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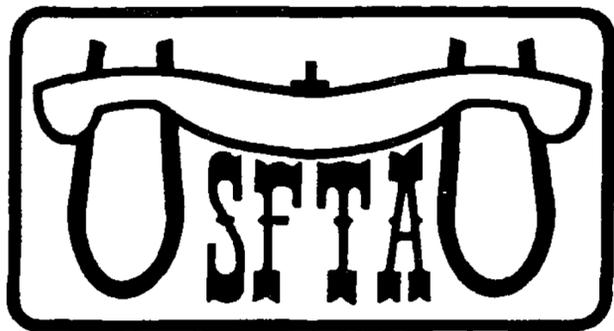


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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY JUNE 1, 1996

ON June 1, 1996, more than one million people will participate in the fourth annual National Trails Day. This nationwide day of public events to foster awareness of and appreciation for trails was created by the American Hiking Society in 1993. People along the entire network of the historic Santa Fe Trail are encouraged to participate and help commemorate the 175th anniversary.

All types of activities and programs are possible. All projects are planned and carried out at the local level. The American Hiking Society will provide national publicity and free planning kits to event organizers. For information contact Tim Provencal at American Hiking Society, (301) 565-6704, or your state coordinator: Colorado, Claudia Winkler, (303) 830-7792; Kansas, Neil Marcus, (316) 788-1031; Missouri, Bill Oliver, (314) 458-1995; New Mexico, Tom Springer, (505) 682-2733; Oklahoma, Tom Libby, (405) 948-4000.

175th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

THERE have been a few changes in the calendar of events, which see in this issue. Please check to make certain the dates and times given are correct before going. Contact phone numbers have been provided when possible. The following telephone numbers of tourism offices in the Trail states may also be called for 175th information: Colorado, (719) 336-3850; Kansas, (800) 252-6727; Missouri, (573) 526-5900; New Mexico, (800) 545-2040, ext. 751; Oklahoma, (800) 652-6552.

May 1996



Boatman's Sunwest Bank of Santa Fe presenting a \$15,000 check to SFTA's End of the Trail Chapter, l to r: Max E. Myers, president of Sunwest Bank of Santa Fe; Mary Rivera, marketing director for Sunwest Bank of Santa Fe; Margaret Sears, past alcalde of the chapter; Janet Kaye, chapter education committee chair; and Ava Fullerton, chair of chapter 175th steering committee.

SUNWEST BANK FUNDS NEW MEXICO TRAIL PROJECT

THE SFTA received a \$15,000 education grant from Boatman's Sunwest, Inc., a bank holding company, and its Sunwest Bank of Santa Fe to fund a 175th-anniversary project of the End of the Trail Chapter. The grant has been used to purchase and distribute 2,800 copies of Dave Webb's *Adventures with the Santa Fe Trail: An Activity Book for Kids and Teachers*, revised edition (Dodge City: Kansas Heritage Center, 1993) to every fifth- and seventh-grade classroom in New Mexico. This unprecedented contribution to SFTA is greatly appreciated.

Margaret Sears, who served as alcalde of the End of the Trail Chapter in 1995, originated the idea for the project, believing that it would enhance the ability of teachers to emphasize the importance of the Trail to their students. New Mexico history is taught in the fifth and seventh grades. Ava Fullerton, chair of the chapter's 175th steering committee, secured an endorsement from the state superintendent of schools. State Senator Liz Stephanic introduced a bill to provide \$15,000 for the purpose. Janet Kaye, chair of the chapter's education committee, testified at hearings. Senator Stephanic avowed that the money was included in the overall education bill and the governor vetoed the item. The governor claimed the money was not in the bill.

In any case, appropriated funds were not available, and Janet Kaye began efforts to secure a grant. She contacted 15 companies. Sunwest Bank saw the value of the project and donated the required amount. The 2,800 books are now being shipped to New Mexico and will be distributed in time for the school term starting in the autumn of 1996. Each book will have a Sunwest Bank emblem and a SFTA logo on the cover and will include a letter to teachers, explaining the purpose of the book and how they received this free gift. If any books remain after the public schools

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

EVEN though it's still April as I write this, if I were an emigrant, trader, or a freighter on the old Santa Fe Trail, I would be eager to complete my outfitting and get on the trail. In fact, as soon as I have time, I'm going to jump into the Jeep with a friend or two and do a little trail-running myself.

No doubt thousands of people, both domestic and foreign, will be doing the same thing later this year as the 175th anniversary celebration picks up momentum. Harry Myers, our 175th anniversary committee chairman, has been doing a super job of collecting and disseminating information regarding events for this year all along the Trail. Thanks Harry.

On Saturday March 2, the officers and board of directors met for the whole day in Larned for their "first-ever" mid-year meeting. A backlog of old business as well as a full agenda of new business was on the schedule. Even though the meeting was not adjourned until nearly 5:30 pm, many of the items will be carried over to our next meeting which is scheduled for 8:30 am, Thursday, May 30, in conjunction with the Rendezvous at the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned. If any of you are planning to attend that event we would be pleased to have you come early and join us. As usual, all SFTA Board meetings are open to the membership.

Briefly, the following decisions were made on March 2:

1. The marker committee, under the leadership of Bill Chalfant, presented the first application for funds to be disbursed from the marker fund under the guidelines of the marker policy approved last September. The board not only approved the application but wisely authorized the committee to handle all future applications without board involvement.

2. As a result of a recommendation from the 2nd century task force, chaired by Mike Olsen, the board agreed on an annual SFTA membership meeting in the future. The exact format will be discussed further at our next meeting after recommendations from the task force.

3. A four-year agreement was approved with the Fort Larned Historical Society, operators of the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned, which continues our headquarters

location there.

4. The revenue task force, chaired by Joy Poole, presented a preliminary report on ways to raise badly-needed new revenue for the Association. Their final recommendations will be presented in May. It is essential that we increase our revenues dramatically in order to satisfy our budget needs.

5. The first report was received from the mapping committee, chaired by Phil Petersen. Phil is highly skilled in this area and is leading an aggressive effort with all the chapters to map their trail segments on 7.5' U.S.G.S. Quads.

6. Before the meeting was called to official order, over an hour was spent reviewing the feedback from a questionnaire sent to each chapter president on a variety of subjects including the ones enumerated above.

Many of our chapter presidents and other members attended this meeting which was very encouraging. I was further encouraged that nearly all the items on the agenda were presented with written copies for everyone. Much was accomplished . . . more needs to be done . . . but I was delighted with the good spirit that prevailed and the willingness to move ahead aggressively on SFTA's needs. Hopefully another all-day meeting May 30 will get us caught up.

As always your thoughts on any subject are appreciated. As we endeavor to address many new issues and activities along the trail, please feel free to contact me or any of the board and officers at any time with your ideas. I sincerely appreciate each one of you as members of the Association as we work together to ensure that the Santa Fe Trail and the SFTA live on!

—Ross Marshall

SFTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS APPOINTED

PRESIDENT Ross Marshall has selected chairmen for sixteen committees. Six of these are reappointments. Please communicate with the designated heads. Each committee will be reporting at the May 30 board meeting.

Awards—Joy Poole

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Marc Simmons, co-chairs
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Second Century Task Force—Mike
Olsen
Revenue Task Force—Joy Poole

Headquarters of the Santa Fe Trail Association are located at the office of Secretary-Treasurer Ruth Olson Peters, Santa Fe Trail Center, RR 3, Larned KS 67550; telephone (316) 285-2054, FAX (316) 285-7491.

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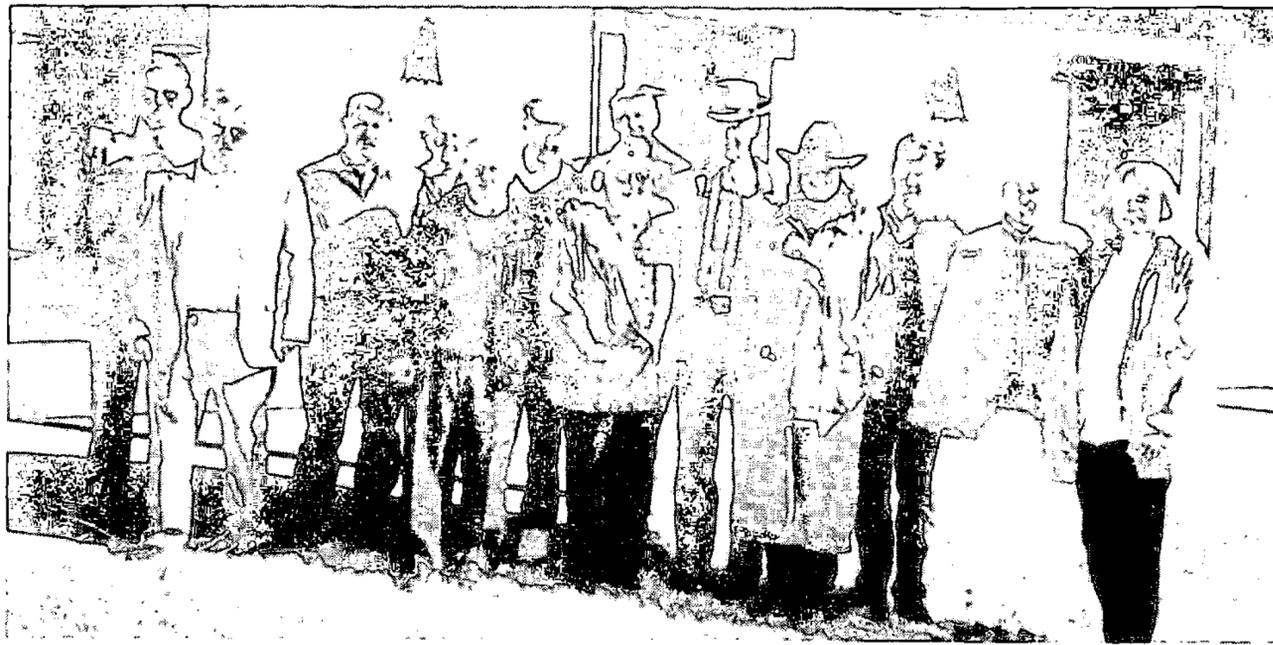
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Deanne Wright, Kansas
Tim Zwink, Oklahoma



SFTA governing board, March 2, 1995, l to r: Bill Pitts, Phil Petersen, David Hutchison, Margaret Sears, Tim Zwink, Ross Marshall, Mike Olsen, Virginia Fisher, Bill Chalfant, Joy Poole, Dave Webb, Deanne Wright, and Ruth Olson Peters.

A BOARD BIO

PHILIP L. PETERSEN

(This biography launches a series which will present a brief profile of a member of the SFTA governing board in each issue. A photo of each subject is desired. No picture of Petersen was readily available for this inaugural piece, but he appears in the above photo of the board, which see.)

PHIL Petersen of La Junta, CO, is a charter member of SFTA and was elected to the board of directors in 1995. He is chairman of the SFTA mapping committee. He currently serves as the (mostly volunteer) administrator to the Boggsville Project, owned by the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County, Colorado. In 1985, when Phil was president of the Pioneer Historical Society, the historic site of Boggsville, located two miles south of Las Animas, CO, was given to the Society for development of a major Santa Fe Trail historical attraction. Boggsville was the first site in Colorado certified by the National Park Service as part of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.

Petersen has been the lead historical researcher on the Boggsville Project. He is an avid and serious researcher of the early history of southeast Colorado, the Santa Fe Trail, and Boggsville. In 1993 he published a history of the *Arkansas Valley Branch of the Kansas Pacific Railroad*, which served the eastern terminus of the Mountain Route at West Las Animas in 1873. He has prepared documentation and written historical overviews for many of the archeological reports

of the Boggsville Project. Some of his reports on Boggsville have appeared in *WT*. He has presented many programs to the public, civic groups, and historical groups, and led tours to many historic Santa Fe Trail sites in southeast Colorado.

Petersen is a professional land surveyor, registered in Colorado, New Mexico, and Kansas. He owns and operates a private surveying company in La Junta, CO. Phil is married. His wife, Sue, serves as treasurer of the Boggsville Revitalization Committee (BRC) and the recently-formed Bent's Fort Chapter of SFTA. Both are active in their church. They have three married daughters and six grandchildren.

SUNWEST BANK GRANT

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are endowed, these will be presented to public libraries and private schools in New Mexico.

The chapter, the SFTA governing board, and President Ross Marshall have all expressed thanks to Boatman's Sunwest Bank. It is hoped that this generous donation will inspire other chapters to seek funding for their projects. It is not easy, but persistence and a worthy proposal can elicit support.

SYMPOSIUM PUBLICATION

A total of nine papers from the last two SFTA symposia, edited by Leo E. Oliva with a foreword by Dave Webb, have been printed by SFTA under the title *Confrontation on the Santa Fe Trail*. The 110-page publication is available through the SFTA Last Chance Store, PO Box 3, Woodston KS 67675. Quantity discounts are available for bookstores and museum shops.

JOHN J. WARNER

John J. Warner, 90, died April 20, 1996, at his home south of Jetmore, KS. He was a livestock rancher. After graduating from high school he joined his family's Angus cattle operation. Under his stewardship the Warner Ranch produced many champions and received numerous awards.

The route of the Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Trail crossed Sawlog Creek on the ranch. A portion of the Warner Ranch was originally part of the Fort Dodge military reservation. John was proud of this part of his heritage, and enjoyed sharing it with others. He was presented an SFTA Award of Merit in 1991 for his stewardship and preservation of the segment of the Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Trail, a part of the Santa Fe Trail network. Condolences are extended to his wife and family.

ANDREW MARSHALL

Andrew Marshall, who was the treasurer of The Union Land and Grazing Company in 1955 at the time the company donated the land to the United States Department of the Interior for the establishment of Fort Union National Monument, died March 17, 1996. Marshall was treasurer of the company and general manager of the Fort Union Ranch, which surrounds Fort Union National Monument, for 31 years until his retirement in 1981. Traces of more than 30 miles of the Santa Fe Trail are visible on the ranch.

FRAY ANGELICO CHÁVEZ

by Marc Simmons

The noted Franciscan priest, Fray Angelico Chávez (1910-1996), died on March 18, and a funeral Mass was celebrated on March 22 in Archbishop John B. Lamy's cathedral at Santa Fe. Born at Wagon Mound, NM, and educated in the village of Mora, near Fort Union, Fray Angelico was an army chaplain in World War II and the Korean War, and later served as a parish priest in Hispanic villages and Indian pueblos of New Mexico.

Author of 23 books, he was a renowned novelist, essayist, poet, and historian. His talents as an artist, illustrator, and muralist were also widely recognized. Some scholars referred to him admir-

ingly as a twentieth-century Renaissance man.

Several of Fray Angelico's works are of special interest to students of the Santa Fe Trail. *My Penitente Land* (1974) captures the spirit of Hispanic culture at the end of the Trail. In *But Time and Chance* (1981), he gives us a rich biography of Taos's Padre Martínez, whose later life was linked to Charles Bent, Kit Carson, Cerán St. Vrain, and Bishop Lamy. With *Origins of New Mexico Families* (rev. ed., 1992) we are given not only the genealogies of the 19th-century Hispanic traders, but also sketches of American merchants and trappers who married into local families.

An editorial in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* praising the life of Fray Angelico was titled, *Pasó Por Aquí*. That common New Mexico expression means: "He Passed This Way."

ARROW ROCK SITES CERTIFIED FOR SFNHT

THE Arrow Rock State Historic Site has been notified by the National Park Service that three historic sites have been certified as part of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. These are the Landing, Big Spring, and Old Tavern.

In the early 1800s the Landing, now a half mile from the edge of the Missouri River, was the west end of a ferry trip across the river from a point north of Franklin. Franklin was a western outpost and the home of William Becknell who is credited with making the first successful trading trip to Santa Fe. At one time Becknell operated the ferry at the site. By the 1830s steamboats were landing at Arrow Rock and continued until 1920.

The Spring Branch in the valley below the Landing flows from the Big Spring. For centuries the spring provided water for Indians, early explorers, and Santa Fe traders. Travelers often referred to it as the Santa Fe Spring. It still flows.

The Old Tavern on the hill above the spring stands on Arrow Rock's Main Street. It was built in 1834 by Joseph Huston, who provided meals and lodging. Huston later added a store on the west side. In the 1920s the DAR recognized the Tavern's historical importance and, through their efforts, the Tavern has been preserved. It is now restored and open to visitors. Meals that feature nineteenth-century fare are available.



Presentation of the SFTA plaque to the High Plains Chapter DAR, March 11, 1996, l to r: Mrs. Ovie Holland, Deanie Kemper, and Jane Mallinson.

SFTA THANKS DAR

EVERY SFTA member is probably familiar with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) granite markers along the route. As part of the 175th anniversary observance, the Santa Fe Trail Association presented plaques of appreciation at the annual state DAR conferences in each of the Trail states and to National DAR President Deanie Kemper in Washington, DC. The plaques recognize the DAR for placing the granite markers along the Santa Fe Trail in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico early in this century (1906-1913) and in Oklahoma in 1994.

The plaques in four states were presented by Jane Mallinson, DAR member representing the SFTA. Mallinson serves on the DAR trails committee, has written about the DAR markers along the Santa Fe Trail, has represented the NSDAR on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail Advisory Council, and received a SFTA Award of Merit for her work. She was a speaker at the state conferences where the awards were presented.

