

"A committee of the council was appointed to confer with Robinson and report two days later. In their report they recommended the acceptance of the proposition, provided Robinson would give bond to allow the city the privilege of redeeming the half block within six months for the sum of \$1,000. The mayor was, accordingly, ordered to sign a deed of conveyance, and Robinson secured to the State the transfer of the University campus."

This story is based upon the council proceedings (Page 402) and Governor Robinson himself, who at that time apparently had no thought that the transfer of the original 40 acres of the campus was a gift. Of interest, too, in this connection is the footnote on page 70 of the History, with reference to Mrs. Robinson's part in the transaction. On the authority of Governor Robinson and Fred Read, "About half the campus was the property of Mrs. Robinson, who received for her share something over \$600 from the citizens of Lawrence."

With reference to the third item of this inflationary table of gifts is the gift of Jas. H. Lane. I quote from page 83 of the History the following account: (The authority for this statement was a personal letter from R. W. Oliver).

"The north campus was not yet in satisfactory form. Gen. James H. Lane owned two and three-fourths acres necessary to complete the square of ten acres, and the good offices of Chancellor Oliver were again called into requisition. He conferred with Gen. Lane and secured bond for title by giving his personal note for \$100. Gen. Lane, however, was afterwards pleased to return the note and donate the land to the State." ~~This is a copy of the letter from R. W. Oliver to the author.~~

In the middle of our inflationary statement is the original of Mr. Ellsworth's misinformation that the McCook bequest was \$12,500. The whole table is a blend of facts and fiction, I suppose fabricated as legislative "ammunition". I am not sure that I understand the mental processes of the compiler, but I assume that having started with the gigantic falsehood of the original 40 acres as a gift he readily carried over his method <sup>to</sup> other items. If Governor Robinson gave 40 acres worth \$40,000, surely the 12½ acres <sup>of</sup>