

Douglas County Historical Society -  
List of Speakers and Programs 1935 - 1938  
Trips sponsored by Society 1936 - 1938  
List of gifts 1936 - 1937 - 1938



GIFTS TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1936  
(Received by the president)

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>PRESENTED BY</u>
* History of Kansas (This was the first book for the Historical Collection)	J.N. Holloway	Mrs. A.L. Selig
History of Kanwaka Township	Mrs. Guy Bigsby	Mr. Henry Albach
Life at Laurel Town (1936 edition)	Miss Kate Stephens	By author
Commemoration of John Nelson Stephens	Miss Kate Stephens	By author
Account of J.F. Morgan Family. (with pictures)	Mrs. Anna Morgan Ward	By author
History of the Methodist Church		Dr. E. Bumgardner
First Presbyterian Church (1858-1918)		Mrs. E.M. Owen
The First Church in Kansas		Miss Marguerite Bullene
Year Book - Plymouth Congregational Church (1920)		"
Other books from Miss Bullene		
A box of miscellaneous books. In the cabinet at the City Hall		"

PAPERS

- \* A package of letters and papers of C.L. Edwards.
- \* Letter and pages of scrap book from Mrs. A.L. Selig
- Blue print map of Black Jack from Mr. O Niel
- 50th Anniversary edition of the Eudora News, 1936, Mr. E.F. Abels
- Six early Lawrence newspapers from Mrs. E.M. Owen

PICTURES

Book of pictures taken by members of Lawrence Camera Club  
At Mrs. E.M. Owen's.  
G.A.R. group picture, from Frank E. Jones representative of the  
G.A.R. and W.R.C. Stored at Court House.  
Bank Lobby 1827, from Mr. Woestermeyer, in the cabinet  
Dagueretype from Mrs. Arthur Fuller, at Watson Library in Lawrence  
room.  
Sewing machine, Mrs. Gov. Robinson's, from D.A.R. Betty  
Washington Chapter, stored at Dr. Owen's

*Lena M. Owen (Mrs. E.M.)*

Lena M. Owen, Pres.  
Nov. 30, 1936

- \* articles given to the secretary Mrs. Spangler, who passed them  
on to the president, Mrs. Owen.



## GIFTS

1937

Article	Author	Presented by
Atlas of Kansas, Events 1887 (From the books in Judge Smart's office)		Mrs. C.A. Smart
"The True Story of Life of Quantrill" (The index of the people and places made by Miss Kincaid and checked by Miss Oliver and Mrs. Sears)		Miss Flossie Kincaid
"Memories " (Typed)	by Alice Graton Kincaid	Miss Flossie Kincaid
"Memories of Early Days in Kansas." (Typed)	By Mrs. Anna Smith Irvin	By author
Lawrence Album 1895		Mrs. Geo. Barker
Souvenir spoon of Lawrence (both items in cabinet)		Mrs. Geo. Barker
Walnut book case from Eldridge House (stored at Mrs. Barker's 825 N.H. St.)		Mrs. Geo. Barker
Side board used in old Eldridge House (received from Mrs. Gaumer where it is stored 1025 Miss. St.)		
Framed picture of Horticultural Society (picture taken at the home of Mr. Joseph Savage) Stored at Dr. Owen's		Mr. Ansel Whitcomb
Invitation to a Calico Ball Other pamphlets, booklets etc.		Mrs. Hugh Means
Box of books, papers and miscellaneous articles of Mrs. Ella Prentiss Neill (Stored at Miss Oliver's) <i>Distributed 6/19/39</i>		Given by her daughter
{ Box of papers and letters (Stored at Miss Oliver's) <i>Distributed 6/19/39 - Part to State Society and rest to Journal-World office</i>		Mrs. Blackmar

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GIFTS 1938

Article	Author	Presented by
Political Cartoon Scrap books A package at Journal World Office 2 at Mrs. Owen's in Cabinet at City Hall. Books in the making at Miss Nell McFarland's		Mrs. A. Henley
Electric car (Stored by the City)		Mrs. A. Henley
"Story of the Car." (at Mr. W. C. Simons office)	Mrs. A. Henley	Mrs. A. Henley
Old newspaper		Mrs. John Levett
Old stamp of Y.M.C.A.		
Genealogical Account of the John Speer family (Presented to the Society Feb, 23 1939)	- Rolla C. Speer	Rolla C. Speer
"Reminiscences" (Typed booklet) Presented March 1939	Winnie Smith Lyons	By author
Transactions by Kansas State Historical Society (vol. VI)		D.A.R. Betty Washington Ch.
K.U. Publications, from the Extension Dept.		Miss Helen Wagstaff

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Phone 644



PROGRAMS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1935 - 1938

- Dec. 11, 1935. Annual meeting, 7:30 P.M. Chamber Commerce rooms  
"Dramatic Kansas" by Prof. Olin Templin.
- Jan. 29, 1936. Kansas Day meeting, 3 P.M. Chamber Commerce rooms  
"History of Kanwaka Township" by Mrs. Guy Bigsby
- Oct. 29, 1936. At High School Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.  
"Pictorial History of Kansas" by Robert Taft.  
Illustrated with lantern slides.
- Nov. 30, 1936. Annual meeting, 7:30 P.M. Chamber Commerce rooms  
Reading of a play, "The underground Railroad" by  
Prof. Allen Crafton
- January. No Kansas Day meeting on account of the severe weather
- April 5, 1937. Spring meeting 7:30 P.M. Chamber of Commerce rooms  
"Historic Trees of Kansas" by Dr. E. Bumgardner  
Illustrated with lantern pictures.
- Nov. 15, 1937. Annual meeting 7:30 P.M. Junior High School Library.  
"Early firms in Lawrence, Established 50 or more  
years, and carried on by the same family".  
By Mrs. F.H. Smithmeyer.
- Jan. 28, 1938. Kansas Day meeting 3 P.M. Junior High School Library.  
"Growth of Facilities for Physical Education in  
Lawrence since 1898" by Dr. James Naismith  
Social hour, tea served by committee-  
Mrs. E. Huddleston  
Mrs. Mary Garvin  
Mrs. C.C. Krum
- March 21, 1938. Spring meeting 7:30 P.M. Junior High School Library  
"A Little about a Few Things" by Mrs. A. Henley
- April 4, 1938. Meeting in Lawrence Room of Watson Library, 7:30 P.M.  
Display explained by Miss Carrie Watson.
- May 17, 1938. Special meeting 7:30 P.M. Junior High School Auditorium  
"Scenic Kansas" illustrated with lantern slides, by  
Prof. W.H. Schoewe. Sponsored by the Historical Society  
and Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Nov. 14, 1938. Annual meeting 7:30 P.M. Junior High School Auditorium.  
Farms in Douglas County owned and occupied by the same  
family or descendants 65 years." by Mrs. E. Huddleston

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TRIPS - SPONSORED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June 16, 1936. Afternoon. Barker School, Lecompton and vicinity

October 3, 1936. All day trip to southwest part of county.  
Lunch at Baldwin.

October 4, 1936. Special trip Sunday afternoon to Branson Cabin,  
Stony Point. Mr. W.L. Hastie directing.

October 1937. Sunday afternoon. To Old Franklin, Hesper,  
Blue Mound and Branson Cabin. 30 cars, 85 persons.

October 31, 1937. Members invited to Hesper Homecoming.  
15 attended.

October 9, 1938. To Shawnee Mission. 60 members and friends.

October 18, 1938. 24 Lawrence people attended the State Historical  
Society meeting and banquet in Topeka.  
Mr. R.C. Rankin elected State President.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Officers and Directors 1939-1940

Elected at Annual Meeting November 16, 1939

President - - - - -	Mr. R. C. Rankin	Phone 48
1st Vice Pres. - -	Miss Irma Spangler	2931W
2nd Vice Pres. - -	Mr. John Akers	2762M
Secretary - - - - -	Miss Ida Lyons	3036
Treasurer - - - - -	Mr. Walter Varnum	20

Directors to serve 1939 to 1942

Dr. Edward Bumgardner	2602M
Mr. W. C. Simons	353
Prof. Allen Crafton	2266M
Mr. C. E. Beeks	Baldwin
Mr. W. H. Morgan	Lansing

Directors to serve 1938 to 1941

Mrs. Guy Bigsby	768N3
Miss Agnes Emery	2690R
Mr. A. E. Huddleston	937 or 333
Prof. F. N. Raymond	2282J
Judge Hugh Means	2548

Directors to serve 1937 to 1940

Mr. L. M. Walters	775K4
Mr. Elmer Brown	766N2
Miss Cora Dolbee	2625
Mr. Otto Fischer	2507
Mrs. Geo. J. Barker	1717



DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DIRECTORS 1933 - 1939

Elected 1933 to serve 1 yr.