The DAR markers were placed at a time when Trail ruts were visible and people who traveled the route were still living. In Missouri and Colorado the markers were placed jointly by the DAR and state legislatures. In Kansas it was a project of the DAR and Kansas State Historical Society. In New Mexico, which was still a territory, the granite markers were placed by convict labor. The Oklahoma DAR placed two markers on the Cimarron Route in 1994.

There are nearly 200 DAR markers along the Santa Fe Trail. Although some of these have been moved from the original location, DAR members in the Trail states

are working to get them back to the initial sites. No DAR marker along the Trail may be moved without approval of the DAR Regent in the state where the marker is located. For their foresight in marking the historic Trail, the DAR is being honored by the SFTA.

Mrs. Ovie Holland, Regent of the High Plains Chapter in Oklahoma, accepted the Oklahoma award on March 11 in Oklahoma City. On March 18 the Colorado plaque was presented to Regent Ann Dillon in Colorado Springs. Regent Sue Vesser received the Missouri plaque at Columbia on March 21. Kansas Regent Pat Traffas accepted the award at Topeka on March 31. The New Mexico plaque was presented by Harry Myers, chairman of the SFTA 175th anniversary committee. The plaque for NSDAR was presented to President Kemper by Jane Mallinson on April 17 in Washington, DC.

DAR HONORS MALLINSON

WHEN Jane Mallinson presented the SFTA plaque to NSDAR President Deanie Kemper on April 17, in recognition of the marking of the Trail by the DAR (see previous article), Mallinson was held on the stage and presented the NSDAR Golden Key Award by Mrs. Kemper. This medallion was presented for outstanding achievement in community involvement and promoting DAR objectives by her work on the Santa Fe Trail.

President Kemper stated the following at the presentation: "Jane Mallinson's accomplishments as a Daughter working for the benefit of the Santa Fe Trail are many. She began representing the National Society in this capacity at the first meeting of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail Advisory Council, a citizen advisory group to the National Park Service. Jane educated the members of the Advisory Council about the work the DAR has done, and continues to do, on behalf of the Santa Fe Trail. Jane has sponsored work which catalogs and documents the location, condition, and history of each DAR marker located along the Trail. Through Jane's encouragement, Daughters in Oklahoma recently dedicated that state's first Trail marker. Jane also helped establish the National Frontier Trails Center in Independence, Missouri, and assisted with the production of the Center's award-winning film *On the Trail*. . . . We should all appre-

ciate Jane's tireless efforts on our behalf."

Congratulations to Jane and special thanks to the DAR for marking and helping to preserve the Santa Fe Trail.

TRAVELER'S CREDENTIAL

THE SFTA governing board has approved a new program, proposed by Joy Poole and Willard Chilcott (who now comprise the responsible committee), to celebrate the 175th anniversary. The Trail Traveler's Credential is a passport with spaces for stamps to be collected at various places along the Trail. The credential will be available at numerous locations, encourages travel along the Trail, and provides individuals with a permanent record of the journey.

When sufficient stamps have been collected at a required number of points along the entire Trail, a Certificate of Travel will be issued at either end in Santa Fe, NM, or Arrow Rock, MO. The concept of the Traveler's Credential and Certificate of Travel have been endorsed by the National Park Service and various tourism departments in the Trail states.

The program will also instill community pride, provide recognition for each community along the Trail, promote visibility, stimulate tourism, and educate travelers. Each community is encouraged to ask businesses or museums to design a suitable ink stamp for their location along the Trail, which must include the name of the community. The stamp sizes are limited to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in order fit within the squares provided on the credential.

The design can be of any Trail-related subject. For eastern communities it might include a steamboat, riverboat, swales, tradespeople, wagon wheel, etc. For the plains it could include buffalo, wagons, forts, ruts, etc. For western communities it might include a landmark on the horizon, yucca, adobe buildings, merchandise, etc. Some communities have specific businesses or landmarks for which they are known, such as Russell, Majors and Waddell at Lexington, MO, Hays House in Council Grove, KS, Pawnee Rock in KS, Autograph Rock in OK, Raton Pass in CO, and Wagon Mound in NM.

To encourage participation of communities along the Trail, the committee has secured sponsor-

ship for one rubber stamp per community. To receive this rubber stamp, the community should send camera-ready artwork to one of the addresses below.

This does not prevent other stamps from being produced; in fact, this is encouraged. The committee wishes to serve as a clearinghouse for all stamps, however, in order to encourage artistic quality, prevent multiple duplications of familiar icons, and to ensure that a potential design is accurate and culturally appropriate.

Proposed stamp designs and camera-ready artwork which includes the name of the community may be sent to Willard Chilcott, 885 Camino del Este, Santa Fe, NM 87501 or Joy Poole, 137 N Roosevelt, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Upon approval, they will arrange for manufacture of the stamp and send it to the appropriate place. There is no charge for the first stamp in each community. Additional stamps in a community can be procured through the committee by paying the cost of making the stamp.

This is an exciting opportunity for travelers, providing an incentive to travel the entire length of the Trail (it does not have to be done in a single trip for there is no time limit for securing the requisite number of stamps). It is planned that the Traveler's Credential program will continue beyond the 175th anniversary and become a permanent feature. The committee is waiting to hear from your community. Travelers are waiting for the credential form and the availability of stamps.

\$20,000 PLEDGED TO OKLAHOMA TRAIL EXHIBIT

A pledge of \$20,000 from owners of the Perkins-Prothro Ranch has assured creation of a permanent Santa Fe Trail exhibit at the Cimarron Heritage Center in Boise City, OK. Phyllis Randolph, acting director of the Cimarron Heritage Center, reports that Charles and Elizabeth Prothro, owners of the Perkins-Prothro Ranch have submitted their letter of commitment to the museum.

The Prothros, residents of Wichita Falls, TX, maintain a strong interest in Cimarron County, OK, as a result of their ranching operation located in the southern portion of the county along Beaver River. Their generous

offer makes it possible for the museum to proceed with plans for the Trail exhibit.

The Cimarron Heritage Center board commissioned Southwest Museum Services of Houston, TX, to design the exhibit to be permanently housed in the Cox building in Boise City. The basic exhibit (estimated to cost \$18,360) will include seven panels and a kiosk with text, photographs, and graphics explaining key points in the history of the Cimarron Route. Also planned is an interactive map (estimated cost of \$9,150) to include ten 30-second video clips explaining ten separate locations on the map.

Additional funds for this project are needed. For more information contact Phyllis Randolph at (405) 544-3012. Contributions for this exhibit may be sent to Cimarron Heritage Center, PO Box 214, Boise City, OK 73933.

BECKNELL ENTRADA

ON Saturday, November 16, 1996, the End of the Trail Chapter will present the arrival of William Becknell, his five companions, and their pack animals at the Santa Fe Plaza to celebrate the opening of the Trail on that date in 1821. Local horsemen are invited to join the ride and take part in the celebration.

The riders will be welcomed on the Plaza by city and state officials, Trail representatives, and master of ceremonies Tom Chávez, director of the Palace of the Governors. The First New Mexico Volunteers reenactors will provide military escort and lead the crowd to the ceremonies at Sweeney Convention Center.

The program at Sweeney will open and close with period music by the Santa Fe Concert Band whose origins go back to Santa Fe Trail days. Harry Myers, superintendent of Fort Union National Monument, will present the keynote address.

After the formal program, everyone will gather at the Palace of the Governors for a gala celebration with period and Hispanic music, storytelling, Van Ann Moore as Doña Tules, and colorful Indian dancers.

SFTA members are invited to attend the festivities and to come in costume. For more information write to Margaret Sears, Entrada Chairman, 1871 Candela St, Santa Fe NM 87505.

CLAYTON 175TH PLANS

by Sue Richardson

(Sue Richardson, Clayton, NM, is a charter member of SFTA and the Cimarron Cutoff Chapter, and she has served a number of years as president of the Union County Historical Society.)

A small group of Santa Fe Trail aficionados in Clayton, NM, has made plans to celebrate the 175th anniversary. A bus tour of Trail sites in the area will be conducted Wednesday, July 3. There will be a slight charge for the tour, which will include a box lunch.

Beginning at 10 am, the tour includes McNees Crossing, the Kiowa National Grassland hiking and riding trail, and Turkey Creek Campground. The tour is planned by and will be conducted by the National Grassland staff, and tour guide will be D. Ray Blakeley. For more information, please contact the Kiowa National Grassland office in Clayton at (505) 372-9652.

The Chamber of Commerce has dedicated all 4th of July events in Clayton to the 175th anniversary. Those events include a free downtown street dance Wednesday evening, July 3, beginning at 8 pm. July 4 events include a breakfast from 6 to 9 am in the Ranch Market parking lot, served by the Union County Sheriff's Posse; a parade beginning at 10 am; a barbecue from 11 am to 2 pm at Centennial Park; rodeo performances at 2 and 6 pm at the Union County Fairgrounds; free fireworks display at 9 pm; and a dance beginning at 9 pm in the Worley Mills building.

The Herzstein Memorial Museum in Clayton will have a "Santa Fe Trail - 175 Years" celebration Saturday, July 6. There will be concession stands and entertainment beginning at 11 am and a program on the Santa Fe Trail will be presented at 2 pm. For information or booth reservations, contact Sue Richardson at (505) 374-9508.

Everyone is invited to come to Clayton to enjoy the Santa Fe Trail events. Our area has some of the best preserved portions of the Trail still in existence. An incident in 1828 at McNees Crossing, located on Corrupa Creek (known as Louse Creek in Trail days), precipitated the Indian problems which plagued the Cimarron Route for forty years or more.

In 1964 State Senator William C. Wheatley of Clayton (who was hon-



The remains of the Hole-in-the-Rock Stage Station earlier in the twentieth century. Photo courtesy of the Colorado Historical Society.



Hole-in-the-Rock Stage Station site as it appears today.

BOB JONES DONATES HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK SITE TO ARCHAEOLOGY CONSERVANCY

by Jesse Scott

(SFTA Ambassador Jesse Scott, Garden City, KS, has researched the Santa Fe Trail stage stations along the Mountain Route. He is a frequent contributor to WT.)

THE Hole-in-the-Rock Stage Station site, located on the Mountain Route between La Junta and Trinidad, CO, was recently given by Bob Jones to the Archaeology Conservancy. Jones, of La Junta, is a member of SFTA and the Bent's Fort Chapter. He purchased the site a number of years ago to preserve it, and by this act is perpetuating the preservation.

Hole-in-the-Rock was a known watering hole long before being used as a stage station in the 1860s, and it was probably used by American Indians long before there was a Santa Fe Trail. Nearly all the chroniclers of the Army of the West, as it marched to capture New Mexico 150 years ago in 1846, mentioned it. Numerous travelers thereafter also referred to this important spring. It was a Trail landmark as well as a reliable source of water, without which travel across the plains was not possible.

Frank G. Bloom received the original patent to the property in 1881. He deeded it to the Bloom Cattle Company in 1885. Apparently there was earlier occupancy by the family as there is rock at the site incised "W Bloom 1872." The photos show how the station appeared earlier in the century and as it is now. Before someone asks, I wish to state that I did not take the earlier picture.

Special thanks to Bob Jones for his preservation efforts and generous gift. This important site will continue to be protected.

ored with the title "Grandfather of the Santa Fe Trail Association" before his death) was instrumental in having the Clayton Complex designated as a National Historic Landmark. The complex includes Santa Fe Trail campsites and geographical features beginning at McNees Crossing near the Oklahoma state line and extending 35 miles southwest along the Trail to Mount Clayton (known as Round Mound in Trail days), which is south of U.S. Hwy. 87 between the small communities of Mt. Dora and Grenville. From a point just west of the Kiowa National Grassland hiking and riding trail site, a grand panorama of Trail landmarks can be seen.

NEW TRAIL PARTNERS

by Virginia Fisher

(Virginia Fisher, Arrow Rock, MO, is a member of the SFTA board of directors and a frequent contributor to WT.)

ON the Trail east of Lexington, MO, are some new partners on the route. The Santa Fe Trail Growers Association features locally-grown garden and orchard produce, and the members are aware of their place in history. Early settlers established orchards and gardens along the Trail that thrived in the rich soil along the Missouri River. There is a story of sharing in this area. "Miss Sally, would you like some taters?" "Why shore, I could use a few." Much to Miss Sally's surprise, a wagon load of taters arrived at her kitchen door the next morning. Today's produce has a price tag and comes in smaller amounts but maintains the tradition of growing and sharing.

Some twenty growers organized the Santa Fe Trail Growers Association. Assisted by AgriMissouri, which promotes small agricultural enterprise, the group developed a brochure that notes the history of the area and lists and locates growers on the map. The Association provided copies to local restaurants to use as place mats. This was so popular, they soon provided laminated and more durable versions of the map. The Growers Association plans to join in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and invites travelers to drive through the scenic river country and visit the parks and historic sites along the Santa Fe Trail. Watch for DAR Santa Fe Trail markers at Lexington, Tabo Creek, Dover, downtown Waverly, and Grand Pass.

A PROBLEM WITH MULE PACKING TERMINOLOGY

by Marc Simmons

(Marc Simmons helped organize and served as the first president of SFTA. He is the author of numerous books and articles on the Santa Fe Trail, New Mexico, and the Southwest.)

WHEN William Becknell returned to Missouri in early 1822 after his first path-breaking trip over the Santa Fe Trail, popular legend has long held that he transported his profits home on muleback, the gold or silver coins being encased in green rawhide that dried and shrunk to form hard bags that could be attached to either side of a packsaddle.

From Becknell's day down through the 1860s, and possibly beyond, trains of pack mules could be seen plying the Santa Fe Trail, often in association with wagon caravans owned by native New Mexicans and Chihuahuans. Hispanic packers, called *arrieros*, were recognized for their superior skills in this line of work.

Susan Calafate Boyle in her recent National Park Service study, *Comerciantes, Arrieros, Y Peones: The Hispanics and the Santa Fe Trade* (1994), detailed the methods and customs associated with traditional mule packing. Therein, she mentions (p. 36) that Spanish documents dealing with the overland trade classify different categories of loads carried by mules.

The categories were *bultos*, *tercios*, *cajones*, *baules*, and *piezas*. "It is not possible to establish whether these represented standard measurements of volume, weight, or value," she notes. The problem of the meaning of these terms has puzzled other researchers as well, for it is clear that the *arrieros* used the words in a special way as part of the jargon of their trade. If a contemporary observer defined them on paper, we have not yet found the document.

I would like to offer a tentative explanation that can help clarify why, in the same train, some mule loads are listed as *bultos*, others as *tercios*, *cajones*, etc. My conclusions are informed by my early-day experiences packing mules on ranches and for the U.S. Forest Service and by observing *arrieros* at work in the Sierra Madres of Mexico.

My own guess that these packing

terms refer not to volume, weight, or value, as often supposed, but rather simply to the nature of the container or the way the goods are packed for transport. Since the cargoes have to be on-loaded every and off-loaded every night, the *arrieros* were eager to see the different classes of goods packaged in the most convenient way for rapid handling. Here are my definitions:

Bultos—These were twin packs in which the goods were evenly divided for balance and placed on either side of the mule. Items were wrapped in canvas or leather covers and tied with cord to form the pair of flat, rectangular packs. This was the most common system for carrying bulky goods.

Tercios—The word literally means "third" and refers to a three-pack load. Two balanced packs went on either side, while a third (not necessarily of the same weight or dimensions) was secured on top.

Cajones—These were two wooden pack panniers covered with rawhide, usually with a pair of rope loops to hang on the pack saddle. Since they were sturdy boxes, they provided extra protection for the contents should the load rub against rocks or trees or the mule should fall. They were favored for breakables and small loose articles.

Baules—Literally trunks with hinged lids. They could be roped and tied in balanced pairs on the mule. Used especially for moving fine or valuable goods, such as expensive clothing, priests vestments, alter furnishings, etc.

Piezas—The specific meaning is "pieces," but it referred to individual articles (rolled buffalo hides, for example) that were tied directly to the pack saddle.

In finishing off the pack, all of these differently-arranged cargoes were protected in the same manner by getting a cover of leather, canvas, or a tightly woven blanket and then having the entire load secured and tightened by use of a special hitch applied or "thrown" using a lash rope and hooked cinch.

If I have fallen into error in attempting the above explanation, I would be pleased to receive information from those interested in the subject. Marc Simmons, PO Box 51, Cerrillos, NM 87010.

TRAIL TROUBADOUR

—TRAFFIC IN VERSE—

AS reported in the last issue, Sandra Doe will serve as editor of this column beginning next issue. More of her writing is presented here. There is also a somewhat questionable "poem" which was presented at the March 2 board meeting, included here because the notorious, villainous, despicable, contemptible, troublesome, wicked Gang of Four made me do it. Believe me, they are a mean bunch. They wear black hats, and their horses bite.

The author is "Kid Willie," alias William Y. Chalfant, member of the SFTA board of directors and author of several books on frontier military history, including *Dangerous Passage: The Santa Fe Trail and the Mexican War*. He appears to be the brains of the Gang of Four, while the women provide the brawn. I'd venture that it looks rather kinky but, if they found out, my remains wouldn't hold water.

Send submissions to be considered for this column to Professor Sandra Doe, Department of English, Campus Box 32, Metropolitan State College of Denver, PO Box 173362, Denver CO 80217-3362.

