

Do. Co. Hist. Soc.

October 15, 1940

Mr. Bridwell, Photographer
Baldwin, Kansas

Dear Mr. Bridwell:

The next time you come to Lawrence,
please bring with you some of the photo-
graphs you took at the dedication of the
Black Jack roadside marker. I think I may
want to buy some of them.

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM

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October 11, 1940

Mrs. Lalla B. Jacobs
919 Conn. Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

I found on my desk this morning the package which I attach herewith. I noticed that the book of poems had been apparently presented to someone as a gift, but I did not take it as being a gift to me and therefore return it to you.

I read a number of pages of Miss Drake's manuscript and find that she writes with clearness and vigor. At this late time, about eighty-five years after the stirring events in the history of Lawrence and Kansas, I find myself at a loss in making a suggestion as to what Miss Drake might do with her work, which has undoubtedly cost her many years of study and effort. The few members of the G. A. R., who are now living, are no longer in a position to do much reading so a book composed of Miss Drake's story would probably find a small sale.

I wonder if Miss Drake has ever shown her manuscript to the State Historical Society, or has discussed it with the Secretary. She gives a vivid description of the happenings of the early days and they should be preserved.

Thanking you for submitting the matter to me, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

WCS:GM

September 24, 1940

Mr. Charles Beeks
Baldwin, Kansas

My dear Beeks:

R. C. Rankin, President of the Douglas County Historical Society, has asked me to speak at the dedication of the Black Jack monument. I understood Senator Rankin and Leslie Edmonds were to meet with you today to arrange the time, and perhaps program, for the dedication.

I recall that a monument was raised for the Battle of Black Jack a good many years ago, possibly thirty or forty. I think it consisted of a large boulder upon which suitable words had been engraved. It seems to me that in accepting and dedicating this new monument, something should be said of the old monument and of those who had a part in commemorating this early conflict between the anti and proslavery factions.

I think we carried a story in regard to it and believe that we also had a picture in the paper of the monument and there were several photographed with it. Perhaps you were one of them. If I can find the date when this monument was set, I probably can find the story in our files. Of course, if you have it in your records somewhere, it might not be necessary for me to look it up. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Best wishes to you and your good wife.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

September 24, 1940

Mr. Leslie Edmonds
Kansas Highway Department
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Les:

I have just been talking to R. C. Rankin concerning the arrangement for unveiling the monument commemorating the Battle of Black Jack.

I should be very glad to have you write me and make suggestions regarding anything that you would like to have included in my short talk. I have a good many historical records covering this battle, but realize the talk must be short.

We shall want to give some publicity in order to let the people know what the good folks of the highway department are doing. You will recall that on September 3rd we ran a picture of the marker. I understand the date has been set for the afternoon of Tuesday, October 8th.

Luck to you.

Sincerely,

WCS:GM

Mrs. K. E. Lane has old
photos made by Adams
Edridge Hall

Cunningham 709 1/2 Mass -
last table made by first-cabi-
net material Lawrence -
Blackman - 1860.

Julius Marks has clock that
Alex Marks saved from raid

for Doug. Co. Hist. Society

This picture of Bismark Grove
was taken about the year 1881.
and was pasted on a tray of a
trunk by John L. Davis, who
settled in Lawrence, shortly after
being Honorably Discharged, as
Sergeant of 11th Illinois Regiment,
at Springfield, Ills., 1865.

At his death, his daughter,
Clementine Davis Evans, came into
possession of the picture, and she
is now presenting it to the Douglas
County Historical Society in
memory of her father.

These 3 sections were presented at the City Library
Friday Feb 23 1939 accepted by the Vice President
Miss Emma Spangler L.M.O.

From Mrs K. C. Evans 640 Indiana St.

This clock, brought to Lawrence by Alex Marks from New York in 1857, together with twelve silver watches, were the only articles saved when the Praeger jewelry store was burned by Quantrill's band.

When the raiders approached, Mr. Marks ran from the store, carrying the clock and watches, and hid on the bank of the river until evening.

The clock is more than 100 years old, the date pencilled on it being either 1814 or 1824. It is now owned by Julius Marks, a nephew of Alex Marks.

Est. Frost
Morsemore Place
Yonkers, N.Y.

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5 clippings

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Probably it worth all
you ask. but I am
not a collector.
Will return all
or will send check
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Also enclose a few old newspaper items of interest to Kan and quite rare now. I have marked them on the margins, but if I ask too much for anything will take less.

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E. H. FROST, Morsemere Place, Yonkers, N. Y.

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—From N. Y. Sun, Aug. 17, 1929

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Very truly, E. H. Frost

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My dear Sir: Thank you for your letter offering me \$3.50 for the two old maps I will accept the offer unless you feel like making it about \$5 for the two, as the larger map alone cost me about \$5. However I will leave it to you as I want to sell the old items as we may be forced to move before long.
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IN THE SADDLE, ON THE PLAINS.*

III.—LEAVENWORTH.—MULE-DRIVERS.

THE last marauder disappeared in the forest as the Emerald neared the Prairie Flower. The din of the combat had reached the transport as she rounded the bend, and before she came in sight Captain Powell and those who were expecting the relief heard the welcome sounds, the scream of the steam-whistle, and the quick roll of a drum calling her troops to arms. She bristled with bayonets ready for the fray. The master of the Emerald, leaning from a window of the pilot-house, sang out lustily,

"Captain John, is it all over?"

Captain Ben Parker of the Emerald was an old friend of the commander of the Prairie Flower.

"All over, Ben, thanks to you; come aboard and try my oldest Bourbon."

In a moment the steamers were made fast. The soldiers returned to their unfinished repast. Upon the bank near the edge of the wood the crews assembled to bury the dead. The night was without a star. No solemn rites marked the interment of the lifeless forms in their rude graves. Only the low hoot of the owl, disturbed by the glare of the torch, made dismal requiem; and the bat flew by with fickle and unclean wing. The dusky forms of the burial party, the ghastly features of the dead, the beat of the waves upon the beach, the heavy sighs of the wind through the bending pine-tops, and the dismal toll of the steamers' bells, swaying together in a sort of rude chime, complete the funeral scene. As the crews return to the steamers the moon rises from the river and lights up the lonely darkness. Soon the engines heave again, and the steamers are under way. Captain Vincent sits alone upon the promenade-deck. The wound of the Adjutant has been dressed, and McCann watches by his couch.

A light step approaching Captain Vincent causes him to rise and offer his chair.

"Miss Romilly."

Her features wore an almost transparent paleness that was startling.

"No," she replied, declining, with a quick, graceful wave of the hand, the proffered chair. "Pardon me, Captain Vincent, but, we were alarmed in regard to the Adjutant. Is he—is it dangerous?"

"No, Miss Romilly. The wound, though serious, is certainly not likely to prove fatal," answered Rollin tenderly.

"Then he will not die,—he will recover, you think?"

"Surely. The surgeon says that he will be out again in a day or two."

Miss Romilly paused for a moment, as if hesitating whether to allow nature to assert itself over conventionalities, as in true natures, on occasions of deep feeling, it always must. Then extending her hand, she said,

"I am very, very grateful to you—and I am so glad to know that he will recover. Doubtless he has a mother or sisters and friends to whom his loss would be irreparable, for he has many noble qualities. Will you grant me another favor?"—looking him full in the face with a smile, for she was doubtful whether all her eloquence had availed to conceal her meaning.

"Certainly," he answered, bowing; "and most grateful I am to hear you speak thus highly of my friend."

"Please do not say to the Adjutant that I have made this inquiry."

"I promise you I will not, if you insist."

"Thank you; good-night."

She held out her warm, round, pretty little hand.

Vincent, bowing low, had nearly

* Continued from September Number.