Mr. T. H. Kennedy  
Prof. F. H. Hodder  
Prof. F. N. Raymond  
Dr. E. Bumgardner  
Mrs. L. H. Menger

Elected 1933 to serve 2 yrs.

Mrs. E. M. Owen  
Miss Carrie Watson  
Mr. O. J. Lane  
Mr. W. C. Simons  
Miss Hannah Oliver

Elected 1934 to serve 3 yrs.

Mr. Allison Andrews  
Mr. Elmer Brown  
Dr. E. Bumgardner  
Mrs. Geo. J. Barker  
Miss Agnes Emery

Elected 1933 to serve 3 yrs.

Mr. R. C. Rankin  
Mrs. W. C. Spangler  
Mr. J. T. Skinner  
Mr. Charles Beeks  
Mr. L. B. Read

Elected 1935 to serve 3 yrs.

Miss Hannah Oliver  
Miss Carrie Watson  
Mrs. H. H. MacDonald  
Mrs. L. N. Lewis  
Mr. O. J. Lane

Elected 1936 to serve 3 yrs.

Mr. R. C. Rankin  
Mr. W. C. Simons  
Mr. J. T. Skinner  
Mr. C. E. Beeks  
Mr. L. B. Read

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W. C. Simons  
Prof. Allen Crafton  
C. E. Beeks  
W. H. Morgan



DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

January 31, 1939

An Executive Committee of three members of board

Miss Ida Lyons, O. J. Lane, Dr. Edward Bumgardner

Program Committee: Mrs. F. H. Smithmeyer, Chairman, Miss Kate Riggs, Mrs. T. D. Prentice, Mrs. Hugh Means, Mrs. Elmer E. Brown.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. E. M. Owen, J. T. Skinner, Miss Hannah Oliver.

Membership Committee: J. R. Holmes, Chairman, Charles E. Beeks, Baldwin, Mrs. Otto Fischer, Mrs. Lucy Lewis, Lathrop B. Read.

Finance Committee: Walter Varnum, Frank Banks, Miss Irma Spangler.  
Rural Cemeteries: W. L. Hastie, Chairman

Rural Churches: Miss Ida Lyons, Chairman

To Receive and Secure Historical Materials: R. C. Rankin,  
L. B. Read, J. S. Akers.

Permanent Headquarters: R. C. Rankin, Chairman.

Historian: Dr. Edward Bumgardner

Clippings: Miss Nell McFarland

Marker for Signal Oak: E. T. Arnold, Chairman

Marker at Franklin: L. M. Walters, Chairman

Historial Trips: Mrs. John S. Akers, Chairman



THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DOUGLAS  
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Article I

The name of the Society shall be The Douglas County Historical Society.

Article II

The objects of this society shall be the promotion of historical studies, and the collection and preserving of historical material and relics of Douglas County and vicinity in particular, and the State of Kansas in general, and such other activities as are enumerated in the Charter of the Society.

Article III

Sec. 1. This society shall consist of charter, annual, life, and honorary members.

Sec. 2. Anyone, approved by the Board of Directors, paying the annual dues, and placing or authorizing his name to be placed upon the membership roll on or before the date for the annual meeting in 1934 will be a charter member.

Sec. 3. Anyone, approved by the Board of Directors, paying the annual dues, and placing, or authorizing his name to be placed upon the membership roll after the date of the annual meeting in 1934 will be an annual member.

Sec. 4. Life membership shall be ten (10) dollars in accordance with the cost of Life Membership in the State Historical Society.

Sec. 5. Anyone recommended by the Board of Directors may be given honorary membership in the society by a majority vote at any annual meeting.

Article IV

The annual membership dues shall be fixed at one dollar by the Board of Directors and may be changed from time to time to meet the needs of the Society, provided the society by a majority vote at any annual meeting may fix the dues for the succeeding fiscal year.

Article V

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors of this society shall consist of fifteen (15) members, those named in the charter constituting the first Board. At the meeting at which this constitution is adopted, this Board shall be divided into three groups: the first group to serve until the first annual meeting; the second group to serve until the second annual meeting; and the third group to serve until the third annual meeting. The annual meetings of the society shall elect successors to those directors whose term of office expires with that meeting and to fill the vacancies that may have occurred on the Board during the year. The term of office of all members elected to the Board of Directors shall be three (3) years except those elected to fill vacancies.



Sec. 2. Besides the Board of Directors, the other elective officers of this society shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, whose terms of office shall be one (1) year.

These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the society.

#### Article VI

The annual meeting shall be held at Lawrence, Kansas, sometime prior to November fifteenth of each year, the exact date and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

#### Article VII

Sec. 1. A quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business shall be five (5) or more members.

Sec. 2. A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting shall be ten (10) or more members in addition to any honorary members that may be present.

#### Article VIII

The president or, in his absence, one of the vice presidents, or, in their absence any member of the society who may be there chosen, shall preside at any regular or special meeting of the society.

#### Article IX

The secretary shall preserve a full and correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the society, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee, to be entered in a book in chronological order. These records shall always be open to any member of the society. He shall conduct the correspondence of the society and preserve all communications addressed to him, and copies of all important letters or documents written by him. He shall collect all dues and other monies coming to the society and pay the same to the treasurer. He shall give notice of the meetings of the society and of the Executive Committee, but his failure or refusal to give such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of any meeting. He shall keep a record of all books, papers, documents, and relics donated to the society or purchased by it, specifying the name of the donor in case of a gift, and a description of the article. He shall make an annual report to the annual meeting of all his transactions, and shall transmit a copy of this report to the secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society not later than the fifteenth of November of each year. In addition, he shall perform any other duty or obligation in keeping with the objects of the society that may be assigned him by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

#### Article X

The treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all monies coming to the society and deposit the same in a depository designated by the Executive Committee and pay out the same on an order from the Secretary countersigned by the president.



## Article XI

The Secretary and the Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in such sum as shall be determined by the executive committee. Such bonds shall be approved by the Executive Committee, whose chairman shall see that they are filed with the county clerk of Douglas County, Kansas.

## Article XII

The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the general business of this society, and shall at all time exercise such direction of the society and its affairs as may be lawfully exercised under the laws of the State of Kansas.

## Article XIII

The Board of Directors may adopt by-laws for their own government and guidance, not inconsistent with this constitution.

## Article XIV

The meetings of this Society and of the Board of Directors shall be governed by the usually accepted rules governing all parliamentary bodies.

## Article XV

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the society by a majority vote of all the members present; provided, the proposed amendment shall have been reduced to writing, and entered on the minutes of a meeting of the society or of the Board of Directors at least three (3) months previous to the holding of the annual meeting.

## Article XVI

This society shall take and maintain a life membership in the Kansas State Historical Society.

## BY-LAWS

Sec. 1. The president, upon being elected, shall appoint an Executive Committee of three (3) persons, chosen from the Board of Directors. The members of this committee shall hold their office for one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed.

Sec. 2. All accounts and claims against the society shall be itemized and signed by the claimant, which, before being ordered paid, shall be audited and signed by a majority of the executive committee.

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Sec. 5. The President shall, immediately following the annual meeting, appoint from the members of the society, a committee on nominations consisting of three (3) members whose term of office shall be for one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a report at the next annual meeting, naming suitable persons for the officers to be elected at that time. This report shall be acted upon at the annual meeting, but it shall not bar other nominations for any of the officers from being made from the floor.

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(4) 1933? will be a charter member.

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roll after the date of the annual meeting in 1934  
will be an annual member.

Sec. IV 4

See next page.



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Sec. 6 Continued

signed by the President and the Secretary<sup>9</sup>  
and impressed with the seal of the society,  
and shall receive from the secretary a  
receipt for money paid for dues.



Copy of Constitution.



November 18, 1939

Mr. J. W. Miller  
1101 Louisiana Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have been informed that you have plowed all, or a portion of the old Franklin cemetery. If you will refer to your abstract you will find that Williams secured possession of certain real estate by a foreclosure of a mortgage on a man named Hawkins. He then sold it to Joseph Cox. Joseph Cox sold it to Al Cox and in each of these transfers two acres were reserved for a cemetery.

When Charles Cox, administrator for Al Cox, disposed of the land to you he made no reference to the reservation for the cemetery, which are two acres ten rods west and eight rods north of the S. E. corner. The omission of this reservation in the administrator's deed does not void the earlier reservations for this cemetery and therefore you have no title to this ground.

Will you please restore this ground as nearly as possible to the condition it was in before you plowed it and replace the stones as nearly as you are able and greatly oblige the membership of the Douglas County Historical Society. This Society is trying to see that all of these old cemeteries are maintained in a decent and respectable condition.

