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organized in 1855 with 600 acres of land. The territorial convention of 1855 designated it the capitol of the state and appropriated money for erecting a substantial capitol building. It is said that the plans contemplated spending a half million dollars on the building. Only \$50,000 was actually appropriated, and spent, which paid for the basement and a part of the walls for the first story.

While Lecompton was the center of the pro-slavery interests, it is interesting to know that years later when it started its university, it named it Lane, honoring one of the men prominent in making Kansas a free state.