Wearied with waiting, and, in the end, doubting not that Gillespie's silence was only a cowardly method of severing himself from a distasteful tie, Helen Ralston at last returned home, and there, after two years, married one doubtless more worthy of her. A year later she moved to New Orleans, and only a few months ago I read the notice of her untimely death. Her father, too, has passed away. And as Gillespie had none but distant cousins to inquire after him, and they naturally lost all interest in him as soon as he had exhausted his little patrimony, there remained soon not the slightest tie to bind him to his native land. Therefore he remained in Egypt. I doubt, indeed, whether there was any power that could have drawn him away from that scene of his trial and disappointment. For a time he loitered about, a sobered man; not sane, indeed, but perhaps more nearly in his right mind than for many weeks past. Then gradually his condition grew worse again; and he would wander away for days at a time,—the impulses to stray coming upon him constantly with more frequency; until at last his nominal abiding-place knew him no more at all, and in the minds of many he became little more than a tradition. Sometimes there would be stories of a tall European, in Eastern costume, unnaturally aged, with long beard, and an eye gleaming with unwonted light, and marked in the centre of his forehead with a singular cipher, having been seen

at strange hours passing swiftly, like a ghost, through the streets of Cairo,—stopping, perhaps, to scan the cases where were displayed for sale the scarabæi, or other relics of antiquity, as though he sought to identify some missing object; and then again stealthily passing out of sight. At other times there would come reports of a similar figure gliding along over the desert, and entering some caravan upon its travels, where, with the reverence of the Eastern character for the mentally afflicted, he would be fed and cared for, until, after a few days, he would disappear from among them as suddenly and mysteriously as he had come. And there were frequent tales of how travellers, coming to visit the Sphinx, had sometimes seen a gaunt, wild figure sitting solitary in the sand before it, gazing up wistfully and longingly into the great, impassive stone face, and muttering softly and in pleading tones, long sentences in a strange tongue, as though seeking some kindly response or favor. And finally,—it was but two years ago,—these stories began to die away, for there came a time when no one saw him longer to know him. Whether at last he had wandered away into other strange lands; or whether, while in some caravan of pilgrims, his strength had given out, and he had been left behind to have his bones whiten upon the sand; or whether the plague had eaten away the remnant of his life in some foul lazar-house,—who now can tell?

brought it to his lips, when it was firmly, though gently, withdrawn, and with an arch smile the young lady, with her finger pressed upon her lips to remind him of his promise, retired into the saloon.

Vincent, after a silent promenade, entered softly the sick-room. He arranged with McCann the watches of the night. The Lieutenant, who was to be called at one, retired to his own room, and Rollin took his place by the restless, fevered sufferer. There are few men who make good nurses by the couch of pain, but Vincent was one of the few.

He did not call McCann, but watched by the bedside until the gray of the morning. Dumfrees had fallen into a gentle slumber as the Lieutenant entered the room.

"Why did you not wake me?" in a whisper.

"I knew you were exhausted."

"Always too generous. We are within a mile of Leavenworth City."

"Then I must leave our patient; fortunately, he is safe."

"All right; I will see you before you cross the plains."

"Good-by, Terry."

"Good-by, Rollin, for the present."

It was yet early in the morning as Vincent stepped from the gang-plank and heard again the well-known voice of Harry Fairleigh,

"At last."

His friend's bright face was lit up with delight.

"Yes, Harry, at last. It has been a long voyage. Lieutenant McCann is on board, bound for the Fort."

"Good; we'll see him there, then. Let us to breakfast."

And the friends moved on to the Mansion House.

Breakfast over, the young men repaired to Fairleigh's room and seated themselves for the "talk." Pipes were produced, and while the smoke of the glowing bowls rolled out into the room in clouds, Harry, reclining in his easy-chair, weaves a little unimportant history.

"Ned Pritchard," he began,—“you

remember Ned of the 9th Michigan?—returned last month from Arizona. I met him in New York. He gave glowing accounts of the wealth of the Territory, and said he intended to form a company of the officers of our old division, and return to the mines and develop them. He invited me to join him. I asked time to consider, and looked for you, but you were out of town. Meanwhile Pritchard made good progress with his work. Within a week the company was formed, and nearly all the members have served in our old division in the Shenandoah.”

“Good: you think it will pay handsomely?”

“Of course; Pritchard shows specimens of gold-quartz that are just ‘A No. 1.’ We are all crazy for the gold-fields. It is resolved that no member shall own more than one share of the stock, and each share is three thousand dollars. Tom Eaton, Dunscombe, Dakin, Churchill, Meredith, and a host of others are with us. And Adderly,—you know Adderly, I suppose, eh?”

Captain Vincent turned very pale, but made no answer.

“I thought you knew Adderly!”

Still Vincent seemed suddenly absorbed in distant and not pleasant thoughts

“Well, he is with us, at all events,” resumed Fairleigh, “and a host of others. So I purchased an extra share, and have managed to keep it for you.”

“Harry, you compel me to reveal my poverty; I am not able to—”

“Say not a word of that; if we succeed, you can easily pay; if we fail, I lose it. The investment is a good one, and here is your share splendidly engraved, ‘The America Mining Company to Rollin Vincent.’”

“Harry,” said Vincent, slowly, “I appreciate your kindness, but really—”

“Really what,” replied Harry; “have you not regard enough for me to allow me to act as your friend?”

“Certainly, but—”

“But—no buts; for my friendship's sake, accept the certificate.”

“I will.”

“Our machinery was purchased in

New York, and shipped here. We have provisions for the trip across the plains. Twelve large wagons and seventy-two mules, all arrived last week. Some one proposed the other day that we save the company the expense of employing mule-drivers, and guide the gentle creatures ourselves. Tom Eaton declared 'it would be romantic.' As we only needed twelve drivers, we cast lots for the dignified positions. Each driver selected his team, and to-day we are to have a trial in the manly art of mule-driving: come."

A moment's walk brought them to the wagons loaded with provisions and machinery upon the levee. The mules had been led from the yard near the hotel. The harness-boxes were soon opened, and the mules "hitched up." So confident had some of the party been relative to the skill and success they should display in this new enterprise, that a party of ladies were just malicious enough to conclude that rare sport was at hand, and so had gathered on horseback, in carriages, and on foot, to witness the experiment.

"Is it true, Mr. Fairleigh," inquired one of these, "that the gentlemen of your company intend driving mules across the plains? Has not Mr. Eaton been joking?"

"Certainly," replied Fairleigh; "it would be impossible for creatures so graceful, and withal bearing such excellent names as our mules, to be either perverse or malicious."

"What do you call them, tell us," exclaimed the maidens.

"Well, first is Camille."

"What a name for a mule," said one.

"Oh, Camille is a very good mule, a little wild, but cannot fail to draw well. She is the off-wheeler alongside of Jeff Davis."

"A capital epithet for a mule," suggested the fair critic; "as if mules were not sufficiently prone to rebel without being driven thereto, to sustain their good names."

"Then there is Jenny Lind, so named out of regard to the specially melodious qualities of her voice. We think her

trill and echo-song rather remarkable. And, finally, there are Chang and Eng, whose affection for each other is touching in the extreme."

The harnessing now began. More than half the mules gave instant signs that they were colts, totally unaccustomed to the disagreeable sensation of having leather upon their backs, and immediately began to kick, plunge, and roar. "Whoa," "look out," "stand still," vociferated the amateurs, whose unpleasant dilemma the professional drivers surveyed with malicious satisfaction. The amateurs were fast coming to grief. Dakin had ingeniously squeezed his body between two mules and a wagon-wheel, and was roaring lustily to be let out, as his ribs were breaking. Brooks had been kicked *hors du combat*, and Eaton lay groaning and disabled on a pile of coffee-sacks. Jenny Lind's heel, he declared, had set badly on his stomach.

"Whoa now,—help here a minute. Down with yer heels, 'whoa,' you jack-asses."

"Call them pet names, Harry, call them pet names," moaned Eaton from the coffee-sacks.

At length it was concluded to detail a corporal's guard of twelve of the soundest men to each refractory mule, as some of the mules, with all their game, were hardly larger than a good-sized goat. After a long struggle, to the infinite amusement of the spectators, and especially of the ladies and the professional muleteers, this disposition of forces attained the desired result. The mules were harnessed, and the drivers in the saddles. Eaton, partially recovered, limped to Jeff Davis, and Fairleigh helped him to mount. He cracked his whip, and, somewhat to his elation, the six-mule-team he was driving started simultaneously forward, and for a moment moved well. The cavalcade of spectators trooped along in company. As they approached the hotel, another audience of ladies greeted them from the balcony. Ambitious to guard against any disastrous collapse of speed in the midst of their

admiring audience, Eaton applied the spur to Jeff Davis with the vigor of an old cavalier. The beast halted so suddenly that the rider had nearly gone over his head. Pointing his ponderous ears skyward till he looked like a church with two steeples, he executed a bray so heart-rending and far-resounding that the whole cavalcade apparently stopped to listen to it. Tom, exasperated, renewed the experiment of the spur, whereupon the graceless rebel, with a hideous squeal and backward plunge, deposited Thomas Eaton, Esq., in a most untender and dangerous manner, between the fore-feet of Jenny Lind. Jenny had kicked him before, and, reversing her strategy, she bit him behind. Seizing in her teeth a promiscuous mass of material, of which a part was mere army-blue and shoddy, but the rest, alas! had all the sensitiveness pertaining to the physical person of Thomas Eaton, Esq., she shook him peremptorily to and fro, and then unkindly immersed him in a pool, which, if it had any healing qualities, did not make them immediately felt. Mr. Eaton had no reason, perhaps, to fear drowning, but was not equally safe against strangling. All the mules in line now became entangled, and kicked and brayed furiously. Two of the leaders cleared their harness and clattered fiercely up the street. A consultation became necessary, and, as the result, the America Mining Company forthwith engaged muleteers, not only to drive across the plains, but to conduct the plunging and offended steeds back to their stables.