I have just completed my term as president of the Douglas County Historical Society and have been succeeded by R. C. Rankin, to whom this correspondence will be referred.

I think it probable that this cemetery was plowed up without your knowledge and consent.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM



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A prior meeting of a  
council of country  
J. J. Spurrin, Chas. - Mrs. D. L. Linn  
Spurrin & Co. of Kansas  
R. C. Mackey, Mrs. H. H. H. H. H.  
W. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.  
Although of course to complete  
a draft for the charter  
to make application for a charter

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A meeting on March 6  
The charter being received  
a meeting of 3000  
persons representing  
2000 persons  
at only \$1000 on March 6  
and elected a preliminary  
a charter on the J. J. Spurrin  
Chas. - Chas. and Co. of Kansas  
Spurrin, Chas. - Mrs. D. L. Linn  
Spurrin, Chas. - Mrs. D. L. Linn  
Mrs. D. L. Linn  
Mrs. D. L. Linn

1st Annual meeting called  
by Mrs WC Croton B. Spencer  
Dec - fr Nov 22 - 1933

## The Most Familiar Sight In Douglas County



1<sup>st</sup> letter in my file was written by me  
12/1/1930 to Pastor Methodist Church  
at Baldwin to a Shooting in pamphlet  
form of the Richard Cl. I

In Oct Nov & Dec 1933 we raised  
money for the purchase of a chair  
from Mrs O. E. Heames Jr.

A letter dated Dec 5, 1933 to Mrs  
Geo. Leei refers to the recently organized  
Saug Co. West Soc.  
then listing same date soliciting  
memberships for the soc.

Quotations from \$600.00 Bitter Buffet  
sold by Eli Thayer to her family in  
Linden was \$1,000.00 for and Fort Scott.  
of ~~the~~ map of Kansas, Lady in Fort Scott.

Refer to gift from Mrs. Geo. J. Barker  
beautiful set - also said to have  
been a gift of old Eldridge H. Quinn  
see from Mrs. Gummer still at  
their home.

Items of M. Kenzie cabin built in  
1854 and Frederic Wagner I & bought  
it - should be moved to Lawrence and  
placed under a roof for preservation



Minutes

W. L. Simonis -

Reports of Committees

✓ W. L. Hastie - Cemetery

✓ Ed Arnold - Signal Oak

✓ J. R. Holmes - Member

✓ Mrs Ida Lyons - Rural Church

✓ Historical - Edw. B. B. B. B.

✓ Mr Owen - Our historical collection

✓ Walter Varnum - Trust & Chm of Finance Com -

Nonresiding Com Mrs E. M. Owen

✓ Mrs Barker - secretary -

Clin Temple - Kansas

Log House

*See report for  
dramatic Kansas*

Miller planning a cen  
at Franklin

Adams or Provine School Dist



OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL DINNER

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New Englanders to be Headed by  
F. N. Raymond thru coming year

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Philip King Speaker

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The Sons and Daughters of New England met last evening at the Eldridge Hotel for their thirty-fifth annual reunion and dinner at 7 o'clock, the dinner being preceded by a business meeting at 6 o'clock. A company of 121 members and guests were present.

Prof. U. G. Mitchell, president of the organization, presided thruout the evening with Prof. C. S. Skilton in charge of the music.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Prof. F. N. Raymond; vice president, Gen. W. H. Sears; secretary, Miss May Riggs; treasurer, Prof. Daniel Hooker Spencer; Necrologist, Mrs. Edmund R. Learnard. Executive committee, William M. Ego, R. C. Manley and Mrs. Harriet Haskell McDonald.

One Founder Present

. . . . . Mrs. John Levett.. . . organized 1897.....  
Modern Youth Worth While

. . . . .  
. . . . . A committee on policy composed of three members is to be appointed by the president to consider disposal of funds now on hand. The suggestion was made by W. C. Simons that it be used to establish, or help found, an historical society in Douglas County to collect and store in a fire-proof room relics of historical interest, met with approval from a number of members.

New Members Received

. . . . . The dinner was served in the crystal room of the hotel, the tables holding beautiful bouquets of roses and sweet peas thru the courtesy of the management.



TO FORM SOCIETY

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Local Historical Organization to be Associated with  
State Society

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Preserve County History  
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Steps were taken today which are expected to lead to the organization of a Douglas County Historical Society to be associated with the State Historical Society.

At a recent meeting of the New England Society in December, F. N. Raymond, the president, was authorized to promote the formation of a county historical association. A meeting was held today by Prof. Raymond, Paul Dinsmoor, A. B. Weaver and W. C. Simons.

After discussion the meeting authorized Prof. Raymond to take up with Kirke Mechem, secretary of the State Historical Society, the arrangements for a meeting in Lawrence to be addressed by Mr. Mechem.

It is expected that at that time the charter will be ready for adoption and signatures. The statement was made following today's meeting that as large a number as possible of signatures of those interested in historical matters will be sought for the charter and that it is considered advisable to have the heads of civic groups serve as ex officio members of the local society.

A small fund is available for the use of the society it was said. It will not be the purpose of the society to spend the money but to add to it until something worth while in the way of an historical memorial can be undertaken later on.

C. M. Baker, director of libraries at the University of Kansas, has set aside a room in Watson Library in which are collected a considerable number of articles of local interest. Many of them have more than local interest because Lawrence and Kansas History were closely related in territorial and early statehood days.



## DISCUSS FORMING A COUNTY SOCIETY

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Committee Takes Steps to Organize Historical Group Here

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Will Have Meeting  
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Plans for forming a Douglas County Historical Society were discussed at a meeting of the joint committee held Saturday at the Hotel Eldridge. The committee members were guests of T. J. Sweeney, Sr., at dinner.

Prof. F. N. Raymond was named chairman of the meeting. Those present were W. H. Sears; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beeks; C. E. Stephens and Mr. Sweeney, representing the Douglas County Old Settlers Association and E. G. Mason, A. B. Weaver and Prof. Raymond representing the Sons and Daughters of New England.

Members of the joint committee not present were C. E. Birch, X. J. Kennedy, W. C. Simons and Paul Dinsmoor.

### Will Name Committees

At the close of the meeting three committees were authorized for the following purposes: (1) Arranging for a general meeting to form a Douglas County Historical Society; (2) To canvass possible places for safekeeping of historical materials; (3) To consider possible materials to be collected.

Attention was called to the necessity of arranging for a place to keep many valuable historical objects including records and relics. Much of this material is in Douglas county and connected with its history and it has frequently been suggested that arrangements be made to safeguard it for the future generations.

Mr. Mason proposed that instead of forming another society, a central agency or committee be chosen to cooperate with the various interested organizations and groups. This group to be operated by an executive committee consisting of delegates from the respective societies.

### Invite Other Organizations

At a general meeting for definite action it will be asked that delegates be sent from such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army, the Women's Relief Corps, civic groups, lodges and other groups.



SKINNER ELECTED HEAD OF SOCIETY

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Permanent Organization of Historical Group Effected Last Night

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Charter is Presented  
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The Douglas County Historical Society was permanently organized last night with a meeting in the Assembly Room of the Chamber of Commerce offices at which time the charter was presented to the organization and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

J. T. Skinner, who has been acting chairman during the forming and establishing of the organization and whose work was largely responsible for the success of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration, was chosen president. O. J. Lane was elected <sup>first</sup> vice president, Prof. F. N. Raymond, second vice president, Mrs. W. C. Spangler, secretary and W. H. Varnum, treasurer. Mr. Varnum's work as treasurer of the Seventy-fifth anniversary celebration recommended him highly for the position.

Fill Board Vacancy

Thomas H. Kennedy was elected to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Gen. W. H. Sears, whose name is on the charter as a director during the first year of the organization's progress.

The constitution and by-laws were adopted setting the annual meeting date for sometime prior to November 15 in 1934 and thereafter. The annual dues were fixed at \$1.00 and life memberships will be set in accordance with the cost of life memberships in the State Historical Society.

President Skinner appointed an executive committee consisting of Mr. Lane, Mr. Varnum and Mrs. E. M. Owen.

Prof. F. H. Hodder and W. C. Simons were asked to prepare resolutions of appreciation for the work done in behalf of the society by Miss Carrie Watson and the Late Gen. Sears.



Dear Mr. Simons—

A historical society in Douglas County has been talked about as long as I can remember. The story of actual construction is about as follows =

December 21, 1931. At the annual dinner of the New England Society someone discovered a little extra money in the treasury and proposed its use for starting the collection of matters of historical interest. A committee was appointed <sup>of which I was chairman</sup> to make plans.

