

## *Descendants of John Sidlinger*

### *Generation No. 1*

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> SIDLINGER was born January 24, 1822 in Einthalthum ?, Bavaria, Germany, and died April 6, 1896 in Liberty Center, Henry Co, OH (Source: (1) Obituary of John Sidlinger, Ohio newspaper., (2) Civil War pension file of John Sidlinger, National Archives File Designation #WC493260.). He married ORSILLA WEIBLE October 15, 1844 in Greenville, Darke Co, OH. She was born July 12, 1825 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co, PA, and died September 26, 1910 in Napoleon, Henry Co, OH.

Notes for JOHN SIDLINGER:

Census summary:

1850 Perry Twp, Stark Co, OH (Plow maker)  
1860 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Wagon maker)  
1870 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Wagon maker)  
1880 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Wagon maker)  
1890 Liberty Twp, Henry Co, OH (Civil War veterans census)

Information from veterans census- Musician, 14th regiment Ohio Inf, enlisted 9/12/1861, discharged 9/13/1862.

Information from Civil War pension file- General Affidavit of Samuel H. Sidlinger- This is to certify that I have been personally acquainted with John Sidlinger the above claimant for the past 44 years last June 23rd, 1889. He is my father. He and I enlisted in the 14th O.V.I. Regt'l band the same date and served side by side until we were discharged by an act of Congress mustering out all Regt'l Bands. I further certify that during the spring of 1862 he and I one night when it was raining very hard spread, spread our blanket in an old cornfield to sleep. He laid in the furrow and I laid on the ridge. In the morning when he awoke nothing but his head was above water. We were told that we were to remain in camp a few days, so he began preparing a bunk. When he had finished it and was taking off his shoes he was taken with severe cramps in his legs and bowels. He became unconscious and remained so for six or eight hours. I ran over to Col. Wm A. Choat of the 38th O.V.I. (who by the way was killed at Jonesboro, Ga.) and was a personal friend of his. He gave me some whiskey and other medicine for him. It was sometime before I found our regimental surgeon (who is also dead). He rallied slowly and when the regiment moved he was left in the field hospital. It was over two months before he reported for duty but was unable to perform the same. He became very hard of hearing complaining of severe pain in back of head. His hearing has never recovered. He is also a constant sufferer of Rheumatism and Cramps since his exposure in the spring of 1862. I am a graduate of Ann Arbor, Mich. spring 1874. I further certify that I have treated the above claimant John Sidlinger for Deafness, Rheumatism & Cramps at different dates since I graduated in 1874. Dated August 8th, 1889.

Information from Civil War pension file- Statement of Margaret Brubaker and Leah Brubaker- Margaret Brubaker and Leah Brubaker have being duly sworn deposes and says they were present at the wedding of John Zeitlinger and Priscilla Weible October 15, 1844; that said marriage was performed in Greenville, Stark County, Ohio; that the said John Zeitlinger enlisted in the 14th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a musician under the name of John Sidlinger; that at the time of the said marriage the said John Zeitlinger wrote his name as above set forth but about two years after said marriage the said John Zeitlinger wrote his name John Sidlinger; that his neighbors and customers all called him and wrote his name as John Sidlinger so that the said decedent began to write his name Sidlinger as above set forth; that the said parties lived in Stark County about eight years after their marriage and that they came to Henry County, Ohio and have lived in Henry County ever since until the death of John Sidlinger April 6, 1896 and further deponents saith not. Signed before Joseph Weibel, Notary Public, on June 9, 1896.

Obituary- John Sidlinger, a pioneer of Henry County, died at his home north of Liberty Center, OH, April 6th, 1896. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, 1822, being at the time of his death 74 years, 2 months and 12 days old. He came to America in 1842 and in 1844 was married to Miss Orsilla Weible, of Stark County, OH. In 1853 they came to Napoleon, OH, where they lived for upward of 40 years. He with his faithful wife lived to see Napoleon grow from the little hamlet to the thriving town of today. He formed many acquaintances while in Napoleon, and

Uncle John Sidlinger (as he was called), was known to all. The Methodist church was his choice, and he was an honored Mason for 40 years.

When our country was in peril and darkness hovered over the South-land; after Sumpter was fired on and the noise was heard throughout the land, and when a call was made for volunteers, it was then that John Sidlinger stepped out among the first, to give his life, if need be, for his country. A good citizen, a kind and affectionate husband, a devoted father, has passed away. He leaves a faithful wife, five sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. May the God of all mercies bless them. The funeral was held at his home, the writer officiating, and he was buried under the auspices of the Masonic order in the beautiful cemetery at Napoleon.

Children of JOHN SIDLINGER and ORSILLA WEIBLE are:

2. i. SAMUEL HUFFMAN<sup>2</sup> SIDLINGER, b. June 23, 1845, Greenville, Darke Co, OH; d. December 28, 1935, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS.
- ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON SIDLINGER, b. March 5, 1848, Massillon, Stark Co, OH; d. October 30, 1912, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Source: *Death certificate of George Sidlinger*, Henry Co, OH File #54959.); m. MARINDA M. HAZARD, August 30, 1871, Defiance Co, OH; b. October 1850, OH; d. Aft. 1912, OH ?.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON SIDLINGER:

Census summary:

1880 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Wagon maker)  
1900 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Forman- planing mill)  
1910 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH

3. iii. WILLIAM N. SIDLINGER, b. August 19, 1850, Massillon, Stark Co, OH; d. 1942, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH.
4. iv. JOHN WEIBLE SIDLINGER, b. March 3, 1853, Massillon, Stark Co, OH; d. September 1, 1904, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS.
- v. CHARLES EDWARD SIDLINGER (Source: Pat Mitchell, *The Fair City- Hutchinson, Kansas.*), b. December 2, 1855, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH; d. December 26, 1914, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of Charles Edward Sidlinger., (2) "Obituary of Ed Sidlinger," Hutchinson (KS) News, Dec. 28, 1914.).

Notes for CHARLES EDWARD SIDLINGER:

From "The Fair City- Hutchison, Kansas" 1983- This (building) was built by Ed Sidlinger and his brother Dr. Samuel Sidlinger in 1886. It replaced a smaller structure on the same site. The first stone sidewalk in Hutchinson was laid in front of the first building in September 1884. Dr. Sidlinger had offices over his brother's drugstore in this building at 13-15-17 North Main, the present approximate location of J. C. Penney's.

Hutchinson (KS) Daily News, Nov. 12, 1886- There is a picture of the C. E. Sidlinger Drug Store at No. 17 Main.

Hutchinson (KS) Interior Herald, Aug. 14, 1886- The Sidlinger-Ryde Block.

Probably the most substantial boost the great boom of our city has had since its foundation has been given it by the building of the block of business rooms known as the Sidlinger-Ryde block. For archit[i]ctural beauty and artistic proportions as well as solidity of construction this block cannot be surpassed in the state. The buildings are supported on 4 beautifully moulded, cast iron columns and 2 substantial cut stone pilasters. From each of the pilasters to each of the columns there are strong cast iron arches entirely hid from view in the finishing of the lower cornices. The stone fronts of the north and south buildings have square recesses with splayed windows. Besides the large plates in front, the central store is 2 complete plate glass bay windows on each side of the large doorway, giving the finest effect ever seen in a store front.

The fronts above are constructed of the best quality of Cottonwood valley stone, with deeply seated sills and moulded bases, with neat well bush-hammered pilasters from the bases to the carved capitals. Below the arches the capitals are beautifully carved and finished with fine tooth chiseld which sets them off to good advantage. The arches over the windows are in 3 rings, forming reveals, giving the work a relieved and massive appearance. The arches are finished with will moulded labels, the spaces between the labels and the cornice being filled with rock faced, range masonry.