"By the way," said Harry to Vincent, after returning to the hotel, "you did not answer whether you knew Adderly. He seems to be a stranger to all save Churchill."

Rollin's features suddenly fell into a sad and weary expression. Shadowed by the curtains at the window, Fairleigh failed to observe the ghastly face of his friend.

The question was repeated after a pause. Vincent answered, "Yes."

III.—THE WAGON-MASTER'S STORY.

To the reader who has never taken passage on a mule-train, it may or may not be necessary to remark that each wagon is usually drawn by three span of mules, of which the lighter and forward pair are leaders, the next pair "swingers," and the rear or heaviest pair are wheelers. The driver rides the nigh-wheeler, and guides the whole team with a single rein, whereon a long pull means "haw," and a short jerk is "gee." The most interesting figure connected with the train now came up—the wagon-master, Sam Hallett, a sort of "old salt" of the plains, now over sixty years of age, straight as an arrow, eyes black and piercing, long, gray hair thrown back of his ears, and falling in profuse waving ringlets on his shoulders; wearing a low broad-brimmed felt hat, an army blouse, a red-flannel shirt open at the neck, around which a red silk handkerchief was loosely tied; buckskin pants, fringed at the seams in Mexican style, handsome moccasins, and long Spanish spurs, of which the little steel pendants twinkled as he rode. He was mounted on a gigantic black mule. A blanket was neatly folded under his saddle, which was of the light kind, known as the California tree. A pair of revolvers, in holsters, were fastened to the horn of the saddle, and a girth of Mexican grass passed twice under the mule, and fastened to a ring on the left side. The broad wooden stirrup was hooded with leather. Every thing being found on examination to be ready, the wagon-master issued to the driver of the forward wagon the laconic order,

"Git, Jim."

In Western parlance the word "up" has been discarded by drivers as superfluous. The train moved on, into a lovely country, the very France of America. Our soldiers felt once more the stir, exhilaration, and enthusiasm of their recent camp-life. That night they halted, packed their wagons, turned out their horses on the prairies, got out their tents and pitched them, divided the

company into messes according to their affinities, kindled their fires, prepared and ate their evening-meal, and enjoyed their first night on the prairies in the luxury of deep and uninterrupted sleep, till the sun rose. The next day passed without any event of fresh interest; and at nightfall, after passing a heavy "growth of timber," they encamped by a stream, upon the border of a rolling prairie, unbroken by tree or shrub as far forward as the eye could reach. A tree was cut from the forest near them and a roaring fire built. The wagons were corralled, i. e., run together in the form of a horse-shoe, so that the live-stock, after feeding, could be driven into the enclosure. This precaution warned the company that they were henceforth on the plains, and liable to attack from the Indians. Leaving the cattle to the care of the herder, the company gathered around the camp-fire. Some hardly touched the ground ere they fell asleep, with the fatigue of the march. Others joined in songs and stories of the camp. These being past and equally familiar to them all, the general interest centred in Sam Hallett, the wagon-master, whose very garb and manner seemed to reveal marvellous tales of the new life on which they were now entering.

"Any chance of scaring up some 'Injuns' yet?" inquired Fairleigh of the prairie-scout, as he lighted his pipe by the camp-fire.

"More chance o' their scarin' us up," replied the wagon-master. "Have a good time, while ye can, these moon-light nights, for, as we get on, we'll only boil the kettle, and then dash the fire. Can't keep a fire going to draw the 'Injuns.'"

"Don't you usually get some inkling beforehand? Can't you scent 'em, or guess pretty well when they're around?" inquired Dakin.

The old man surveyed Dakin with a look of compassion, and replied, dryly,

"Sometimes, young man, they send a letter by the post-office, or a messenger to notify us when we may expect 'em; but, as you may have read somewhere, them instances is seldom."

Dakin smiled with the rest at the old man's humor, as he cared more to "draw him out" than to shine in the discussion.

"But these injuns could not make many points fighting veterans like ourselves?"

"You'd be cooler under fire," replied Hallett; "and if that would stop an arrow, you'd be safer. But I tell you, boys, you've all got your fightin' to larn ag'in, when you come out here. It's a long time since General Braddock found that out, and the pint is settled."

"Now and then," said Eaton, "the rebs fought about as mean as the Injuns. What with guerillas in ambush, picket-firing, torpedoes, and—"

"Hark—hist—drop!" said the old guide, throwing himself on the grass, and putting his ear to the ground.

"Nothing," he remarked, rising; "it felt like a stampede, but it's only the herder moving his stock. It's well we've got a good herder: they aren't common. The first time I crossed the plains, I was a herder. I hadn't larned the trade at all, and rough time we had of it."

"Tell us about it," chimed the whole party.

"Well, if you don't care to retire, I will. We started, a large party, from Fort Leavenworth, about the middle of September, for Californy. Grass was high, and not much water, till we reached the Platte. We lay corralled, one night, at Plum Creek, thirty miles beyond Fort Kearney. It was in October, and the nights were cool. In the afternoon there had been a light fall of snow. While we were unharnessing, an ox-train came up, and camped near us. I drove our mules down to drink, and was returning with them to find good grass, when the oxen came down to the river-bank. Their herder was a young man, not over twenty, mounted on a handsome bay. He reined up, and said, 'Partner, if you'll wait until I water my oxen, I'll show you a place where the buffalo-grass is high.'

"So I waited for him. We were soon driving our stock before us, laughing

and hallooing. We halted about a mile from camp. The buffalo-grass was good, and the hosses fell to eating. The ground was wet and cold, as the snow had melted. But my partner taught me a new way to find a dry, warm bed in the midst of a cold, wet prairie. Going up to where two oxen were lying, back to back, he routed one of them up by a kick in the ribs. The other never stirred. Lying down in the place vacated by the ox, and snuggling up to my bovine bed-fellow, I found him an exceedingly warm and comfortable companion. Taking the saddle off my hoss, and laying it quietly down alongside, I tied a lariat to the bridle, and made the other end fast to my wrist. I then lay down to sleep, fully protected from the wind, dry, and as warm as a cup of toast-and-tea. The night was bright moonlight. Closing my eyes, I soon fell asleep. I must have been asleep about an hour, when I felt a jerk at my wrist, and started up. My hoss seemed in mortal terror. He was bent double, and shivered like an aspen. It was so bright that I could see for miles. I saw nothing to alarm him; so I said, in a low tone, 'Be quiet, sir.' He quieted down, and began to feed again. I lay down once more, right wide-awake and keen, for I kept wondering what had startled him.

"Presently, a slight jerk of the rein caused me to start up quickly, and I saw a sight that caused me to draw my revolver in double-quick. I cocked it, and waited for a chance to fire. I lay on the outer edge of the herd, with my ox between me and the object. I could not make it out. It was about sixty yards off, and seemed like a buffalo crawling in the grass. It would creep slowly, then disappear. It remained hid for some time. It then raised itself again, within about eight rods of me. *It was crawling towards me through the grass.*

"My horse saw it, and began to snort and dance with fear. I was about to fire, when a hand was laid hurriedly upon my leg by some one behind me. I sprang, and almost yelled with terror.

I shall always remember what a chill ran over me. It was the young herder. He had crawled through the grass to where I lay to warn me of the danger.

"'Hist!' said he, in a whisper, 'make no noise; we are surrounded by Indians. They are going to stampede the stock. Draw in your horse quickly, as I do'—his horse had followed him—'slowly, so as not to show alarm; and, when he is near enough, mount, and fly to camp for your life. We cannot save the stock. I counted six feathered heads in the grass, and the ravine beyond where I lay swarms with them.' While he was whispering, I was drawing in the frightened horse. In an inkling we were mounted. As I sprang in the saddle, I struck my horse with the end of the lariat and drove my spurs deep into his sides. Snorting with pain and rage, he dashed madly for camp with the speed of the wind. I never strike a horse except in peril. I never had touched him with a spur before, and it made him wild. An arrow whizzed past my face; then a cry at my side, and the young herder fell from his saddle. I could not save him, for they were close behind. I looked back. A painted savage had his knee planted upon his breast. I saw the flashing of bright steel in the moonlight. A cry of agony was borne on the still air, and I knew that the young herder's spirit had crossed the dark river. With a terrible yell they tossed aloft his gory scalp. Their awful, indescribable cry froze my very blood. My heart seemed to stop beating. Many a night, when far away from danger, in bed at home, I have heard that yell in my dreams. When I did, farewell to sleep for that night."