February 24, 1932. <sup>1st Page 2nd Col 2/24/32</sup> The committee asked cooperation of other groups having similar interests. Among those involved was T. J. Sweeney, who about that time was named ~~by~~ the American Legion as "first citizen of Lawrence," and who always stood for positive action.

December 10, 1932. <sup>1st col 6 1st page Dec 12</sup> At Mr. Sweeney's invitation, the joint committee ~~at~~ a big dinner at the Eldridge House and got to work. The committee was Mr. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beeks, Doctor C. E. Stephens, General W. H. Sears, E. V. Mason, A. B. Weaver, W. C. Simons, C. E. Birch, X. J. Kennedy, ~~Mr. and Mrs.~~ Fred N. Raymond. General Sears moved the formation of a Douglas County Historical Society, and Mr. Mason that it take the form of a ~~"holding company"~~ central agency for cooperation among the various groups having historical interests.

November 22, 1933. A general meeting was called by the joint committee, and resulted in the organization of the Society.

Yours  
Fred N. Raymond



September 28, 1938

W. N. Cox,  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Cox: -

Your letter of September 22nd in regard to the Douglas County Atlas, issue of 1873, was delivered to me because of my interest in the local Society and the State Historical Society. I had our office call up the Kansas University Library and find that it has a copy of this Atlas.

I called the president of the Douglas County Historical Society and find that its means are so limited that it is the expressed idea of the board that the Society has no money with which to purchase matter of historical interest.

Personally, I have bought a number of things, a bed spread made here in '56, a desk used in the State Capitol at Lecompton, etc. I have guns, books and a Kansas State Atlas published in the 80's. I have come to the point where I can not buy everything that is offered.

I have no doubt that your Atlas is worth the ten dollars if you could find anyone who was seeking the book, but frankly I exhausted the list of possible purchasers in our community. If you want to send me the book for five dollars, I will pay it, but I hope you do not accept my offer.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM



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BLOOMINGDALE, IND.

September 22 1938.

Douglas Co. Museum or Historical Socy.  
Lawrence, Kans.

Gentlemen:

I own a Douglas County Atlas, published by F.W. Beers & Co.  
of New York, in 1873, well preserved, I will sell for \$10.00.

Sincerely yours,

*Wm N. Cox*



June 28, 1938

Mr. R. Learmonth  
446 Live Stock Exchange  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Learmonth:

Your letter of June 17th, together with pictures of old Bismarck Grove arrived during my absence which accounts for my delayed answer. I appreciate the pictures very much and have already given an order for having numbers one and two joined together and framed as one picture.

You and Mr. Tough have my thanks and my kindest regards.

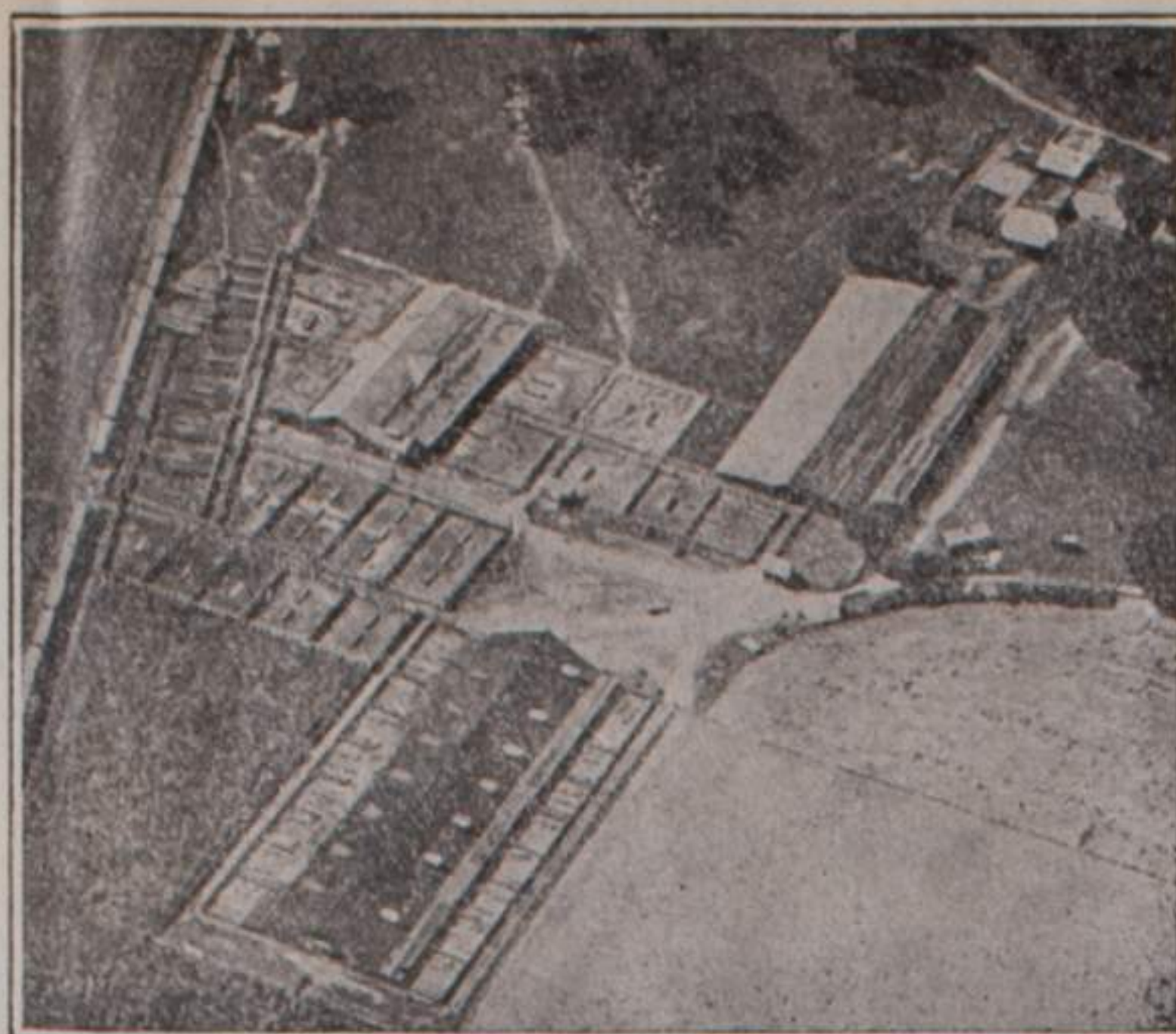
Sincerely yours,

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446 Live Stock Exchange,  
Kansas City, Mo.

June 17, 1938.

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
The Journal-World,  
722 Mass. Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

You mentioned in your office one day that you would like to have a set of the photographs of pictures of old Bismarck Grove to add to your mural decorative scheme. I have pleasure in sending such a set under separate cover by mail today, and hope they reach you safely and prove acceptable.

You will find that two of the pictures (numbered on the back Nos. 1 & 2) can to advantage be joined to form one view.

With kind personal regards from Mr. Tough and myself,  
I remain

Cordially,

*R. Learmonth*



March 16, 1938

Miss Grace Hincey  
Route 4, Box 173  
Fort Scott, Kansas

Dear Miss Hincey:

Mr. Simons asked that I reply to your card of March 14th in which you quote a price for the map of Kansas which you wish to sell to the Douglas County Historical Society. As Mr. Simons told you in his former letter, the Society has very little money on hand at the present time, and therefore would be unable to make a purchase of this kind. Mr. Simons is not interested in the map as a personal investment as he does not collect old maps or books.

Thank you for submitting your proposition.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Simons.

GSM:CH



Fort Scott, Mo

2-25-38

Dear Sir:

Would your Society be interested in buying a early Mo. map showing the complete R.R. system, water courses, and centres of population from 1860-75, it shows Douglas Co. as the centre of population from 1860-70. if interested in map. please let me hear from you.

Resp.

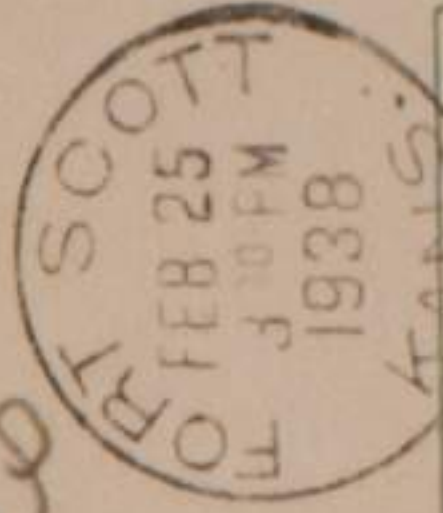
Gracie Hensley

Fort Scott,

R4. B. 173 Kansas.



from Grace Henry  
RR 4, Scott, Mo  
Box 173.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Douglas Co. Historical Society.

Lawrence,  
Kansas.