Between the rock faced range work and the foot of the galvanized iron cornice is a well worked stone cornice to bring the work out in line with the face of the pilasters, composed of moulded dentals with circles within circles, which sets the work off in bold relief. Over the central building, or drug store, there is an oriel window constructed of wood and covered with galvanized iron projecting two and one-half feet over the street line, beautifully moulded and enriched with a well proportioned cornice finished with a neat cast iron cresting, the top of the oriel being surmounted with a large gilt mortar on which there is a large gilt eagle, 6

feet spread, made as natural as life. Alone and behind the oriel window there rises a large pediment, over the central store and above the fine cornices of the north and south buildings in the center of which is a sign with large gilt letters "Sidlinger the Druggist" with fine worked pilaster, pressed capital, etc., and small gilt mortars and other rich ornaments.

Too much praise can't be given to such enterprising citizens who have done so much to make our town look substantial and beautiful. The workmen are all residents of our town. The masonry and stone cutting was done by Messrs. Fraser & Co., the brick work by J. L. Smith, the carpenter work by G. H. Rice, the tin work on the roofs by Russel & Co., the galvanized iron cornice, etc. by Bergh Brothers, of Newton. A. B. Howatt, the architect, of this city, made the plans and specifications, and had general supervision of all the work, and it is sufficient to say that each part is a standing advertisement for the firm doing the work.

The north room is to be added to the already mammoth store of I. Goldberg, by archways cut in the wall. It is one hundred feet by twenty-five and will double Mr. Goldberg's room, the enlargement being made necessary by his growing trade. The second story of this part is divided into 3 suites and 2 single rooms which will be used for offices. The middle room is 25 by 150 feet and when finished and ornamented will be the best, best furnished, and most elegant drug store in the state. Messrs. Rice & Moorehouse will paint the inside and do the papering of this room.

The upstairs over the drug store is 25 by 75 feet and will be divided into rooms and furnished with special reference to its use as an office and operating rooms for Dr. Sidlinger's own use. The front will be made into 2 rooms, one for the reception room and opening with large sliding doors into the other which will be the private consulting room. In the rear will be the rooms for operative surgery etc., and the offices will occupy the whole floor and be furnished in first class style. The south room is 25 by 75 feet and will be occupied by Fred Ryde, with his old reliable and well known City Bakery, and above as a residence for himself and family. In the rear of the lower room Mr. Ryde has a commodious oven.

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) News, Dec. 28, 1914)- A City in Mourning- Ed Sidlinger, Pioneer Pharmacist, Mourned by All- The Funeral Tomorrow- The Passing of a Hutchinson Man Who Was Loved as a Friend by Everyone- When the word quickly spread through Hutchinson Saturday evening that "Ed" Sidlinger was dead- had died suddenly at five o'clock that evening- there was but one comment: "He was a friend to man; a friend to all. No man in all this city will be so missed." Loving, kind, generous, a helpful friend of the poor- always with a smile, a word of cheer, unselfish to the extreme- that was Ed Sidlinger.

For almost forty years a resident of Hutchinson; and for thirty years engaged in the pharmacy business here, he was the oldest business man of the city, in point of continuous activity in the same line. "Sidlinger's" was the best known business place in Hutchinson, and "Ed" Sidlinger was known, esteemed, yea loved, by scores and hundreds. And so, when the word quickly spread that he had passed away, there was general grief. Hutchinson had lost a kindly, lovable citizen; but there were hundreds who had lost more than that- they had lost their best friend in need, whose deeds of charity were known only to Him who knoweth all.

The funeral of Ed Sidlinger will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. A. S. Hess, 228 Sherman street east. Rev. Dr. J. W. Abel, pastor of the First M. E. church will preach the funeral sermon. Always of a modest, retiring disposition, it would be his wish to make the funeral devoid of anything like elaborate ceremonies, and although he was a member of the A. O. U. W. and Knights of Pythias, and those lodges may attend in a body, there will be no lodge ceremonies in connection. The interment will be at eastside cemetery.

But there are so many of those whom he had helped, and who knew him so well, that would wish to have a last look at the face of their kindly friend. The body will lie in state at his late residence, in the rooms above his store until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Then the remains will be taken to the Hess home, where those who choose may view the body until the funeral hour, 2:30.

"It would be his last wish that none be denied," said one of the family, "And rich and poor, black and white, one and all are welcome just as he would have it."

C. E. Sidlinger was a few days past 59 years of age. He never was married, but for years lived with his mother in apartments over No. 20 North Main. After her death he made his home over his drug store, and has lived largely alone. Associated with him in his drug store were his nephews, Sam Sidlinger and Arthur M. Hess, but he was ever active as manager of his business, and always on the job. For some months his health has been failing, but he managed to keep at his store as usual. Christmas morning was the last time he was in the store. He was unable to go downstairs Saturday, was bedfast all day, and passed away at just five o'clock Saturday afternoon, in the arms of his brother, Dr. S. H. Sidlinger. Bright's disease and a complication of liver troubles was the cause of his death. Besides his sister, Mrs. A. S. Hess, and brother, Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, who reside in Hutchinson, the deceased is survived by another brother, Will Sidlinger, of Napoleon, Ohio, who will arrive tonight. He has two nephews, Will Sidlinger and Sam Sidlinger, of this city, sons of John Sidlinger, who died a few years ago.

"Ed" Sidlinger was born in Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1855. He learned the vocation of pharmacist while there and was a clerk in a drug store at Napoleon for a number of years as a young man. In 1877, his brother, Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, who three years previously, had located in Hutchinson, telegraphed him to come to Hutchinson and take a position here in the drug store then conducted by E. L. Meyer, now president of the First National Bank. Mr. Meyer had been appointed commissioner to the Paris exposition and needed someone to take charge of his drug business, and Mr. Sidlinger took charge. After several years he went to Leadville, Colo., where for one year he was manager of a drug store, but his health failed, and he started back to Ohio, stopping off here for a few days visit. It happened that Winslow & Albright, who had a drug store here then, were needing a pharmacist, and they persuaded Sidlinger to remain here. For two years he worked for them.

It was in 1882 that the present Sidlinger drug store was established. A man named Young was running a drug store in a frame building on the spot where the Sidlinger drug store is now located. In that year Dr. S. H. Sidlinger and his brother, C. E., bought out the Young store, and Sidlinger's drug store was then established. C. E. Sidlinger was owner and manager of the store from that day to this, thirty-two years of continuous business. And in those thirty-two years it is doubtful whether "Ed" Sidlinger was absent from his prescription counter two days in succession. He built a new two-story business building, established a drug store that was a credit to the city, and built up a splendid business. From the day "Sidlinger's" drug store was established until the present the advertising card of the store appeared in every issue of the Hutchinson News. It was one card that never changed; one advertiser whose name always appeared in The News.

If there was ever a man who conducted his business absolutely unselfishly, it was "Ed" Sidlinger. Never a man or woman appeared at his place of business with a prescription for medicine or drugs, in poor circumstances, who had to pay for it. Nobody knows how many thousands of dollars worth of drugs, medicines, and supplies "Ed" Sidlinger gave away to poor and needy people. But the truth of the scripture that it was more blessed to give than to receive was fully exemplified here. For it seemed as if the more Ed Sidlinger gave away, the more his business prospered.

His friends claimed sometimes that he was charitable to a fault. He never so regarded it. Even those not in need, but whom he knew so well, found it embarrassing sometimes to make him receive pay for what they bought. How many people there are who having bought a couple of dollars worth of stuff, would ask him what the bill was, and be told: "Oh, make it 75 cents; the rest is on me," and with a wave of the hand so characteristic of him, he would refuse to take further recompense.