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**Notes from the Santa Fe Trail
 Cimarron Cutoff Tour
 Boise City, Oklahoma, Fall 1991**
by Sandra M. Doe

1
 Wolf Mountain, Oklahoma
 "What I know about this here"
 Says Bob Kohler, 79, big as a grizzly,
 His hands huge swollen paws
 Holding the portable microphone
 Where we have gathered, 75 or 80 of
 us, to
 Trace the trail,
 "Is that 20 wagons burned here—
 Me and my brother cobbled up a sign—
 The white people usually took a beatin'
 'Tween here and Flag Springs."
 The sign shows a rancher on a horse
 And on the Sign's back, the Kohler
 Brand—ST—
 The land we stand on is Kohler's.
 We mill around greet each other—
 Here's the tour leader,
 there's the folks that located the
 DAR markers,
 he's a board member of the trail
 association—
 Always a fellow stalks about in frontier

dress,
 A vest, buckskin leggings, sweat-
 stained hat, a rifle—
 We walk in the swale, dodge cow pies,
 prickly pear—
 We read the sign—
 20 Wagons Burned Here
 by the Ute Indians Sometime Before
 Trail Abandoned in 1880
 Erected Spt '91 by Robert and Albert
 Kohler

At the Wagon Master's signal, a per-
 cussion of car doors—
 Rangers, Blazers, and Broncos, all
 four-wheel drives,
 And a van from Kansas drive right out
 in the ruts—

Red dust floats behind us,
 Easy targets.

2
 Witness at Wolf Mountain, On the Ci-
 marron Cutoff

What was under the wide sky
 The day I went—the day I walked in the
 wheel rut depressions—

Oh, some cow pies, thistle plants,
 Raccoon feet caught in mud prints,
 A sharp wind, the heaving windmill,
 A man wearing a vest and a powder
 pouch

And a flat felt hat.
 He carried a rifle.
 I saw that, yes I did.

3
 At Camp Nichols
 The summer of 1865, five
 Hundred troops camped here.
 Over there the cedar creek and cedar
 Bluffs. They had a hand-dug spring,
 A corral, and some mountain
 Howitzers. Old Jack Murray speaks,
 He knew Marian Russell.
 She wrote here, of Kit
 Carson, his tent collapsed
 On him in a storm, his
 Spirit like a hawk,
 High above, hefting
 On the air currents. Jack
 Murray tells a little
 Story about how he was born
 And raised at Stonewall, how he
 Played with Marian's grand
 Children, and her husband's
 Uniform hung on the wall,
 A shadow above the RCA
 Victrola, the dog sat
 To attention. She came

Back to Camp Nichols, it's
 A dent in the grass now
 And then, there's a depression
 In earth where a fella's
 Buried, his headstone
 Stolen time and time
 Again. We pace
 The perimeter, wander off
 Toward the bluffs, wonder
 About excavating these rocks.
 The wind rushes over cactus
 Flowers, stone, we
 Cast long shadows.

4
 At Inscription Rock

I.
 Armijo rested here
 With 500 men.

II.
 I saw the heavy word
 Liberty
 First, and then the
 fainter
 Trace: June the 18
 1849.

III.
 F. B. Delgado is a name
 Inscribed, he
 Died of cholera in a summer season.
 His comrades laid him a grave of char-
 coal
 And poured a barrel of whiskey over
 him.
 That winter they returned and took him
 home.
 They say he was well preserved.

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The Gang of Four
*by Kid Willie (alias Wm. Y.
 Chalfant)*

Out of the West they came riding, rid-
 ing,
 Along the grand ole trail,
 And from them there ain't no hidin'—
 Three bad girls and one pore male!
 When they reach their destynation,
 They dismount and tear aside the door,
 And inside they cause a sityation—
 The dirty, vicious, evil, ornery Gang of
 Four!
 First comes their leader, Black Ginny,
 A sneer across her face,
 Her pistol may be a bit tinny,
 But her holster's made of lace!
 And Bronco Polly comes after,
 A sawed-off shotgun at her side,

And if'n yuh don't control yer laughter—
She'll put lead in yer dern hide.

Then strides in Killer Poole,
The most vicious of them all,
She has a carbine as her tool,
And with it she'll make yuh crawl.

Last, and least, comes Kid Willie,
Trailing beyhind three tough gals,
Which tends to make him feel some-
what silly,

But, after all, they are his pals!

So there they are for all to fear,
Immortal in song and lore,
Just move aside when they come
near—

The dirty, rotten, evil, vicious Gang of
Four.

FORT LEARNED

—TEACHERS' TRADING POST—

Patti Olsen, Editor

ONE effective method for getting students to write is to hold an essay contest. In recognition of the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, the Missouri River Outfitters Chapter of the SFTA has sponsored such a contest, using the much maligned mule as the subject. The contest was for fourth graders. Chapter President Anne Carter, a teacher, provided this report. *WT* Editor Leo E. Oliva wishes to have the winning essay from this contest submitted for possible publication in the next issue.

Following is an edited copy of the letter sent to teachers and students, including the contest rules. It can be adapted for any classroom level and a number of different Trail topics could be used as the topic. Teachers could run such a contest in the classroom or get outside sponsors for it.

This is just one of many innovative ideas for teaching the Trail. I have heard from a few teachers who incorporate study of the Santa Fe Trail in their classrooms, but I need to hear from more. Write with your ideas, or write about a teacher or classroom activity you know. Send to Patti Olsen, 1729 Eighth St, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

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Mule Essay Contest

To the Teacher:

Thank you for participating in the celebration of the Santa Fe Trail. We feel it is vital to educate young people about the importance of their local heritage. Understanding how our country was developed helps children fit peo-

ple and events into a larger perspective within today's society.

Enclosed find a map of the Santa Fe Trail, a picture of a mule, and rules of the essay contest. You know your classroom schedule best, so give the children a time frame within which they can successfully research and create a quality final product. Please advise them against using any form of the popular Oregon Trail Computer game in their format as such an entry will automatically be eliminated from serious consideration.

Note—an *arriero* is Spanish for muleteer, or a person who handles mules.

Because wagon trains had to leave in the spring as soon as the grass was green enough to support livestock, our contest will run during the month of April. You may want to check with your school librarian ahead of time so he or she can make sure that the library has adequate information for the student's research.

A list of possible sources for information on mules was included in the letter.

To the Student:

Do you know where the Santa Fe Trail runs through your area? This year is the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and you are invited to join in the celebration.

For over sixty years, merchandise and men traveled back and forth along the Trail from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Independence, Arrow Rock, and the Boonville area in Missouri. Those who sought adventure and financial gain either walked, rode in a wheeled conveyance, rode a horse, or rode a mule. Oxen and mules also pulled many freight wagons over the Trail. From the earliest days of the Trail this noble creature, the mule, was involved and constituted one of the major exports from Mexico to the United States. In 1822 Benjamin Cooper drove over 100 mules from Santa Fe to Howard County, Missouri. Missouri's mule trade thrived for over a century.

If you would like to participate in celebrating this milestone, write an essay of no less than 500 words on the importance of the mule in the commerce of the Santa Fe Trail. You may want to research information about their disposition, their looks, their hardiness, their genetic makeup, their longevity, and their intelligence. What did they eat as they moved along the Trail? Did they have more or less stamina than horses or oxen? How fast could they travel? Consider how many mules were necessary to pull a freight wagon carrying thousands of pounds of merchandise. What kind of men could han-

dle a team of mules? What type of business or company would need mules for transportation? Why were they also used as pack animals? How do they compare with horses as riding animals?

You may want to consult someone who knows and rides or drives mules. Your school or public library will have information on both the Santa Fe Trail and mules. You can write this as an informational essay, from the point of view of the mules, from the point of view of a muleskinner (or an *arriero*), from the point of view of a soldier, or from the point of view of a business owner. Use your imagination? Write, revise, rewrite.

Your contribution will be evaluated according to grammar, organization, syntax, creativity, and accuracy. Prizes will be awarded to the top five entries and honorable mention to the next five. Good luck? THE SANTA FE TRAIL LIVES ON!

POST OFFICE OAK

—LETTERS—

Editor:

It should be pointed out that there are errors in "The Stone Corral at Little River Crossing," by Ed Lindell, which appeared in the previous two issues. Perhaps you could reprint Louise Barry's fine article, "The Ranch at Little Arkansas Crossing," which appeared in the *Kansas Historical Quarterly* in 1972. It is much more thorough and accurate. Barry wrote excellent pieces about several Santa Fe Trail trading ranches, all of which are worthy of being reprinted.

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Lindell's 1932 writing about Stone Corral, even though dated and not founded on the latest research, was printed because it was based, in part, on interviews with people who were alive when the corral was still standing and because it is virtually a historical document in itself. There are, as you say, errors.

Louise Barry's research and writings were meticulous, and her articles should be read by every serious student of the Trail. Since the Kansas Historical Quarterly is still readily available, a reprint at this time would be somewhat superfluous, even if permission were granted to do so. Joseph Snell wrote a fine tribute to Louise Barry and included a bibliography of the 22 articles she published in the Kansas

Historical Quarterly, see WT, III (Feb 1989), 7-8. Readers are directed to that bibliography and encouraged to read Barry's articles.

Editor

Editor:

Concerning the article in the February 1996 issue of WT entitled "The Death of Ed Miller on the Santa Fe Trail," it might be of interest to you that Taylor Riddle mentioned therein was my great-uncle (a brother of my grandfather, Leon). He came to Marion, Kansas, in 1879, having been born in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, in 1851. His full name was Joseph Taylor Riddle and he married Caroline Matilda Kious in 1877. He was a druggist and a stockman.

He took an active interest in the community and state politics, was a member of the Kansas legislature, and was at one time state livestock commissioner. His sister, Caroline, was born in 1847 and married Frank Doster, a lawyer from Monticello, Illinois, at Decatur, Illinois, July 29, 1870. This was the Judge Frank Doster mentioned in the article. So he was also my great-uncle and brother-in-law to Taylor Riddle.

Judge Doster was also a member of the Kansas legislature, judge of the district court, and for six years served as chief justice of Kansas. It might also be of interest to know that he was one of the committeemen for the Kansas State Historical Society in establishing the correct route of the Santa Fe Trail through Kansas. He was an inspiration to my father, Kenyon Riddle, in his authorship of the book, *Records and Maps of the Old Santa Fe Trail*. My father was born in Marion, Kansas, on May 22, 1890, and lived there until he moved to Florida in 1923.

John Kenyon Riddle
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Editor:

Some members may be interested in Trail-related research I have been doing. Last summer I devoted several weeks to a review of Santa Fe Trail archival material at the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis. I concentrated on the records and correspondence related to the women of the famous Bent family. I found several references to the education of the children of George Bent, which had been arranged, in part, by his sister, Darcas, who was married to a

prominent St. Louis attorney, William Carr Lane. Lane also served briefly as territorial governor of New Mexico in the early 1850s.

I also searched my family records and the archives at the Loretto convent in Kentucky in preparation for a paper presented at the April meeting of the New Mexico Historical Society in Las Vegas, NM. The paper is an update of my research of the Thompson sisters of Santa Fe. It looks at the lives of four (blood) sisters who dedicated their lives to bringing higher education to women of the American frontier. Three of the sisters, my great-great-aunts, including Sister Alphonsa Thompson in 1867, died along the Trail, the last in 1922. I continue my work on the women of the Bent family and the Thompson sisters.

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If possible, when you have time, will you share your research in articles for Wagon Tracks? These topics are of interest to readers. Thank you.

Editor

Editor:

I am so glad to see the new column, "Fort Learned—Teachers' Trading Post." It is important to get information about the Trail into the schools. My son's fifth-grade social studies/history book has no mention of the Santa Fe Trail, even though it includes other material relating to the area and time-period.

I have found teachers very receptive to any information I can get them about the Trail and have helped several teachers add units about it to their teaching program. We have to get young people excited about the Trail so it can truly "live on."

School libraries should be taking advantage of SFTA's generous offer to provide *Wagon Tracks* free upon request. I hereby request that it be sent to our Bennington School Library.

Joanne VanCoevern
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Editor:

My husband and I became members of the SFTA several years ago and always looked forward to each issue of *Wagon Tracks*. He died in late 1994, and I continued my membership. I recently gave a gift membership to some friends.

In 1993, as soon as we heard of your book, *Fort Union and the Frontier Army in the Southwest*, my husband called Fort Union National Monument and ordered a copy. It is autographed by you, and I really treasure it. I have been meaning to write and tell you how much it is appreciated, so I'll do so now. Your book is great and so is *Wagon Tracks*.

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Editor:

Just a note to let you know how very much I enjoy and treasure each issue of *Wagon Tracks*. You are doing a professional job as editor, and I am sure it is appreciated throughout the membership.

I feel that I can best show my support for *Wagon Tracks* and the SFTA by renewing my patron membership, and my check for \$100 has gone to Ruth Olson Peters.

I look forward to all the 175th anniversary commemorations. Someday I hope to meet you along the Trail and thank you in person for all you do.

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PAPER TRAILS

by Mike Olsen

HERE are a few more entries for the list of Santa Fe Trail novels. Someday I hope to locate copies of all of these, at which point the list will probably have to be revised. I wonder what *Black Bear, or, Girl Avenger of the Santa Fe Trail* is about?

I am still looking for more titles to add to this column, including fiction, nonfiction, and juvenile Trail literature. Send them to me at 1729 Eighth St, Las Vegas, NM 87701.

Bushnell, William H. *White Wolf: A Story of the Santa Fe Trail*. Boston, Elliott, Thomas and Talbot, 1868.

Cobb, Weldon J. *Black Bear, or, Girl Avenger of the Santa Fe Trail*. Chicago, Pictorial Books, 1880.

Sabin, Edwin L. *The Rose of Santa Fé*. New York, A. L. Burt, 1923

Tait, John W. *Fighting Wagons to Santa Fé! A Tale of Adventure and Romance on the Old trail to the Southwest*. New York, Vantage Press, 1954.

Victor, Metta Victoria Fuller. *The Two Hunters, or, The Canon Camp, A Romance of the Santa Fe Trail*. New York, Beadle, 1865.

West, Tom. *Hard Trail to Santa Fe*. New York, Kensington Publishing Corp., 1960.

WILLIAM JAMES HINCHEY: AN IRISH ARTIST ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL, PART I

edited with an introduction by Anna Belle Cartwright

(Anna Belle Cartwright of Kansas City, MO, is curator of the National Frontier Trails Center Museum in Independence, MO, and a member of SFTA. Her unanticipated discovery of the diaries and sketches of William James Hinchey while traveling the Santa Fe Trail has brought to light new information published here for the first time.

While searching for more information about Hinchey, a popular nineteenth-century St. Louis-area portrait artist who had painted a portrait of her great-great-grandmother in the 1860s, Cartwright came into contact with Hinchey descendants who, at the present time, wish to remain unidentified. Some of Hinchey's paintings and sketches have been displayed in St. Louis and other art museums.

Cartwright had the good fortune to learn that the family possessed additional items, including the diaries and Trail sketches. She obtained permission to display at the National Frontier Trails Center Hinchey's sketches, sketchbooks, paintings, and artifacts in an exhibit, "Scenes From the Road to Santa Fe: Sketches by William J. Hinchey," opening June 8, 1996. She also obtained permission to publish the diaries and the Trail sketches in WT, the first portion of which follows.

The remainder of the diary and Trail sketches will appear in the next issue. Unfortunately, one of the diary books of the trip to New Mexico is missing, leaving a gap of approximately three weeks. Special thanks are extended to Anna Belle Cartwright, the National Frontier Trails Center, and everyone else who made it possible to publish this material.)

INTRODUCTION

The many drawings and diaries kept by Irish-born William James Hinchey provide a remarkably good view of how this 19th-century artist worked and lived. His diaries and sketches document his long journey from Paris, France, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, as an employee of the famous Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy. The New Mexican odyssey is but a small part of his colorful life which began in Dublin on December 5, 1829, and moved to England, France, and ultimately America.



Self-portrait of William James Hinchey, *courtesy of National Frontier Trails Center.*

Of importance to the history of the Santa Fe Trail, the material left by Hinchey about his trip to Santa Fe in 1854 and his return in 1855 is quite valuable because of his keen eye for detail in recording scenes and events of the times and his comments about well-known historical figures. Through Hinchey's journals and sketches, Bishop Lamy's small Trail caravan becomes an exception to the usual trader/military traffic on the plains. We see the square, boxy,

utilitarian coaches parked alongside the covered wagons at each campsite which is dominated by the large peaked tent that becomes a church on Sunday mornings. We see the artist/recorder alternating between participant and observer, never quite fitting in with the group and always keeping his own counsel. Hinchey infused his writing with humor, often aimed at himself or his accident-prone ways; he was a little more sarcastic about the prejudice against foreigners that

he encountered in America, and he was very serious about his political beliefs and raged at social injustice.

The events that propelled Hinchey to America began in Dublin when as a boy he worked hard to develop his talent for drawing. He carried pencils and sketchbook wherever he went, especially when on the daily walks that the family physician prescribed for the slender, pale youth. Hinchey's father, in charge of government buildings in Dublin, encouraged his son's endeavors at painting and drawing and supplied the best instructors he could find. When William was twelve, he began to sell his sketches and portraits so that by the time he was sixteen and ready to enter Trinity College, he had earned half of his tuition.

About the time he was twenty, in 1850 at Oxford University, he met Sir Isaac Pitman who had developed a system of shorthand based on phonics. Intrigued by this new form of writing, Hinchey and several others became students in the first class offered in Pitman shorthand. William learned rapidly; he began a diary, making daily notations in shorthand for the next fourteen years, some of the most interesting years of his life. Back in Ireland during that same year, Hinchey joined some young men his age who walked through the streets, vocally protesting British involvement in Irish rule. The police, hoping to put an end to the noisy dissidence, decided to arrest them for treason and began to compile a list of offenders. Hinchey's father, whose own job was a government appointment, learned of his son's impending arrest and quickly hurried him out of the country. William Hinchey eventually landed in Paris where for the next few years he alternated his art studies with periods of work in England as a painter and gilder (applying gold leaf to lettered signs).