Mar. 14 - 88

Your letter at hand of Mar - 10  
In regard to condition of early  
Rs. map it is in good shape size  
 $23\frac{5}{16} \times 13\frac{1}{4}$  and clean.

I am asking 1000. for it which  
seems rather a large sum.  
But if can't get a nuff out  
of it to do me some good I don't  
want to sell it.

I have been told I was fool-  
ish to sell it at that as  
it stands a chance of being  
the oldest in the state.  
But I feel I would like to dis-  
pose of it as I really need ~~those~~  
money be fore long.

Please let me hear from you  
as there is other interested  
in it also Resp.

Grace Hency

Fort Scott,

R. 4 B. 173 Kansas.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

W. C. Simons Pres.

Daily Journal-World,  
Lawrence,  
Kansas.



March 10  
1938

Miss Grace Hencey  
Route 4, Box 173  
Fort Scott, Kansas

Dear Miss Hencey:

Your card of February 25th to the Douglas County Historical Society was delivered to my office during my absence from the city. I shall turn the card over to the president of the society.

Our society as yet has a very small income and is not in a position to make purchases. However, I should be glad to have you tell me the lowest price you will take for your Map of Kansas, state the size of the map and whether or not it is in good condition. I think you are to be commended for having preserved this map.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM



March 10, 1938

Mrs. E. M. Owen  
823 Kentucky Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Owen:

During my absence the enclosed card came to our office. At least I presume it came in the mail, altho you may have left it here, but it was not until just now that I noticed that it had been addressed to the Douglas County Historical Society.

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter I have just written.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



Major Hickham - Came after  
the Prentice gun today 2/29/36  
to have it cleaned - The news  
story ran in the Journal - World  
April, 1932 -



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November 30, 1936

Property of W. C. Simons.

One map of Delaware Indian lands near Lawrence.

Another map of Delaware lands, marked to show sales.

A map of Kansas and Nebraska, dated 1874.

A plat of the City of Lawrence, with portraits  
shown on the border of map.

Map dated 1806 of North and South America.

Bed spread woven in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1867, by  
H. Adolph. Purchased last summer from a lady in  
Huntsville, Texas. Pattern was woven with  
wool and either has been badly worn, or eaten  
by moths. Have had spread cleaned and moth  
proofed to preserve it.

Above articles to be returned to The Journal-World. They  
will probably some day be given to the Douglas  
County Historical Society, providing the society  
secured a proper fire proof home.

*W. C. Simons*

*Thank you Mr. Simons.*

*These were all very  
interesting and added  
very much to the display.  
Sorry you could not be there.  
Very sincerely  
Lena L. Owen*





September 24  
1 9 3 6

Mrs. G. W. Morley  
Box 526  
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morley:

I have your letter of the 23rd.  
My offer of July 11th was \$20.00, but I  
accept yours of September 23rd, offering  
to send the coverlet to me October 2nd,  
c.o.d. for \$25.00.

I think it was very commendable  
for you to sacrifice the opportunity of  
getting more money in order to keep the  
coverlet from being divided and thereby  
destroying it.

If you ever have occasion to  
make a visit to Lawrence, we shall be  
pleased to see you.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



Box 526,  
Huntsville, Texas.  
September 23, 1936.

Mr. W.C. Simons,  
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons;- In reply to your letter of September 9th and I wish to explain that the coverlet is being enjoyed so much by my friends and organizations interested in Early American Hand Crafts that there seemed no need for a decision about its' final disposal.

The head of the Home Economics department of our local college asked the loan of it until October the 1st. After that date I have no plans for its use.

I have forgotten whether you offered twenty or twenty five dollars for it but it would be absurd for me to let it go for less than twenty five dollars when I do believe that is the least amount ever offered for it.

I believe you will enjoy this incident: I was taking the spread from my car into the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston a few weeks ago and a lady stopped me on the steps to admire it. She was almost reverent in her appreciation of it and asked me if I would consider a price for it. By that time we had moved into the building and



laid the coverlet on a case and two or three had gathered about it. Another woman heard me confess that I was still gloating over its' possession so was not anxious to dispose of it so she made the scene of the two harlots before King Solomon flash before my mind by exclaiming, "I should think you would not be interested in disposing of it for forty dollars. I will gladly give you that for just this corner", and she marked off a square that included one of the dated corners and a block containing a fine design and one of the lovely colonial buildings. "You see I am making a collection of sofa pillows and just this much would make AS LARGE A PILLOW AS I WOULD WANT", she explained.

It was one of the most interesting studies I have had this summer. Another woman immediately offered to buy the unmutilated half for a couch cover, after a little calculation in width, and the first ladies' eyes grew wide with horror.

The coverlet is still intact!

If you still want the coverlet for twenty five dollars let me know immediately and I will send it to you by express, C.O.D. on October 2nd.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. G.H. Morley-



September 9  
1 9 3 6

Mrs. G. H. Morley  
Box 526  
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morley:

I received your letter of July 30th and have rather expected to hear from you further.

The Kansas State Historical Society is a very fine and successful organization, and I have the honor of being a member of the board of directors and have served for a year as president.

We should like very much to have your coverlet for our Douglas County Historical Society, for which I and others are now securing historical matter. Hardly a week passes that I do not receive something of value.

I shall be glad to hear from you further as to any developments.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



Box 526,  
Huntsville, Texas.  
July 30, 1936.

Mr. W.C. Simons,  
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I am sure that I failed to make clear to you that my point was not to find a sale for my coverlet but to be sure, since it is enhanced by such an interesting history, that I put it where it rightfully belongs and will be most appreciated.

Right now a museum in Houston is exhibiting the coverlet and I have been asked to loan it to exhibit at Dallas at the Centennial Exposition. We are celebrating our hundredth birthday in Texas, you understand.

In a few weeks I may let you know that you may have the coverlet. I have refused to consider selling it to antique dealers although The Stroude Antique Shop in Dallas is offering me sixty dollars for it.

With keenest appreciation of your interest, I am,  
Cordially yours,

Mrs. Geo. H. Moody -



July 11, 1936

Mrs. G. H. Morley  
Box 526  
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morley:

The correspondence between you and Miss Minnie Moody of the Thayer Museum of Art has been turned over to me as one interested in the Douglas County Historical Society. This Society was organized about a year ago but at this time neither has permanent headquarters nor any money to work with.

I have bought a number of articles at my own expense which are still kept in our office with the intention of having them given to the society when it is ready to receive them.

The story of the coverlet made by H. Adolph is interesting and if you would care to sell it to me for \$20, I will buy it. I don't know whether the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas, would be interested in buying the coverlet or not, but if my offer is not accepted you might right the state society in regard to it. It would seem a pity at this late date to have the old coverlet torn in two.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM



July 1, 1936

Dear Mr. Simons

I am enclosing the correspondence regarding the coverlet about which I telephoned you, and have written Mrs. Morley that the matter has been referred to the Douglas County Historical Society.

One of the Coverlets we have was bought by Mrs. Larremore from someone at Lone Star, for \$25.00. It is quite ragged on the upper edge, and the sides have been trimmed. It would seem that \$30.00, comparatively, is a very fair price for a coverlet in as good condition as the description indicates. I called Mrs. Spangler; she says she will refer the matter to the committee as soon as Mrs. Owen returns. You need not trouble to return the enclosed letters.

Very sincerely yours

Minnie S. Woodie



Box 526,  
Huntsville, Texas.  
June 14, 1936.

Miss Minnie S. Moodie,  
Thayer Museum of Art.  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Miss Moodie:

I cannot make a gift of my coverlet to your museum but since it is of special interest to that vicinity I will sell it for what another will cost me. Probably a duplicate of this intricate weave could not be found in this whole country but for from twenty five to thirty ~~five~~ dollars I can get a hand woven coverlet to drape my windows and I will use the substitute so this one may go where it is fitting tha it stay.

It is in reasonably good repair. By that I mean that its' age is well indicated but it is in no respects delapidated. An expert needlewoman offered to furnish the threads and mend all the worn places for five dollars. My friend who for many years was head of the Home Economics department of the college here insisted that I hang it exactly as it is and I plan to use it that way unless some of your citizens want it for thirty dollars.

The information about the weaver was most interesting and I thank you for it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. L. H. Morley,



June 10, 1936

Mrs. G.P. Morley  
Box 526  
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Morley:

Your letter regarding your coverlet has been referred to me for answer.

H. Adolph was an itinerant weaver who stopped at Lawrence in 1866 and 1867 and wove a number of coverlets of various designs and colors. All that I have seen carry the same border you describe. They are museum pieces and are specially interesting here in Douglas County. We have two examples --- one with sunflowers and the other with conventional medallions in the main part, but with the same borders.