And how many there were who, instead of seeing a doctor, would slip into Sidlinger's and "Ed" would fix them up a little medicine that would take away the ache or pain, and refuse to take any pay for it. "I'd do that much for a friend," was his universal reply. And thus Ed Sidlinger was a doctor to scores.

"Ed" Sidlinger was the only man when the county bought supplies of whom the county commissioners allowed, regularly, more than the amount of his claim. It was customary for the county poor commissioner to give requisitions or orders on Sidlinger's drug store to poor people needing medicine. When they would go to the drug store "Ed" Sidlinger, as was his custom would give the poor people what was needed. But he would neglect to make the charge to the county, as he should have done. Invariably when the bill from Sidlinger's for supplies furnished the county would be checked up by the county commissioners, they would find that many items which the county requisitions showed had been bought, had not been charged up. The commissioners never took advantage of the unselfish charity of the pharmacist, but added in the items omitted and allowed him the full sum.

It is probable that thousands of dollars worth of drugs and supplies have been turned out by Mr. Sidlinger that he should have been paid for, that he never charged. Many people knowing they were indebted to him persuaded him reluctantly almost to receive the payments they knew they owed, but which he had failed to charge on his ledger. Any yet, notwithstanding his reluctance to charge friends for service, and his numerous cases of outright charity to poor people, his business prospered, and Sidlinger's did the largest drug business in Hutchinson, and was one of the city's most important establishments.

There was a sort of local legend that "Ed" Sidlinger had never stepped outside of his store in years. That was not exactly correct, but almost so. It was claimed that he had never been north of the Santa Fe tracks until last spring when Dr. G. H. Welsh persuaded him to accompany him in his car to the polls and vote, and then literally kidnapped him, taking him for a motor car ride over the city, the first he had ever taken. But he was naturally quiet and preferred to stay in the seclusion of his store and his home above the store. He probably was not outside of Hutchinson in the years he lived there. But he was not a recluse. He kept in constant touch with the growth of Hutchinson, and with the progress of events.

A wan, thinly clad little woman stood in front of the Sidlinger drug store Saturday evening, and looked sadly at the crepe hanging on the door. "Is he dead?" she asked. She was told that he had passed away a couple of hours previously. Tears came to her eyes, and she wrapped her thin shawl more tightly about her, as she

quietly remarked: "He was our best friend. What will we do now?"

- vi. REUBEN SIDLINGER, b. August 20, 1858, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH; d. November 23, 1858, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH.
5. vii. IDA BELLE SIDLINGER, b. September 7, 1859, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH; d. November 9, 1938, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS.

#### Generation No. 2

2. SAMUEL HUFFMAN<sup>2</sup> SIDLINGER (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) (Source: Charles T. Clark, *Opdycke Tigers, 125th O.V.I.*, (1895).) was born June 23, 1845 in Greenville, Darke Co, OH, and died December 28, 1935 in Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of Dr. Samuel Sidlinger., (2) "Obituary of Dr. Samuel Sidlinger," Hutchinson (KS) Herald, Dec. 29, 1935., (3) Civil War pension file of Samuel H. Sidlinger, National Archives File Designation #C2576433.). He married LUCINDA WELTY June 30, 1868 in Newton, Jasper Co, IA. She was born October 27, 1846 in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas Co, OH, and died December 20, 1922 in Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: Tombstone of Lucinda Sidlinger.).

Notes for SAMUEL HUFFMAN SIDLINGER:

Census summary:

1880	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	(Physician)
1900	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	
1910	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	(Doctor)
1920	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	(Doctor)

From Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the war of the Rebellion 1861-1866 (110th - 140th Regiments - Infantry Vol. VIII 1888)- 125th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry- Samuel H. Sidlinger, Principal Musician, entered service July 17, 1863, promoted from private Co. I Oct. 31, 1863; mustered out June 8, 1865.

The following is an official list of battles in which this regiment bore an honorable part (Official Army Register, Part V., page 222):

Franklin, TN; Chickamauga, GA; Mission Ridge, TN; Dandridge, TN; Rocky Face Ridge, GA; Resaca, GA; Adairsville, GA; New Hope Church, GA; Kenesaw Mountain, GA; Big Shanty, GA; Peach Tree Creek, GA; Atlanta, GA; Jonesboro, GA; Lovejoy Station, GA; Spring Hill, TN; Franklin, TN; and Nashville, TN.

Information from Civil War pension file- Affidavit of Henry McHenry, Late Surgeon 125th O.V. I.- Napoleon, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1880- I have practiced medicine thirty one years. I knew S. H. Sidlinger about ten years before enlistment and that he was as I believe a sound and healthy man at the time of enlistment. In the year 1864, that during the Campaign of Atlanta, Geo., I treated him for hemorrhoids which was produced as I believe by hard forced marches while in the line of his duty as a soldier. I also treated him in the latter part of 1864 (I believe it was November or December 1864), for injury to back in lumbar region which was as he alledged and I believe caused by a post falling across his back. Said S. H. Sidlinger was chief Bugler of the 125th Regt O.V.I. I sent him to field hospital (in on account of above named disabilities in the month of Dec. 1864) to Nashville, Tenn.

Information from Civil War pension file- General Affidavit of Hiram Raff, age 42, Hutchinson, Kans., occupation merchant and Postmaster- October, 1880- I have known claimant since 1855. Since his discharge I have lived in the same towns with him in Ohio and Kansas and have seen him almost daily. When he came home from the service he was suffering from Piles and weakness in his back and has suffered continuously therefrom ever since. By reason of said diseases he is totally incapacitated from performing manual labor and has been since his discharge and his occupation has been clerking in drug store and practicing as physician and surgeon. He has been my family physician since 1874 and my means of knowing his condition have been from personal observation and intimate acquaintance and conversing with him frequently about his disabilities. He has treated himself for the Piles and weakness of his back.

From the book "Opdycke Tigers, 125th O.V.I." by Charles T. Clark- June 8, 1865: ...Principal Musicians Samuel H. Sidlinger and Benjamin F. Young were mustered out today.

From Hutchinson (KS) Interior Herald- Dr. S. H. Sidlinger- September 7, 1878- Call day or night, city or county, office over Meyer's Drug Store!

From Hutchinson (KS) News, Jan. 2, 1879- Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, one of the best physicians and genial men, has his full share of the "trade" and can come as near making quinine taste good, and a man with a bad liver laugh, as any man we know. He is also a "pioneer" of about four years' standing, wide acquaintance, and an enterprising citizen.

From History of Kansas Illustrated 1883- Reno County

S.H. Sidlinger M.D. and Mayor of Hutchinson is a native of Massillon, OH, where he was born June 23, 1845. He lived there for 10 years, after which he removed to Napoleon, OH, and entered the 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Band as second leader early in 1861. A year thereafter an order was issued discharging all bands. He then returned and immediately went out as a principal musician of the 125th Ohio Volunteer Infantry being detailed to assist the surgeon of the regiment as hospital steward. Dr. Sidlinger was finally mustered out of the service June 20, 1865.

He had practiced dentistry 2 years before entering the service and afterward read medicine and practiced in the service. Returning to Ohio he entered a drug store where he continued the study of medicine commencing in 1870. He pursued a 4 year course in the medical department of the Ann Arbor University of Michigan. He remained in the drug business for over 8 years and practiced more or less during that time. In 1874 he went to Florida, Henry Co, Ohio and remained there until he came to Hutchinson in April, 1875. He has been engaged in the practice of his chosen profession ever since.