In 1854, when he was a student copying religious paintings of the old masters at the Louvre, in Paris, Hinchey met Bishop Lamy. At that time Hinchey was having some success selling his paintings with the assistance of a sort of patron, Dr. Mile, head of the Irish College in Paris. Lamy, who was on a recruiting mission in Europe, was impressed by the artist's work and later offered Hinchey a job in the territory of New Mexico, headquar-

ters of the Bishop's archdiocese which also included present Arizona and eastern Colorado. The opportunity to travel in the United States, particularly the West, stirred his imagination. Like many other 19th-century travelers, he was fascinated by the prospect of what he might see and experience in America. He found the offer difficult to refuse. Thus, Hinchey came to the United States prepared to paint religious pictures in Santa Fe.

The diary excerpts presented here begin at the end of "DIARY NO.4" with Hinchey's description of that first meeting with Bishop Lamy in Paris. He quickly terminated his affairs in Paris, said "goodbye" to his loved ones, and joined the group of French priests and laymen on the first leg of their journey, crossing the Atlantic Ocean.

TRANSCRIBING THE DIARIES

Stephen Hinchey transcribed his father's diaries in the 1950s, one hundred years after they were written. There are seventeen diaries in all. William had taught Stephen the Pitman system when Stephen was eight years old. Stephen added his own prologue and epilogue to the diaries. Writing in St. Louis, Missouri, in December 1957, Stephen made some observations about the transcription:

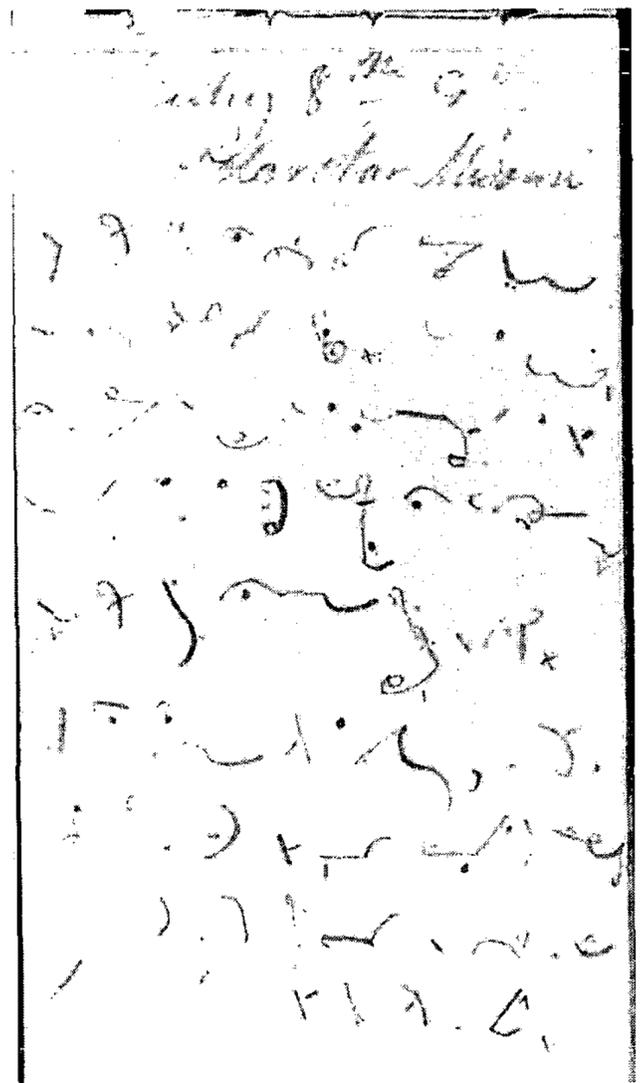
"The only difficulty experienced is the correct spelling of town names and names of individuals when they are written in shorthand.

"It was my father's custom to show at the head of each day's notes the name of the city or cities in which the day was spent. These names are written in the usual manner [cursive] instead of shorthand. If a day was started in one town and he visited several towns during the day, the names of all were shown, and the last name was that of the town he was in at the end of the day. A round trip to some place and back showed the same name visited at the beginning and at the end of the heading for that day. His regular hand-writing was good, but he was inclined to write the letters very close together.

"It will be noted in my father's Diaries his custom of taking long walks. This method of exercising was kept up until his death at age sixty-four."

NOTES FOR THE READER

In the diaries parentheses () and



A page of Hinchey's diary in Pitman shorthand. The book is 2.5" x 4.25." This entry is for Friday, September 9, 1854, on the *Polar Star*, Missouri. Courtesy National Frontier Trails Center.

brackets [] belong to Hinchey. Brackets { } are used for editorial comment. The transcriptions are much as Stephen Hinchey copied them. Misspellings of proper names have been corrected wherever they are a matter of record, as in the case of the known priests and laymen who were in Lamy's entourage. Some of the names have suffered from William Hinchey's translation to Pitman and some of the names transcribed from Pitman to English by Stephen have been spelled several different ways.

END OF DIARY NO. 4

On June 2nd, 1854 while I was painting on a picture in the Louvre my friend L'Abbe Chabriere had brought to admire my work, Bishop Lamy, a French gentleman, then on his way to Rome; and who was so impressed with the work that when he returned from Rome two months later he called again on me, introduced himself as an American, having charge of Catholic Churches and Schools in the newly acquired territory of New Mexico. He was desirous of engaging an artist to take to America to paint some pictures for the churches.

I had read much and dreamed of the glory of free America, and had felt a great gratitude to the United States as the hospitable refuge of those who fled there from the greedy grasp of Europe's monsters and mighty ones.

Enterprising exiles from every country had gone there, to the land where there was to be seen the native red men, these unsubduable sons of Liberty. Where also were to be seen the great grizzly bear and the giant bison and beyond, the Mexican descendants of Montezuma.

Twas not hard to persuade me into leaving for a year my position in Paris, to indulge in such an excursion.

The contrast between the Pinnacle of Art and Refinement {Paris} and the wild untamed savagery of the western wilds so far from daunting me, became the very charm of the enterprise that appealed to me.

Liberal terms being offered me, I agreed to go, despite the discussions and protestations of my friends.

DIARY BOOK NO. 5

Fri. 21st of July 1854. Paris

Today at the Louvre finished my sketch of Ex Homo after Guido. Visited Mademoiselle at one Rue Snolo. Gave her a lesson in painting. With Dr. Kinlock in the Luxembourg this evening.

Sat. 22nd

Today I sold my small painting of Saint Michael to Mr. Brennan.

This afternoon went to see Monsieur Ribon and Dr. Mile and again Bishop Lamy.

Sun. 23rd

With Dr. Kinlock and Monsieur Voda had breakfast and then went together by rail to Mudo and then walked to the forest where I stayed all day. Took dinner at a restaurant in the heart of the wood and returned to Paris by omnibus and train. Visited Father Brennan.

Mon. 24th

Today visited Bishop Lamy and talked with him regarding the journey he proposed I make to New Mexico.

He offered to pay my passage from Havre to New York and on to New Mexico and return; and all expenses except clothing, together with a salary for my services as artist - painter. He advanced me one hundred fifty francs for engraving of religious subjects to take with me.

Tues. 25th of July 1854. Paris

Today at the Louvre finished my sketch of "Our Lord" after Agnosesy Dulchey.

This evening with Dr. Kinlock through the Gardens of the Luxembourg.

Wed. 26th

Today visited Dr. Myle and by him was paid for the copy of St. Michael he had sent to Ireland.

I presented him with a small copy of Guido's "Exo Homo."

With Dr. Kinlock visited Monsieur L'Abbe and family. Took supper with Kinlock and Voda at the Rue Deaufe.

Thurs. 27th LEFT PARIS FOR AMERICA.

This morning at the Irish College called and presented Monsieur De-Longle with a little copy of "Our Lord" after Dilso.

Busily engaged making preparations for the journey. At nine o'clock p.m. took a cab to call on the Bishop, thence drove with the little Abbe Vaur to the railway where the rest of the party soon joined us. There were Padre Ortis, Padre Tamaz, Pere Jumour, Pere Eguillon, Abbe Garney, Abbe Pollet and Padre Thore.

We left the terminus at eleven p.m. and the train started for Havre.

Fri. 28th Paris Railway Station — Rouen — Havre

About two o'clock a.m. some refreshments at Rouen, and continued the journey to Havre where we arrived at six o'clock.

All put up at the Hospice du Havre in Ingoviel where we were well entertained.

Sat. 29th. Havre

Today engaged in taking passages, getting our luggage, etc. aboard.

Sun. 30th of July 1854. Havre

Today reposed myself until dinner. After which I went with Freres Eguillon and Vaur to the seaside. Then returned to Hospice for supper. The weather extremely hot. The Hospital is an institution attended by the Sisters and clergy. It has a school for the poor.

Mon. 31st. Havre — British Channel

Today very busy making purchases and getting passports signed for the trip to England.

At eleven tonight started aboard the boat for Southhampton.

Tues. August 1st. Sea — Portsmouth — Brighton — Ninfield

At nine this morning we were put in a row boat from the steamer and landed at Portsmouth where I took the train for Brighton and thence to Beckshill where I arrived about five p.m. Thence in a trap to Ninfield, to Mr. Weston's house; and not finding Rebecca walked up to her sister's and there stayed awhile with her, her sister, aunt, cousin, brother-in-law, etc.

Walked with her back to Ninfield where I spent a happy evening and

stopped for the night. Delighted was I with the rosey freshness on the cheeks of my Rebecca, and I thought she looked very well in the dress she wore, with a dark brown straw hat.

Wed. 2nd Ninfield — South Hampton — The Sea — Aboard the Union for N.Y.

This morning I heard a gentle tapping at my bedroom door and started up at half past four. Presently looking from my window I found Rebecca was already walking in the garden.

After breakfast drove to Beckshill in a trap of Cates. Took the train for Portsmouth, and then another for South Hampton. At South Hampton I dined and went aboard a little steamship which carried me to Cowes to go aboard the "Union" steamer for New York.

Thurs. 3rd of August 1854. Enroute to New York

At noon = 49d 41' 60. West from Cowes 200 miles.

Rather fresh breeze, and right ahead. The passengers in general all calling about the decks, etc.

This evening at half past eight, being on deck observed a strange looking red streak along the northwestern horizon. It turned out to be from the setting sun.

Was amused at the fears of some of the passengers who thought it might be a ship on fire.

On deck 'till midnight — singing and chatting. Then to bed, and slept well.

Fri. 4th. On the Atlantic Ocean.

Noon. Lat. 49d long. 11' 40d 288 miles.

The day rather cloudy. Wind N.W. by W. The passengers calling casually on deck. The day was rather wet.

This evening the weather being fine I sat on deck till a late hour singing in company with the priests and other passengers. Had some little amusement with a young German parson who would not be converted. To bed at midnight.

Sat. 5th

Noon = Lat. 48:35 Long 18 - 32 260 miles run since noon yesterday.

The weather beautiful today. The wind changed to W. by S. Almost all the passengers on deck are well. A great deal of good spirits and gaiety among all.

A very large singing party on deck this evening. The priests took a foremost part in singing. Bed about midnight as usual and slept well.

Saw several porpoises that day.

Sun. 6th of August 1854. On the Atlantic Ocean.

At noon Lat. 47:40 Long. 23:30 240

miles in twenty-four hours.

The morning very hazy and misty; but the day turned out fine. The passengers very happy. Very few ill and all seemed to eat rather heartily.

In the evening, this being Sunday. There was no singing; but instead I walked the decks and recited some lines from Lalla Rook for Mr. Walcot, an American Artist, who was coming from Paris.

To bed at twelve o'clock.

Mon. 7th

At noon, Lat. 46:55 Long. 29 253 miles.

A beautiful day. All very happy and walking about the decks.

This evening very fine. Singing and talking on board.

Recited some of Lalla Rook for Mr. Remend; on deck alone until one a.m.

A splendid moonlight night.

Tues. 8th

Lat. 46:5 Long 34:40 250 miles.

The morning extremely hazy and wet. Very disagreeable up until noon. Still the passengers in good health and spirits. Made acquaintance with some German people aboard bound for California. Among the rest Mademoiselle Riga Vertimer — her brother Louis Vertimer.

Wed. 9th (At sea — 230 miles)

Very fine day but rather windy. Signalled an English Bark in the afternoon. Saw some flying fish.

Being beautiful moonlit night, I sat and walked on deck with a little French lady, who was alone, having been on a visit to her husband in Paris.

Thurs. 10th of August 1854. At sea

Lat. 44:50 Long. 44:51 228 miles

A rather gloomy day. The evening very foggy. The Captain set the steam whistle going several times, to the terror of the ladies and horror of the gentlemen on board.

Though foggy and damp, I remained on deck till eleven o'clock singing and conversing with some of the passengers.

Fri. 11th

A beautiful morning. Crossing the banks of New foundland I saw a great many fishing boats. Great number of sea fowls and some porpoises. A splendid day. All in good health and spirits. This evening I did not feel very well so went early to bed. Was awakened by Dr. Saulter and Mr. Walcot. Dr. Saulter is the ship's doctor.

Sat. 12th

Lat 43:23 Long 56:25 259 miles

This morning weather rather fine; but the day turned out rough and wet. Nev-

ertheless I remained on deck discoursing with Mr. Walcot and Dr. Saulter and Dr. Atkinson, a passenger, Mr. Leslie and lady, and Mr. Palmer. They amused themselves talking and singing. I also had the company of the Captain (Adams).

Sun. 13th

At noon = Lat. 42:52 Long 60:65 198 miles

This morning rather rough passage. People not very well. Found we had not made a good way (mileage) from previous day.

This evening a little finer. Had a little jovial society for tea to commemorate the birthday of one of the passengers, Dr. Adkinson. Drank to the land we left, to the land we go to, the Queen of England, the President of the United States of America, etc. quite a jolly party with singing on deck.

Mon. 14th of August 1854. (On the Sea)

Lat. 42:10 Long 65:25 214 miles

Not making much way for want of coal. Very rough weather. A great deal of speculation as to when we shall get into New York.

Tues. 15th

Lat 40:43 Long 70:30 246 miles since noon yesterday.

Rather rough in the morning, but quiet day. The afternoon fine with plenty of wind. The passengers all in groups, here and there on the decks, chatting over the different prospects awaiting them. Some remained on deck all the previous night. Having seen some Long Island lights they went to bed; but not until they had sung their farewell songs on deck.

Wed. 16th (fourteen days after leaving England)

On the Atlantic Ocean aboard the "Union" ship — New York.

Landed at nine a.m. Went with the Bishop and party to a private French Boarding house on Walker Street, #87. Breakfasted; visited the French church in Canal Street; walked out with two young priests, Pollet and Guerin.

Went to look for my brother Tom's house, which I found at 212 East 14th Street. But Tom was at work. After transacting some business for the Bishop, I went to bed early.

Thurs. 17th New York

Went this morning early to see my brother Tom. He had gone out but I found where he was working, and returned to my hotel for breakfast. Afterwards I went with the bishop to the Customs House, stores, etc., transacting business. Then I went to Tom's house where I had dinner, and walked with him. Spent the evening and night

at his house. Was very happy find him and his wife and two children, Tommy and William, so well. Visited at Sixth Street Church with Tom and saw the College.

Fri. 18th

This morning I left Tom's house and returned to my hotel where I joined the Bishop, and with him transacted some important affairs, passing goods through the Customs House, etc.

In the evening after dinner went to the Crystal Palace and thence to my brothers. With him I made many visits to his acquaintances and returning to his house was there all night.

Sat. 19th

Transacted some business at the big stores today. Walked through town with Pathre Ortiz and visited Tayler's Hotel on Broadway. There I found several of the persons who had come with me on the steamer from Southampton. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey. Went this evening to my brother's where I spent the evening and stopped all night.

I made several visits with Tom this evening.

Sun. 20th New York — Staten Island — New York

This morning with brother Tom I walked out before breakfast and down the East River. After breakfast walked again till dinner time; after which we went with Tom's wife and sons and Mr. Campbell, his friend, across Staten Island in a steamer, and having climbed the hills, we had some refreshments.

We returned in the evening to Tom's house where I spent the night.

Mon. 21st of August 1854. New York - New Jersey

This evening at six o'clock, having gone to take leave of my brother, I left New York in company with the Bishop and his party. Went in a ferry boat across the Hudson River to New Jersey, where we set out by railway for Cincinnati. About nine o'clock we stopped at a station for supper.

Tues. 22nd

Having been traveling all the preceding night and this day we are still on the road, tearing, puffing, rattling, belching and throwing fire, on we go, smothered with dust and ashes; occasionally stopping to snatch up a hasty meal by the way; and then hurrying to the train; again there to be jostled and tumbled for a few hundred miles more.

Wed. 23rd Cincinnati

Today about twelve o'clock we rolled into Cincinnati, after having first passed through the little town of Newport, with the railway running along the main street of that village.

Left some of our party, including the Bishop, at the house of Archbishop Purcell. Some others at the Jesuit College; some across the Ohio River into Covington at Mrs. Mosly's. I stayed at the Archbishop's tonight. Remained some time at my bedroom window listening to noises, singing, etc. in some houses opposite.

