available for research at the public libraries in Great Bend, Ellinwood and Hoisington, as are local histories and genealogies. In addition, the Barton County Historical Society holds a varied collection of information of Barton County families.

The following outline illustrates the type of civil records available on the county level, many of which have been microfilmed and are archived in that form in the county Records Department.

Outline of Civil Records at the County Level

- I. Vital Statistics (Records Dept.)
 - A. Birth Records 1892-1911
 - B. Marriage Records from 1872
(Licenses, Returns, Consents)
 - C. Divorce Records (Petitions, Final Decrees)
 - D. Death Records 1892-1911
 - E. Cemetery Records (Cemeteries under county control)
 - F. Contagious Diseases 1893-1919
- II. Property Records (Register of Deeds)
 - A. Deeds (Warranty, Quit Claim)
 - B. Government Grants and Sales (Homesteads, Sheriff's Sales)
 - C. Mortgages and Liens
 - D. Leases and Releases
 - E. Assessment & Tax Lists (Records Dept.)
 - F. Plats & Maps
 - G. Contracts
 - H. Powers of Attorney
 - I. Notices of Actions
- III. Probate Records (Dist. Court, Records Dept.)
 - A. Testate Records (Wills, Petitions for Probate, Letter Testamentary)
 - B. Intestate Records (Petitions for and Letters of Administration)
 - C. Bonds of Executors, Administrators
 - D. Accts., Inventories & Appraisals
 - E. Litigation (Contest of a Will, Distribution of an Estate)
 - F. Settlements
 - G. Guardians' Records (Bonds, Accts.)
- IV. Citizenship and Administrative Records
(County Clerk & Records Dept.)
 - A. Naturalization Records
 - B. Commissioners' Records (Journals, Petitions, Orders)
 - C. Voter Lists
 - D. Registration of Veterans, Pensioners
 - E. Registration of Conscientious Objectors
 - F. Licenses & Charters
 - G. School Records (Register of Deeds & Barton County Historical Society)

CEMETERIES

There are a significant number of cemeteries in Barton County. The largest ones are, of course, situated in or near the larger communities:

Great Bend Cemetery
Cemetery Office, Great Bend
(620) 793-4160

Calvary Cemetery
Dominican Motherhouse
Great Bend
(620) 792-1232

Hoisington Cemetery
City Clerk, Hoisington
(620) 653-4125

Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery
Cemetery Office, Ellinwood
(620) 564-4160

Many cemeteries are located in the smaller communities or out in the rural areas of the county. These cemeteries and their locations are:

Albert Methodist Cem. (actually located west of Albert in Rush County)

German Reformed Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 15, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

Bergthal Mennonite Cem., Pawnee Rock Twp., Sec. 16, Twp. 20 S., R. 15 W.

Bethel Cem., Cleveland Twp.,
Sec. 26, Twp. 16 S., R. 11 W.

Bloomington Cem., Independent Twp.,
Sec. 20, Twp. 17 S., R. 11 W.

Boyle Cem., Albion Twp.,
Sec. 20, Twp. 17 S., Range 14 W.

Concordia (St. John's) Luth. Cem., Union Twp., Sec. 9, Twp. 16 S., R. 13 W.

Dubuque M.E. Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 13, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

Dundee Valley Cem., Liberty Twp.,
Sec. 16, Twp. 20 S., R. 14 W.

Dunkard or Walnut Valley G.B.B. Cem., Clarence Twp., Sec. 13, Twp. 19 S., R. 15 W.

Everitt Cem., Buffalo Twp.,
Sec. 19, Twp. 19 S., R. 14 W.

Friends Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 19, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

Galatia Cem., Fairview Twp.,
Sec. 22, Twp. 16 S., R. 15 W.

Golden Belt Cem., Great Bend Twp.,
Sec. 5, Twp. 19 S., R. 13 W.

Harzman Cem., Cheyenne Twp.,
Sec. 2, Twp. 17 S., R. 12 W.

Hillcrest Mem. Park, Homestead Twp.,
Sec. 32, Twp., 18 S., R. 13 W.

Meyer Cem., Comanche Twp.,
Sec. 32, Twp. 20 S., R. 11 W.

Montgomery Cem., Logan Twp.,
Sec. 12, Twp. 18 S., R. 11 W.

Nuss Cem., Wheatland Twp.,
Sec. 10, Twp. 16 S., R. 14 W.

Odin (Nazareth/Holy Family) Cem., Cheyenne Twp., Sec. 23, Twp. 17 S., R. 12 W.

Olivet Cem., Albion Twp.,
Sec. 27, Twp. 17 S., R. 14 W.

Patterson Cem., Clarence Twp.,
Sec. 17, Twp. 19 S., R. 15 W.

Pawnee Rock Cem., Pawnee Rock Twp.,
Sec. 28, Twp. 20 S., R. 15 W.

