

Scout Chalmers Smith

Washington and Rachel (Seaton) Smith, the parents of Scout Chalmers Smith were both natives of Kentucky. For a time they lived in Missouri, and later Kentucky, Illinois and Kansas.

Chalmers Smith was born in Mercer County, Kentucky in 1847. By the 1860's the Smith family was living in Moultrie County, Illinois. In 1864 they were in the area of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

While in Leavenworth Chalmers served in Company B, 16th Kansas Cavalry and in 1864 he and his brother, Canning, served in Company E, 17th Kansas Infantry Regiment.

In 1866 the family moved to what would later become Lincoln County, Kansas, settling in the area west of Beverly, near Shady Bend.

In August of 1868, Chalmers was recruited by his neighbor, Jack Peate, to ride with the Forsyth Scouts. Following the Beecher Island Battle, surviving the battle uninjured, Chalmers returned to the future Lincoln County.

In January of 1869 Chalmers, along with Scout Eli Zigler and his brother-in-law, John Alverson, went to the area of where Lincoln would eventually be founded, to get troops that were camped there. The troops went in pursuit of a party of Indians who had been annoying citizens south of Beverly, namely, Thomas Skinner and family. After compelling Mrs. Skinner to cook for them, the Indians left in a easterly direction, before heading south. The troops eventually caught up with the Indians and the ensuing battle was commonly called the Mulberry Scrap.

Following the 1869 Spillman Creek Raid, Chalmers' father, Washington Smith, assisted in saving the life of the wounded 4 year old, Willis Daily, step-son of Scout Thomas Alderdice. Washington Smith held Little Willis down, while Phillip¹ Lanz, used a pair of bullet moulds as pliers to extract the arrow from Willis's back, that was stuck in the back of his sternum. Remember, no anesthesia and probably whiskey for an antiseptic.

¹ Phillip Christian Lanz, born FEB-02-1843 in Germany, died SEP-___-1905, Ronneby, Benton County, Minnesota. An early settler in Lincoln County, by way of Germany, France, New Orleans, and Iowa. In the 1880's, then married and with his large family, he returned to Iowa, and later moved to Minnesota. His name is almost always misspelled in historical writings.

Washington Smith filed at least one, and possibly more, depredation claims for damages incurred during Indian raids.

Chalmers continued to ranch and farm in the Beverly area and to the south, for the rest of his life.

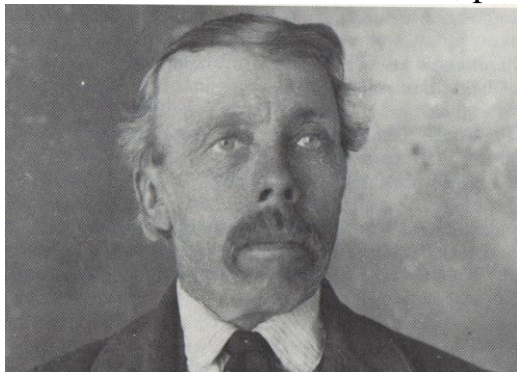
In 1872, Chalmers married Anna Elizabeth Bloomheart², a native of Fayette County, Indiana.

Chalmers, Anna and Washington Smith are all buried in the Beverly Kansas Cemetery, very near Jack Peate and wife. Chalmers' mother, Rachel Seaton Smith is believed to be buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Billings, Missouri.

Chalmers' two older brothers, Marseilles "Ellis" and Canning Smith both disappeared from the area in the mid to late 1880's. His younger brother, James Seaton Smith is not found after the 1870 census. Chalmers' youngest sister, Susan, married Henry Hartman of the Freedom community (just northwest of present day Westfall, Kansas). The Hartman's ended up in Christian County, Missouri in the 1890's, by way of Portland, Oregon.

In 1898, on the eve of the thirtieth anniversary, Chalmers along with his old neighbor, Jack Peate and Scout Henry Tucker, of Minneapolis, Kansas, went back to locate Beecher Island. In 1899 Chalmers, Peate and Tucker, were back at Beecher Island for the first annual Beecher Island reunion.

Chalmers and Anna had eight children, seven living to be adults, most married and had families and there are still a number of living descendants of Scout Chalmers Smith. Scout Chalmers Smith, photo below.