Dr. Sidlinger is a stockholder in the Hutchinson Opera House Company and has always been identified with public interest. He is now serving his 2nd term as Mayor of the city. Has been alderman several terms, 4 years County Physician acts at present as Examining Surgeon for Pensions and has been for several years an incumbent of that position. The Doctor is surgeon of the A.T. & S.F.R.R. Co. He is a member of the A.F. & A.M. Blue Lodge Chapter, Council and Commandery and of the A.O.U.W. He was married in Newton, IA, June 30, 1868 to Lucinda Welty. She was born in New Philadelphia, OH. They have one child Lila.

From the Hutchinson (KS) Herald, May 10, 1927- Red Cross Relief Work is Pushed (tornado in eastside industrial district)- Sam Sidlinger, Mrs. Bruce King, Mrs. Nelson Smith, under the direction of Mrs. F. D. Wolcott and Earl Richards spent yesterday in the devastated sections securing the necessary information regarding families needing aid.

From The Hutchinson (KS) Herald, May 4, 1930- Dr. Sidlinger in Review of Life

Were a Hutchinson physician today to receive a call to drive down into the Oklahoma panhandle to attend a patient he would regard it as quite a trip, even in these days of improved highways, and speedy motor cars. Imagine making that 175 mile drive with a horse and buggy across unmarked prairie, without a road to follow, amid wild beasts and savage Indians. And an Indian squaw the patient at the other end of the line! Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, for 55 years a resident of Hutchinson, and most of that time a physician here, admits that he didn't know the trip was going to take him so far. Nor that it was an Indian woman whom he should attend. However, that would have made no difference. These pioneer country doctors didn't hesitate at long, arduous, perilous trips. And their work of mercy extended to Indians as well as to others. After all it is "Prince" who is the hero of the story. "Prince" was Dr. Sidlinger's driving horse. Many a long trip "Prince" had made. A drive to Wichita today is no trip at all, of course, with a motor car. Dr. Sidlinger used to drive Prince down to Wichita in the morning, attend to business there, drive home, and be back in time for supper. Ten miles an hour Prince could make when he would take his gait.

It was one Sunday morning, as Dr. Sidlinger was looking forward to a good day at home and a big Sunday dinner with the family, that a messenger came urging him to hurry down to see a patient "down across the river." "Down across the river" proved to be at Reuben Lake's ranch, near Lake City, down in Barber county, something like 150 miles across the prairie. One may drive down there in 4 hours, very nicely, these days of good roads and

automobiles. But it was a different story back in the '70's, when the trip had to be made with a horse and buggy. Also just at that time Indians were roaming on the prairies. It wasn't safe driving around alone in southwest Kansas in those days of the '70's. But Dr. Sidlinger didn't hesitate. He was the nearest physician. He and Prince made the trip. While at the ranch caring for the patient there an Indian was seen approaching. With signs he made known his errand was one of peace. It proved to be an envoy from the chief of an Osage tribe down in the Indian Territory, miles beyond the frontier settlement in Barber county. "Come. Big Chief squaw dying. Chief hear White Man's medicine man is heap good medicine. Come!"

That was the purpose of the message brought by the envoy. It was an appeal that such a gallant knight as Dr. Sidlinger could not resist. And yet he knew the peril. Roaming bands of Comanches and Pawnees were out. There were perils of prairie fire and wild beasts. It was to an unknown region he was summoned. And also he probably had recollections of tales that were told of what happened to unfortunate medicine men whose powers proved impotent and whose "medicine" failed. But he did not hesitate. Escorted by the Indian guide he went to the chief's camp, miles to the south across the plains. There he found an Indian squaw, one of the wives of the chief, about to give birth to a child.

Dr. Sidlinger has probably often wondered whether the papoose he helped bring into the world that day grew up to become a famous warrior. At any rate his power as a medicine man was strong. There was dancing and beating of tom-toms and rejoicing over the "heap big White medicine man." When he returned to the Barber county settlement from the Indian camp he brought with a valuable fur robe, the gift of the chief. Arriving back at Reuben Lake's ranch Dr. Sidlinger found another call awaiting him. Up at Larned he was needed badly, in an emergency case. About 100 miles more across the prairie. There was no doctor there. He was the nearest. It was urgent. So he made the trip, cared for the patient there. At last Dr. Sidlinger and faithful old "Prince" made the way back across the plains to Hutchinson and home. "I had been gone 8 days," remarked the veteran physician. That call "down across the river" had been a long, long trail for the doctor.

"There were no hospitals in all this country then," Dr. Sidlinger remarked. "There were very few doctors. When it was necessary to perform operations we did it then and there, with such equipment as we had. There were no specialists, no nurses, nothing of that kind." While the country doctor, who played the role of surgeon as well as physician, used the best methods possible, and the greatest of care, naturally his methods had to be crude. The same methods used today would result in a fearful toll of blood poisoning and infection. But such was practically unknown in those days.

One might drive or ride for hours with a mangled hand or leg in those days and await for hours the arrival of a surgeon, who would operate with the most crude methods, and never the slightest infection develop. "But you must remember that was in a time when we could take a quarter of buffalo meat and hang it out in the sun and air, it would dry and make the sweetest of meat," remarked Dr. Sidlinger. "Try that today with meat and see how long it would last. It would spoil right away." There were not the flies and insects in the country then, and not the germs. There was not so much likelihood of infection. The country was cleaner and purer. Today if a person is injured, it is accepted as the necessary and proper thing to send for an ambulance and at any rate to get the unjured one to a hospital. It would be unusual today, indeed, for a surgeon to amputate a mangled arm or leg excepting in the operating room of a hospital. "But we had no hospitals then," Dr. Sidlinger explained. "I had 4 leg amputations in the Chilver shacks, (little houses on East Sherman.) I performed operations wherever it was necessary. Nobody thought anything about it. There wasn't anything else to do. And there were no trained nurses or anybody to help."

For over 40 years Dr. Sidlinger was actively in the practice of his profession here. He retired from active practice some 15 years ago. But for 55 years he has been known and respected in Hutchinson as a physician and surgeon-the dean of the profession here. Dr. Sidlinger is now almost 85 years old. His birthday will be the 23rd of next June. Every now and then he hears from someone whom he attended back in the '70's or '80's as a family physician. The other day he received a most appreciated letter of greeting from Jack Brown and Charles Ladd, two former Hutchinson boys, now prominent business men at San Antonio, TX, Brown being head of a silver mining concern and Ladd president of a big land company in the Texas city. Were it not for the skill of Dr. Sidlinger both of those men would today be maimed. Ladd, as a boy fell between cars and a leg was crushed. Brown fell from a building while climbing after bird's eggs and badly crushed an arm. It looked like as if the injured limb in each case might have to be amputated. Dr. Sidlinger saved the limbs. The boys have never forgotten. "I don't like to talk about myself," protested Dr. Sidlinger. "I'd rather talk about Prince."

He told about the night when he was driving home from attending a patient down toward Haven. There were no

roads then, just trails across the prairie. Someone had stretched barbwire fence across the trail without plowing the warning guard ditch that usually was cut in the sod to indicate a fence ahead.

"Prince was jogging along at his steady gait," said Dr. Sidlinger, "When he hit the wire. I was thrown over the dashboard and under the horse. If it had been any other horse he would have plunged and kicked me to death. Prince was badly frightened and trembling. He couldn't understand, of course. But I rubbed his legs as I lay there under him, petted him and spoke to him, and he never moved a leg. I managed to get out without a scratch. But Prince was bleeding badly from the cuts. We came on to Hutchinson and I went to the drugstore and gave that horse the very best treatment anybody could have. I took 14 stitches in his cuts. I tell you there wasn't anything too good for Prince after that." Prince lived to be 22 years old. Dr. Sidlinger mourned his passing as he would a dear friend. For some years now Dr. Sidlinger has been driving a fine motorcar. But he'll admit that he never has found a car that would give the faithful service that old Prince gave.

