

# Buffalo Tales

May/June 2014

## The Photography of A. T. Anderson

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Alfred T. Anderson, 1865-1958

A.T. Anderson was born in Sweden in 1865 and moved to Kearney with his parents in 1875, when he was ten years old. At 16, Anderson began an apprenticeship with J.A. Stridborg in his photography studio. Within three years, Anderson was managing the studio and by 1886, he had his own.

Anderson's studio captured the "boom" period in Kearney's history, preserving its people and growth.

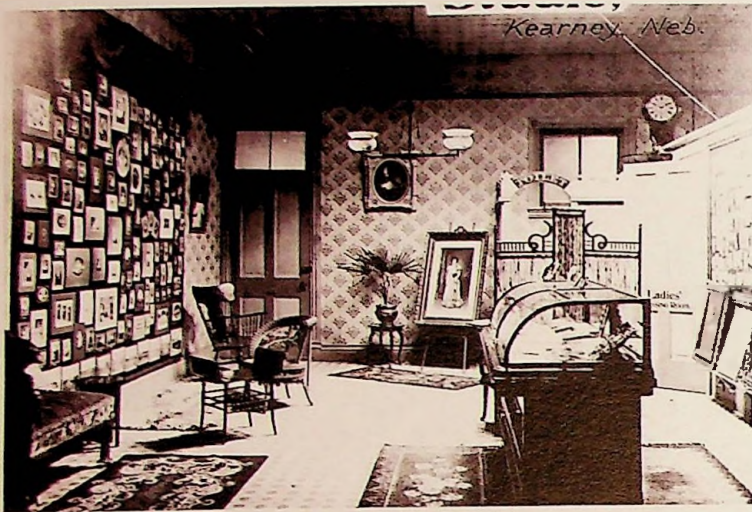
Anderson continued taking pictures until 1922 when his eyesight started failing. His daughter, Miriam took over and ran the studio until it was sold in 1944.



Miriam Anderson as "Easter Hope"  
1902



"Complements of Stridborg and Anderson. Photographers. Finest photos in the city at reasonable prices. Wyoming Ave. South of R.R."



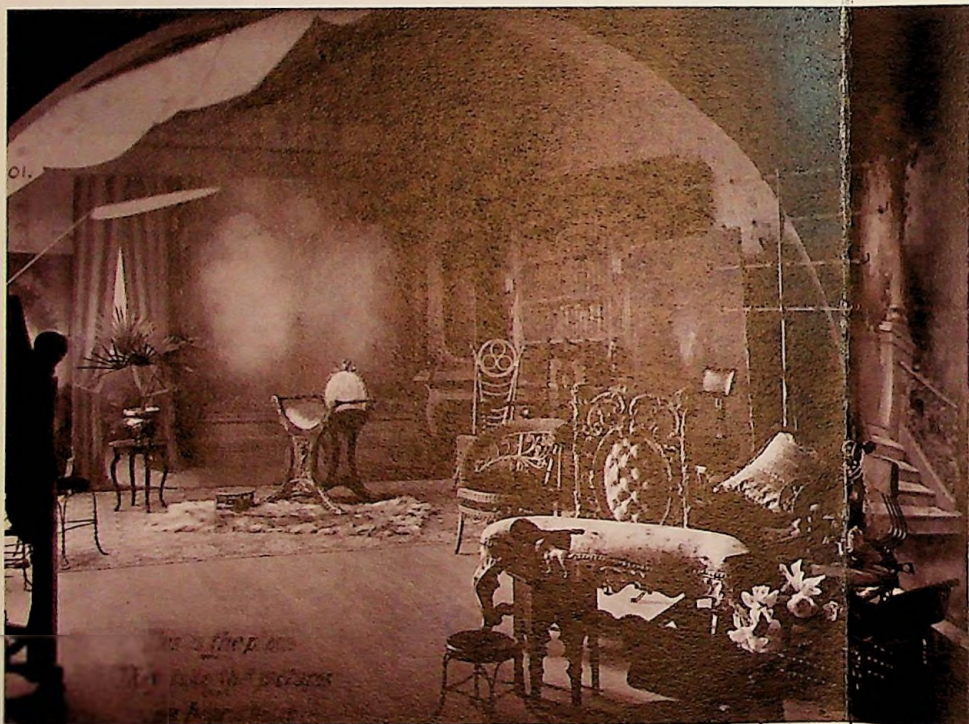
Front room of Anderson's Studio

More information about A.T. Anderson can be found in Vol. 5, No. 9 issue of Buffalo Tales: "A.T. Anderson, Photographer" by Marian Dettman Johnson.