Thurs. 24th Cincinnati — Covington

Today at the Archbishop's; dined at Mrs. Mosly's, the French lady at Covington. Took tea and slept at the house of a Mr. Wasser, an Irish builder in the city of Covington.

I had noticed today the waters of the Ohio River being particularly low, so that there were men wading through the very middle of it. Found Cincinnati a rather busy and large place, about 50,000 inhabitants. Its commerce on the river is very great.

Fri. 25th of August 1854. Cincinnati — Covington

This morning between three and four o'clock, I was awakened by the tolling of the great bell of the Cathedral beside me, and looking from my window, saw a light within it. I fancied it was on fire. In my hurry to get out I put my head through the window, breaking the glass and making more confusion. However, it proved to be a false alarm made by the cowardly watchman; and so I went to bed again.

I visited Cincinnati today.

Sat. 26th.

Wrote to Rebecca and posted my letter.

Also posted a letter to my parents. It was written while I was in New York.

Transacted business in Cincinnati with the Bishop. Walked a good deal, though the day was very hot, as indeed every day has been. This is said to be the hottest summer ever felt in America, and elsewhere. A fearful thunderstorm tonight.

Sun. 27th Covington

Remained indoors all day due to this warm weather. Except I went to the church which is beside the house I am visiting.

In the evening the air was more mild. I was called upon by Mr. Collupi and we walked together to his house. Returned in time for evening vespers. Thus I spent a very quiet day. This morning there was another great thunderstorm.

Mon. 28th. Covington — Cincinnati — The Ohio River

Went to Cincinnati this morning and made preparations for starting on journey to St. Louis. Dined at the Madison Hotel with Michael O'Shanassy an old school fellow of mine. Went aboard the steamboat and set off for Louisville.

Admired very much the beautiful scenery as we passed down the Ohio River. Remained on deck 'til very late chatting with an intelligent American printer and bookseller.

Tues. 29th. The Ohio — Louisville — The Ohio

At Louisville about twelve o'clock we took to some carriages and drove through the city and to a boat called "The Justice." This was for the purpose of avoiding the rocks and shoals of the river, which choke its course in these parts. Made a sad blunder in going on board another boat when serving {helping} a poor Frenchman and we were both left by our boat, and thus obliged to travel all night on the "Fannie Farrer" instead of "The Justice," our own boat.

Wed. 30th

On the Ohio River aboard the "Fannie Farrer" and then "The Justice"

This morning at three o'clock I had the Frenchman put off in a skiff for shore at Liverpool, hoping he would there find his wife, but the poor man was disappointed for I saw her at mid-day still on "The Justice," which passed the boat I was then on. However, when not finding her husband with me she left the boat at the next landing place. About one o'clock I got aboard "The Justice" by a little stratagem and was well received by my friends.

Thurs. 31st. The Ohio River

This morning while one boat was aground I was awakened by the cries of a man who was floundering about in the river and to whose aid the people on the boat did not go 'till they found he had disappeared completely. And even then they only sent over a boat with one rower to the spot; but as he did not touch the body with one or two prods of an oar, he returned to the steamboat as though nothing had happened. Our boat was stationary all night.

Fri. 1st of September

This morning at daylight we went on again, having been afraid to move during the night because of low water and many snags.

These days are all so hot that people aboard the boat suffer very much from heat and thirst. Indeed it seems as though the boat was about to take fire each moment through the day. And so it did once beside the starboard flue, but was soon put out by the application of water. However, the nights are very fine. 'Tis delicious to stay out on the bow of on the upper deck to enjoy the starry moonlit heavens; to see the beautiful reflections of the banks, of rocks and trees.

Stopped the boat for the night at a

sandy shore where we got out and bathed.

Sat. 2nd

Aboard "The Justice" on Ohio and Mississippi Rivers passed the City of Cairo.

This morning was fine, as usual. Made some little sketches of the scenery as we moved along. Went ashore at the city of Cairo, that grand place for American speculative enterprise.

Though now in a poor barren district, it stands on the northern bank of the Ohio River whose mouth joins the Mississippi River.

Our boat turned into the mighty Mississippi River, where we found many snags. For the night our boat stopped at a remarkably high level sand bank where I and others went ashore while the boat's engine underwent some repairs.

Started off again and moved all night. I sat on deck a long time during the night.

Sun. 3rd

Aboard "The Justice" on the Mississippi River.

An extremely warm day followed by a beautiful evening.

Boat stopped to have men search for water. Found a dirty spring under a bank and brought some water away.

Sat up pretty late, though was sleepy from being up late the previous night. At length went to bed — but such a bed!

I slept well; though half the bottom fell out of the bed.

Being on the bosom of the great river we steamed away all night.

Today we passed some very pretty little towns on the banks of this "Father of Waters."

Mon. 4th "The Justice — St. Louis"

We were unjustly defrauded of our food for breakfast on board the "The Justice."

Dirty, stinking, little rat trap of a boat!

Landed at St. Louis, and went aboard the splendid steamboat "Polar star," where we engaged accommodations for Kansas. Some of us dined aboard.

While having our baggage transferred there came up a fearful storm.

Stopped for the night on board "The Polar Star."

Tues. 5th of September 1854.

St. Louis — Missouri River — on the "Polar Star"

A letter to Rebecca. And one to my brother Tom in New York.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES for the 175th ANNIVERSARY of the SANTA FE TRAIL

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Please call the listed numbers to confirm dates, times, activities, and the latest information on each event. The 175th anniversary celebration will continue through the September 1997 symposium.

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May 25-27 - Queen City Rendezvous, Independence, MO: The Santa Fe Trail is celebrated through a mid-1800s encampment, blacksmith demonstrations, spinners, leather crafters, and other skilled artisans recreate a time when Independence was the departure site for the West. (816) 3325-7111.

May 25-27 - Santa Fe Trail Days, Larned, KS: The largest living-history weekend at Fort Larned, with parade, crafts, gunfights, games, and shows in Larned. (800) 747-6919

May 25-July 7 - Santa Fe Trail Wall Quilt Exhibit, Kaw Mission, Council Grove, KS: National entries in wall quilt contest commemorating the 175th anniversary, sponsored by the Emporia Regional Quilters Guild and Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter. (316) 767-5410.

May 30-June 1 - Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous 1996, Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned, KS, & Fort Larned NHS: The 150th anniversary of the March of the Army of the West will be celebrated and examined at this biennial meeting. (316) 285-2054.

May 31 - Santa Fe Trail Bus Tour, Boise City, OK: Santa Fe Trail sites that are not normally open to the public will be open to the bus tour. Held in conjunction with **Santa Fe Trail Daze, May 30-June 2**, which features activities for the family, with a Santa Fe Trail theme. Contact Debbie Crews, Box 1027, Boise City, OK, (405) 544-3344.

June-August - The Indian Trade, Koshare Indian Museum, La Junta, CO: A special exhibit of actual articles traded at Bent's Fort and other items of the Indian trade in the early 1800s. Indian dance performances also take place every Friday and Saturday evening throughout the summer. (800) 693-5482.

June 3 - Kansas State Historical Society, Santa Fe Trail (KSHS, SFT) Program Series, Prairie Village, KS: From the Trail Ruts, Voices and Music, 7:00 pm, Harmon Park, 7805 Delmar. (913) 381-6464.

June 4 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Kansas City, MO: A Trail of Commerce and Conflict, 7:00 pm, Alexander Majors Historical Museum, 8201 State Line Road. (816) 333-5556.

June 5 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Fairway, KS: Tastes and Tales of the Trail, 7:00pm, Shawnee Mission State Historical Site, 3403 W. 53d. (913) 262-0867.

June 6 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Olathe, KS: The Great Campground, 7:00 pm, Lone Elm Campground, 167th St & Lone Elm Road. (816) 333-5556.

June 6-14 - Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter Annual Trail Ride: Follow the Trail from Lone Elm Campground to Council Grove. (316) 767-5826.

June 7 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Edgerton, KS: A Prairie Adventure, 7:00 pm, Lanesfield School & Museum, 187th & Dillie Road. (913) 631-6709.

June 8 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Baldwin, KS: Maid Marion of the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, driving tour at 2:00 pm, potluck at 6:00 pm, Black Jack Park, 1½ miles east of Baldwin City. (913) 594-3411.

June 8 - Santa Fe Trail Festival, Trinidad, CO: Traditional artists and living-history demonstrations, music, dance, storytelling, drama, Hispanic folk arts, tours of historic sites, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. (719) 846-7217.

June 8-9 - National Frontier Trails Center, Independence, MO: Mexican War dragoons, Santa Fe traders, special pictorial stamp cancellation, and an exhibit of Santa Fe Trail drawings by William James Hinchey in 1854-1855. (816) 325-7577.

June 8-9 - Rails and Trails Days, Las Vegas, NM: Celebration of the the heritage of Las Vegas, the Santa Fe Trail, and the coming of the railroad. (505) 425-8631.

June 8-9 - Rice Frontier Days, Raytown, MO: Rice-Tremonti Home. Contact Larry Short at (816) 478-8586.

June 9 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Overbrook, KS: Ridgeway Along the Trail, 7:00 pm, Simmons Point, 8 miles east on Hwy 56. (913) 665-7143.

June 9-16 - Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous, NRA Whittington Center, NM: South of Raton, NM, at Coal Canyon. The life of mountain men and Santa Fe traders is recreated during this week-long celebration of life 150 years ago. (505) 445-3615.

June 10 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Scranton, KS: 110 Mile Creek: The McGee-Harris Crossing, 7:00 pm, 3 miles east, Hwys 75 & 56. (913) 828-4844.

June 11 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Burlingame, KS: Burlingame, Its History on the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, Main Street. (913) 654-3587.

June 12 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Harveyville, KS: Wilmington and its Place on the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, 2½ miles south on Hwy 31. (316) 767-5410.

June 13 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Allen, KS: Remembering the Past, 7:00 pm, 142 Mile Creek Crossing, 4 miles NE of Allen. (316) 767-5410.

June 14-16 - Wah-Shun-Gah Days, Council Grove, KS: Fourteenth annual celebration with pow-wow, parade, carnival, flea market, craft show, historical demonstrations, and celebration of 175 years of the Trail. (316) 767-5882.

June 14 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Council Grove, KS: The Rendezvous Relived, 7:00 pm, The Stone Barn, 1 mile east of Council Grove on Hwy 56. (316) 767-5410.

June 15 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Council Grove, KS: Conversations with the Kaw, 7:00 pm, The Kaw Mission, 500 North Mission. (316) 767-5410.

June 16 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Diamond Spring, KS: The Diamond of the Plains, 7:00 pm, 4 miles west of Wilsey corner on Hwy 56. (316) 767-5410.

June 16 - Las Vegas, NM, Becknell-Gallego Meeting Reenactment: Restaging of the initial 1821 encounter on the Trail. (505) 454-0683.

June 17 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Lost Springs, KS: The Mystery of the Lost Springs, 7:00 pm, 2½ miles west of Lost Springs. Meal available (charge and reservation required). (316) 947-3506.

June 18 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Durham, KS: Maid Marian of the Santa Fe Trail, 6:00 pm, Cottonwood Crossing, 1 mile west of Durham. Meal available (charge and reservation required). (316) 947-3506.

June 19 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Canton, KS: Chisholm Trail Crossing on the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, 3 miles east of Canton on Hwy 56. Meal available (charge and reservation required). (316) 947-3506.

June 20 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Maxwell Wildlife Preserve, KS: Kansas Prairie Wildlife, 7:00 pm, Tram rides and buffalo suppers available by reservation, 8 miles north of Canton. (316) 628-4455.

June 21 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Elyria, KS: The

Sibley Survey & Indian Treaty, 7:00 pm, ¼ mile east on Hwy B1. (316) 257-3941.

June 22 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, McPherson, KS: The Little Arkansas Crossing Tour, 7:00 pm, Stone Corral, 5 miles south on Plum Road & ½ miles west. (316) 257-3941.

June 22 - Fort Union National Monument, NM: The normally closed First Fort Union, 1851-1862, will be open to the public for guided tours. This is the only day of the year visitors have the opportunity to tour this site. (505) 425-8025.

June 22-July 6 - 175th Anniversary Camping Tour: Round trip from Wamego, KS, to Santa Fe, motorcoach trip, camp in tents (may be rented). Led by Marcia Fox and Chris Day. (913) 456-9763.

June 23 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Lyons, KS: Artifacts from the Trail, 7:00 pm, Coronado Quivira Museum, 105 West Lyon. (316) 257-3941.

June 24 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Chase, KS: My One-half Mile of the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, Ralph Hathaway, Ralph's Ruts, 4 miles west and ¾ miles north of Chase. (316) 257-3941.

June 25 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Ellinwood, KS: Military Attire on the Trail, 7:00 pm, Ellinwood Community Building, west of the water tower. (316) 257-3941.

June 26 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Great Bend, KS: Archeology of Fort Zarah, 7:00 pm, Barton County Historical Museum, ½ miles south on Hwy 281. Tour at 5:00 pm, meet at Fort Zarah Park, Hwy 56 east of Great Bend. (316) 257-3941.

June 27 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Pawnee Rock, KS: The Great Wart on the Plains, 7:00 pm, ½ mile north of Pawnee Rock. (316) 982-4522 after 5 pm.

June 28 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Larned, KS: Sibley's Camp, 6:30 pm, 502 West 2d St, Larned. Here the U.S. survey team of the Santa Fe Trail camped on August 31, 1825. Reenactors present a program on the Santa Fe Trail survey and this site. (316) 285-2054.

June 29 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Fort Larned National Historic Site, Larned, KS: Conflict on the Santa Fe Trail is explored through living history reenactors, 1:00-5:00 pm. Guest speaker at 2:00 pm. (316) 285-2054.

June 29-30 - Mahaffie Farmstead & Stagecoach Stop Historic Site, Olathe, KS: Bullwhacker Days, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on 29th, noon to 5:00 pm on 30th. Celebration of Santa Fe Trail heritage of the 1860s with demonstrations, music, crafts, games, and horse-drawn rides. (913) 782-6972.

June 30 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned, KS: Boyd's Rancho, speaker at 2:00 pm, a special exhibit of photos, slides, and images of Boyd's Rancho will be on display. (316) 285-2054.

July 1 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Kinsley, KS: Battle of Coon Creek, 6:30 pm, two miles east of Kinsley. (316) 285-2054.

July 2 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Kinsley, KS: The Big Rut, 6:30 pm, five miles NW of Kinsley. Program illustrated by photographic slides of Santa Fe Trail ruts and the many different appearances they make. (316) 285-2054.

July 3 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Offerle, KS: Gabriel's Barbecue, 6:30 pm, 10 miles south of Offerle. Members of the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter will present a program on this Indian engagement. (316) 285-2054.

July 3 - Santa Fe Trail Sites Bus Tour, Clayton, NM: McNees Crossing, Kiowa National Grassland ruts, and the Turkey Creek campground are pristine Trail sites to be visited by bus. Charge, reservations required, call (505) 374-9253.

July 4 - Hispanic Fiestas, Las Vegas, NM: A celebration of the early days in New Mexico. (505) 425-8829.

July 4 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Dodge City, KS:

Walking Tour of Fort Dodge, 7:00 pm, Fort Dodge 2 miles east on Hwy 154. (316) 225-8186.

July 4 - Santa Fe Trail Community Celebration, Clayton, NM: (505) 374-9253.

July 4-7 - Warner Grove on the Black Diamond Angus Ranch, Dodge City, KS: Rendezvous encampment, 2 miles east to Hwy 283 and 9 miles north on the Ford and Hodge-man county line. Reenactors in a typical 19th-century encampment, focusing on the Santa Fe Trail. Activities include arts and crafts booths, muzzle loaders competition, dutch oven cooking, mountain man skills, and traders peddling their wares. Enjoy the old camp atmosphere of tipis, tents, and early lodgings. (316) 225-8186.

July 4-7 - Raton Santa Fe Trail Balloon Rally, Raton, NM: Balloon Rally in the mountain town of Raton. Afternoon talks given on the Santa Fe Trail. (800) 638-6161.

July 5 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Ford, KS: Voices from the Past Through Their Diaries (Susan Magoffin), 7:00 pm, 1 mile north of Ford. (316) 225-8186.

July 5-7 - Wagon Rides, Boot Hill Trail Ruts, Dodge City, KS: nine miles west of Dodge City on US 50, wagon rides available for \$5.00 per person. (316) 225-8186.

July 6 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Warner Grove, Dodge City, KS: Trail Personalities from the Past, 7:00 pm, 2 miles east and 9 miles north. (316) 225-8186.

July 6 - Clayton Santa Fe Trail Days, Clayton, NM: (505) 374-9253.

July 6-7 - Trolley Tours, Dodge City, KS: Ride the Dodge City Trolley for a narrated tour of sites along the Trail, start at 3rd and Front St, 9:30 am, \$5 per person.

July 7 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Dodge City, KS: A Visit to the Ruts, 10:00 am 'til dark, Boot Hill Ruts, 9 miles west on US 50. Certified Santa Fe National Historic Trail Site will have guides available. (316) 225-8186.

July 8 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Cimarron, KS: Cimarron Crossing Stories, 7:00 pm, Cimarron Crossing Park. (316) 885-2282.

July 9 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Garden City, KS: Maid Marion of the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, Finney County Historical Museum, 403 South 4th. (316) 272-3664.

