

Remaining Questions for Further Study

1. Out of curiosity more than research necessity, it would be interesting to identify the man's period clothing: hat, suit, and shoes.
2. I've contacted the national headquarters of the Knights of the Pythias to see if I can learn about the organization's activity during 1909-1912 in Hutchinson. I doubt there's a roster sitting around with Elmer Swanson's name on it, but it would be interesting to find out about membership numbers and lodge. By the way, the organization is still alive and active today.
3. Certainly, the ceremonial sword could be from any number of fraternal brotherhoods, not only the Knights of Pythias.
4. What's really needed on this research, is a photo of a younger Elmer Swanson. The family contact told me that she didn't know of any others that exist.
5. Maybe a barber's organization has information in their archives with names and certification or photos.
6. Maybe additional postcards will surface that will shed light on this history. I'm on the lookout.