"What had you seen in the grass?" interrupted Stokes.

"An Indian. I afterward caught a glimpse of him as he sprang into the middle of the affrighted herd. Upon his head he carried the head and horns of a buffalo-bull, the skin of the animal hanging down his back. In one hand he held a large rattle-box, in the other a spear; with a shout he sprang up before the animals, and began shaking the

rattle-box. I have one now in my wagon. It is made of deer-skin, and filled with buffalo-claws and bits of flint. As he shook the rattle and yelled, the herd stampeded, and roaring, snorting, and bellowing, the mules and the oxen dashed over the prairie. An Indian seized the lariat of the dead herder's horse, and was upon his back and after the flying herd in no time. The others, whose ponies were hid in a ravine near by, mounted, and followed, yelling at the animals and thrusting their spear-points into the sides of those which lagged. I reached camp. The train had been roused by the yells of the savages. Twenty-four hunters joined us the day before. Their horses were picketed near the wagons. As I rode up, the party were mounting. 'How many redskins are there?' said they. 'Not over twenty, I should think,' I replied. On they rode after them. I rode back to where I had lain to get my saddle. I found it, and was buckling my girth, when I heard a low, meaning sound. I turned quickly, and listened. The night-winds were sighing in the trees along the opposite shore of the Platte. The slightest sound alarmed me. I was about to mount. But there, in the moonlight, with his face ghastly and upturned, lay the young herder, with an arrow through his heart."

The old man paused. His voice shook, and a tear fell upon his hand.

"It was the first man I had seen killed by an Indian. It impressed me. I never can forget it."

The old man had forgotten, in the memories his story had awakened, to make use of the slang words and Border terms that marked his conversation at the start. His roughness of language and manner had vanished as he warmed into his story. After a pause, he resumed.

"I lifted the dead boy from the ground, and laid his head upon my knee. The arrow had gone through his body. The point came out just below the shoulder-blade. Did you ever see an Indian arrow?" turning to Meredith.

"No, sir; I never did."

"I have one in my wagon. I will bring it."

He did so.

"This is a Sioux arrow. It's singular that the arrows of every tribe differ. I said it was no use to attempt to pull out the arrow; for see here—"

The young men gathered around.

"Do you see this little groove, running from the point down to the feather? They cut that in their arrows, so the blood will not clog around the point, but will continue to flow till their victim bleeds to death. See, too, the shape of the point. The red devils do not mean that you shall withdraw the arrow, for if you attempt it, it makes a wound that rarely or never heals.

"Well, the young herder had been scalped, and the blood trickled down over his handsome face. I laid him down, mounted my horse, and rode on swiftly after the hunters, who had passed out of sight. I knew they could not be far distant. I fancied I heard a rushing sound, as of the wind, in the distance. I checked up my horse. Nearer and nearer it came. I could hear yells and the sound of fire-arms. Presently horsemen came in sight. The hunters were retreating. Full two hundred Indians were behind them.

"'Fly for your life!' shouted the foremost hunter as he came near me. On we dashed back to camp. It was a narrow escape, for they had almost overtaken us. The Indians halted just beyond rifle-range, and remained in consultation. We awaited an attack. I learned from one of the hunters that they came up to the Indians about three miles from camp. Just as they were ready to fire upon them, Indians rose from the grass upon all sides, and they were surrounded. They dashed through, followed closely by the savages.

"It was upwards of an hour before any movement was made by the Indians against our camp. At last, with a yell, they dashed down upon us. They never come in platoons, but form a circle, and ride, one after another, around your camp, to select the weak point. If they

find it, they charge you there. If you stand up well, you are safe; if you flinch, you are lost. As they drew near, we fired. You never can tell how many of them are killed or wounded. The moment an Indian falls from his pony, he is picked up by another, who throws him across his pony, and carries him away; and often they are tied fast in the saddle. Their ponies are trained. If their riders get killed or wounded, they gallop with them to the rear. We fired; they saw we were prepared, and they retired, taking their killed and wounded with them. I saw five or six drop, but they were instantly taken off.

“Soon after the Indians retired, six hunters, armed and mounted, set out to notify the garrison at Fort Kearney of our loss. It was a ride of thirty miles. The moon had gone down. It was very dark, and, once away from camp, they had little to fear, as the Indians never attack in the dark. Silently they rode out of camp. Their horses' hoofs had been muffled, so as to make no noise when they reached the wagon-road. We all shook hands at the mouth of the corral; for perhaps we might not meet again in this world. Then out they rode into the night. We listened, with our ears to the ground, to hear if they were attacked; but not a sound was heard, save the howling of wolves far in the distance.

“I lay down to rest; I drew my blanket over me, but I could not sleep. The pale face of the herder, with the blood upon his forehead, was constantly before me. I thought of the poor fellow lying unburied on the prairie, and it worried me. I rose—walked out; I passed the guard, and crossed to the camp of the ox-train. They were all awake, and many started to their feet as I entered their corral.

“‘Poor Shirley!’ said the wagon-master of that train, when he had discovered who I was. ‘I won't know what to say to his mother.’

“‘I cannot sleep,’ said I, ‘while the thought of that poor boy lying unburied is in my mind. I know where

he lies, and if you will help me, I will go now and bury him.’

“‘I will go with you,’ said he.

“The others tried to reason us out of it. We went. We soon found the wagon-road, and were travelling along noiselessly.

“‘It must be near here,’ I said, in a whisper; ‘yonder is the ravine.’

“Suddenly the wagon-master caught me by the arm, and forced me down on my knees. “‘Look,’ he said, huskily, ‘what is that?’

“It was a moving object of some kind. I cocked my revolver.

“‘Don't fire! don't fire!’ he whispered. ‘We may have the whole howling pack of redskins down on us in a minute.’

“We crawled nearer the object, our revolvers in our hands. In a moment my hand was upon the dead body of the herder. I saw the gleam of eyes that darted forth lightning, then a low growl. I started with horror. It was a wolf. . . . I drew a match from my pocket, lit it hurriedly, and threw it at its eyes. With a howl it started off a few yards, and sat down; and we could see, as we dug a grave with our knives, the eyes of the fiend watching us. The grave was made, and the lifeless form was soon hid from view. The wolf kept trotting around us as we were covering up the body.

“‘We must kill him; or, as soon as we are gone, he will dig it up,’ whispered the wagon-master, as we pressed down the sods on the grave.

“‘How shall I kill him?’ I asked.

“‘Wait until you get a good chance, then fire.’

“‘But the Indians—’

“‘We have put our hands to the plough; we must not look back now.’

“I waited for the chance, and fired. The wolf fell. We rushed upon him. He was not dead, but on a broken hip wheeled round and round, snapping with his teeth. Another shot finished him.

“‘Now,’ said the wagon-master, cutting open the carcass and throwing it over the mound, ‘if wolves come this

way, they will feed upon their brother and not ours.'

"We returned to camp. Morning was dawning, and yet no signs of the hunters who had started for the fort. There lay the trains, without a hoof to move them on their way.

"Soon, far off on the prairie, a little speck was seen. Larger it grew. It was the hunters returning, and with them a company of cavalry. They reached camp—a hurried consultation. The officer who commanded them divided his force. One body, consisting of forty cavalymen and all the hunters, should cross the river and scour along the northern shore. I was with this party, and it was commanded by a lieutenant named Stokes."

"Who was that, Harry?" inquired many voices of the Stokes who lay at the camp-fire.

"My brother Percy, who was stationed out here some years ago," replied Harry Stokes.

"He was a brave fellow, any way, I can say that for him. The other party, of about the same number, were to move along the southern bank, under command of the captain; I do not remember his name. We crossed the river—for the Platte was very low—and rode on for about five miles. We began to think we would not find a trail; when, suddenly, we came upon a camp-fire still smoking. We rode down to the river, and saw the tracks of oxen. They had crossed here. The lieutenant ordered us forward on a brisk trot, the trail growing fresher.

"'There they are, just entering the bluffs,' said a hunter.

"On we rode, with a hurrah, after them. They were disposed to show fight.

"'Charge!' said the lieutenant.

"In we went, pell-mell. With true Indian cunning, while they were showing fight to us, a small body was quietly driving away the stolen stock. But the lieutenant flanked them.

"'Go for them, hunters!' he said to the detachment from the train.