July 10 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Lakin, KS: The Upper Crossing/Chouteau's Island, 7:00 pm, Kearny County Museum, 101 So. Buffalo. Museum open all day, tour to Indian Mound. (316) 335-7448.

July 11 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Ulysses, KS: Horses, Necessary and Useful, 7:00 pm, Fair Grounds Arena, W. Patterson Ave. 1:00 pm, tour museum and Santa Fe Trail. 7:30 pm, Bit & Spur Rodeo at Fair Grounds Arena. (316) 356-4700.

July 12 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Ulysses, KS: Tour Wagonbed Spring and Stevens County Museum, 1:00 pm; Last Wagon Train of the 20th Century, free rides; 7:30 pm, Old Fashioned Cookout at Wagonbed Spring Site, \$5.00, reservations required. (316) 356-4700.

July 13 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Elkhart, KS: Traders & Trials of the Cimarron Route, 7:00 pm, Cimarron National Grassland, 8 miles north on Hwy 27. Wagon rides and a barbecue will also be available. (316) 697-2833.

July 14 - KSHS, SFT Program Series, Elkhart, KS: Maid Marian of the Santa Fe Trail, 7:00 pm, and dedication of the Santa Fe Trail Exhibit at the Morton County Museum. (316) 697-4597.

July 18-20 - Trail Celebration, Springer, NM: Arts and crafts festival, mural art project, trail ride, chuckwagon dinner, street dance, etc. (505) 483-2998.

July 19-20 - Springer, NM, Santa Fe Trail Culture: A Santa Fe Trail horse ride between Wagon Mound and the Rock Crossing, barbecue, and street dance. Reservations for trail ride are first come-first served; must provide own horse, etc. (505) 483-2998.

July 19-21 - Lakin, (Kearny County), KS: Rodeo, street dance, parade, Trail ride, and special activities at the museum. (316) 355-7448.

July 19-28 - 175th Anniversary Tour of the Santa Fe Trail, Smithsonian Associates: Leo Oliva leads this tour of the Trail from Franklin, MO, to Santa Fe, NM. Contact Amy Ritchie (202) 357-4800 ext. 220.

July 20 - Mahaffie Farmstead & Stagecoach Stop Historic Site, Olathe, KS: Living Lifestyles on the Santa Fe Trail, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. (913) 782-6972.

July 20-21 - Fort Union National Monument, NM, Cultural Encounters on the Santa Fe Trail: A living-history exposition of the cultures one would encounter on the Santa Fe Trail and their contributions to the Trail. (505) 425-8025.

July 20-21 - Melvern Lake, KS, 1846 Magoffin Expedition to Santa Fe living-history program, contact Ken Wilk (913) 549-3318.

July 25-30 - Mountain Route Tour: Auto tour along Mountain Route from Lamar, CO, to Cimarron, NM. Contact Lolly Ming, 1841 Co Rd DD, Pritchett, CO 81064; Paula Manini, PO Box 472, Trinidad, CO 81082, (719) 846-7217; Raton Chamber of Commerce, (800) 638-6161.

August 1-4 - Santa Fe Trail Days, Marshall, MO: Crafts, entertainment, bicycle ride, and a chuckwagon dinner celebrate the Trail. (816) 848-2288.

August 3 - Las Vegas, NM, 7th Annual Places with a Past Historic Building Tour: A rare opportunity to see and tour buildings connected with Las Vegas' past, including Santa Fe Trail era structures and those related to the commerce of the prairies. (505) 425-8803.

August 7-11 - Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe, NM: Mountain Man Rendezvous and Trade Fair. (505) 827-6473.

August 10-11 - U.S. Dragoons Protecting the Santa Fe Trail living-history program, Melvern Lake, Melvern, KS: Contact Ken Wilk (913) 549-3318.

August 17 - Mahaffie Farmstead & Stagecoach Stop Historic Site, Olathe, KS: Old Fashioned Fair, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. (913) 782-6972.

August 24 - Fort Union National Monument, NM, Evening Tour: A rare opportunity to tour this historic fort in the evening. Scenes from its historic Santa Fe Trail past will be recreated. Free admission but reservations required. (505) 425-8025.

August 31-September 2 - SANTA-CALI-GON Days, Independence, MO: A three-day festival commemorating the Santa Fe, California, and Oregon Trails with arts and crafts, carnival, and more. (816) 252-4745.

September 1 - Santa Fe Trail Days, New Franklin, MO: A commemoration of William Becknell's first trip to Santa Fe in 1821, which opened the Santa Fe Trail. (816) 848-2288.

September 1-30 - Santa Fe Trail Exhibit, Arrow Rock Historic Site, Arrow Rock, MO: (816) 837-3330.

September 13-15 - Las Vegas, NM, Wildflowers, Music & Arts Festival: A family-oriented celebration of the music, art, and cuisine of the culturally diverse region of northern New Mexico. (505) 425-8631.

September 15-October 4 - 7th Santa Fe Trail Bicycle Trek: From Santa Fe to New Franklin, MO. Contact Willard Chilcott, 885 Camino Del Este, Santa Fe, NM 87501, (505) 982-1282.

September 16-21 - Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution 175th Anniversary Bus Tour, from Leavenworth to Dodge City and return. Local guides and speakers, stops at museums, Santa Fe Trail sites, DAR markers, and rededication of first KS DAR marker at Pawnee Indian Village in Republic County. Contact Kim Clair, KSDAR Bus Tour, 1704 Candlewood Dr, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

September 17 - Ulysses (Grant County), KS, Wagonbed Spring Chapter: 1:00 pm, tours of Wagonbed Spring Site and Jedediah Smith Monument; 7:00 pm, 34th Annual

Home Products Dinner. (316) 356-4700.

September 20-22 - Santa Fe Trail Arts Festival and Historical Pageant, Council Grove, KS: Voices of the Wind People. (316) 767-5882.

September 21 - Santa Fe Trail Festival, Overbrook, KS: Historical reenactments, music, flea market, crafts, etc. (913) 665-7512.

October 12 - National Frontier Trails Center, Independence, MO: A tour of Santa Fe Trail sites between Independence and Olathe is planned. (816) 325-7577.

October 13-20 - Elderhostel Tour of Santa Fe Trail: A Travel Adventure: Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Trail, motorcoach trip from Kansas City to Santa Fe and back, sponsored by Dodge City Community College, V. James Sherer, coordinator, and Leo E. Oliva, instructor. Contact Kansas Elderhostel Office, (316) 341-5625.

October 26 - Santa Fe Trail Days at the Morton County Museum, Elkhart, KS: (316) 697-4597.

November 13 - Las Vegas, NM, Corazón de los Caminos Chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution: Celebration of Gallego-Becknell Meeting. Dedication of state highway historic marker and DAR monument. (505) 425-8025.

November 16 - Santa Fe, NM, End of the Trail Chapter: Becknell Entrada into Santa Fe (reenactment).

November 23-24 - Ulysses (Grant County), KS, Wagonbed Spring Chapter: 1:00 pm, tours of the Wagonbed Spring and Jedediah Smith Monument. Riley Arts and Crafts Show. (316) 356-4700.

December 5 - National Frontier Trails Center, Independence, MO: Sam Arnold, authority on Santa Fe Trail food, will give a presentation and taste treat. (816) 325-7577.

December 14 - Christmas on the Trail, Morton County Museum, Elkhart, KS: (316) 697-4597.

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May 10-18 - New Mexico Heritage Preservation week emphasizing the Santa Fe Trail: A celebration of the heritage of New Mexico is highlighted at sites all across New Mexico. (505) 827-6320.

June 21 - Fort Union National Monument, NM: First Fort Union site open. (505) 425-8025.

July 19-20 - Fort Union National Monument, NM: Cultural Encounters. (505) 425-8025.

August 2-3 - Rancho de las Golondrinas Festival: South of Santa Fe, NM, life styles of New Mexicans during the Santa Fe Trail period will be depicted. (505) 471-2261.

August 3 - Las Vegas, NM: CCHP Places with a Past Historic Buildings Tour. (505) 425-8803

August 16-17 - Santa Fe, NM, End of Trail Chapter: Entrada to Santa Fe Plaza, Santa Fe, NM.

August 23 - Fort Union National Monument, NM: Evening Tour. (505) 425-8025.

September 24-28 - Santa Fe Trail Association Biennial Symposium, Cimarron Cutoff Chapter, Elkhart, KS; Boise City, OK; and Clayton, NM.

MULTI-YEAR EVENTS

May-September 1996, Arrow Rock, MO, and Arrow Rock State Historic Site will hold special events and exhibits commemorating the Santa Fe Trail. Daily guided walking tours of Trail sites including Big Spring, the Old Tavern, and the John P. Sites Gunshop. Friends of Arrow Rock (816) 837-3231; Arrow Rock State Historic Site (816) 837-3330.

June 1, 1996-October 31, 1997 - El Rancho de las Golondrinas, NM: Special exhibit, La Junta, Meeting of the Trails, on the Chihuahua Trail (Camino Real) and the Santa Fe Trail, with emphasis on their impact on Santa Fe and its people. This bilingual exhibit will include period artifacts and hands-on activities. Contact Louann Jordan (505) 471-2261.

HINCHEY DIARY

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Today very busy buying all sorts of things for the overland journey. Guns, pistols, boots and shoes, clothing, etc.

Went aboard at four p.m. and set off at half past.

The night being fine and moonlit made up steam all night, contrary to the custom at this season of low water on the Missouri River.

Wed. 6th

Aboard the "Polar Star" steamboat on the Missouri River.

This is a very superior boat in every way, good accommodations, plenty of black servants. Everything done with the greatest order and regularity, even to the raising of the dish covers at meals. A splendid table. In great contrast to that on board "The Justice" of the Ohio River.

Beautiful weather and plenty of room to rumble about the boat decks. The boat has a very fine saloon, and above all a very superior class of people, both officers and passengers. The views along this part rather flat, low and sandy.

Thurs. 7th

Today very fine weather and pretty good scenery, so I made several small sketches.

Found everything very comfortable. Had many chats with the passengers, particularly with Mr. Dixon, who left me tonight. We talked until he went ashore at some town. He lives in western Missouri, is a young man of about 29 and wears a mustache.

Fri. 8th of September 1854 — On board the "Polar Star"

Today very fine. Made some little sketches of nice places we passed. In the afternoon made a sketch of one of the negroes of the boat crew, for which he and other negroes entertained me with their singing. Tonight very busy making preparations to land. Had great steaming up the river in a race with another boat called the "Clara of Lexington." On that boat was a very pretty girl to whom a young passenger on my boat passed over and joined.

Sat. 9th Missouri River — Kansas

About midnight hearing a great noise on deck I assumed we had arrived at our destination, or had struck on a sandbar. So I ran on deck, to find it was at Independence we had come; and the deck hands were putting off some freight.

At eight o'clock we arrived at Kansas {Kansas City} and there went ashore after breakfast. We put our baggage in a warehouse. Went to a Hotel to dine.



Hinchey's sketch of Jos. Robertson, aboard the *Polar Star*, in August 1854, courtesy of the National Frontier Trails Center.

Later we went hunting in the woods, and visited Mr. Smith and the other priests.

I slept in the log cabin of Mr. Johnson.

Sun. 10th. Kansas

Got up very early this morning and went hunting with Mr. Johnson, the Englishman at whose house I had slept. Breakfasted with him, and dined with all the priests at Mr. Smith's, the Irishman. Had a long journey in the woods and visited some French speaking people.

After supper walked down to the town of Kansas, where at the hotel I put up for the night. The others of our party slept in the little church, except the Bishop, the Spaniard and three young chaps.

Mon. 11th of September 1854. Kansas {Kansas City} — The Prairie — Good Spring

This morning went from Kansas up to Smith's house on the hill. Got my gun and went shooting. Returned to Kansas and made some preparations for the camp where I arrived at nine o'clock this evening. 'Twas quite dark when crossing the woods and prairie. Found the camp on a hill at what they called "Good Spring," from a pretty little fountain jetting from a rock in the vicinity. {The Bishop's group had set up camp to await the arrival of several nuns, traveling from Kentucky, who were to join the caravan. The name of the camp, "Good Spring," may have origi-

nated with Hinchey since he was fond of devising names for places and did so later on in his diary. No references to a campsite by the name of "Good Spring" can be found. The site was possibly "Sapling Grove," located, according to Craig Crease, at present 83rd and Grant in Kansas City.}

Slept in a wagon with Mr. DeLongle; but rather hard; rather scant on covers. The night dry but dark. Some of our group slept in a tent; others on the naked ground.

Tues. 12th Camp at Good Spring

This morning we ate very early. After breakfast went shooting. Admired very much the country which was here and there very woody, and in general hilly, with long grass and brush wood. Saw some parties of Indians, and noticed a very large caravan of wagons out towards the plain. We were very much annoyed with pigs.

Went with Mr. DeLongle to watch the horses tonight. Got quite wet, it having rained. Dried ourselves and went to bed in the tent. Was much disturbed by the noise of wolves and Jackalls through the night.

Wed. 13th.

This morning after breakfast I went on foot with Monsieur Pollet to Kansas. On the road we were overtaken by a very heavy rain. Killed a snake in the road.

Dined at the hotel at Kansas. Found the pistols had been stolen. What a job! Four Colts revolvers, \$100.00.

Told I should be made pay it too, by the Bishop, but I say I shall not pay it, and time will tell who is right.

Returned by carriage to Westport, and thence on foot to the camp where we arrived at nine o'clock tonight. A fearful storm tonight wet us all in our beds.

Thurs. 14

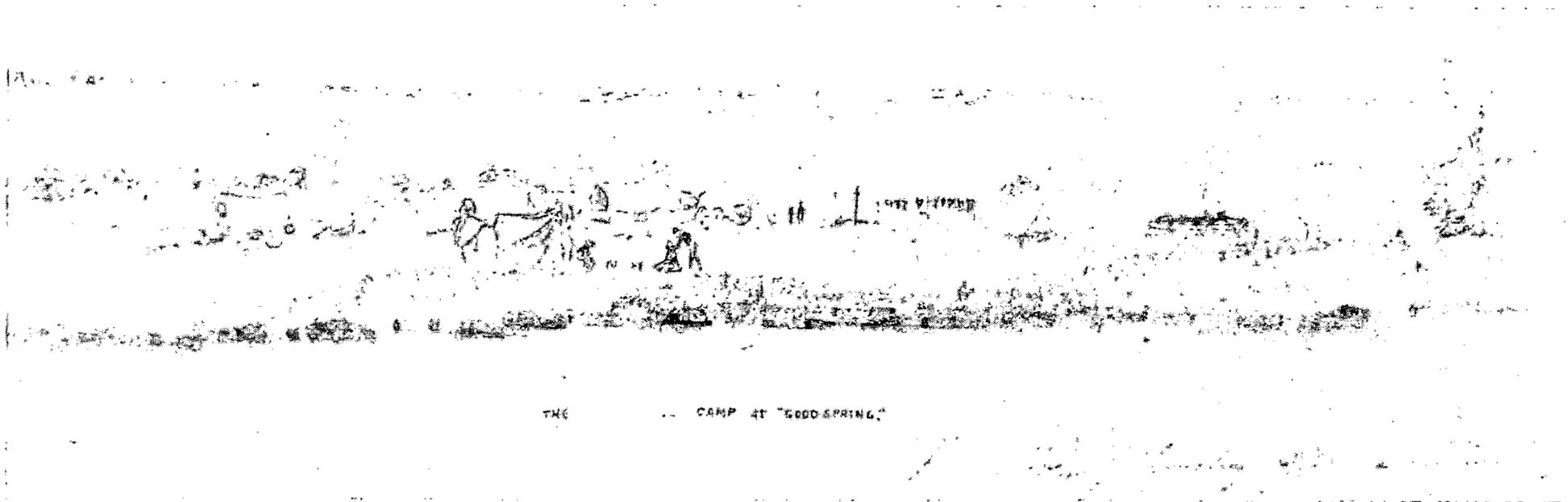
The weather today very fine. But arose this morning cold and wet after a night of storm, noises of wolves, etc. Enough to keep one awake.

This day the men of our camp all went down to the spring to wash their own linen. They found great amusement in the occupation. The Bishop was away from camp all day. On his return tonight he treated all the party to cakes and wine.

I slept in the tent tonight, and slept rather soundly, as a result of the fatigue of the previous day and night.

Fri. 15th

Got up this morning with my head quite damp from the dew; my ears feeling as if they were frost bitten, and quite chilly. However, the day came on fine and I soon became warm.



The Camp at "Good Spring," 1854, by William J. Hinchey, *courtesy of the St. Louis Art Museum.*

Between breakfast and dinner made a journey with Mr. Vaur to Westport, where we purchased some things and returned to camp. After dinner we had quite a chase for the mules. Slept well tonight.

Sat. 16th Good Spring 12 miles from Kansas

This day passed much as usual being very fine. The Bishop was out all day with some of the priests. Freres Avel and Vaur were gone all day to Kansas to perform their duties on this and succeeding day. I did not go hunting today, but remained about the camp, making arrangements for the morrow's Sunday.

Had a great bustle when the Bishop returned, in preparing an altar for the next morning.

Sun. 17th of September 1854. Good Spring Camp

This morning there was a succession of masses gabbled over as fast as possible by the four priests and the Bishop, who all seemed to feel a great necessity for getting through as quickly as they could. By which time was the breakfast cold by whatever the cause. I did not at all feel very much edified by the haste made. Nor I suppose did any of the people, Indians and others, who came too late for the service.

Had a precious run for the mules and horses today. Little else to enliven the day; but fine weather.