Men on Tandem Bike

Postcard  
"Complements of Alfred T. Anderson Photographer"



Photography studio- "This is the place where they take the pictures that you hear about"



Picture captioned on back "little girls Woolworth and Anderson May 21, 1900"  
Girls listed as:  
Grace Woolworth  
Florence Woolworth  
Caroline Bailey  
Helen Woolworth  
? Hallgren  
Miriam Anderson  
Ruth Anderson  
? Hallgren



Women working in a field with the Kearney Power Plant in the background

### **Wild Science Fridays!**

Wild Science Fridays have begun! Bring the kids out to Trails & Rails for a fun morning of hands-on activities and learning. For children enrolled in grades K-6 for the 2014-2015 school year. Cost is \$15 per session for BCHS members, \$20 per session for non-members. Sessions are 9am-12 June 6th – August 1st. Fees include snack, hands-on discovery, a history connection session, a take-home item, & tons of fun! Registration forms & fees are due at Trails & Rails Museum to reserve your spot.

June 13th- Make it Float!

July 11th- Buried Treasure

June 20th-Race It

July 18th-Great Balls of Fire

June 27th-There She Blows!

July 25th- GPS Treasure Hunt

July 4th- Closed

August 1st-Cannon Ball Battle

(It will be a first come first serve basis. Your registration gives permission to take pictures & use them for promoting the museum.)

### **New Family History Center**

Below is a picture of the new family history center being planned to enhance BCHS/Trails & Rails Museum. It will house the archives, offices, gift shop, and displays.



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\*\*We have replaced the word 'Basic' to 'Family'.\*\*

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## 2014 Calendar of Events

**Sunday, June 8:** 7th Annual ½ Marathon/5K: Buffalo County Stampede—Reg. @ 6 am. Race @ 7 –Enjoy the beautiful scenery during a chip-timed ½ marathon and/or 5K race.

**Saturday, June 28 from 10-2 pm:** 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Wagons West Celebration and Flea Market—Live music by Paul Siebert, delicious food, exhibitors, demonstrators, archive researchers, kids' games, contests, and a flea market. FREE admission/donations are appreciated. NEW in 2014: Beard Contest (see web site for details)

**All of November:** Christmas Decorating (during regular business hours)

**First two weekends in Dec. (Dec.6/7 and Dec. 13/14) from 1-5 pm:** Open to the public: 27th Annual Christmas Tree Walk \*\*\* Saturday, December 6 from 12-1pm: Members Only Preview of the 27th Annual Christmas Tree Walk\*\*\*—check out dozens of trees decorated by area not-for-profits that tie their mission into this year's theme. Each theme is announced at the end of the current year's Tree Walk.

### Education notes:

**Listen to Mardi Anderson on KGFW 1340 AM** at 9 am on the last Friday of each month for a fabulous story about Buffalo County!

**Trails & Rails Museum closed April 28 through May 9 for Kearney Public Schools.**

**Fabulous Fridays** are held on the 2nd Friday monthly at 2 pm. Locations vary, so check the web site.

**January:** Friendship Quilts

**February:** Dowsing

**March:** Jacob's Sheep and Spinning

**April:** Early Electricity in Buffalo County

**May:** Aprons - Now and Then

**June:** One Room Schools

**July:** Early Kitchen Utensils

**August:** Horse Shoeing

**September:** Apples

**October:** Old Time Musical Instruments

**November:** Hand Corn Husking

**December:** Christmas Traditions

Volunteers, chairpersons, and sponsors are still needed. Please contact the office for more information on supporting your Buffalo County Historical Society!

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#### Director's Report

-Dr. Turman's class held the first ever History Harvest at the Kearney Public Library. BCHS had a booth there in case folks brought things in and didn't want to see it again. We received several amazing items (pictures, postcards, newspapers, letters, checks from the turn of the century, etc.). I think the students did a great job and they should be very proud of this first time event. I hope we are a part of the next year's event as well.

-Mark Foradori wrote a grant to Humanities Nebraska for Paul Siebert to perform at the Wagons West Celebration this year. Paul has already agreed to play all four hours of our event.

-Gary Straatmann printed off and donated 500 color copies promoting this year's Wagons West Celebration to stuff in the 4th graders bags while they were here for KPS's Pioneer Days.

-Due to other meetings and school groups, I have not been able to attend our monthly NTV slot. So, in April, Linda Harr went on for our slot to talk about KPS days and the blacksmiths went on in May to promote the Blacksmith Open House.

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