"Just that minute a loud 'hurrah' was heard. The party under the captain had found the crossing-place, and were fording the river. The hunters, on their fleet steeds, headed off the party with the mules and oxen, and poured a volley from their revolvers into the redskins, that made them tumble upon all sides. Indians were now flying over the river, into the bluffs, and scattering in every direction. It was a great victory for us. We had recaptured our stolen stock as well as twenty Indian ponies. We counted thirteen savages lying dead on the field, and we must have wounded many more. We returned to camp that night. Next morning the trains rolled on their way; and thus ends my story."

"And it's worth telling," ejaculated Eaton, with a serious look.

"I am afraid I have drawn largely upon your stock of patience," said the wagon-master.

"Not at all, not at all," replied several voices. "We have been deeply interested, and hope you will join us often at our camp-fire."

"Thank you; I will as often as I can," returned the old man.

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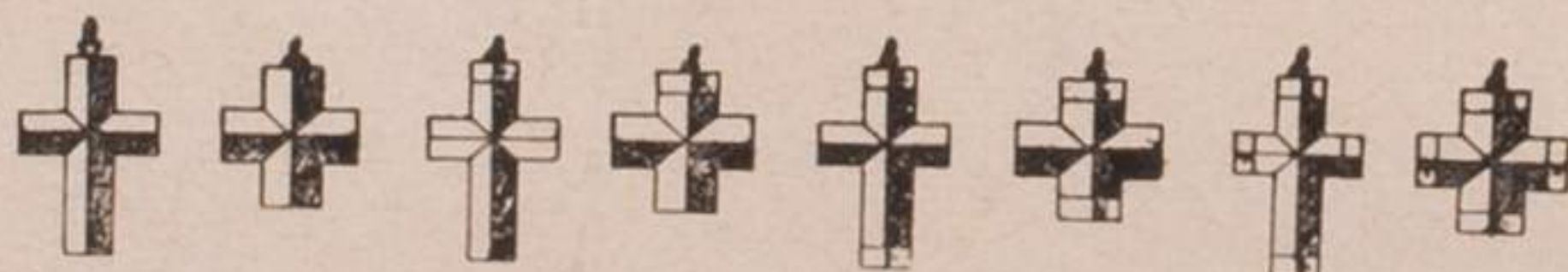
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As to the real origin of these little crosses of stone, comparatively nothing is known, as the leading scientists of the country have failed to throw any satisfactory light on the subject; but in that remote mountain section runs a very pretty legend to the effect that hundreds of years before King Powhatan's dynasty came into power, long before the woods breathed the gentle spirit of the lovely Pocahontas, the fairies were dancing around a spring of limpid water, playing with the naiads and wood nymphs, when an elfin messenger arrived from a strange city far, far away in the land of the dawn, bearing the sad tidings of the death of Christ, and when they heard the terrible story of the crucifixion they wept. And as their tears fell upon the earth they were crystallized into little pebbles, on each of which was formed a beautiful cross. When the fairies had disappeared from the enchanted spot the ground about the spring and the adjacent valley were strewn with these unique mementoes of that melancholy event.

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See "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," by John Fox, Jr. (page 174). The lover gives his sweetheart one of those stones, and you will note the luck it gives them.

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Mr. Leis had an album

filled with photographs of Lawrence people.

I do not~~y~~ remember whether I have shown you an album presented to my father by the ladies of Lawrence, in 1844.

Your suggestion in regard to a "Master's Thesis" of a student of Prof. Hodder is fine, and my daughter concurs with me; I should like to talk with you on the subject, and others, some day when you will be home.

Cordially,

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By the way, The Age of Hate is not in the City Library. Am hoping to find it elsewhere. It contains a fine tribute to my father.



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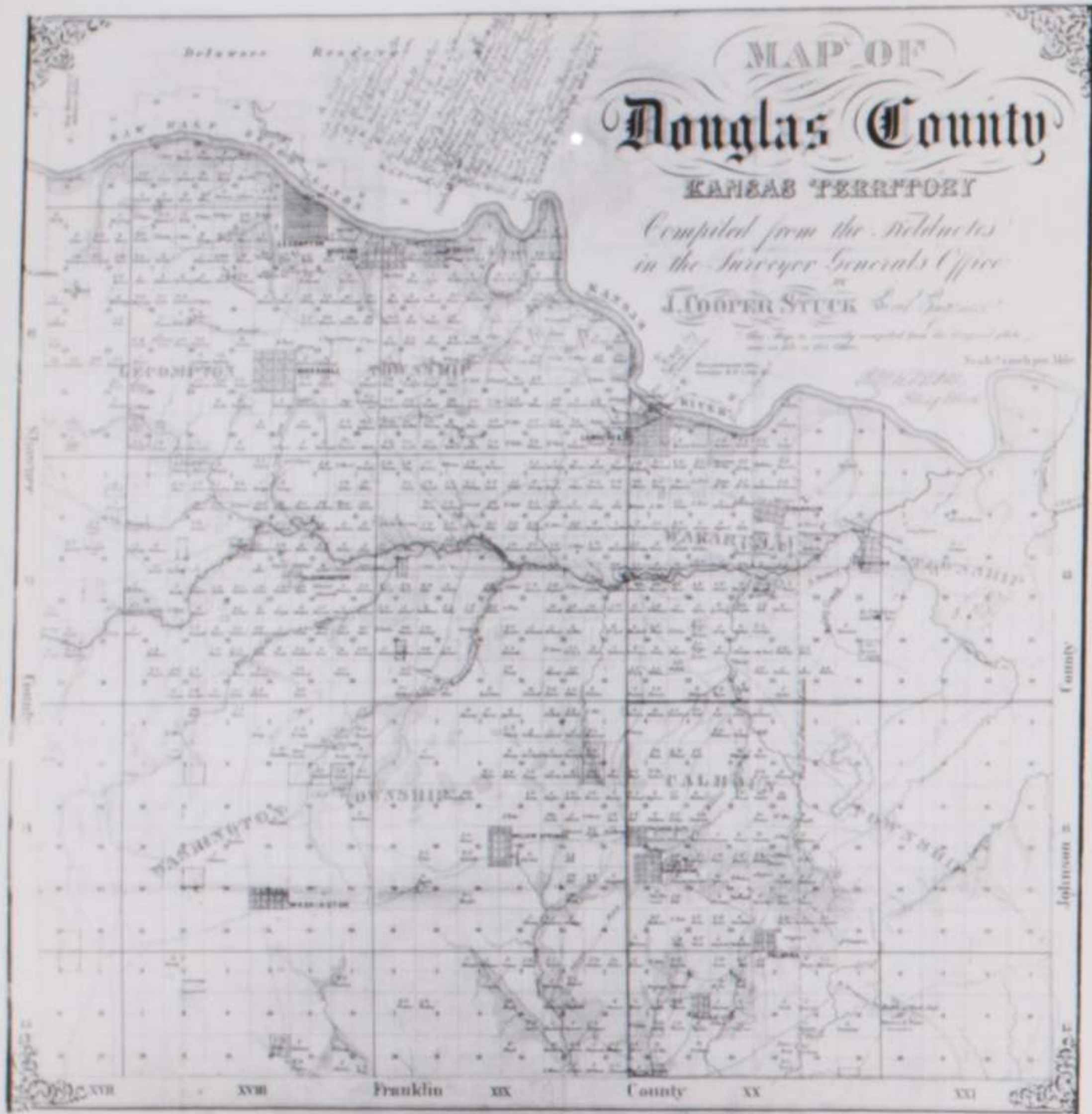
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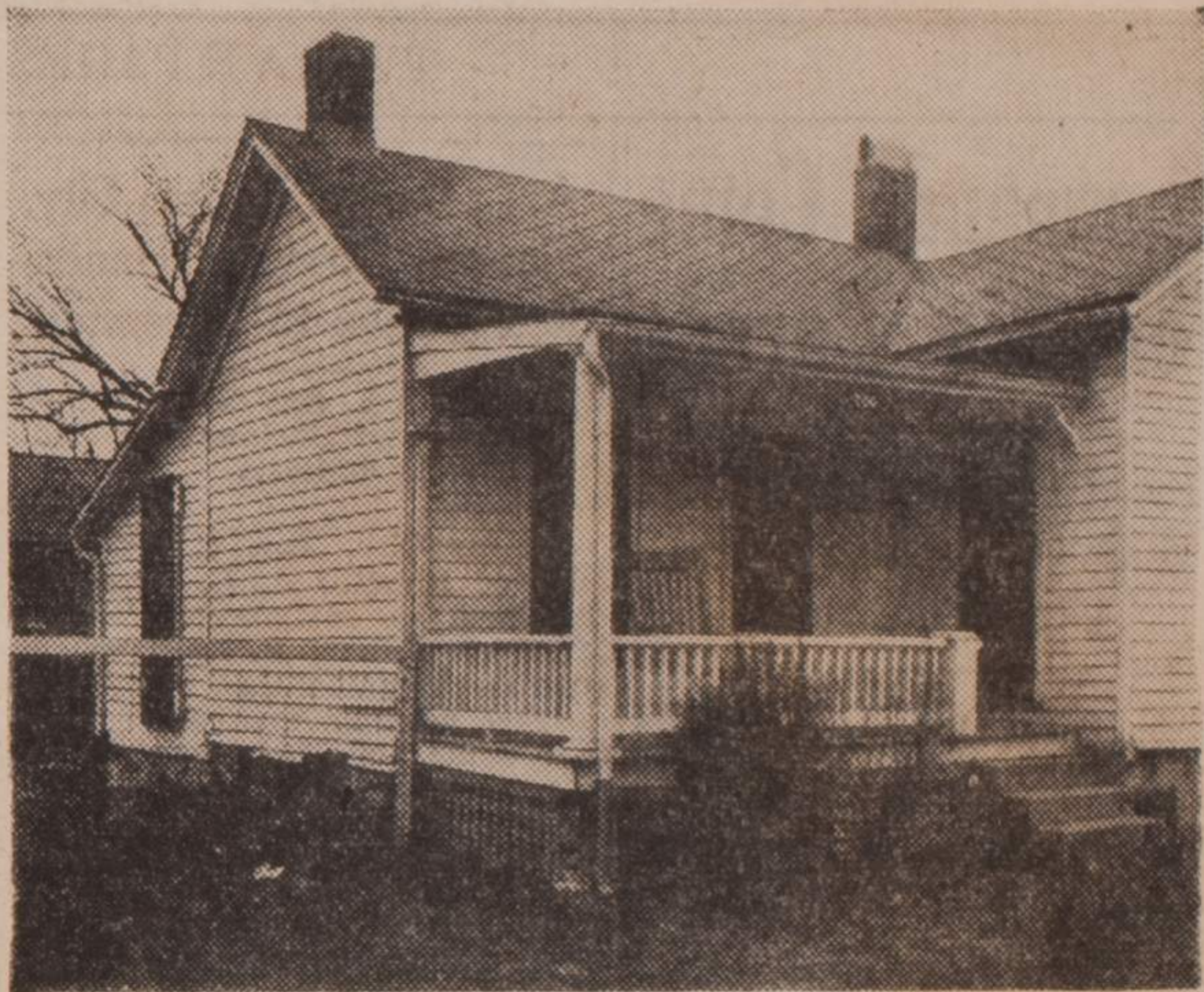
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The room in the left foreground of the above picture was the first home of the newspaper the Herald of Freedom. At the time the newspaper plant occupied it, the building was located, it is believed, at the corner of Seventh and Massachusetts where the Kansas Electric Power company now stands. It was built by J. H. Gleason, the father of Mrs. C. O. Bowman, 1221 Tennessee street.