² Anna Bloomheart is the closest the author comes to being related to any of the Forsyth Scouts. Anna's aunt, Harriett Bloomheart Miller, is the authors great-great-great grandmother.

Generation One

1. **Chalmers Smith** was born JUL-27-1847 in Mercer County, Kentucky, (son of Washington Smith and Rachel Seaton) and died MAR-31-1919 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

He married Anna Elizabeth Bloomheart, DEC-14-1872 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas. She was born JUL-29-1854 in Fayette County, Indiana, (daughter of Elzekiel "Sampson" Bloomheart and Mary Jane Heron) and died JUL-02-1890 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

2. i. Albert T. "Ab" Smith was born MAY-05-1874.
3. ii. Florence "Flora" Etta Smith was born JUL-30-1875.
- iii. Rhodella Smith was born OCT-31-1876 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died SEP-12-1878 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Shady Bend Cemetery, Lincoln County, Kansas.
- iv. William Ellsworth Smith was born NOV-11-1878 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JAN-04-1930 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska and is buried in _____ Cemetery, Lincoln, Nebraska (or Kansas).
- v. George Smith was born JAN-19-1881 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died ___-__-195_ (after 1950) in _____, _____ County, (probably Portland) Oregon.
4. vi. Myrtle Susan Smith was born FEB-17-1883.
5. vii. Frank Cogswell Smith was born FEB-21-1885.
6. viii. Josephine Mary "Josie" Smith was born JUL-04-1887.

Generation Two

2. **Albert T. "Ab" Smith** was born MAY-05-1874 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died SEP-23-1958 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

He married Martha Sparks, SEP-18-1907 in _____, _____ County, Kansas. She was born NOV-29-1887 in Logan Township, Lincoln County, Kansas, (daughter of Albert David Sparks and Alzean "Effie" Taylor) and died MAY-15-1968 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

7. i. Mildred Elaine Smith was born AUG-22-1908.
8. ii. Evelyn L. Smith was born SEP-19-1909.
9. iii. Doyle Norris Smith was born OCT-08-1915.
10. iv. Ruth Smith was born JUL-30-1917.

3. **Florence "Flora" Etta Smith** was born JUL-30-1875 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JAN-24-1950 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

She married Frank Fenton, APR-10-1903 in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born JAN-22-1884 in Webb City, Jasper County, Missouri and died DEC-04-1963 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

11. i. Glen V. Fenton was born JUN-05-1905.
12. ii. William C. "Berl" Fenton was born NOV-16-1906.
13. iii. Mae Grace "Toots" Fenton was born APR-25-1911.
14. iv. Raymond Ray "Jack" Fenton was born APR-25-1911.

4. **Myrtle Susan Smith** was born FEB-17-1883 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died SEP-07-1955 in Logan, Cache County, Utah and is buried in Hyrum City Cemetery, Hyrum, Utah.

She married (1) Edward Evelyn Moyer, APR-09-1904 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. He was born MAY-__-1875 in _____, _____ County, Illinois, (son of Harrison Moyer and Lucy Ann Forbes) and died ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, _____. (Divorced in 1911)

She married (2) Mark Dexter Lyon, ___-__-191_ in _____, _____ County, Nebraska?. He was born OCT-19-1877 in _____, Kane County, Illinois, (son of Noah Harvey Lyon and Cornelia Adelaide Elliott) and died JUN-24-1964 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah and is buried in Hyrum City Cemetery, Hyrum, Utah.

Children:

15. i. Ethel Aylene Moyer was born NOV-25-1905.
16. ii. Jennings Mark Lyon was born JUL-26-1918.
17. iii. Kenneth Eugene Lyon was born JUL-28-1920.

5. **Frank Cogswell Smith** was born FEB-21-1885 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JUN-08-1961 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

He married Mary Sparks, SEP-18-1907 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas. She was born DEC-16-1889 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas, (daughter of Albert David Sparks and Alzean "Effie" Taylor) and died NOV-03-1963 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

18. i. Dorothy "Lavergn" Smith was born AUG-18-1910.
19. ii. Keith Ardell Smith was born AUG-22-1913.

6. **Josephine Mary "Josie" Smith** was born JUL-04-1887 near Shady Bend, Lincoln County, Kansas and died OCT-24-1984 in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas and is buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Salina, Kansas.

