State Library Web Pages Have Valuable Information on Kansas Legislators

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Periodically I like to mention some of the web pages the State Library has up that might be of interest to libraries doing reference work on Kansas history and politics. It's been a long while since I've written about our **pages on legislators** so I thought I'd mention them again:

KANSAS LEGISLATORS PAST AND PRESENT
http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/Ref/legislators/

Information collected from paper files kept by both the State Library of Kansas and the Kansas State Historical Society on (hopefully!) every individual who has served in the Kansas State Legislature since 1861 was put up online several years ago. Since that time staff at the State Library (primarily Donna Copeland) has been updating and adding to the original lists citing sources with more biographical information. Donna has also received quite a few emails/letters from people around the country wanting to add even more information on a relative who has served the state of Kansas in the Statehouse or Senate. She also adds newly elected legislators after the swearing in in January.

A good example of a page with a fair amount of information is:

http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/Ref/legislators/membo.html

Information online is pretty basic. We've also got a small paper vertical file with other info relatives and libraries have sent us. For example several years ago McPherson Public Library sent us sheets with information on most every legislator who had served from their county.

If you have information in your library on past legislators and would like to see that information listed within Kansas Legislators Past and Present please contact Donna Copeland at the State Library. Also if you find information up online that you believe to be incorrect! Donna's email address is: donnac@kslib.info.