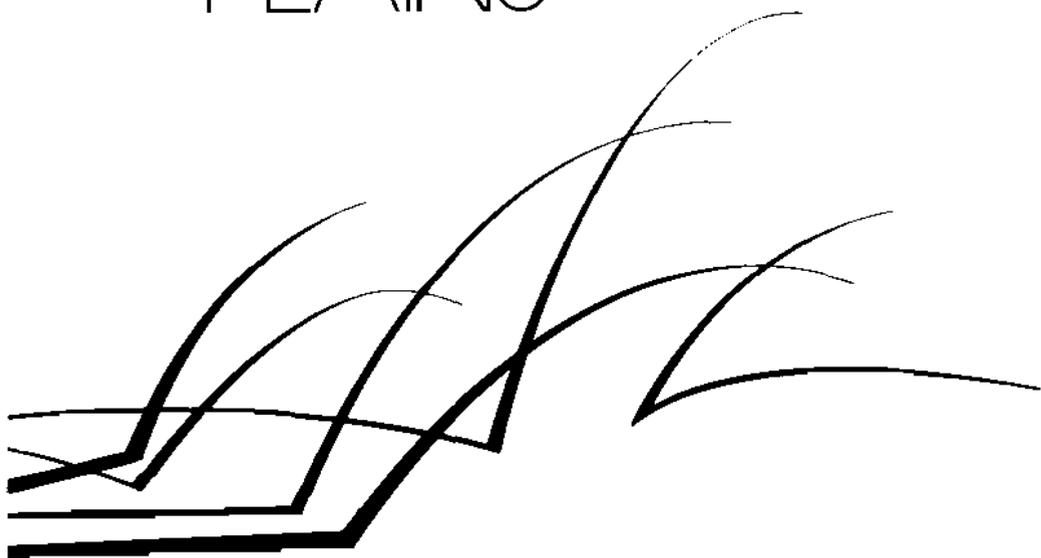


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This issue of the Heritage of the Great Plains features articles about immigrants to the Great Plains states and emigrants from the United States Great Plains to the Prairie Provinces of Canada.

The first immigrant group discussed are the Welsh who came to Kansas in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Their history and culture are presented in an essay prepared by Lucina Jones from her history of the Welsh. Miss Jones was born in July, 1889, and writes from the perspective of a lifelong association with Welsh family and friends. Lucina Jones was one of the founders and early directors of the Lyon County Historical Society, and for over twenty years the Historical Society's historian. Lucina was active in Republican politics in Lyon County, and the founder of the local chapter of the D.A.R. In 1982, at the age of 93, she went to Wales for a visit and to trace her family history.

The second article was written by Emil Loriks and read at the Dakota History Conference in Madison, South Dakota, in 1983. Emil Loriks was born near Oldham, South Dakota in 1895, and was eighty-eight years old when he presented this paper. Emil Loriks is probably remembered most for his political campaign against Karl Mundt in 1938, and his strong advocacy of the cooperative movement and family farms both in the political arena and as a leader of the Farmers Union. Late in his life his thoughts returned to the early immigrant settlements and he wrote about the Oldham area immigrants. Emil Loriks passed away December 25, 1984.

The Jones and Loriks articles are presented both for their information about the ethnic heritage of the Great Plains, and to call attention to the contributions the senior citizens of the region make to our understanding of the past.

There have not been many examples of a mass emigration from the United States because of religious persecution, but Lawrence C. Anderson of Mankato State University writes of the exodus of Hutterites in 1918, caused by the death of two of their young men at the Leavenworth Prison because of their refusal to bear arms in World War I. Professor Anderson has written a number of articles about the Hutterites including the "Prudent Plain People: The Hutterian Brethren," which appeared in the Fall 1984 issue of the Heritage of the Great Plains.