I couldn't tell you what yours should be worth as the value depends largely on finding somebody who wants such an article--- anywhere from \$5.00 to \$50.00. The condition of the coverlet is also a factor of course. If you should care to present the coverlet to Thayer Museum, your name as donor would be carried in the Museum Catalogue. Unfortunately we have no fund for accessions.

Very truly yours,

Curator Thayer Museum



*Quinn Quoder  
Can you find this?  
I'm sure you  
can't.*

*E.C.S.*

Box 526,  
Huntsville, Texas.  
June 2, 1936.

Director of Home Economics Department,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Madam;- I have a fine old hand made bedspread with this inscription woven in two corners; "H. Adolph, Douglas County Kansas- 1867."

Across the bottom is a wide border filled with the repeated pattern of an elaborate church building and a fine colonial building three stories across the front with added wings on each side that are only two stories high. I would judge it to be the main building of an institution.

It is in three colors. An odd golden brown wool and a purplish red wool weave the designs into a creamy white foundation of coarse cotton threads. This foundation is both a warp and a woof and the pattern is so intricately interlaced in the weaving that the spread is doubled all over. Some of my friends in the Home Economics Department of our State Teachers College here are assured that it is a rarely fine specimen and worthy of a museum. These opinions have deterred me ripping the spread along the center seam and making window drapes of it as I intended to do when I bought it.

I would not want to desecrate what might be a treasure to a great many people so I am giving you this information so that if you can trace anything of the family name, date or buildings, and feel that it would be of value to your department you can let me hear about it.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mrs. G. H. Morley -*



Louise Kano  
June - 28

To the Journal World Historian

I remember the old  
Linn kiln very well having  
gone there several times with  
my father W. A. Rankin, to buy  
lime when I was a young  
girl. It was owned by an  
Irishman named "Pat Morgan"

Mrs. L. R. Moore.



Fort Dodge was located  
in 1864 by Gen G. M. Dodge  
the site being an old camping  
ground for trains going to N. Mex.  
A 4 company post, abandoned  
in 1882

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Fort Larned was established  
Oct 22, 1859 for the protection  
of Santa Fe trade. It was  
named June 1860 for Col B. F. Larned  
at first it was called Camp Alert.

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Fort Riley located fall of 1852  
by Maj E. A. Ogden.



John O'Loughlin  
built Duncan's  
Ranch in 1871  
Sold to Geo Duncan  
O'Loughlin 1<sup>st</sup>  
P.M. at Lake  
Duncan died at  
11<sup>th</sup> ~~Sold~~ Home.

~~1330 R.D.~~



February 5, 1936

Mrs. J. H. Wehr  
Friend, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Wehr:

We have tried to find the information for which you wrote under date of January 24th. We are unable to advise you where you may secure pictures and descriptions of the various structures that have served as capitols of the state. We have a "History of the State of Kansas" compiled by A. T. Andreas, Chicago, 1883. In this history there are small pictures of the five territorial capitals.

The First Territorial Capital was a two-story stone building 40 ft. by 80 ft. "well provided with seats and writing tables" and was located at Pawnee. The first Territorial Legislature met there July 2, 1855, but adjourned to meet at Shawnee Mission on July 6, 1855 for the balance of the session.

The second Territorial Capital was the Shawnee Manual Labor School located in Shawnee, Kansas. The first territorial legislature continued in session there until August 30, 1855.

The Third Territorial Capitol building was located in Leocompton. This is where the Second Territorial Legislature met January 12, 1857.

The third territorial legislature met at Leocompton, Jan. 4, 1858 and organized but because of rooming difficulties the Legislature was adjourned on January 6 to meet at Lawrence. The Fourth Territorial Capital was located somewhere in Lawrence, possibly one door south of the present site of the Hotel Eldridge, but we have been unable to verify this. The third territorial legislature reconvened here because free hotel accommodations had been promised to the members of the legislature.

The Fifth Territorial Capital was a building located in the 600 block on Massachusetts Street, Lawrence. The Fourth Territorial Legislature met at Leocompton on Jan. 3, 1859 but adjourned to Lawrence where the session continued until Feb. 11, 1859.



The Fifth, and last territorial legislature, met at Lecompton, January 7, 1861 but came to Lawrence on January 8th to reconvene. This session Adjourned on February 2, 1861. There is no mention made in the book referred to above where this session was held, but the enclosed tear sheet from the Kansas City Times says they were in session at the Hotel Eldridge when word arrived in Lawrence that Kansas had been admitted to statehood.

It is possible that you may secure further information as to where pictures may be procured by writing the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

GCM:GH



Friend, Nebr.  
January 24, 1936.

The World Company,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Sirs:-

Could you please inform me as to where I may be able to obtain pictures of the various former structures which have served as meeting places for the Kansas Legislature?

I have a few pictures of the present Kansas Capitol, Shawnee Mission and Old Pawnee Capitol, but have no pictures of any of the other structures which have served as meeting places for the Kansas Legislature, and as I am making a collection of pictures of the present Capitol Buildings of the States and of the former structures which have served as meeting places for the early Legislatures of the States and would like to have my collection as nearly complete as possible, I would like very much to add all those of Kansas to my collection, if it is possible to obtain pictures of them.

Please answer as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,  
Mrs. J. H. Wehr,  
Friend,  
Nebr.



January 27, 1936

Mrs. Caroline B. Spangler  
642 Miss. Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Spangler:

Enclosed is a dollar to pay for Mrs. Geo. L. Glenn's membership in the Douglas County Historical Society. Mrs. Glenn lives on Route 1, Lecompton, Kansas. She has been our correspondent from Glenn and Vicinity for fifteen years or more. She comes from one of the older Lecompton families.

Sincerely yours,



January 17, 1936

Mrs. E. M. Owen  
823 Kentucky Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Owen:

Enclosed is the "tribute" to Professor Hodder prepared by Mr. Simons. Both Miss Oliver and Mr. Rankin have spoken their approval in letters attached. Mr. Simons suggested that you have both of the above sign the enclosed copies and then one can be made a part of the Douglas County Historical Society and the other given to Mrs. Hodder when the "tribute" has been accepted by the society.

Sincerely yours,

Sec. to Mr. Simons.

GCM:GH



January 14, 1936

Miss Hannah Oliver  
802 Tennessee Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Oliver:

Enclosed is a "tribute" to the late Frank Heyward Hodder prepared by Mr. W. C. Simons for the Douglas County Historical Society. As you and Mr. Rankin are on the same committee with Mr. Simons, he asked that I send you each a copy and have you make suggestions, corrections or alter the "tribute" in any way you see fit.

Your earliest attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Sec. to Mr. Simons.



In the death of Frank Heyward Hodder the Douglas County Historical Society has met with a great loss. He had taken a deep and helpful interest in our work and his scholarship and wide information made him a most valuable member.

We, as members of the Society, also feel the loss of a personal friend. We had known him for years and took pride in his work at the University and the State Historical Society, of which he was president; and in his high standing as an historian. He was a coworker with us in the community, was a good citizen and our valued friend.

Straight and stalwart in figure, the years rested lightly upon him, and no one thought of him as one who was growing old. Our sense of loss is tempered by the realization that he was taken from us in the full strength of his manhood, with mind and body unimpaired. He wrought a good work and has left his impress upon all with whom he came in contact.

We wish to make this expression of our high regard for Professor Hodder a part of the permanent records of The Douglas County Historical Society, and to have a copy given to Mrs. Hodder, carrying with it our sympathy and regard.

*W. C. Inman*



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616 Vermont Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

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Very truly yours,

Sec. to Mr. Simons.



This chair was a part of the original furnishings of the Free State Hotel--The Eldridge House--erected by the New England Immigrant Society in 1855, and was the only article of furniture<sup>saved</sup> when the hotel was burned in 1856 by sheriff Jones, May 21, 1856.







May 7, 1935.

Mr. Nathan M. Southwick  
Leicester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Southwick:

I send you herewith a tear sheet  
from the Journal-World which contains  
the notice of your buffet.

Respectfully yours,

WCS  
IML  
encl.



April 12, 1935

Mr. Nathan M. Southwick  
Leicester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Southwick:

Your letter of March 8th addressed to the Mayor of Lawrence has been handed to me.

I am a member of the board of both the Kansas State Historical Society and of the Douglas County Historical Society and I shall forward your letter to the State Society. However, I am fearful that no funds would be available for paying you anything like the offer you received some years ago. As a matter of fact, such treasures as these societies have are more largely the gifts of those interested in the preservation of historical matter than that attained by purchase.

It is also difficult at this time to find persons rich enough to pay liberal prices to procure a piece of furniture of such value. Again, as time passes, perhaps general interest in Mr. Thayer and his great work in making Kansas a free state is lessened although he will never be forgotten by those who have made a study of what he did.