Dr. Sidlinger is a native of Ohio, born at Massillon, OH, June 23, 1845. He was only 16 years old when the Civil War broke out, but he went off to war just the same as a member of a regimental band. Later he served in a hospital corps unit. He served throughout the war. It was in 1874 that he began the practice of medicine, and the following year, 1875, he came to Hutchinson, and began practice of his profession here. He served as mayor of the city, in the early days, and was on the city council for 4 terms. Today, at the age of 85 he has retired from active practice. But he is active, just the same, downtown nearly every day, and enjoying life, as he has well earned such enjoyment, after long years of faithful service to mankind- a service which extended even to an Indian squaw, far beyond the frontier.

Obituary- (Hutchinson (KS) Herald, Dec. 29, 1935)- Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, pioneer Hutchinson physician Civil War veteran, community builder, and one of this city's most colorful characters, died at 6:45 o'clock last night at the family home, 203 East First st. He was 90 years old. The venerable white-bearded doctor and old soldier had been an invalid almost a year, ever since he suffered a hip injury in a fall early in 1935. "Doc" Sidlinger was a sort of landmark in Hutchinson ever since he came here on a visit during the historic grasshopper invasion of 1874. The whole nation was aiding "stricken Kansas." Young Sidlinger came here on a visit, liked the region, and stayed. A few months later he brought his wife. Sixty years ago, in 1875, they built the house at the southeast corner of First and Poplar sts. At the time of its construction the house stood on a spot where there was nothing but rolling prairie to the south, east and north. The grand old man who was a prominent resident of Hutchinson for 61 years had a hand in developing the city from a village of less than 500 persons. He retained a lively interest in public affairs and was active in Joe Hooker post of G.A.R. until less than two years ago.

Dr. Sidlinger was born on June 23, 1845 "at 6 o'clock in the morning, an 8-pound boy and everybody happy" to use a favorite description of that occasion as he himself phrased it. Dr. Sidlinger was a great narrator and was always good for an historical story. He talked entertainingly of incidents in his own life, especially his experiences in the Civil war. After several vain attempts young Samuel Sidlinger enlisted in the band corps of the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. When he was mustered out and was about to follow his father back home, the family physician, who was surgeon of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, made it possible for young Samuel to enlist in the hospital corps. He and his stretcher boys followed the army into every important battle in the Civil War. They were at Missionary Ridge, Shiloh, Atlanta, Appamatox, Lookout Mountain, all the major engagements of the Civil war.

When still a soldier, around eighteen years old, Dr. Sidlinger cast his first vote. It was for Abraham Lincoln as president. The general of his corps told the youngsters that they were men fighting for their country and as such, were entitled to vote. For the seventy years Dr. Sidlinger was a dyed in the wool Republican, proud of his party. After more than four years of service the Civil war came to a close and young Samuel was mustered out of the army before his 21st birthday. Then came a job working in a drug store, and later Dr. Sidlinger attended the medical college at the University of Michigan and in 1874 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

In the early 80's Dr. Sidlinger founded the Sidlinger Drug Store which has been a landmark in Hutchinson for half a century. "Doc" Sidlinger was one of the first physicians in Hutchinson and had the distinction of practicing here longer than any other. He practically retired from active practice about 10 years ago. Beginning in 1914 "Doc" Sidlinger was an enthusiastic motorist. He was fond of driving and as capable a driver as most men twenty years his junior. Probably he was the oldest automobile driver in this section. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lila Innes of the home address; one grand daughter, Miss Katherine Innes; also at home; a sister, Mrs. A.S. Hess, 228 East Sherman st.; one brother, W.N. Sidlinger, Napoleon, O.; three nephews, Will and Sam Sidlinger and Arthur Hess of Hutchinson; and two nieces, Mary and Katherine Hess of Hutchinson.

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) News, Dec. 30, 1935)- Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, 90, pioneer physician and surgeon and one of the early day mayors of Hutchinson died Saturday night at his home, 101 East First st., after an illness of more than a year. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Johnson and Sons Funeral Parlors with the Rev. Harry T. Scherar in charge. Interment will be in Eastside cemetery. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Lila Innes, a granddaughter, Miss Katherine Innes, a brother, W. N. Sidlinger of Napoleon, O., a sister, Mrs. Amos Hess, Hutchinson and the following nieces and nephews living in Hutchinson: Misses Kathleen Hess and Mary Hess, W. N. Sidlinger, Samuel Sidlinger and Arthur Hess.

Dr. Sidlinger was born in Stark county, Ohio on June 23, 1845 and moved with his parents in 1855 to Napoleon, O. When the Civil war broke out he was 16 years of age and was turned down as a volunteer soldier so enlisted as a member of the regimental band of the 14th Ohio Volunteers. When the order came in 1861 abolishing the regimental bands he re-enlisted as principal musician of the 125th Ohio Vols. and was assigned to assist in the hospital corps. He served until he was mustered out in June 20, 1865. On his return he became a clerk in a drug store, using his spare time to read medical literature, having acquired a desire while in the army to become a doctor. He later attended the medical school at Ann Arbor, Mich.

In 1874 while assisting in getting relief for the grasshopper sufferers in Kansas he became interested in Hutchinson and came here a year later. He was joined two years later by his brother, Edward Sidlinger in 1877 who came to take charge of the E. L. Meyer drug store. Soon after his arrival he was appointed Santa Fe physician and surgeon, a position he held until 1900. He also served the Missouri Pacific railroad as company doctor for many years. Those were the days when doctors were few and surgeons even more scarce. Dr. Sidlinger was often called in cases as far west as Larned and into the Panhandle country of Texas. He served as county physician several years and acted as pension examiner for the government here for years. He was mayor of Hutchinson for two years and during his administration the streets of Hutchinson were graded and brought to the level of the sidewalks.

While he retired from practice nearly 20 years ago he kept his interest in local politics and civic affairs. Always an intensely partisan member of the Republican party he saw the party in his adopted state win more often than lose. He was married in 1868 to Miss Lucinda Welty and to this union one child was born, Lila. He was a member of all the different branches of the Masonic orders, having served in most all of the chairs of all the orders. He was also a charter member of the A. O. U. W. lodge.

Notes for LUCINDA WELTY:

Obituary- There passed away at 1:10 o'clock this morning, in the home in which she had come as a young wife almost half a century ago, and where she has lived ever since, one of Hutchinson's most loved matrons and pioneer residents, Mrs. Dr. S. H. Sidlinger. For 8 or 10 years Mrs. Sidlinger has been an invalid, attended throughout by her faithful companion, a constant sufferer, but ever cheerful, calm, courageous. Saturday morning she was taken with a severe spell, such however as she had frequently had, and so it was a shock to all when death came, quietly and peacefully early this morning. "I am going to rest," she remarked, with a smile, as she passed away. Her husband, her only child, a daughter, Mrs. Lila Innes, who lived with her and her grandchild, Miss Katherine Innes, also a member of the home, were with her at the end. Probably nobody in Hutchinson was better known than Mrs. Sidlinger. And yet she had never been active in society or club circles. She was a home body, loving her own home, and taking little part in affairs outside. But nobody had a kinder heart, a more loveable soul, a more Christian spirit than this splendid pioneer woman of Hutchinson.

