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Several writers have speculated that when Becknell and his men arrived at Fort Osage in September of 1821 they must have sought out and received the counsel of Dr. John Hamilton Robinson, the former travel partner of Zebulon Pike to Santa Fe in 1807. This cannot be true, however, because after several years of fomenting Mexican revolution since leaving his employment at Fort Osage, Dr. Robinson died of apparent yellow fever in September, 1819.

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Not Yet, But Plan Now

By Larry Justice, SFTA membership chairman

As you receive this issue of *Wagon Tracks*, let me remind you that the end of 2014 is just ahead. That means it is time to plan now to renew your membership. So, as we look to the beginning of 2015, let me encourage you to:

- Note SFTA renewal on your wall calendar
- Note SFTA renewal on your iPhone
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- Note SFTA renewal at your next chapter meeting
- Note SFTA renewal to a fellow member of the Santa Fe Trail Association.

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- Invite that person(s) to a Chapter meeting

- Invite that person(s) to Symposium
- Invite that person(s) to join you to visit a local Santa Fe Trail site
- Invite that person(s) to fill out a membership form and send it in with the accompanying check
- Invite that person(s) to look for the "Santa Fe Trail" on Google Maps – particularly from Council Grove west.

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So, as we look toward a new year 2015, plan NOW to renew your membership in the Santa Fe Trail Association. ♦