{Here follow excerpts from a small supplemental diary that Hinchey wrote while encamped at "Good Spring." He gave more details of his recent trip from Paris and of current events of camp life. This supplement was written in cursive instead of shorthand. Misspellings and punctuation omissions have been retained.}

Well, let me see if I've no other remarks to make on my present place and employ.

Where am I? at this moment in camp sitting under the shade of a waggon, leaning against one of the wheels; on my left is the principal portion of our party, consisting of the tent, the bishop's {?} (which I painted yesterday) 3 waggons, 1 laden with the provisions, another with arms & ammunition and a 3rd is a sleeping apartment for the *heavy sleeping* portion of our community to wit, Pere Jirilla, Padre Ortis and a boy named Sebastian one of the 2 French cousins who act as attendants at our table which consists of a blanket opened out on the ground garnished with rude tin vessels, plates porringers and rough looking knives and forks. Around this *table* sit squat on the ground (Moorish fashion) the entire party twice a day 10 AM and 5 PM.

The entire party (except the domestics) consisting the Bishop at the head of the blanket the priests in order around him: The deacons and sub deacons, and the young French cousins, with myself, being *honored* with our {position?} at the foot. I'll partake of the very original fare, consisting always of {rice?} boiled with bread made by our camp {foreman?} and generally ham, or mutton or beef boiled to ragged {rags?} French fashion.

Added to this we have dried apple mash, or boiled peaches, or by way of a treat, a bit of cheese.

Today being Sunday (the 1st in camp) I understand we are to make quite a feast of it, and so have been promised a colation at 1 o'clock.

Having duly had and heard 2 or 3 masses each performed this morning the tent fitted up for the occasion last night after 9 o'clock . . . there is to be no shooting or working today but instead we all keep idling about our camp in some form or other, unless when we by chance come across the bishop who is sure to set us all running here and there for he's very fond of commanding

and hunting every person to do one thing and one person to do everything.

Aye here he comes even now ordering disturbing and shouting to everybody this one in Spanish, that in French and now to me in English - Och I must be up and away - there are the mules to be caught - Confound the mules! Those vile beasts who {?} keep us all employed the whole day and half the night - They can't come and eat quietly out of their long carved trough they must be kicking and screeching at one another.

Well now we're all scattered here and there trying to hunt them up and cause them to come into the *lasso* of George. George the young man a native of St. Louis 23 years of age - whose skin is so brown who has spent 14 years in New Mexico - who has crossed the plains 9 times and has been a prisoner with a negro fellow sufferer for one year among the {blank space, presumably left to insert the tribe's name} Indians.

He loves too his life and occupation - although his living is hard sleeping & waking, nevertheless he's a hardy chap - with his rifle, his pouch his hatchet and his buffaloe coat he is prepared for any of the severest fortunes of the desert and prairie to which he seems so well inured.

There he goes! twas cleverly done! One horse caught in his ring, and now a mule - But all the others have taken *allarum* and not wishing to be too easily entrapped have set off full speed - passing all the party, Priests, deacons, hunters, Mexican, French, Americans, Spanish, Irish and all, and away with a train of 40 quadrupeds, horses, mules, jennets and ponies and after them a train of bipeds consisting of all the different nations above mentioned halooing in all their various tongues; and scattering the animals they want to catch, in every direction but the right

one.

There they go flying through the long grass and brushwood, Some of them too seem to be springing into the clouds from the top of the hill, on whose side we are encamped - others descending the steep slope towards the woody dell through the bottom of which runs the stream of limpid water from the little silvery spring which jutting from a rock, falls into a little natural basin and then flows onwards being very justly called "Good Spring".

Now then again the affrightened and {?} animals form a widely extended chain moving over the surface of the prairie. And now surely 'twill be no easy task to cause mules to recross the "Creek" and return to their captivity.

Oh - poh -poh - poh - puff, puff, puff - pat, pat pitte - pat here I am after considerable run myself - but I give it up and shall here repose a little under these bushes - But let me see if there be no snakes first. (twas only the day before yesterday that I had the good fortune to shoot one just as it was about eserting {inserting?} its fangs into the leg of one of my companions a Monsieur Tueles, sub deacon) Well I think I'm all right for a few min.

Confound that white mare - she has done all the damage being the first to start off and still keeping the lead of the whole party - But ha! now she's caught in the lasso of the little Mexican Jose Clever horseman too! He tugs and tugs, but no go - yes it is a go for soon he goes over his horses head, who rolling on the ground almost crushes his rider but the latter still holds the lasso and tugs, and is tugged - rather too severely also for now he's on his belly, being dragged along through everything - and now is obliged to let go! Well if he has failed some of the others are more fortunate and now the party returns towards the hill of encampment with 4 or 5 of the entrapped beasts followed by the others who walk along with their captive fellows as though they were above deserting them in the moment of need and should go with them to console them in their imprisonment.

Now then I too am returned to camp determined no more to go mule hunting on foot for the exertion is too great And as I recline here under the shade of the tent I shall endeavour to continue my remarks on my present position and occupation, and so make apology for the interruption in my soberly commenced recital.

Its all very well to be posted here in fine weather, when getting up with daylight long before the sun himself rises . . . but when it comes to storms of

lightning, thunder, and rain in torrents, ah then is the moment to say if one feels all right and tight, when there is not a dry spot to be found to hide ones self in when the calico tent is drenched through and all the coverings of the waggons proven to be better sunshades than umbrellas - thats the moment to try a traveller and make him tell how he likes *the free savage life of liberty*.

However so far as I have gone I have enjoyed it whether simply from the fact of its novelty, or perhaps from the less charitable cause of knowing I am one of a party which is likely to suffer as much or more than me. Whatever the cause, the effect is that when on last Wednesday night being all rolled up in our blankets laying on the ground under our flimsey tent or in the waggons with the calicoe coverings a mighty storm broke over us drenching us all most unmercifully as we lay subject to its inclemency and at every fierce gust of wind which came rushing through our open tent I could not suppress my laughing at the novelty of my position and the variously muttered fears of those about me who cried one moment against the rain and lightening and the next the fearful wind which threatened to carry away our tents from over the heads of the unhappy inmates.

Is it excusable in me that I did not make myself feel miserable because all the rest felt so but that instead I almost wished to see the vile tent carried away and thus at the expense of getting a little more wet learn what would be the different courses pursued by the different individuals who lay about me.

I had too imagined the scene that would follow of half naked people running about in the lightnings glare and trying to hide themselves if such were possible.

But no such in reality did not occur, but in its stead there was a sufficient indication in the grumbling, groaning, muttering & shivering of the great majority of the party being pretty miserable. All useless to turn the head to right or left still the water kept falling on the face and running down into the neck & breast as if looking for a warm place to repose in - properly saturated too is both night cap & bedcovering & now the cool refreshing streams of rain water are running down under our bodies even between us and our skins. (I mean our buffaloe skins) O 'twas a night to take the sleep from the eyes of most of our delicate party, and nevertheless so intense were the flashes of lightening and fearful the crashes of thunder that they all seemed more inclined to hide their frightened heads in

their wet blankets and give no other testimony of their consciousness than the moans muttering & shiverings of which I've spoken.

However the night passed away and with it the storm as had done every night since first our lady Earth has learned to turn her back on Monsieur le Sun and the morn's dawn appears and gradually the inmates of the camp begin to move about in a sad, dull and chilly humor.

Now then the 2 or 3 Mexican servants are trying to light the fire of wet sticks and puffing & blowing from their mouths they kneel or lie about the heap of wet ashes which mark the vicinity of the fire of preceding day.

At length they do succeed after an hour's hard work with straw, paper etc and these poor fellows raise themselves from the ground almost spent of breath and set themselves to drying the wet clothing which is sticking to their bodies.

In a crowd our poor gentlemen voyageurs are standing round the fire drying their various persons & effects. I shall just satisfy myself with spreading mine on and under this large branch in the neighborhood of the heat and set once more to formally giving some sketches of my proceedings once I left off in the neighborhood of the Ohio river. Aye I was on board the misnamed "Justice" and had seen some of the good but more of the bad qualities of that boat - However I had better go back a little and describe my journey from Cincinnati in a more intelligible style.

On Wednesday 23rd of 8th {month} and about 12 noon we all tumbled into Cincinnati puffing and belching and groaning but very glad to have made our first overland journey in America Well, we {walked?} into the main street of the little town of Newport {suburb of Cincinnati}.

We got out of the train and putting our goods on some cars, we went to the store of Mr. Cody and there left them. Oh what bustle & confusion Monsieur Willyam here, Monsieur Willyam there, a hundred times a minute 'till I was pretty well bothered at length according to orders. I brought some of the company furniture to the Jesuit College. What a train of suspicious looking characters walking up the streets, sometimes on the pathway sometimes in the middle of the street following the waggons and doing everything they could to testify their attention and fidgettyness. Of course I felt rather annoyed with their interference and would rather have been left alone to manage the affair - I observed that as we passed along the people turned, stood and

looked after us.

Having left some of our good peres at the Jesuits I went with the rest to the Archbishop where I put up myself, very glad to have the chance of reposing from the heat and fatigue that had caused me to suffer so much during the last few days.

I stretched myself on my bed & soon was in the enjoyment of a luxurious nap from which I was awakened by the rough handling of one of the French priests who thought he was doing me a favor & an honor in inviting me down stairs to sup with the arch. & the bishop. The arch. Purcell I found a nice agreeable little Irishman and one very well capable of keeping his visitors amused at table chatter with his Irish jokes, his yankeeisms & his French *bons mots*. I went down in very bad humor but stood up from the table in much better spirits thanks to the good wines & his Lordship's hospitality.

Having walked an hour in the garden I retired to my room but not to bed, for the sleep had left me for the time being, and now I should have to court its return.

However 'twas now 4 weeks from the time I left Paris and during all that time I had not had much leisure for thinking or dreaming which is perhaps a more proper expression so I seat myself at my bedroom window and ponderingly revert to the little circumstances that have happened {to} me from that Wednesday 4 weeks which was my last in Paris on which occasion I nipped with Kinlock & Vaudin in the Rue Dauphine - I also bethought me in what manner I took leave of my friends, of my hurrying away to the railway from the bishop's hotel Rue Ferou, and taking the carriage with me the little Abbe Vaur who came but knew not why or by what right. Of our getting to the terminus at the Rue d'Amsterdam and there being joined presently by the remainder of the party and going off all together stuffed into the same compartment of a 2nd class and stifling for want of air having 2 strange priests in the same crib with us.

Thence the journey to Rouen and right on to Havre where we had the pleasant sojourn' till Monday the 31st on which day I took steamer for England and being too desirous to get along to see my dear R. instead of going the round about way of Southampton, I landed in a small boat at Portsmouth and here having breakfast at "The Crown".

I ordered a carriage to the railway just in time to get a train for Brighton . . . the train bore me along with lightening like speed through the neighborhood of

Lewes and still on to the interesting little station of Berhill . . .

Onward in thought I pursue my journey and soon find myself driving out of the "Anchor" hotel in Berhill and in a good sound trot dashing along the road for Nirfield.

Thus was I enjoying a reverie in a reverie like the spectators of Hamlet who see a play within a play, when in the midst of my cogitation my mind was diverted by the sounds of voices singing to the air of "God Save the Queen".

On looking from the window I perceived that a large building on the opposite side of the street from the Archbishop had all its upper windows illuminated and thence proceeded the sound that had turned my attention from the happy contemplation of my last night in England.

Well, well, 'tis but to be told of the kind farewell of her {Rebecca's} people and the affectionate and cheerful farewell of herself, when I'm off again steaming away to Southampton and thence to the Isle of Wight where I go aboard the Union and am received with smiles and congratulations by my friend the B - & etc.

However I then went to bed and having carefully adjusted my mosquito bars around me I went to sleep and slept well and comfortably all night through 'till the hour for his lordship's breakfast table.

{The author has moved to accommodations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wasser in Covington in the suburbs of Cincinnati. The diary continues:}

On Monday 28th August I got up pretty early knowing I was to start for the far west on that day and glad to be in motion. In company with Mr. Wasser I crossed over to Cincinnati and engaged my passage and that of 17 others, the same party as from France.

The boat was one of the smallest size of river boats none other being able to pass the shoals and sandbanks which were so numerous in the Ohio at this season of the year the water now being lower than ever. Nevertheless 'twas the first American river boat I had ever been on, and for me it contained a great deal of interest. Rather remarkable to foreigners to see such fine structures built to stand so high above water some of them drawing only 30 inches and containing so much accommodation for passengers, as well as freight & heavy steam machinery.

Having engaged the berths I strolled through the town and called on an old school fellow of mine named Michael Oshaughnessey of whose presence at Cincinnati I had been informed the previous day.

Of course the meeting was a pleasing one for 10 years had rolled by since last we had met and many were the enquiries after old school fellows by the one and the other. There were also many things to be spoken of concerning ourselves and our different fortunes from our happy schoolboy days.

We went together to dine at the Madison hotel and there was introduced to his relations as also to the proprietor of the hotel who was also an old school fellow of ours but in a higher class. 'Tis needless to say that the few hours I spent in the company passed off happily and pleasantly.

And when in the evening I went aboard the steam boat accompanied by my friends I really felt grateful for the piece of good fortune which sent to bless my way the smiles of old friends and well-wishers!

Oh friendship and sympathy you are happy gifts to bless the weary journey of a poor pilgrim!!!

That evening being very fine the air along the water so cool and refreshing.

"After the day beam's withering fire" that I went on the upper or as it is called "hurricane deck" and had a long converse with a young American printer and bookseller who was possessed of a particularly literary talent and from whose company I derived much pleasure as well as a deal of information on the position of politics and polemics in America.

Nor was the scenery which we passed the least attractive cause of my staying so long on deck that evening - for it was truly beautiful and almost every new feature in the landscape called forth a remark from my learned companion which would have been well worthy of insertion here had I but a memory sufficiently retentive to recall or time to hoist from its many ugly folds some of these efusions of a well read man.

Hot, hot as ever rose the sun on the morning of Tuesday the 29. Still was the scenery very fine on either bank of the beautiful {Ohio}. Truly it must be a splendid flood when the waters are at their highest. About mid-day we came to the city of Louisville which had suffered so much from the fearful thunderstorm of the previous Sunday morn the same witnessed by me at Covington.

We learned here that the boat on which we had come from Cincinnati could not pass the canal cut to avoid the rocky shoals which obstruct the river in this part, so we were obliged to move our baggages and persons from the boat into some coaches, and drive some 3 or 4 miles to the town of Portland where there was a boat just about

to start for St. Louis.

Consequently I had the satisfaction of riding through the town of Louisville and noticing the fact of its being a thriving businesslike place.

I also noticed the ruin that had been made of many houses during the storm two days before.

But about getting aboard the steamboat. We had a very heavy drag along the dusty road before we arrived at {Portland}.

One of our vehicles being overloaded with baggage we could all move but very slowly. At length we came in sight of the "Justice" and soon got aboard of her and oh if the other boat contained but inferior accommodations this was *infernal* so.

A shocking structure, it seemed as though it had been made for the carriage of slaves alone, Slaves alone? No, for in slaves there is stock involved and they had been better treated! It seems perhaps only what it was an alternative between traveling or no travelling for if you did not like to go by this or such another boat you could not travel by any, at this low stage of the river.

However there was another cause why this boat should not only be small, inconvenient and horrible but its accommodation abominable. This cause was that the boat was newly brought up the Ohio River for the purpose of plying short trips on the upper Mississippi and now she was being brought home by her purchaser who thought it a good chance to earn her cost price at once by packing her full of those passengers who's business did not admit of being deferred to a more favorable travelling time. And so it was that every thing on this boat was of the worst kind, food and all 'till at length we had but a meal a day for the last two days of our journey.

The 31st of August fell on a Thursday. I was still on the Ohio River or more correctly in the Ohio River but on an Ohio sandbank where we had got ourselves entangled the preceding night. I had not yet begun to think where or how we were situated on that morn for 'twas still early.

The rising beams of the morn's red sun were just bursting on us through the upper branches of the tall trees that lined the shores when I was startled from my sleep by the cries of a man in the water the awful cry which a poor human being utters when he begins to despair of his ability to escape from death. This poor fellow was just being carried past my cabin window away {in} the stream when I started up and looked out - presently the current bore him away from the vessel's side - at

about 50 yards from us he sank but presently rose again and this time upright for he could stand on the bottom and keep his head above water, but the current is too strong and he is now floundering about perhaps with the intention of walking to shore or finding a more steady footing place. Poor fellow! he is doomed never to find such in this life for now he stumbles again and again recovers himself, but once more and for the last time he goes down and now nought is to be seen but his hat and his hands thrown wildly above the surface of the water as if imploring aid from those persons who were still standing on the steam boat watching his struggles for life and I'm sorry to have to admit many of them even laughing at his efforts to save himself.

Such is the character of these low people that they would not think it worth the trouble to hurry themselves to the rescue a human being from death Be it that they thought the man could swim well, or that they fancied that by some chance or other he should succeed in getting out they kept up a continual roar of laughing from the moment he was carried away by the stream till he disappeared to be seen no more.

And 'tis only now that the conceited little {lot?} Clerk of the boat gets into a skiff with a boy who rows to the spot where the man went down last. Mr. Clerk gives a few prods with his little sounding stick but none of them in the proper place for the current has carried the boat down from the spot - and the puppy clerk not finding the poor fellow left him there and returned to the ship in less than 10 minutes from his leaving it and back he comes getting aboard with an air of as little concern as though it had been a bottle of whiskey he had been seeking and I suspect far less than if it had been a man but instead of a man's life he went to save.