Later, the room was moved to 706 Connecticut where it stands, and more was added to it. It is now the residence of the F. H. Penner family.

The first issue of the Herald of Freedom was printed in the Pennsylvania office of Dr. G. W. Brown and dated Wakarusa, Kan., October 21, 1854. The second issue was

printed at Lawrence on January 5, 1855.

The Herald of Freedom plant was destroyed by Sheriff Jones on May 21, 1856 and the paper suspended publication until November 1, 1856, when it was again issued with complete new equipment, and continued publication until 1859 or 1860, when it was discontinued.

At the time when the room, then a separate building, was used by the Herald of Freedom, it was not plastered. The walls consisted only of the weatherboarding. A few years ago, when the interior was being prepared for replastering, a printer's mallet, doubtless dating from the Herald of Freedom days, was found in the wall. The mallet is on display in the Montgomery Ward window.

RELIC OF THE JONES RAID



Displayed in the window of the Green Brothers store is the above portion of the press of the Kansas Free State, which was broken and thrown into the Kaw river with other equipment of the printing office, by Sheriff Jones' posse on May 21, 1856. The press was taken out of the river by Hugh Cameron and removed to his farm at Cameron's Bluff. There after a time it was thrown into a ditch and from there it was taken by farmers who lived nearby to hammer plowshares on. Will Green traded them another makeshift anvil for the old press and added it to his historical collection.

Inventory of Douglas County Historical
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"Story of Electric Car" written by Mrs. A. Henley and presented to Douglas County Historical Society.

Old Settlers Minutes and meeting, October 3, 1904; also paper by W. J. Bailey. Minutes and Meeting and paper transcribed by Miss Myrtle McConnell.

Charter and Other Powers of City of Lawrence from Glenn Charleton.

Piece of old Windmill from Ernest Epley 7-11-31

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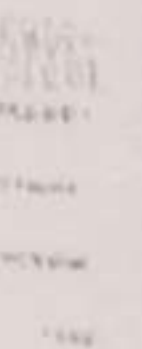
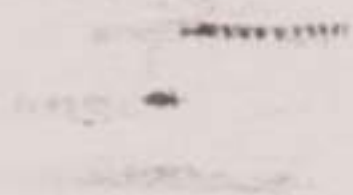
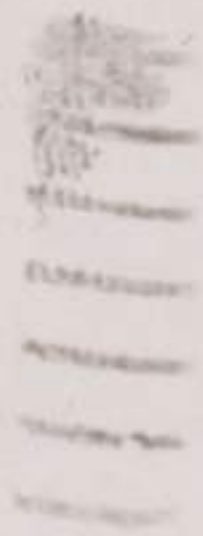
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11/18/39

From Register of Deeds record. on Franklin Cemetery
secured by Wm. L. Hastic

Williams foreclosed mortgage on Hawkins then
sold to Joseph Cox. Joseph Cox sold to Al Cox
Each time in these transactions, two acres
were reserved for a Cemetery. When Al Cox
died, Charles Cox his administrator to J. W.
Miller with no reference to the cemetery.
The two acres are 10 rds west and 8 rods
north of the S. E. corner.

October 3, 1939

Mrs. E. M. Owen
Mr. J. T. Skinner
Miss Hannah Oliver

Dear Friends:

You are the members of the Nominating Committee for the Douglas County Historical Society, which is to hold its meeting not later than November 20th.

I have of this date asked the Executive Committee to arrange the place and set the date for our meeting. I have also asked the program committee to arrange the program as soon as convenient.

It will be your duty to recommend to the Society at its annual meeting officers to be elected for the coming year. On account of your long and active interest in the affairs of our Society, I know that you can do the work well. For your guidance, I enclose herewith a complete list of officers, directors and committees. I think it probable that the Society simply elects the officers and directors and that the filling of the committees will be left to the president-elect.

Sincerely yours,

President,
Douglas County Historical Soc.

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October 3, 1939

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

Dear Friends:

You comprise the membership of the program committee for the Douglas County Historical Society and I would be very happy to have you arrange the program as soon as possible for our annual meeting, which is to be held not later than November 20th.

I have this date written the members of the Executive Committee (Miss Ida Lyons, Mr. O. J. Lane and Dr. Edward Bumgardner) to set the date and arrange the place for our meeting.

I shall be glad to have you arrange the program as early as convenient that we may be able to give adequate publicity to same.

Sincerely yours,

President,
Douglas Co. Historical Soc.

WCS:GM

October 3, 1939

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

Dear Friends:

You comprise the total membership of the Executive Committee of the Douglas County Historical Society and one of your specific duties is to arrange for the annual meeting and to set the date for same. As the date is set in our Constitution to be not later than November 20th, it would be well for you to give the matter your early attention.

Thanking you for the active interest you have taken in our Society, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

President,
Douglas County Historical Soc.

WCS:GM

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KANSAS
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Kirke Mechem, Secretary
June 2, 1939

Miss Hannah P. Oliver
802 Tennessee Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Oliver:

We have learned that you have in your possession the correspondence of Mrs. Charles Robinson with Frank W. Blackmar, and I am taking the liberty of asking you to consider making this society the depository for these papers.

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As you know, we are particularly well equipped to give our collections the best possible care. Our building is fire proof, and, as an extra precaution, our manuscript collections are kept in a fire proof vault. Furthermore, we clean and repair letters and documents to give them longer life than they could ever have in casual handling by organizations not employing such methods. Our plan for the preservation of manuscripts is the one used at the Library of Congress.