It was 47 years ago that Dr. Sidlinger brought his young wife to Hutchinson. He had come here the year before, in the fall of 1874, and built their home, the brick residence at First and Poplar, where they ever since have made their home. Then he went back to Napoleon, OH, and brought Mrs. Sidlinger here in the following spring, 1875. And for 47 years she has lived here in the same residence. She loved the home too much to leave it for any other. Mrs. Lucinda Sidlinger was 76 years of age. She was born in Tuscarawas County, OH, near New Philadelphia, in 1846, and was educated in the high school at Massillon, OH. In the '60's the family moved to Iowa, locating at Newton, IA. Dr. Sidlinger had been reared in the same county in Ohio, and after he had come home from the Civil War he went out to Iowa, and in 1868 was married to the young woman he had known in the home county, and took her back to Ohio as his bride. Dr. Sidlinger was engaged in the drug business and as a physician at Napoleon, until they removed to Hutchinson a few years after, where he continued his practice as a physician and druggist. The Sidlingers had a prominent part in the early history of Hutchinson. The death of Mrs. Sidlinger is mourned by many who knew and loved her. The funeral arrangements will be announced later. The deceased is survived by only one near relative besides the immediate family, a brother, Isaac Welty, living near Memphis, TN, on a rice plantation in southeast Arkansas.

Child of SAMUEL SIDLINGER and LUCINDA WELTY is:

- i. LILA<sup>3</sup> SIDLINGER, b. April 3, 1869, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH; d. October 29, 1940, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of Lila Innes., (2) "Obituary of Lila Innes," Hutchinson (KS) Herald, Oct. 29, 1940.); m. FREDERICK ARTHUR INNES, December 19, 1895, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS; b. June 1, 1868, Galesburg, Knox Co, IL; d. July 9, 1929, Hot Springs, Hot Spring Co, AR.

Notes for LILA SIDLINGER:

Article in the Hutchinson (KS) Clipper, Jan. 5, 1891- Miss Lila Sidlinger gave a party at her residence on First avenue east on New Year's eve, in honor of Miss Catharine Brown. The party comprised six couples of her young friends, who spent the evening in games of various kinds, until the old year had made room for the new. When the time arrived for the old year to bid farewell, and the new to be ushered in, all eyes were turned to the trusty timepiece that had so carefully marked the progress of time during the year which was fast dying. Many thoughts of past pleasantries passed through their minds and many good resolves came to their minds as the clock announced the approach of the New Year. Happy New Years were passed around the circle and many wishes for happiness for the future exchanged. The following were those present: Misses Innes, Swigart, Henn, Ida and Mary Woodard, Brown and Sidlinger. Messrs Winslow, Stumm, Wright, Redderson, Chain and Woodard.

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) Herald, Oct. 29, 1940)- Funeral service for Mrs. Lila Sidlinger Innes will be at 4 o'clock this afternoon at Johnson and Sons chapel with Rev. Arthur Miller in charge. Interment will be at Eastside cemetery.

3. WILLIAM N.<sup>2</sup> SIDLINGER (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born August 19, 1850 in Massillon, Stark Co, OH, and died 1942 in Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Source: "Obituary of William N. Sidlinger (son of John W. Sidlinger)," Hutchinson, KS, newspaper.). He married MARY J. HELLER March 30, 1875 in Henry Co, OH. She was born May 1852 in OH.

Notes for WILLIAM N. SIDLINGER:

Census summary:

1880 Liberty Twp, Henry Co, OH (Hardware merchant)  
1900 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Loan agt)  
1910 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH

Article from Napoleon, OH, newspaper- W.N. "Daddy Bill" Sidlinger had a birthday August 15th when he finished spreading 89 years behind him. Daddy Bill is amazingly hale and hearty and through all his years has never shed his youthful spirit. He is not so much given to reminiscing but occasionally busts out to tell something of interest that some have forgotten and others never knew.

We tapped his reminiscent vein the other day with this result: In 1852 John Sidlinger, a resident of Massillon, then the county seat of Stark county, drove to Monclova to visit relatives. Mr. Sidlinger was a wagonmaker, a very popular vocation of that day, and his host suggested that in case he could make a dump cart, he would find a fertile field for his craftsmanship in Henry county.

Graders were at work on the Wabash railroad roadbed at the time and the suggestion seemed a good one. Following that suggestion John drove to Napoleon where he contacted several contractors and took orders for a dozen dump carts. Henceforth the Sidlingers became residents of Napoleon. It was a sizable addition to Napoleon's population. There was John and wife, and the children, Sam, John, Ed, Ruby, Ida and the youngest son William.

There was no bridge over the Maumee at Napoleon at that time but Joe and Billy Merse operated a ferry, the landing being at Monroe street on the north side and the Kalida pike on the south. John built his shop where Vocke's mill now stands and lived in the house adjoining on the east. Being himself thrifty the Sidlinger business was a thriving one from the start. At that time Napoleon's business interests centered in that locality. The Andrews tavern at the corner of Perry and Front streets was the first in the neighborhood having been built in the 30's. Then there was one operated by General Craig, close by and the Stout hostelry where the Napoleon Laundry now stands and where the first court sessions in Henry county were held.

But the thorn in John Sidlinger's side was Joe Stout and his bullpen located on the southwest corner of Perry and Front streets and just across the street from the wagon shop. Joe was something of a rounder and maintained the bullpen just to see a bull fight now and then. His dislike of Joe and his antics may have, in a measure, influenced the move, any way he left the neighborhood when the town inclined to spread up the hill. In 1860 he started building his wagon shop on the rear of the lot, at the southwest corner of Perry and Scott streets and in 1861 completed the house where Mrs. Jacob Brown now resides. He had pretty stiff competition when Mr. Veigle built a wagon shop on the site of the Roessing home, and Steve and Sime Hopkins started business where Elgy Seibolt holds forth. Then the war broke out and John and his older sons joined the army but William, just 10 years old was a bit too young. Maybe that's one good reason why "Uncle Bill" is still hale and hearty at 89.

Obituary- Word was received here Saturday of the death of W.N. Sidlinger at his home in Napoleon, Ohio. He is the uncle of W.N. Sidlinger, Sam H. Sidlinger, Kathleen and Mary Hess of Hutchinson. Mr. Sidlinger, who was 92 years old, died from the after effects of a broken hip. He was a brother of the late Dr. S.H. Sidlinger and C.E. Sidlinger, early residents of Hutchinson.

Child of WILLIAM SIDLINGER and MARY HELLER is:

- i. MARY ORSILLA<sup>3</sup> SIDLINGER, b. August 23, 1889, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH.

4. JOHN WEIBLE<sup>2</sup> SIDLINGER (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born March 3, 1853 in Massillon, Stark Co, OH, and died September 1, 1904 in Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of John W. Sidlinger., (2) "Obituary of John W. Sidlinger," Hutchinson (KS) Daily News, Sep. 2, 1904.). He married CAROLINA (CARRIE) EDWINA LEONHARDT January 19, 1880 in Henry Co, OH. She was born August 3, 1859 in Florida, Henry Co, OH, and died August 1, 1935 in Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of Caroline Sidlinger., (2) "Obituary of Caroline Sidlinger Bixby," Hutchinson, KS, newspaper, Aug. 2, 1935.).

Notes for JOHN WEIBLE SIDLINGER:

Census summary:

1880	Napoleon, Henry Co, OH	(Blacksmith)
1900	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	(Druggist)
1910	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	(Caroline only w/R. Bixby)
1920	Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS	(Caroline only w/R. Bixby)

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) Daily News, Sep. 2, 1904)- John Weible Sidlinger died after two days intense suffering yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The best of medical and surgical attendance had failed to bring about the desired results, as the injury, caused by the fall to the walk was far greater than was at first thought. Every possible attention was given him and all of the physicians in the city gave their time and their best care, but it was impossible to keep the hold on life. Mr. Sidlinger was unconscious nearly all of the time, from the first and probably did not suffer at all, although the injury was a terrible one, the shock causing concussion of the brain, which brought on internal hemorrhage.