She married John Joseph Pagan, ___-__-191_ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born AUG-18-1872 in Ilion, Herkimer County, New York, (son of James Pagan and Catherine Quinn) and died APR-29-1938 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Salina, Kansas.

Children:

- i. Leonard Pagan was born and died JAN-24-1916 in Beverly, Kansas and is buried in St. Borgia Catholic Cemetery, Ada, Kansas.
- ii. Lola Pagan was born JAN-24-1916 and died FEB-18-1916 at Beverly, Kansas and is buried in St. Borgia Catholic Cemetery, Ada, Kansas.
20. iii. Leone Hazel Pagan was born NOV-18-1912.
21. iv. Clayton L. Pagan was born JUL-30-1917.

Generation Three

7. **Mildred Elaine Smith** was born AUG-22-1908 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JAN-07-1993 in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California and is buried in _____ Cemetery, _____, California.

She married Norval R. "Jack" Percival, ___-__-1927 in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born FEB-21-1908 in Lincoln County, Kansas, (son of Walter Hardin Percival and Bertha Berthelson) and died JUL-18-2001 in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California and is buried in _____ Cemetery, _____, California.

Child:

- i. Shirley Jean Percival. She married and has living descendants.
- ii. Marjorie "Elaine" Percival. She married and has living descendants.
- iii. Martha "Jan" Percival. She married and has living descendants.

8. **Evelyn L. Smith** was born SEP-19-1909 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JUL-28-1977 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

She married Edwin M. "Ed" Harshbarger, ___-__-192_ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born DEC-09-1903 in _____, _____ County, Kansas, (son of John Franklin Harshbarger and Mamie "Minnie" Pricilla Miller) and died AUG-09-1986 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Child:

- i. Patsy Ruth Harshbarger.

9. **Doyle Norris Smith** was born OCT-08-1915 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JUN-08-1979 in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington and is buried in Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane, Washington.

He married Grace Elizabeth Lum, ___-__-196_ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. She was born MAR-17-1921 in Denison, Jackson County, Kansas, (daughter of Louis D. Lum and Lavina Downie) and died JUN-22-2006 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Child:

- i. Vicki Lynn Smith. She married and has living descendants.

10. **Ruth Smith** was born JUL-30-1917 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died AUG-02-1990 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

She married David Evan "Mick" McClure, SEP-27-1942 in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born JAN-18-1911 near Westfall, Lincoln County, Kansas, (son of David Thomas McClure and Mary Francis "Hattie" Twibell) and died NOV-17-1991 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

- i. Judy D. McClure. She married and has living descendants.
- ii. Sherry Ruth McClure. She married and has living descendants.

11. **Glen V. Fenton** was born JUN-05-1905 near Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died AUG-21-1951 in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas and later re-interred in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, Michigan.

He married Ruth Marie Ratliff, OCT-17-1934 in Russell, Russell County, Kansas. She was born OCT-22-1910 in Montpelier, Blackford County, Indiana, (daughter of Cary Alfred Ratliff and Elizabeth Morrical) and died MAR-03-2008 in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, Michigan.

Children:

- i. Barbara Ann Fenton. She married and has living descendants.
- ii. Margaret Jeanette "Peggy" Fenton. She married and has living descendants.

12. **William C. "Berl" Fenton** was born NOV-16-1906 near Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died NOV-21-1967 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

He married Lillian J. Powelson, ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. She was born FEB-02-1911 in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, (daughter of Calvin Powelson and Edith _____) and died NOV-02-1987 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

- i. Loretta Dean Fenton. She married and has living descendants.

13. **Mae Grace "Toots" Fenton** was born APR-25-1911 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died NOV-24-1994 in Niceville, Okaloosa County, Florida and is buried in Roselawn Memorial Park, Salina, Kansas.

She married (1) Oscar Martin Marty, ___-__-193_ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born FEB-04-1910 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas, (son of Herman "Henry" Marty and Amelia Sophia Catherine Von Fange) and died JUL-22-1970 in Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Sidney, Nebraska. (Divorced)

She married (2) Henry S. Brack, ___-__-19__ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. He was born FEB-12-1910 in Pioneer Township, Rush County, Kansas and died NOV-29-1991 at Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Roselawn Memorial Park, Salina, Kansas.

Child:

- i. Florence Delight Marty. She married and has living descendants.