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The Robinson papers illustrate a problem that we are trying to solve in the best interests of history. As you doubtless know, we have here, besides the official papers of Governor Robinson's administration, a large collection of personal papers. These papers have been used more frequently than any similar collection in our possession, but always unsatisfactorily from the standpoint of the historian or researcher for the reason that certain groups of papers are missing. We are making every effort to bring to the society the papers existing elsewhere that would complete this collection and present the whole story of the Robinsons in Kansas.

Similar problems exist with other collections and we feel that local groups, interested in the preservation of history, can serve best by helping us centralize manuscript material. Students and writers who come from great distances usually find it impossible to visit several depositories, and expect to find manuscripts in one place. Even when it is possible for them to visit other places the manuscripts are frequently unorganized or not available for study. All of this leads me to urge local societies as strongly as I can to deposit manuscripts here.

This society has fostered local organizations, believing there is much work to be done by them; and one of the greatest services would be the saving of manuscript material for permanent preservation here. Other materials--relics, etc.--can be satisfactorily assembled and exhibited locally.

Miss Hannah P. Oliver

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I am certain that your interest in the larger aspects of history will lead you to give careful consideration to what I have written. If you should care to talk to Miss McFarland or myself, personally, one of us will arrange to visit you in Lawrence.

With best wishes and the hope that I shall hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) K. Mechem
Secretary.

KM:lb

I am certain that your interest in the latter aspects of history will lead you to give careful consideration to what I have written. It would be a pleasure to talk to Miss [Name] or myself, personally, if you will arrange to visit you in Lawrence.

With best wishes and assurance that I shall hear from you, I am

Very respectfully yours,

[Name]
Secretary.

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June 8, 1939

Dear Mr. Simons,

Mrs. Owen and Miss Oliver were in just a few minutes ago and were disappointed in not finding you here. They had wished to consult you about the enclosed letter. I volunteered to make a copy of the original letter and write you. This pleased Miss Oliver.

Miss Oliver is of the opinion that the papers should go to the State Historical Society because she feels that Mr. Mechem has made a good plea. But, as she says, "Her first love is for the Douglas County Historical Society" and if the Society should prefer to have the papers retained in Douglas County, she would wish it so. The letters are hand written and depict somewhat the trend of the times at their writing. Mrs. Blackmar had given them to Miss Oliver to use in whatever way she thought best.

On Wednesday, June 15, Miss Oliver is leaving for Portland, Oregon, and she is anxious to have the papers stored other than in her home. She plans to be gone three months, or more. Will you please advise me whether you should like to have the letters preserved for the Douglas County Society, or whether you agree with Mr. Mechem's views and wish to have them turned over to the State Society.

I hope you and Mrs. Simons had a delightful drive today and that your little cabin on Gull Lake will outstretch its arms in welcome when you arrive tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Goldie Miner



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Lawrence, Kansas

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ned, Mrs. Maude Snyder Clarke.

Program

CHAPTER MEETINGS—2:30 P.M.

MAY 20

PROF. JOHN ISE—"Spread of Fascism"

Miss Baty, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Perkins, Miss Mast,
Mrs. Dyche, Mrs. Neville, Mrs. F. Rankin.

JUNE 17

Picnic Supper—4:30 p.m.

Mrs. E. A. White—Program Chairman.....
....."Correct Use of the Flag"
Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Charles Sterling, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Teter,
Miss Lyons, Mrs. St. Clair, Mrs. Deichert, Mrs. Gragg,
Mrs. Ulrich, Mrs. Varnum.

SEPTEMBER 16

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, D.A.R.

Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Polson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Allen, Mrs.
Duffee, Mrs. D. C. Asher, Mrs. Read.

OCTOBER 21

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Joint Meeting with Gen. Edward Hand Chapter—Ottawa
Mrs. Beery, Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Fay
Brown, Miss Dorothy Clarke, Mrs. R. Rankin, Miss
Barnes, Miss Rayhill.

NOVEMBER 18

SPEAKER—PROF. C. T. OSBORN

Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Kirchhoff, Mrs. Seewir, Mrs.
Courtney, Mrs. Don Carlos, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. White.

DECEMBER 16

LUNCHEON

THE GIFT OF BELLS

Mrs. Means, Miss Bullene, Mrs. C. C. Stewart, Mrs. Fink,
Miss Fullerton, Mrs. M. W. Sterling, Miss Gilmore, Miss
Davis.

JANUARY 20

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Barteldes, Mrs. H. Asher, Mrs. Manley,
Mrs. Houston, Mrs. H. T. Jones, Dr. Barrows, Mrs. Selig.

FEBRUARY 17

GUEST TEA

SPEAKER—PROF. NEALE CARMAN

Miss Kane, Mrs. Summers, Miss Wilder, Mrs. Martin, Mrs.
Stephenson, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Posey.

MARCH 16

SPEAKER—MAJOR R. F. EDWARDS

Mrs. W. Davis, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Bumgardner, Mrs. Abels,
Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Lindsey.

APRIL 20

LUNCHEON

Subject—"High Lights of the State Conference"
Mrs. Robt. McFarland, Mrs. F. McFarland, Miss Howell, Miss
Todd, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Morris.

June 11, 1939

Mrs E. M. Owen,
Lawrence, Kansas.
Dear Mrs Owen:-

I have before me the copy of a letter from Kirke Mechem to Miss Oliver asking that the Correspondence between Mrs Chas Robinson and Frank W, Blackmar be given to the Kansas State Historical Society. It was very kind of both of you to submit the matter to me as president of the Douglas County Historical society, and it is my opinion that Mr Mechem's request should be granted.

It is my belief that the county societies should not compete with the greater state society, but that each should aid the other as the opportunity offers. At present we are somewhat handicapped by lack of suitable fireproof quarters, while as Mr Mechem says the state society has both proper housing and technical ability to care for valuable manuscripts.

At some time we may wish to have copies of this correspondence and then we shall ask the state society to have the manuscripts copied, if they have not already been put in print.

I trust that Miss Oliver will have a most pleasant trip to Oregon and that you at home will be visited by much needed rains.

Cordially Ygurs,

March 28, 1939

Miss Rita Mae Burton
419 Morse Hall
Emporia, Kansas

Dear Miss Burton:

Your card addressed to the Kansas Historical Association, Lawrence, Kansas, was referred to our office as Mr. W. C. Simons is the president of the Douglas County Society, with headquarters in Lawrence.

The Society does not have a building at the present time where its material is available to the public and it would take too much time to try to secure all the information it has concerning the history of Kansas. We are, however, enclosing several newspaper articles, printed in the Journal-World since the first of the year, and from which you may be able to secure some of the information for which you are searching.

The Kansas State Historical Society, located in the Memorial Building, Topeka, Kansas, with Mr. Kirke Mechem as secretary, would no doubt be able to answer any direct questions which you might desire to ask.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Simons.

GCM:GH

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Telephone Call

MR. Sumner

Time 9:55

You were called by Mrs. Parker

Of

Phone 1529

Message Please call

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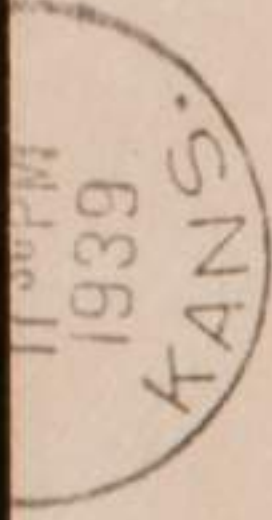
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Operator.

Dear Sirs:

It ill you please
send me all the
information concerning
The history of Kansas
that you have
available.

My address is
Rita Mae Burton
419 Moose Hall
Emporia
Kansas

419 Monroe Hall
Emporia
Kansas



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

The Kansas Historical Assoc.
Lawrence
Kansas

ROBERT C. RANKIN
REPRESENTATIVE ELEVENTH DISTRICT
LAWRENCE, KANSAS



STATE OF KANSAS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
MEMBER ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION
FEES AND SALARIES
RAILROADS
LABOR

February 3, 1939

Mr. W. C. Simons, President
Douglas County Historical Society
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

I have your favor of January 25, advising that you had appointed me to the committee for securing materials for preservations for the society, and as chairman of the Committee on Permanent Headquarters.

This last assignment is a rather large order but I will give it all the attention and thought I can.

Thanking you very much for the honor conferred, I am

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert C. Rankin".

Robert C. Rankin

RCR:DK

February 2 1939

Miss Ida G. Lyons
936 New Hampshire Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Lyons:

I have looked over all of the data sent me by Mrs. Owen and while I find a list of the members, I do not have anything to show who has paid their dues and who has not. Ordinarily in an organization of this kind these records are kept by the secretary who turns the money over to the treasurer. I do not recall whether you were secretary last year or whether you have just been elected.