John W. Sidlinger was born in Massillon, O. on March 3, 1853. When 1 year old he moved with his parents to Napoleon, O., where he was brought up and where he lived until he grew to manhood. He lived there until the spring of 1887, when he moved to Kansas and has lived here since that time, being connected with the Sidlinger drug store for the past seventeen years. He was married to Caroline Leonhart on January 30, 1880, and his home life has always been a pleasant and an ideal one living in First avenue west for a number of years. He leaves his wife and two sons, Will, who is a bookkeeper at the First National Bank, and Samuel, a young boy at home. His mother, Mrs. Orsilla Sidlinger, is 79 years old, and lives with her son, C.E. Sidlinger in their home over the drug store in Main street. The death of her son has been a trial to her and all of the relatives. He also leaves his brothers, Dr. S.H. and C.E. Sidlinger, of Hutchinson, and two brothers, George and Will Sidlinger of Napoleon, O., and a sister, Mrs. Amos Hess, of Hutchinson.

Everyone knew John Sidlinger in this part of the country and he was one of the most cheerful and best hearted men in the city. He was always a friend of everyone and had no enemies. He liked to live, and was a genuine American gentleman in every sense of the word. Sidlinger's drug store has been the stopping place of the old settlers here for a score of years and John Sidlinger was always to be found there, early and late, and his friends will miss him nearly as much as his own relatives. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet all been made,

as relatives from Ohio may come to attend, but it is thought that it possibly may be held Sunday afternoon from the home. This will be announced in tomorrow's News. Mr. Sidlinger was a member of the A.O.U.W. and the Court of Honor and he leaves his family in good financial circumstances.

Notes for CAROLINA (CARRIE) EDWINA LEONHARDT:

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) Herald, Aug. 2, 1935)- Mrs. Caroline D. Bixby, 75, died late yesterday at the home of her son, Will N. Sidlinger, 538 East Sherman St. with whom she had made her home for the past eight years. Mrs. Bixby had been a resident of Hutchinson since 1886. Mrs. Bixby was born Aug. 5, 1859 at Florida, Ohio. She would have observed her 76th birthday next Monday. She was a member of the German Lutheran church. She had been seriously ill since last November when she suffered a stroke. Mrs. Bixby is survived by two sons, Will and Sam Sidlinger, both of Hutchinson, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Ulrich, Napoleon, Ohio.

Children of JOHN SIDLINGER and CAROLINA LEONHARDT are:

- i. WILLIAM NOAH<sup>3</sup> SIDLINGER, b. October 13, 1881, Liberty Center, Henry Co, OH; d. March 15, 1975, Hastings, Adams Co, NE (Source: (1) Tombstone of William N. Sidlinger (son of John W. Sidlinger)., (2) "Obituary of William N. Sidlinger (son of John W. Sidlinger)," Hutchinson (KS) News, Mar. 16, 1975.); m. LYDIA KATHERINE MONTGOMERY, May 29, 1906, Wichita, Sedgwick Co, KS; b. August 25, 1881, Anderson, Madison Co, IN; d. January 12, 1974, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: Tombstone of Lydia Sidlinger.).

Notes for WILLIAM NOAH SIDLINGER:

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) News, Mar. 16, 1975)- William N. Sidlinger, 93, of 420 East Sherman, died Friday at Hastings, Neb. Born Oct. 13, 1881, at Liberty Center, Ohio, he married Lydia M. Montgomery, May 29, 1906, at Wichita. She died Jan. 12, 1974. He was a retired Wiley's employee and lived here most of his life. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church; Elder in the church; Masonic Lodge, AF & AM; District Board of Boy Scouts; Grid Iron Club; National Director of Credit Union. Survivors are a daughter: Mrs. John B. Foster, Hastings, Neb.; daughter-in-law: Mrs. Inez Sidlinger, 420 East Sherman; six grandchildren. Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Monday at the church; Rev. Glenn McGee. Private graveside service will be 1 p.m. Monday at Fairlawn Cemetery. Friends may call 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday at Johnson and Sons Chapel. The family suggests memorials to the Hutchinson Public Library.

- ii. MARY (MAMIE) SIDLINGER, b. 1883; d. June 1, 1894, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: Tombstone of Mary E. Sidlinger.).
- iii. SAMUEL HUFFMAN SIDLINGER, b. April 13, 1894, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS; d. May 4, 1970, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of Samuel H. Sidlinger (son of John W. Sidlinger)., (2) "Obituary of Samuel Sidlinger," Hutchinson (KS) News, May 5, 1970.); m. (1) MAUDE BERNICE GRAFF, May 15, 1914, KS; b. July 13, 1894, Burrton, Harvey Co, KS; d. August 27, 1925, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Tombstone of Maude Sidlinger., (2) "Obituary of Maude Sidlinger," Hutchinson (KS) Daily News, Aug. 28, 1925., (3) *Death certificate of Maude Sidlinger*, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS, #278-3745.); m. (2) ELIZABETH ELINORA SCHRUMPS, March 1933, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS; b. May 11, 1892, Homestead, Chase Co, KS; d. December 28, 1977, Topeka, Shawnee Co, KS (Source: "Obituary of Elizabeth Elinora Sidlinger," Topeka (KS) Daily Capital, Dec. 29, 1977; also Hutchinson, KS, newspaper.).

Notes for SAMUEL HUFFMAN SIDLINGER:

Census summary:

1920 Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Grocery store clerk)

Information from Margaret Schreiber Doll- The house where Sam Sidlinger was born was later razed and replaced by the county court house. When Sam was about 5 years old Hutchinson was inundated by a large flood of the Arkansas River. Main Street was one of the streets covered in water. When the water had stopped rising, but before it had receded, John, Sam's father, told him to stay out of the water. Sam ignored his father and sailed down Main Street past the drugstore in a floating tub. A photographer had a shop next door to the pharmacy and saw Sam going through the water. The photographer saw a good picture, and took advantage of the situation. The photographer then gave a copy of the picture to the drugstore to John and Ed Sidlinger. Arthur Hess also worked in the pharmacy. Sam once sailed with some of his friends on a raft they had put together. They added a large flag staff and sailed down the Arkansas River until ... the flag staff hit the bridge on the river and overturned the raft.

When Sam Sidlinger graduated from high school, his Uncle Will gave him a hundred dollars and told Sam to

take a trip to Denver. In Denver Sam checked into a hotel which had a French restaurant. Sam was seated with a salesman when he entered the restaurant for his meal. Sam didn't know any French, but he was too proud to ask anyone to translate the menu. He looked over the menu and decided to order four dishes which included the word "Pomme." The waiter, probably delighting in the predicament in which Sam found himself, did not offer any assistance. When the order arrived, Sam had fried potatoes, potatoes au gratin, etc. The salesman told Sam that he had too much meat in his order, and he would gladly trade some meat for some of Sam's potatoes.

The Everetts had a large grocery store on Main Street. Clarence Everett and Sam had been best friends since high school or before. Mom remembers going over to the Everetts where Mrs. Everett, Rae, would make the best waffles. Everyone would sit around and sing current songs and songs from WWII. In 1949 Clarence D. Everett worked for Congressman Clifford R. Hope in Washington, D.C. He had an office at 111 House Office Bldg.

Sam was a civil engineer and when he worked for the city of Hutchinson would get up early in the mornings and do measurements on the road. Then the crew would head for the coffee shops. Sam said he knew every coffee shop in the city. He had a little brimmed hat that he wore, but often he found after leaving the coffee shops that he had traded caps with someone.

I remember Grandma and Grandpa living in the rightside of the duplex at 104 E. 10th Street, Hutchinson, KS. They later moved to 097 (907 ?) N. Walnut, maybe when I was in high school. Mom has a picture of Elizabeth in the house on Walnut street on April 13, 1968.