14. **Raymond Ray "Jack" Fenton** was born APR-25-1911 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died DEC-16-1980 in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, Michigan.

He married Maxine B. Johns, ___-__-193_ in _____, _____ County, Kansas. She was born JUL-07-1914 in or near Tescott, Ottawa County, Kansas, (daughter of Walter Johns and Dollie _____) and died NOV-13-1997 in Kalkaska, Kalkaska County, Michigan and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, Michigan.

Children:

- i. Vivian Lea Fenton was born OCT-15-1940 and died JAN-09-1991 in Fullerton, Orange County, California.

She married William John Mall Jr, OCT-27-1962 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas. They have living descendants.

- ii. Robert Thomas Fenton. He married and has living descendants.

15. **Ethel Aylene Moyer** was born NOV-25-1905 in _____, _____ County, Missouri and died JAN-07-1993 in Claremont, Los Angeles County, California and is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Covina Hills, California.

She married Harry LaPrelle, ___ - __ -192_ in _____, _____ County, California. He born JUN-14-1906 in Dunkirk, Jay County, Indiana, (son of Charles LaPrell and Nellie G. Wilson) and died MAY-25-2002 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California and is buried in Whitehurst - Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson, California.

Children:

- i. Barbara Jean LaPrelle. She married and has living descendants.
- ii. Patsy Dean LaPrelle. She married and has living descendants.

16. **Jennings Mark Lyon** was born JUL-26-1918 in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska and died APR-03-1973 in San Rafael, Marin County, California and his ashes were scattered.

He married Josephine Marie "Jo" Cavitarucco, ___ - __ -194_ in _____, _____ County, _____. She was born JUL-06-1919 in _____, Alameda County, California, (daughter of Frank Cavitarucco and Rose Calivani) and died JUN-05-2003 in San Rafael, Marin County, California and is buried in Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, California.

Children:

- i. Jo Allyn Lyon. She married and has living descendants.
- ii. Sister Marcia Dee Lyon.
- iii. Karen Marie Lyon was born and died FEB-24-1951 in Butte County, California and is buried in _____ Cemetery, Willows, California.
- iv. Sharen Elizabeth Lyon was born FEB-24-1951 in Butte County, California and died there FEB-24-1951 and is buried in _____ Cemetery, Willows, California.
- v. Mitchel Bruce Lyon was born and died JUN-21-1952 in Butte County, California and is buried in _____ Cemetery, Willows, California.
- vi. Michelle Lee Lyon was born and died JUN-21-1952 in Butte County, California and is buried in _____ Cemetery, Willows, California.

17. **Kenneth Eugene Lyon** was born JUL-28-1920 in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska and died JAN-10-1988 in Camarillo, Ventura County, California and is buried in Hyrum City Cemetery, Hyrum, Utah.

He married LaRee Nielsen, ___ - __ -19__ in _____, _____ County, _____.

She was born NOV-14-1917 in Hyrum, Cache County, Utah (daughter of Joseph Franklin Nielsen and Adelia Keziah Allen) and died MAY-28-2009 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah and is buried in Hyrum City Cemetery, Hyrum, Utah.

Children:

- i. Kenneth Eugene Lyon Jr. He married and has living descendants.
- ii. Linda Lyon.
- iii. Judy Lyon.

18. **Dorothy "Lavergn" Smith** was born AUG-18-1910 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died APR-20-1987 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

She married Emil Carl Marty, SEP-26-1928 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas. He was born MAY-03-1906 in _____, Lincoln County, Kansas, (son of Herman "Henry" Marty and Amelia Sophia Catherine Von Fange) and died OCT-30-1994 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

Children:

- i. Harold George Marty was born SEP-06-1930. He married and has living descendants.
- ii. Lyle Dean Marty was born JAN-16-1934 at _____, _____ County, Kansas and died OCT-10-1967 at _____, _____ County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.
- iii. Dorothy Darlene Marty. She married and has living descendants.

19. **Keith Ardell Smith** was born AUG-22-1913 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JAN-21-2001 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas and is buried in Beverly City Cemetery, Beverly, Kansas.

He married Thelma Elzora Dimick, ___-__-193_ in _____, Lincoln County, Kansas. She was born in Lincoln County, Kansas, (daughter of George Dimmick and Mary Kindlesparger).