I shall be very happy to be of service to you in any way that I can, and believing that you will have no objection we will carry a story in the Journal-World relative to the existence of this Butler's buffet.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM



Leicester, Massachusetts.

March 8-1935.

Dear Mayor -

In 1853, Eli Thayer, a wealthy man of Worcester, Mass, aided by Amos A. Lawrence, a wealthy man of Boston, Mass, settled your state of Kansas, by sending delegations of 400 or 500 people, (families,) at a time, in order to bring Kansas into the Union as a free state, which they did.

In order to raise money for this enterprise, Mr. Thayer sold all his property in the east, including all his antique furniture. At that time my grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall, of Leicester, Mass, bought his most prized piece, a Butler's Duffet, or sideboard. It has been in my family ever since, and is now lent to the American Museum of Fine Arts in Worcester, Mass. It is perfectly plain, with the finest inlay that I have seen, and it is in perfect condition. We have always kept it covered, as it is too fine a piece for everyday use. I enclose small photo which will show



no style, altho not the way,  
The reason I write you is this, —  
In 1931 we received a cash offer of \$6000,  
from a representative of a rich man who  
was furnishing a new residence with colonial  
furniture. At that time the depression  
had not paralyzed everything, Now it is  
different, and I wish to know if Lawrence  
Kansas has a museum, or, if not, the  
State of Kansas, either one of which might  
be desirous of possessing this piece.  
Any information regarding this matter will  
be appreciated.

Sincerely  
Nathan M. Southwick,



June 15, 1935

Mrs. A. Henley  
713 La. Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Henley:

The Douglas County Historical Society is happy to accept the gift of your electric when you are through with it. We hope that, if you care to drive it that long, you will be driving it twenty years from now and in that case it would be still more valuable to the Society than it is today. In other words, we want to keep the sunshine of your smile in this old world just as long as we can.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM



May 28, 1935

Mrs. A. Henley  
713 La. Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Henley:

As you are aware, we now have a Douglas County Historical Society for which we are gathering worth while material.

While at the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, I saw an electric brougham which looked very much like yours and it made me feel bold enough to ask you if you would like to present your car to our Douglas County Society whenever you are ready to discard it. Should this meet with your approval, will you write a little story in regard to the car, when you bought it and of any special trips of interest that you have taken in it. Please understand that this in no way is a request for an immediate response unless you are contemplating getting rid of the electric.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM



May 28, 1935

Mr. Fred L. Morris  
647 $\frac{1}{2}$  Mass. Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fred:

While I still hope that you will be able to dispose of your old Chadwick for a good price to one of the dealers in antique cars, should you be unable to do so I would like to have you bear in mind the possibility of someday presenting it to our Douglas County Historical Society. We are now incorporated and have a few possessions which are more or less scattered because as yet we do not have a permanent home; but unless one looks forward a bit they may fail to acquire things that are really worth while.

This request is the result of a visit recently to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington where there is quite a collection of early automobiles.

I am also asking Mrs. Henley for her old electric car whenever she is ready to give it up.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM



April 3, 1935.

Mrs. J. H. Wehr  
Friend, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Wehr:

Answering your query of March 23rd, I find that Andreas History of Kansas, commonly known as the Herd book, contains pictures of buildings in Lawrence which housed the legislature when it met in Lawrence. The same book contains a view of the unfinished Capitol building started at Lecompton.

We suggest that you communicate with the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas.

Another book that might give you some information is Wilder's Annals of Kansas.

Respectfully yours,

WCS  
IML



Friend, Nebr.  
March 23, 1935.

The World Company,

Dear Sirs: -

I have been informed that Lawrence and Le Compton were early capitals of Kansas.

Could you please inform me as to where I may be able to obtain pictures of the buildings in these cities in which the Legislature met while assembled there?

I am making a collection of pictures of the present State Capitols of the States and of the former structures in which the early Legislatures of the States met, and I would like very much to add these to my collection, if it is possible to obtain pictures of them.

Please answer as soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. J. H. Wehr,

Friend,

Nebr.



Jan 5 - 1857  
Free State Legend to  
at Topadog  
Law - Jan 7

1857  
Jan 12 - 2nd Session  
Territorial Legislature  
at Leavenworth

Mar 10 - 57 F.S. Court  
at Topeka

June 9 - 57 F.S. Leg at Topeka

Dec 2 - 57 Free State  
Court in Law

Dec 7 - 57 Legislature  
at Leavenworth



Dec 17-57

Delegate Conv  
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to reassemble on  
23<sup>rd</sup>

Dec 23 F S Conv  
reassembled at Rau  
in session 2 days

Vote of 74 - 62

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take part in Jan 4 - 58  
~~Gen.~~ Elections

Jan 7 - 1858 Free St  
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Topham to Lawrence



4th International Day  
met at 1859 Recognition  
Jan 3 - and  
adjourned to meet  
in Lawrence, where  
the next 3<sup>rd</sup> day session  
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February 27, 1935

Mr. Edwin H. Frost,  
Morsemere Place,  
Yonkers, New York.

Dear Mr. Frost:

Your letter of January 18 to the Mayor of Lawrence, containing an old clipping was handed to me.

So much data of this kind is on file in the State Historical Library at Topeka that probably the item you sent would have little value, but I send herewith twenty cents in stamps which seems to be the price named in your letter, although you have twenty-five cents written on the slip itself.

If you happen to have any old maps of Kansas, Kansas-Nebraska territory, or of Lawrence, Kansas, I shall be interested in knowing what you have and the price of same. I am making no effort to secure a private collection, but in a small way am glad to assist our newly organized Douglas County Historical Society and the State Historical Society, of which I have the honor of being an ex-president.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



Resolutions  
W. V. Sears

Hodder  
Rankin

of application to  
Miss Carrie Watson

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Certificate of Membership

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Notice

Run 3 times No Charge

There will be a meeting of the  
Douglas Co. Hist Soc Friday  
night, at 7:30 o'clock, at <sup>Chamber of Commerce</sup> ~~Stren~~ Bldg.

All persons interested in  
preserving documents, letters, books  
or articles of historical value  
are urged to attend the meeting.

The Society is offering charter  
membership to all persons  
who join before Jan 1—1935—  
Membership dues are but one  
dollar (\$1 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) a year.

All persons interested are <sup>invited</sup> ~~all~~  
~~requested~~ to bring some relic; pictures;  
documents, articles etc of historical value  
both for the interest they will a-  
wake, and for the discussion  
that will follow. These articles are  
not expected to be donated to the Society  
— at least, not now. Secy



November 13, 1934

Prof. F. H. Hodder,  
1115 La. Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Prof. Hodder:

At the recent meeting of the board of directors of the Douglas County Historical Society, we were reminded that we were supposed to write some resolutions. I should be very happy if you will look after this matter as I know you would do it well.

If you do not remember just what we were to do I think Mrs. Spangler could tell you.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



November 13, 1934

Mr. J. A. Zimmerman,  
924 Vermont Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

At a recent meeting of the Douglas County Historical Society I mentioned your name as being one that I thought of being interested in the work that we are trying to do. The roll is still open for charter members but will be closed in the near future. We will be very happy to have your application for membership. The dues are one dollar a year and we hope eventually to have enough money so we can properly house such historical articles as we may be able to get.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



# JOHN C. EMICK

BONDED ABTRACTER

ABSTRACTS OF TITLE, NOTARY PUBLIC, INSURANCE

JOURNAL-WORLD BUILDING  
720 MASSACHUSETTS

PHONE 396

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

September 12 1934.

W.C. Simons,  
C/O World Company  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

The boundaries of the original Town of Lawrence are as follows: Beginning in what is now Fifth Street at a point  $60\frac{1}{2}$  feet West of the East line of Louisiana Street, thence running North to the River, thence following the River in a southeasterly direction to a point between Pennsylvania and Delaware Streets, about 75 feet West of the West line of Delaware Street, thence South to a point 30 feet South of the North line of what is now Fifteenth Street, thence West to the Section line on or near the West line of Louisiana Street, thence North to a point about 150 feet North of what is now Ninth Street, thence West to a point 61 feet West of the East line of Alabama Street, thence North to a point  $18\frac{1}{2}$  feet North of the North line of what is now Fifth Street, thence East to the place of beginning.

Very truly yours,

*John C. Emick*



Summary:

I will  
be OK

but the history will



President  
Republican Editorial Association

~~OTZ~~ mail to Journal World-

Edgar Martindale  
Publisher Warsaw Times  
Warsaw, Missouri

July 13

My Dear Will:-

I am going to join this  
old Sharp's rifle to the Lawrence  
Historical Society, and if you  
are to celebrate Quaintrells  
Raid day, I will bring it  
up at that time. Am checking  
up on its history -

Sincerely yours  
E Martindale



Edgar Martindale  
Publisher Warsaw Times  
Warsaw, Missouri

July 13, 1934

My Dear Simons:-

I own the old Sharp's rifle, having picked it up from a local "hill-billy" who did not appreciate its worth or history.