As I am going away, I will appreciate it very much if you will confer with Mrs. Owen and Miss Spangler, and any others to see where our records are and that they are in proper shape.

I presume you saw the list of committees published a few days ago, but that you may have a copy for your records, I enclose a clipping.

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM
Enc.

936 New Hampshire St.
Lawrence, Kansas
January 27, 1939

Mr. W.C.Simons
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Simons:

I did not have any of the records of the Douglas County Historical Society until Mrs. Owen sent them to me yesterday. She informs me that she sent you a duplicate of the material she sent me, so I presume that you now have a list of the committees with the personnel of each committee. If you do not have them I will be glad to make a copy for you.

As to the membership standing of Mrs. Lillian Ross Leis, yourself and the others you named, the records show that Mrs. Leis is an honorary member and that you have paid to 1938. There seems to be no record of any dues paid by either Dolph or Mrs. Maloney since the payment of the charter membership fees, unless they were paid to Mr. Varnum who, Mrs. Owen stated was given a list of the members at the 1937 meeting.

After Mrs. Spangler became unable to look after the records and receive dues, in the absence of Mr. Varnum from the annual meetings, Mrs. Owen appointed someone at the meeting to receipt for the dues which were paid at the time. I cannot be sure in some instances what dues have or have not been paid. If you wish, however, to defer the matter until I have had a conference with Mrs. Owen and have made a complete check on the standing of members, I will inform you later what the amount of the dues is for Dolph and Mrs. Maloney.

Very truly yours,

Ida G. Lyons

January 24, 1939

Miss Ida Lyons
936 New Hampshire Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Miss Lyons:

I have been busying myself this afternoon trying to reorganize the work of the Douglas County Historical Society. I am very happy to find that you are secretary and I shall be very happy to have you continue your work as chairman of the committee on Rural Churches. I wish also that you would let me know if Mrs. Lillian Ross, Mrs. Maloney, Dolph and myself are in arrears and, if so, let me know the amount and I shall be glad to keep all in good standing.

I am reappointing William L. Hastie as chairman of the committee on Rural Cemeteries. I am asking E. T. Arnold to continue as chairman of the committee for placing a marker at Signal Oak and L. M. Walters to place a marker at Franklin. I shall also reappoint R. C. Rankin, L. B. Read and J. S. Akers as a committee to secure and receive materials for preservation by the Society. Mrs. E. M. Owen has kindly consented to fill out certain records.

I have appointed three committees but before announcing these appointments, I should like to know if we have any such committees at present. In case we have, it might be desirable to make some changes in the appointments as we do not wish to overlook anyone, or to offend anyone.

Membership Committee

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Charles E. Beeks, Baldwin
Mrs. Otto Fischer
Mrs. Lucy Lewis
Lathrop B. Read

Program Committee

Mrs. F. H. Smithmeyer, Chairman
Miss Kate Riggs
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Mrs. Elmer E. Brown

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I should be glad to have you give me information as early as possible so I can arrange to have everything in running order during my absence from the city for some seven weeks.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

January 25, 1939

Mr. E. T. Arnold
929 Tenn. Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Arnold:

In organizing the work for the Douglas County Historical Society, I wish you to continue your appointment as chairman of the committee for placing a marker at Signal Oak. It is a pity that so little work of this kind has been done in Douglas County, which is unusually rich in historical locations.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

January 25, 1939

Hon. R. C. Rankin
724 Indiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Rankin:

In organizing the work for the Douglas County Historical Society for the present year, I shall be happy to have you continue to serve on the committee to secure and receive materials for preservation for the Society and I would also like to have you serve as the chairman of a committee on permanent headquarters. You may add to the committee as you choose.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

Committee
R. C. Rankin
L. B. Read
J. S. Akers.

January 25, 1939

Mr. L. M. Walters
Route 2
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Walters:

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January 25, 1939

Mr. Lathrop B. Read
445 Tennessee Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Read:

In organizing the work of the Douglas County Historical Society for the current year, I should be very happy to have you continue as a member of the committee to secure and receive materials for preservation by the Society. Probably no other member has greater knowledge of the early history of the county, or has shown more interest, than you.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

Committee
R. C. Rankin, Chairman
L. B. Read
J. S. Akers

January 25, 1939

Mr. J. S. Akers
2130 Learnard
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Akers:

In organizing the work of the Douglas County Historical Society for the current year, I hope that you will continue to serve as a member of the committee to secure and receive materials for preservation by the Society. I think some very good work has been done during the past few years and we do not want it to go by default.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

Committee
R. C. Rankin, Chairman
L. B. Read
J. S. Akers

January 24, 1939

Miss Irma Spangler
644 Miss. Street
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Miss Spangler:

As I am leaving about February 8th or 9th for a trip around South America, I should be very happy to have you look after the work of the Douglas County Historical Society during my absence.

As soon as I hear from our secretary, Miss Ida Lyons, I shall make a public announcement of the several appointments. The Society has been doing so well that I hope the good work will continue.

Cordially yours,

WCS:GM

THE LAWRENCE, KANSAS, JOURNAL-WORLD

January 24, 1939

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Cordially yours,

January 3, 1939

Mrs. J. H. Parker,
1529 R. I.
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Parker:

I have just been informed of your telephone call to Mrs. Owen in regard to the property at 724 Vermont Street, owned by Dr. G. W. Jones' estate.

As reported to me, Mrs. Jones would be willing to give to the Douglas County Historical Society the building to be removed from the lot. This is very generous and we appreciate it, but we should like to know what price you would be willing to make on the lot to the Douglas County Historical Society. The building does have sentimental value, but I do not recall that I have ever been in it and I should be glad to look it over.

At the election recently held the Society named me as its president for the current year.

Thanking you for the kind consideration you have already given the matter, and wishing you a Happy New Year, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WCS:GM

Annual meeting prior to
Nov 15th

Such other meetings as
may be arranged &

Thursday

Wed +

Apr meetings

July 27, 1936

Douglas County Historical Association,
Lawrence,
Kansas.

Dear Members:

Where are our historical landmarks?

If the wonderful windmill, which furnished power for grinding grain and for an iron foundry for so many years, had been in Europe some American millionaire would have donated an immense sum to restore and preserve it.

The same is true of the wonderful old stone town clock building.

Then later to disappear was old North College of peculiar construction, and would have served as a place to exhibit some collection.

Then next to go under this system was old Snow Hall, and the next will probably be old Frazier Hall itself.

There are other buildings that could and should have been preserved and put to some use.

One big drawback is the custom of closing the public institutions on Sundays and holidays-- the one time clerks and laborers ever have an opportunity to visit them.

A Citizen.

(Fred Morris)

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Telephone Call

MR. *W.C. Simons*

Time *10:20*

You were called by *Mrs. Owen*

Of

Phone

Message *Clipping from
Paper May 11, 1915 which
tells about Oread
Cemetery is in her
possession.*

D. F.
Operator.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COMMITTEES 1936 - 1938. Appointed by the Pres. Mrs. E.M. Owen

Executive

Miss Hannah Oliver
Dr. E. Bumgardner
Mr. R.C. Rankin

Building

Mr. W.C. Simons
Mr. R.C. Rankin
Mr. J.R. Holmes

Program

Mrs. Guy Bigsby
Prof. H.H. Lane
Prof. F.N. Raymond
Prof. M.W. Sterling
Miss Kate Riggs

Membership

Dr. A.R. Kennedy
Mrs. Geo. J. Barker
Miss Ada Lindell
Miss Nell McFarland
Mr. J.F. Metsker

Rural Churches, history of

Miss Ida Lyons
Miss Mildred Mast
Miss Nancy McClelland

Finance

Mr. W.H. Varnum
Mr. Frank Banks
Mrs. W.C. Spangler

Rural Cemeteries, history of

Mr. W.L. Hastie
Mr. H.H. Ulrich
Mr. Allison Andrews
Mr. L.M. Walters

Receive Historical material

Mr. R.C. Rankin
Mr. L.B. Read
Mr. John Akers
Others to be named

Historical Trips

Mr. and Mrs. John Akers
Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Lane
Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Read
Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Brown
Dr. and Mrs. A.R. Kennedy

Markers for Signal Oak Site And Franklin

Mr. E.T. Arnold
Dr. E.M. Owen
Miss Cora Dolbee
Mr. H.A. Cowles
Dr. E. Bumgardner
Mr. L.M. Walters

Historian

Dr. E. Bumgardner

Clippings

Miss Nell McFarland

Lena M. Owen