Phillips Cem., Eureka Twp.,
Sec. 12, Twp. 18 S., R. 14 W.

Pleasantview (Claflin) Cem., Independent Twp., Sec. 33, Twp. 17 S., R. 11 W.

Pretty Prairie Cem., Wheatland Twp.,
Sec. 36, Twp. 16 S., R. 14 W.

St. Ann's Catholic Cem., Grant Twp.,
Sec. 36, Twp. 17 S., R. 15 W.

St. Anthony's German Cath. Cem., Walnut Twp., Sec. 8, Twp. 18 S., R. 15 W.

St. Catherine's Catholic Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 1, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cem., Homestead Twp., Sec. 6, Twp. 18 S., R. 13 W.

St. Joseph's Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 16, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

St. Paul's Lutheran Cem., Clarence Twp.,
Sec. 20, Twp. 19 S., R. 15 W.

SS. Peter & Paul Cem., Lakin Twp.,
Sec. 5, Twp. 19 S., R. 11 W.

Schneider Cem., Wheatland Twp.,
Sec. 2, Twp. 16 S., R. 14 W.

Schoenfeld Cem., Wheatland Twp.,
Sec. 4, Twp. 16 S., R. 14 W.

Smith Burials, Cheyenne Twp.,
Sec. 23, Twp. 17 S., R. 12 W.

Svatopluk Cem., Walnut Twp.,
Sec. 6, Twp. 18 S., R. 15 W.

Union Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 6, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

Union Twp. Burials,
Sec. 18, Twp. 16 S., R. 13 W.

Walnut Valley Cem., Eureka Twp.,
Sec. 16, Twp. 18 S., R. 14 W.

Weber Cem., Beaver Twp.,
Sec. 3, Twp. 16 S., R. 12 W.

Wilson Cem., Homestead Twp.,
Sec. 34, Twp. 17 S., R. 13 W.

ADDRESSES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Barton County Courthouse
1400 Main
Great Bend, KS 67530
County Clerk (620) 793-1835
Clerk of the District Court (620) 793-1856
Records Department (620) 793-1870
Register of Deeds (620) 793-1849

Barton County Historical Society
85 S. US Highway 281
P.O. Box 1091
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-5125

Ellinwood Historical Society
Ellinwood, KS 67526

Hoisington Historical Society
-Hoisington, KS 67544

Great Bend Public Library
1409 Williams
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 792-2409

Ellinwood School Community Library
210 N. Schiller Ave.
Ellinwood, KS 67526
(620) 564-2306

Hoisington City Library
169 S. Walnut St.
Hoisington, KS 67544
(620) 653-4128

Independent Twp. Library
108 Main
Claflin, KS 67525
(620) 587-3488

BARTON COUNTY IN PRINT

Besides the items listed here, which are of general interest to Barton County and its history, there have been many other items published which are concerned with individual communities, churches and other organizations.

The Barton County Daily Democrat. Atlas & Plat Book of Barton County, Kansas. 1916. 55+ pp.

Barton County Genealogical Society. Barton County Cemeteries. 3 vols. 1983-1984. 199, 190, 240 pp.
_____. The Quarterly (formerly The Newsletter). 1980-1996. Issued quarterly: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall.

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Marriage Book C, 1892-1899. 1989. 52 pp.
Marriage Book D, 1899-1905. 1989. 56 pp.
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Barton County Historical Society. Collections. Vol. I, Nos. 1-5, 1965-1974. 219 pp.

Family Heritage Society. Family Heritage Album of Barton County, Kansas. 1973. 436 pp.

Harrington, Marge. Barton County, Golden Heartland of Kansas. 1996. 169 pp.

Neuforth, Juanita S. Abstracts of Declarations of Intention & Petitions for Naturalization, Books 1 & 2. 1985. 148 pp.

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_____. Death Register, 1892-1911, Barton County, Kansas. 1988. iii, 60 pp.

Neuforth, Karen P. Civil War Veterans of Barton County, Kansas. 1983. 36 pp.
_____. Genealogical Data Extracted from The Great Bend Register, Volume I, Numbers 1-52, May 9, 1874-April 29, 1875. 1996. 38+ pp.
_____. Township Indexes to Atlas & Plat Book of Barton County, Kansas (1916). 1983. 46 pp.
_____. Vital Statistics, 1886-1888, from the Pawnee Rock Leader, Volume 1, Number 1-Volume 2, Number 52. 1995. 27 pp.

Northwest Publishing Company. Plat Book of Barton County, Kansas. 1902. 67 pp.

Smyth, Bernard Bryan. The Heart of the New Kansas. 1880, repr. 1960. 168 pp.

The Tribune Publishing Company. Biographical History of Barton County, Kansas. 1912, repr. 1985. 318 pp.