I will be pleased to donate it to your Society - as soon as I can get a little better line on its history.

Stone county was the rendezvous for the Bushwhackers and Quantrell's raiders. A few Quantrell raiders lived in this (Benton) County.

If you are having a Quantrell's Raid day celebration, I will come up and bring the rifle. My partner in the Museum will come with me. Let me know.

Sincerely yours

E Martindale



July 14, 1934

Mr. Ed Martindale,  
Warsaw Times,  
Warsaw, Missouri.

Dear Martindale:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 13th with the promise of the old Sharps rifle.

So far as I know there is to be no special observance of the anniversary of Quantrill's raid this year. It has been so terribly hot that people can hardly plan for anything unusual. We had quite a celebration here on the 75th anniversary of the founding of Lawrence.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



THE WORLD COMPANY

PUBLISHERS

Daily Journal - World

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

J. R. Holmes \$1.00

Apr 17/34 Do. Co. Hist Soc.

Received one dollar (\$1.00)

from Mrs Munro  
Mrs C B Spangler.



Mr. & Mrs. S. Stanley Learned  
Pd \$2 to Historical Society

7/5/34



# Douglas County Old Settlers Association

Lawrence, Kansas

Apr. 10, 1934

T. J. SWEENEY,  
*President.*

MAY HOYT SEETIN,  
*Secretary.*

NELLIE COLEMAN BIGSBY,  
*Treasurer.*

## Committee on Pioneers Memorial

CHARLES BECKS  
NELLIE COLEMAN BIGSBY  
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HANNAH OLIVER  
R. C. RANKIN  
ALICE PEABODY SEARS  
MAY HOYT SEETIN  
T. J. SWEENEY  
OLIN TEMPLIN, *chairman.*

Mr. W. C. Simons,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

I wish to thank you personally, - and I am sure I may speak for our committee, - for your contribution of a supply of stationery for the use of the Pioneers Memorial Committee of the Douglas County Old Settlers Association.

These preliminary steps can not be taken without some financial assistance which can be distributed among those most interested. We appreciate this practical evidence of your membership in that class of citizens.

Faithfully yours,

*Olin Templin*

Olin Templin,  
Chairman.

OT-B



July 10, 1934

Mr. Ed Martindale,  
The Warsaw Times,  
Warsaw, Missouri.

Dear Ed:

I am sending you under another cover the copy of the Journal-World for July 9, containing a story about the old rifle.

After you have shown the rifle to those interested in Warsaw, if you would like to dispose of it let me know or, perhaps better still, you would like to present it to our recently organized Douglas County Historical Society of which J. T. Skinner is president and Mrs. W. C. Spangler is secretary. We now have a room in the University Library where we are keeping some of our precious things and we hope some of these days to secure a fireproof building downtown in which we can make still better use of our historical collections.

Thanking you for your continued interest in Lawrence, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM



July 5-34

**PAGE TWO**

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**THE WARSAW TIMES**  
**WARSAW, MISSOURI**  
(Established in 1865)

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Ed Martindale, Publisher

Published Every Th



compromise the State  
offered to pay all costs, accept a  
plea of guilty and a parole granted.

## OLD SHARPS RIFLE

The Times Museum last Sunday received an old Sharps Rifle, made in 1848, of 40 calibre. A report has it that this rifle was one of the shipments of Sharps Rifles sent to Lawrence, Kansas in 1854 by the New England Emmigrant Aid Society of Boston, to be used by the Free State Settlers in their efforts to make of Kansas anti-slavery territory, and that when Lawrence was sacked in 1856 and the city destroyed by Quantrell in 1863, this rifle was captured and carried back to Missouri. It was carried during the war and came from Stone county to Benton County many years ago.

The Warsaw Times does not vouch for the authenticity of this story about this rare old relic, but we are glad to have it in our collection.



July 9, 1934

Mr. Ed. Martindale, Publisher,  
The Warsaw Times,  
Warsaw, Mo.

My dear Martindale:

Thanks for the item on the Sharps Rifle. I am  
passing this on to the historical group.

Yours very truly

Irving Hill

H E



December 5, 1933

Mr. George March  
941 Kentucky Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Mr. March:

I should like very much to have you and Mrs. March become members of the Douglas County Historical Society. Knowing that your grandfather, Col. J. D. Miles, was in the Indian service for many years I presume that you have books and papers of his that would be of great interest to the Society.

From time to time I have been able to secure considerable material for the newly organized society and we hope, at no distant date, to secure an adequate place for keeping and storing our collection.

The charter list is still open, there is no charge for membership, and the annual dues are only \$1.00 so that membership is not expensive.

Sincerely yours,

WCS  
IML



December 5, 1933

Mrs. George Leis  
1110 Vermont Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Leis:

Whenever you wish me to take over the scrapbooks prepared by your late husband and my good friend, I shall be glad to receive them and will place them in the vault at the office until the recently organized Douglas County Historical Society has a place to store its collection. If there is anything else you would like to add I should be glad to receive it.

This reminds me of your offer to give to the Society the framed lithograph of Lawrence in the early 80s which is now hanging in C. C. Stewart's law office. If you care to write Mr. Stewart that you would ultimately like to have this picture become the property of the Douglas County Historical Society, there is no reason why it should not remain hanging in his office until the Society has a suitable place for its collection. A copy of the letter sent to me or to Mr. J. T. Skinner, president of the Douglas County Historical Society, could be placed on file so that the picture could be called for at a proper time.

Just as a suggestion which might meet with your approval, what would you think of asking Professor Hodder of the department of history at the University to suggest to one of his graduate students that he make your father, Gov. and Sen. E. G. Ross, the subject for his master's thesis? You could cooperate with the student in furnishing data, and he or she could prepare the matter in form either for publication or for preservation in the university library.

Sincerely yours,

WCS  
IML



## Add. Chair list

Mrs. Irving Hill - <sup>\$</sup>5.00  
Cash (Harold Constant) 1.00  
do not print.

Call Peoples State Bk.  
about Mrs. Lou Carlos  
she is supposed to  
have left money there

10/19/33



\$3 - D. A. R.

to Chair fund.

11/28/33



W. C. Stevens	\$1
Mrs. John Levelt	1
Unitarian Alliance	5
Miss Rose Morgan	2.50



Pres. Rep. 113.25

Mrs. S. J. Churchill \$1  
a friend \$2  

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\$3

11/14/33



✓ Mrs E. L. Griffen  
\$1

✓ Miss Agnes Thompson  
\$1

✓ Miss Agnes Emery  
\$2.50

✓ Miss Hannah Oliver  
2.50

✓ Mrs. J. B. Watkins  
\$10

✓ W. C. L. \$10

10/18/33



✓ Mrs. W. C. Spangler  
\$1.00

Mr. J. J. Skinner  
\$2

✓ A Friend \$2.00  
Tom Green

✓ Mrs. Louisa Don Carlos  
\$1.00

✓ Mrs. W. H. Sears  
\$1.00

✓ R. C. Rankin 2.00

10/19/33



A. D. Weaver \$10.

W. E. Spalding \$2

Herbert B. Bullene \$2

Mrs. F. H. Smithmeyer \$5

2 Friends \$2.  
(Louise's mother) Wiernam

Cash - Mr. Whitcomb. 25¢

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Mrs. Geo Barker	\$ 2
Mr. Wm. W. Hutton	\$ 2
Miss Gertrude Welch	\$ 1
Judge C. H. Laugherty	\$ 1
Mrs. F. S. Hester	\$ 1

10/24/33



Otto Fischer	\$ 1
Dr. Geo. A. Esterly	\$ 2
Mrs. Geo. F.	\$ 1
Dingelstedt	\$ 1
Mrs. J. B. McColloch	\$ 1
Cash	25

10/26/33



Do. Co. Chair  
 Previously Reported 86.75

J. W. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. W. H. Andrews	2.00
Miss E. Galloo	1.00
Henry Alback	1.00
O. O. Bowman	1.00
Mrs. Theo. Gardner	1.00
Henry Asher	1.00
Miss Janette Wheeler	1.00
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Hoyt — 1.00

Mrs. A. Henley 1.00

Miss May Gardner  
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Salvage D. Funk \$1

H. C. Brinkman #1

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Chas. M. Gilmore	\$1
Mrs. F. D. Bishop	\$2
Dr. A. J. Andrus	\$1
Mrs. Wm Bromelsick	\$2
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