Children:

- i. Frank "Ardell" Smith. He married and has living descendants.
- ii. Stephen Nicholas Smith. He married and has living descendants.

20. **Leone Hazel Pagan** was born NOV-18-1912 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JUL-29-1988 in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas and is buried in Fairlawn Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kansas.

She married (1) Richard Paul Jennings, NOV-01-1930 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas. He was born MAR-10-1912 in Ottawa County, Kansas, (son of Ernest Henry Jennings and Anna C. Sager) and died APR-06-1998 in San Pablo, Contra Costa County, California.

She married (2) Harlan Oren Wood, ___ - __-1945. He was born MAY-19-1914 at Plainville, Rooks County, Kansas (son of Charles Glenn Wood and Lelia Maybelle _____) and died JAN-14-1982 at Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas and is buried at Plainville Cemetery, Plainville, Kansas. They later divorced.

Children:

- i. Doris Leone Jennings was born FEB-16-1933 in Solomon, Dickinson County, Kansas and died FEB-07-2010 at Inman, McPherson County, Kansas and is buried at Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson, Kansas.

She married Everett William Johnson, DEC-23-1950 in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. They have living descendants.

- ii. Shirley Ann Jennings. She married. They have living descendants.
- iii. Mary Margaret "Maggie" Jennings was born FEB-20-1937 at Salina, Saline County, Kansas and died JUN-05-2010 at Medford, Grant County, Oklahoma.

She married (1) Billy Bob Cortner. They divorced.

She married (2) George Wesley Stapleton, DEC-__-1953 in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. They later divorced. They have living descendants.

- iv. Kenneth Lee Jennings.

He married Gloria Faye Haines, JUL-09-1956 in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. She was born DEC-19-1938 and died

FEB-26-2001 at Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kansas. They have living descendants.

v. Roger Paul Jennings.

He married (1) Georgia Lee Howe, MAR-__-1964 in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. They later divorced.

He married (2) Victoria Young, JUL-19-1986 in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California.

21. **Clayton L. Pagan** was born JUL-30-1917 in Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and died JUL-04-1999 in Burke, Fairfax County, Virginia and is buried in Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax, Virginia.

He married Jane Fitch, JUN-08-1940 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas. She was born AUG-08-1919 in Salina, Saline County, Kansas, (daughter of Henry Fitch and Ida Stutsman) and died MAR-12-2002 in Burke, Fairfax County, Virginia and is buried in Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax, Virginia.

Children:

- i. Michael Stephen Pagan was born JUL-27-1944 in _____, _____ County, Kansas and died DEC-04-1971 in _____, San Mateo County, California and is buried in _____ Cemetery, _____, _____.

He married Barbara E. Price, JUN-11-1966 in San Mateo County, California.

- ii. Victoria Ann "Vicki" Pagan.

She married (1) Howard Christian Shinton Jr., JUN-10-1972.

She married (2) David Blair McWey, MAR-17-2001 in St. Mary's Historic Church, Fairfax Station, Virginia.

She has living descendants.

So, Scout Chalmers Smith has many living descendants, scattered from coast to coast.

With this, I had better close this newsletter.

Happy Trails,

Mike



Chalmers & Annie Smith's marker.





Beverly Tribune
Beverly, Kansas
June 5, 1913

First Visit in 45 Years,

J. J. Peate with Sigmund Shlesinger of Cleveland, Ohio, returned from their trip to Hays, Kansas last Friday. Mr. Shlesinger had not visited the old Fort site since 1868 and found everything changed, as the grounds are now used for a government experiment station, for agriculture. Not one thing looked familiar and he found but one man that had heard of him.

On Saturday they, with Mr. Chalmers Smith went to Sumner County to see Thomas Alderdice, whose family was killed on this river, May 30, 1869 and Thomas Murphy, another scout, both of whom Mr. Schlesinger had not seen since the Battle of Beecher Island.

These men are five of the thirteen scouts now living that belonged to Forsyth's band. There were fifty nine when the scouts were organized, of whom twenty three were from this river.

Mr. Peate and Mr. Smith returned home Tuesday. Mr. Peate traveled about seven hundred miles in the two trips, making both journeys in his car. He reports a fine visit, and enjoyable trips in spite of a few drawbacks, such as extreme heat, a dirt storm, twenty miles of deep mud and being nearly stranded on sand dunes.