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L.L. Dyche-An Early History

Lewis Lindsay Dyche may be looked upon as one of the most colorful, contributing and knowledgeable instructors the University of Kansas has had an association with. Many of the excursions, experiences and accomplishments held by this man leave one in awe. The University of Kansas grew in a variety of ways due to the efforts of Dyche. Physically, a Museum of Natural History was erected by and for his efforts. Intellectually the University grew from his knowledge in such diverse areas. And reputationally the University prospered from Dyche's travels and his exhibit at the Worlds Fair in Chicago in 1893.

Many know of this man's great achievements and accomplishments but few know of the man's early history and personality that molded him into the adventurer that he became. This paper will attempt to expose the early history of Lewis Lindsay Dyche and some of the attributes and qualities that he possessed.

Dyche was born in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia on March 20, 1857. When he was three months old his father made a decision to move to Kansas. The family came by boat to St. Joe, Mo. From this point the family came by way of an ox team following the Sante Fe trail. Then on a place along the Wakarusa, about fifteen