From the Hutchinson newspaper- "Coffee Salute"- Sam Sidlinger retired June 1 from city employ and "celebrates" his upcoming life of leisure with a mug of java at his last coffee break. Sidlinger was convention hall manager from 1922-1931 when he left city employ. He joined the engineering department in 1938 and worked there until retirement at age 65.

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) News, May 5, 1970)- Samuel H. Sidlinger, 76, of 907 North Walnut, died Monday afternoon at Grace Hospital after a two-week illness. Born April 13, 1894, at Hutchinson, he married Elizabeth Souders, in 1936, at Hutchinson. He had been a retired engineer for the city retiring in 1959, and a lifetime resident. He was a member of the Congregational Church and Masonic Lodge, 140. Survivors include the widow; son, John E., Fredonia; daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Schreiber, Topeka; Mrs. Helen Standiferd, Fredonia; Mrs. Beth Looman, Scottsdale, Ariz.; brother, Will, 420 E. Sherman; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Elliott Chapel; Rev. J.B. Shelton. Burial will be at the Eastside Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday.

Notes for MAUDE BERNICE GRAFF:

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) Daily News, Aug. 28, 1925)- The death of Mrs. Maude Graff Sidlinger, wife of Samuel H. Sidlinger last night at a local hospital came as a shock to her many friends and many did not know until yesterday that Mrs. Sidlinger, who was operated upon three weeks ago, was fighting a losing battle for her life. The funeral services will be held from the German Lutheran church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in the Eastside cemetery. Mrs. Sidlinger was born at Burrton, Kansas, on July 13, 1893, and was married on May 15, 1914 to Samuel H. Sidlinger. Four children survive to comfort the father in his loss, Helen, Beth, John and Margery. Also her father, Fred Graff of Newton and four brothers and sisters survive her. Mrs. Lillian Metz, Miss Marie Graff, Emil Graff, all of Newton and Albert Graff of Cleveland, Ohio.

Notes for ELIZABETH ELINORA SCHRUMPS:

Obituary- Mrs. Elizabeth Elinora Sidlinger, 85, 2075 Fillmore, died Wednesday at a Topeka nursing home where she had lived three years. She was born May 11, 1892, in Homestead, south of Cedar Point, and moved to Strong City in 1900. She moved to Emporia in 1906 and to Hutchinson in 1916. She lived in Hutchinson until three years ago when she moved to Topeka. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and was a former member of Rebbekah Lodge in Hutchinson. She was married to Victor Souders in 1916. He died in 1922. She was married to Samuel H. Sidlinger in March, 1933. He died May 4, 1970. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Helen Standiferd, Fredonia, Mrs. Beth Looman, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Marjorie Schreiber, 204 N. Courtland; a son, John Sidlinger, Howard; a sister, Mrs. Edna Kensinger, El Dorado; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Burlingame Cemetery, Burlingame. Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary- Mrs. Elizabeth Elinor Sidlinger, 85, Topeka, formerly of 204 East 10th, died Wednesday at a Topeka nursing home. Born Elizabeth Elinora Schrumps May 11, 1892, in Homestead, she married Victor

Souders in 1916. He died in 1922. She then married Samuel H. Sidlinger in March of 1933. He died May 4, 1970. She was a member of the Congregational Church and a former member of the Rebekah Lodge in Hutchinson. Survivors include daughters: Mrs. Helen Standiferd, Fredonia; Mrs. Beth Looman, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Marjorie Schreiber, Topeka; son: John Sidlinger, Howard; sister: Mrs. Edna Kensinger, El Dorado; 11 grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. Graveside services will be p.m. Saturday, Burlingame Cemetery, Burlingame.

5. IDA BELLE<sup>2</sup> SIDLINGER (*JOHN*<sup>1</sup>) was born September 7, 1859 in Napoleon, Henry Co, OH, and died November 9, 1938 in Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS. She married AMOS S. HESS November 27, 1876 in Henry Co, OH. He was born February 1851 in PA, and died 1918 in Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS ? (Source: Tombstone of Amos Hess.).

Notes for AMOS S. HESS:  
Census summary:

1880 Napoleon, Henry Co, OH (Sewing mach agt)  
1900 Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Editor)  
1910 Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Traveling sales- newspaper)  
1920 Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Ida only)

Children of IDA SIDLINGER and AMOS HESS are:

- i. ARTHUR MAYNARD<sup>3</sup> HESS, b. July 23, 1877, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH; d. July 12, 1936, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: "Obituary of Arthur Hess," Hutchinson, KS, newspaper.).

Notes for ARTHUR MAYNARD HESS:

Obituary- Arthur Maynard Hess, 59, for the past 41 years a druggist in Hutchinson died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital after a long illness. The funeral services will be held from the Johnson Funeral Parlors Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Claude J. Miller in charge. Interment will be in Eastside Cemetery. The druggists will act as pall-bearers.

Mr. Hess was born at Napoleon, O., on July 23, 1877. His parents the late Amos S. Hess and Mrs. Hess came to Hutchinson in 1888. At the age of 18 he entered the employ of his uncle, the late Ed. Sidlinger who had established the Sidlinger drug store in 1878 on the same site it now located. In 1914 Arthur Hess purchased the interests of his cousin, William Sidlinger, in the business which had been bequeathed them by their uncle, Ed Sidlinger. He was active in the store until three months ago when ill health caused him to leave the management to others.

Arthur Hess had probably the largest number of friends of any business man in Hutchinson. He had served the public so long, that all who went into the store called him by his first name and honored his counsels on matters pertaining to health. He was kindly in nature and always ready to help others. He was very loyal to his mother and sisters. The Sidlinger drug company is the only Hutchinson mercantile business which has remained in the same family for over a half century. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Ida Sidlinger Hess; two sisters, Miss Kathleen Hess of the high school faculty and Miss Mary Hess, all living at home, 228 East Sherman st.

- ii. KATHLEEN G. HESS, b. December 2, 1878, Napoleon, Henry Co, OH; d. April 20, 1945, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: "Obituary of Kathleen Hess," Hutchinson (KS) News-Herald, Apr. 21, 1945.).

Notes for KATHLEEN G. HESS:

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) News-Herald, Apr. 21, 1945)- Kathleen G. Hess, veteran school teacher in Hutchinson, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital Friday afternoon. She had been ill a week. Miss Hess was born in Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1878, being 66 years old. She came to Hutchinson as a child with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos S. Hess, pioneers here. She taught in Hutchinson school 44 years from the first grade to senior high school. Miss Hess retired three years ago. Her first classes were at old Avenue A school in the first grade. She took summer school work and correspondence and obtained her degree and later taught at Sherman junior high. In recent years she was teacher of English at senior high school. She is survived by her sister, Mary Hess, of the home, 228 East Sherman.

- iii. MARY O. HESS, b. February 27, 1881, OH; d. April 19, 1966, Hutchinson, Reno Co, KS (Source: (1) Broderbund Family Archive #110., (2) "Obituary of Mary Hess," Hutchinson (KS) News, Apr. 21, 1966.).

Notes for MARY O. HESS:

Mary was a stenographer in a lawyer's office.

Obituary (Hutchinson (KS) News, Apr. 21, 1966)- Deaths in Hutchinson- Mary P. Hess, 85, of 538 1/2 East Sherman, funeral 4 p.m., Thursday, Johnson and Sons Chapel.

Brøderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1, Ed. 4, Social Security Death Index:

Individual: Hess, Mary; Birth date: Feb 27, 1881; Death date: Apr 1966

Last residence: KS 67501 (Hutchinson, KS); State of issue: KS