His only remark was well twas the fellow's own fault for I told him not to go to the front of the vessel where the water was so deep and the current so strong.

I mentioned the affair to one of the passengers later in the day for many of them never knew anything about nor do they I'm sure even at this moment, so little interest or excitement was caused by it on that cursed boat. . . . This passenger opened my eyes a little to the causes of their leaving that poor man's body. . . .

One reason (if reason it is) for the leaving of the man's body in the water, if they took it up they should carry it ashore and in so doing should according to law await an inquest there on the body, another reason is that they might have owed that poor fellow some

money and of course as he was gone to settle his last account, tis not likely he should think it worth his while coming back to quibble with them for a mere trifle, and as a natural consequence of his death any clothes or trifling effects he has left shall fall to his last messmates . . . the poor man . . . was one of many who had been up all night and in the river trying to push the steam boat off the sand bank.

'Twas not 'till two hours had elapsed that the crew succeeded in getting the "justice" afloat again - so I think they had ample time to pick up the body of the drowned man if they had been at all inclined.

Oh abominable people!!

The nights were extremely agreeable after the extreme heat of the day, a heat that almost suffocated on that miserable little boat for there was no way of creating draught, all was so crowded and twas but when a chance bend in the river would send the wind across our line that we should cease even for 5 minutes to suffer from a *sweltering* and suffocated process to which we were all subjected.

I thought several times that the boat was on fire so intense was the heat of the sun that the boards positively smoked and smelt as if on fire!!! But the evenings were truly delicious as though "lovely night" made her best endeavours to compensate for the severity of the day. . . . I can now sit on the upper deck where I dare not venture in the excessive heat of the day, and I generally remain there long after the majority of the passengers are gone to bed - The majority I say for there are many who stay up all night playing cards and of course swearing and uttering the vilest imprecations on themselves and every body as they carry on their devilry the whole night through.

But so it was while ever I remained in that boat though the season was the cause, the day fearfully hot, the night beautifully cool.

On several occasions the Bishop and all his party with me have gone ashore for we had been generally obliged to lye still during the nights and on going ashore take our way along the sandy brink and have a more luxuriant bath - But this depended on our being able to get a place which had be{en} shaded, or partly so, from the sun in the day for other wise we found the bottom and even the water positively warm.

{The supplemental diary ends here and the narrative continues with events at "Good Spring" in the Pitman shorthand diary.}

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HOOF PRINTS

—TRAIL TIDBITS—

SFTA Ambassador Paul Bentrup has been ill but is on the road to recovery. He was hospitalized for several weeks and now resides at the nursing home in Lakin, KS. He reports that he has diabetes under control and is feeling much better. We wish him well and hope to see him at Trail events as soon as he is able. He enjoys hearing from his many Trail friends. His address is PO Box 596, Lakin KS 67860.

The National Park Service has issued the official Santa Fe National Historic Trail Guide and Map, an attractive and informative brochure. Copies are available at sites along the Trail or may be obtained from NPS Long Distance Trails, PO Box 728, Santa Fe NM 87504-0728.

The DAR Madonna of the Trail that has stood in McClellan Park in Albuquerque, NM, since 1928, will not be homeless after all. It will be removed from the site while the new federal courthouse is constructed, and then it will return to stand near the northwest corner of the courthouse. The new site will include landscaping and a low wall setting the area off from the courthouse.

The Historic Arrow Rock Council has prepared a 175th anniversary packet listing Trail sites and events from the Boonslick to Lexington. A map of Trail sites, historical notes, and a calendar of events is included. For your copy send a large self-addressed stamped (55 cents postage please) envelope to Santa Fe Trail, Arrow Rock MO 65320.

Jane Mallinson and DAR friends have nearly completed a book listing all the DAR Santa Fe Trail markers from the Boonslick to Santa Fe. The book includes descriptive text and maps with specific marker locations. For more information write Jane Mallinson, PO Box 8604, Sugar Creek MO 64054.

The April issue of *Midwest Living* carried an article, "Rediscovering

the Santa Fe Trail," which includes a list of some of the activities planned along the route in 1996 and telephone numbers in four Trail states for further information.

Loren Litteer, publisher of the Baldwin City, KS, *Pioneer Champion*, featured the 175th anniversary of the Trail in the spring issue, including many historical articles and illustrations. Copies may be ordered from Champion Publishing, RR 3 Box 88, Baldwin City KS 66006.

Bob Dyer, historian-songster and editor of *Boone's Lick Heritage*, devoted the March 1996 issue to Santa Fe Trail history. Reprints of William Becknell's reports of his 1821 and 1822 sojourns to Santa Fe are included. To obtain copies contact Bob Dyer, PO Box 324, Boonville MO 65233.

Bob Dyer and friends Dave and Cathy Para are singing Santa Fe Trail music. The Paras will feature Trail songs when they host the annual Boonslick Folk Music Festival in Arrow Rock, MO, September 14, 1996. Watch for a new tape/disc featuring Trail music.

The Corazon de los Caminos Chapter has arranged to bring the Trail to life during the Santa Fe Trail balloon rally at Raton, NM, on July 5. Deborah Blanche will present Marian Sloan Russell at 1:00 p.m., sponsored by Sunwest Bank of Raton and the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities. The chapter will have an information booth.

Additional evidence linking the Coronado expedition of 1541 to a campsite in Blanco Canyon east of Lubbock, TX, has been found in the form of a number of crossbow bolt tips. A chain mail gauntlet was found at the site about 40 years ago. If more sites on the plains can be connected to Coronado, it may still be possible to plot his route.

SFTA Ambassador Les Vilda is planning a round-trip living-history expedition from New Franklin, MO, to Santa Fe, NM, and back to MO to commemorate the 175th anniversary. He will follow the Trail with his donkey and mule and provide talks and demonstrations along the way. Doane College,

Crete, NE, is handling donations to finance this expedition. Watch for Les along the Trail.

The 175th anniversary celebration has received notice in many publications, including the January issue of *Trailer Life*, the January issue of *Destinations*, the Canadian travel magazine, the March-April issue of *Archaeology*, the April issue of *The Group Travel Leader*, and April issue of *Travel America*. These publications have a combined circulation of 1.8 million. The March 24 *Los Angeles Times*, circulation 1.5 million, also carried information about the Trail.

Wamego, KS, teachers Marcia Fox and Chris Day usually conduct camping trips along the Trail for fifth and sixth graders, but this summer, in celebration of the 175th, they will offer the trip for adults, June 22-July 6. They will travel by bus and camp in tents nightly at state parks and campgrounds. This will be a great Trail experience. For more information contact Marcia Fox, 4485 Bluebird Rd, Wamego, KS 66547 or Chris Day, PO Box 118, Wamego, KS 66547.

The eighth grade class at Pawnee Heights West School in Burdett, KS, has developed a Kansas History Internet project, "The Fort Larned Living History Experience," under direction of teacher Joel Walker. Walker also serves as a park ranger at Fort Larned NHS. The class also added files on their school and the communities it serves. The home page location is <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/central/arceck/burdett/index.htm>.

The Southwest Institute will offer two summer programs in 1996: "Diné Bikéyah: The Land of the Navajo," June 15-22, and "Canyon Country of the Colorado Plateau," June 29-July 6. Plans for 1998 include a summer class on "Camino Real—The Royal Road." For information call (505) 266-7134.

To celebrate the 175th anniversary, Hawk Publications in Angel Fire, NM, is preparing a special edition "48-page vintage newspaper" about the Santa Fe Trail in New Mexico, to be distributed free

in Trail towns during the summer months. The paper is funded with advertising. For more information call (505) 377-2429.

The publishers of *Tour Kansas Guide*, Cottonwood Falls, KS, are preparing a special issue on the Santa Fe Trail to commemorate the 175th anniversary. This will be distributed along the Trail in Kansas. For more information call (800) 374-4635.

KNME-TV, Albuquerque, NM, is producing a one-hour Trail documentary called "With Each Turn of the Wheel: The Santa Fe Trail, 1821-1996." The director is Douglas Crawford.

The Kansas Frontier Forts Project of the Kansas State Historical Society and the National Park Service, assisted by the Kansas Department of Travel and Tourism, has published a large folded map and brochure featuring historic trails and forts in the state. There is text about each trail and fort, with special notice of the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. Eleven historic sites along the Santa Fe Trail are highlighted. The SFTA is promoted. To obtain a copy contact the KS Dept of Tourism at (800) 252-6727 or the KSHS at (913) 272-8681.

The New Mexico Department of Tourism has awarded a \$150,000 contract to produce a 30-minute CD-ROM about the historic Camino Real (Chihuahua Trail). It will focus on the tourism assets and attractions along the route. The main purpose is to educate and encourage tourism.

A feature article, with photo, about SFTA members Joe and Diana Stein and the closing of their outstanding bookstore in Las Vegas, NM, appeared in the winter issue of *People & Places Past*, published by the Citizens' Committee for Historic Preservation in Las Vegas. A brief history of their 41 years in business is included.

SFTA member Margaret Freeman and Robert Ackley, Aurora, MO, sent a copy of the March 1996 issue of *National Lamb and Wool Grower*, which includes an article, "Sunken Treasure Yields Wool Items," about the Steamboat Ara-

bia. The well-preserved woolen items on board the sunken ship included 25 pairs of long underwear, 15 pairs of mittens, 300 hats, 80 coats, 30 pairs of socks, 50 pairs of trousers, and 65 bolts of cloth. Similar items were freighted over the Santa Fe Trail.



CONVERSE OF THE PRAIRIES

—BOOK NOTICES—

Frank S. Edwards, *A Campaign in New Mexico with Colonel Doniphan*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996. Pp. 138. Appendix, map, new illustrations. New foreword by Mark L. Gardner. Paper, \$18.95.

Fans of the Santa Fe Trail will welcome the handsome reprint of this classic by Frank S. Edwards, who was a volunteer artilleryman with Stephen W. Kearny's conquering Army of the West. Earlier printings have long been unavailable, but this new edition is actually superior owing to the addition of illustrations and a lengthy foreword by Mark L. Gardner.

Edwards provides a vivid recital of the hardships experienced by the soldiers on their march from Fort Leavenworth to Bent's Fort. For example, after a tremendous rainstorm at the Cottonwood Forks of the Neosho, he comments: "I can hardly image a more wo-begone looking set of men then we were. All morning the rain poured down [as we] sat wrapped in our soaking blankets."

From a description of Trail life, he passes to an account of military duty in occupied Santa Fe, including much reference to Hispanic custom. On December 1, 1846, Edwards left the capital with a column that descended the Rio Grande to join an advance force under Colonel Alexander Doniphan. He fought at the Battle of Brazito above El Paso and went on to fight at Sacramento outside Chihuahua City.

Edwards's book is reissued to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the Mexican War. Gardner provides biographical details that have not been known before. The volume is a basic source and ought to be in any Santa Fe Trail collection.

—Marc Simmons

Robert Julyan, *The Place Names of New Mexico*. Albuquerque: New Mexico Historical Review, 1996. Pp. xxviii + 385. Bibliography. Cloth, \$39.95; paper, \$19.95.

This compilation of some 7,000 New Mexico names, arranged in alphabetical order, supplants T. M. Pearce's *New Mexico Place Names* (University of New Mexico Press, 1965). There is a brief explanation of each name (origin and meaning if known), and the volume contains numerous places connected to the Santa Fe Trail (which also has its own entry). One may learn, for example, that the name of Round Mound, famous Trail landmark, was changed to Mount Clayton in 1887 at the request of U.S. Senator Stephen Dorsey to honor his son, Clayton. The town of Clayton was also named for the senator's son.

It is all here, from Abbott to Zuzax, including streams, lakes, mountains, settlements, and just about any place that had a name. This is an essential reference work for anyone interested in New Mexico, and a helpful guide for travelers. Browsing through the contents is also entertaining as well as informative. Heifers Delight Canyon, for example, is in Catron County south of another canyon named Bull Run.

Stanley B. Kimball, *The Mormon Battalion on the Santa Fe Trail in 1846: A Study of Mormon Battalion Trail Accounts During the War with Mexico*. Santa Fe: National Park Service, 1996. Pp. ii + 110. Maps, illustrations, notes, bibliography, appendices.

Professor Kimball, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and member of SFTA, is the leading authority on the history of the Mormon Battalion. This monograph, prepared for the Long Distance Trails Group Office, NPS, at Santa Fe, looks at the diaries kept by the Mormon soldiers while they marched to Santa Fe and on to California 150 years ago. The documents provide additional documentation of Trail sites and life on the Trail during the Mexican War.

The few quotations from the diaries are instructive, and one wishes there had been space for more of them. The bibliography will be helpful to serious students of the Trail. The appendices include copies of official orders, a complete

roster of the battalion, list of families who accompanied the soldiers, marching songs, illustrations, maps, and reprints of some of Kimball's earlier publications about the battalion. The story of this unique unit, comprised of uncommonly literate men, is an important part of Trail history.

Constance Wynn Altshuler, *Cavalry Yellow & Infantry Blue: Army Officers in Arizona Between 1851 and 1886*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996 (reprint of 1991 publication of the Arizona Historical Society). Pp. xii + 406. Notes, bibliography, index. Cloth, \$45.00.

Brief biographies of some 800 army officers who served in Arizona are recounted in this solid reference work. Many of these soldiers also were stationed, at some time during their term of service, along the Santa Fe Trail (Andrew J. Alexander, William Woods Averell, James H. Carleton, John W. Davidson, John Van Deusen DuBois, N. A. M. Dudley, Herbert M. Enos, Richard S. Ewell, J. Irvin Gregg, John Lafferty, Elisha G. Marshall, Albert P. Morrow, William B. Royall, Charles F. Ruff, Enoch Steen, Henry D. Wallen, and John E. Yard to name only a few). The summaries of their careers will be helpful to anyone researching military history.

Jane Lenz Elder and David J. Weber, eds., *Trading in Santa Fe: John M. Kingsbury's Correspondence with James Jostah Webb, 1853-1861*. Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press/DeGolyer Library, 1996. Pp. xxxix + 326. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, appendix, index. Cloth, \$40.00; paper, \$19.95.

Kingsbury's letters to Webb, most of which were written from Santa Fe, provide the most detailed account of the operation of any mercantile business engaged in the Santa Fe trade during the 1850s. Webb had spent several years during the 1840s traveling the Trail and operating a store in Santa Fe. When Kingsbury became his partner in the firm Webb & Kingsbury (successor to Messervy & Webb), Webb was content to spend most of his time at home in Connecticut and purchasing and shipping commodities to Santa Fe, where Kingsbury operated their store on the plaza.

The letters are much more than a business record, however, and reveal much about Santa Fe and New Mexican economy, society, politics, and government, documenting the changing material culture of the region. Henceforth no student of the Santa Fe trade and New Mexico in the 1850s can ignore this outstanding publication. It is truly a resource without peer.

The editors have provided a general introduction, afterword, and copious notes for the 194 letters and other related documents. The items are presented in 15 chapters, each of which has a prologue. The format, with notes on the side bar, is convenient. Fortunately, nothing has been omitted from the letters. Kingsbury's personal life is also revealed, including his marriage to Kate Messervy and the tragic loss of his son and, later, his wife (who died on the Santa Fe Trail).

The particulars of doing business in Santa Fe are altogether disclosed, including selection of merchandise, purchase, transportation, insurance, warehousing, display, pricing, credit, bills of lading, promissory notes, sales, book-keeping, settling accounts, communication, and facing the omnipresent competition. At times Kingsbury was critical of "Jewish" competitors, and in 1859 he declared that Hispanic "Filipe Delgado is at present the hardest one to contend with" (p. 169).

The firm posted sales of approximately \$75,000 per year in Santa Fe, and the annual (later biannual) shipment over the Trail filled 12 to 20 wagons (which they contracted). The competitive importance of being the first train to reach Santa Fe each season was well understood, and Kingsbury reported sales of more than \$20,000 within the month when his train was first.

Not all merchandise was satisfactory. In one shipment there were moths in the coats, and Kingsbury complained that some were "nearly eat up" (p. 83). Another time several barrels of whiskey were so bad that Kingsbury declared, "People would not drink it, even the soldiers grumbled at it" (p. 71).

He noted changes in fashion, attributing the popularity of sunbonnets to the influence of the Sisters of Loretto and their hoods. Kingsbury kept Webb informed about what colors of yarn, cloth, clothing,

and wallpaper were best-selling and which would not move.

He voiced his opinions about people in power, noting of newly-appointed Governor Abraham Rencher, "I do not fancy the Gov. much. He is rather on the *old foggy order*" (p. 70). He frequently complained about people, some of them prominent in business, government, and the military, who were addicted to alcohol and gambling. Those who think the ban on smoking is a recent crusade will be surprised to learn that smoking was prohibited in the territorial assembly in 1858.

Kingsbury reported the details of the sale of the Exchange Hotel three times during his stay in Santa Fe, and he chronicled the difficulties he had collecting from each of the owners. As Indian threats along the Santa Fe Trail made that route more unsafe, and as violence increased in Santa Fe, Kingsbury became anxious to leave "this hole of disipation" (p. 199). The business was closed and he left Santa Fe in May 1861.

Until now there has been a dearth of information about the workings of the trade during the period between the Mexican and Civil wars. Kingsbury's letters change that. No review can do justice to this fundamental resource which belongs in any collection on the Santa Fe trade.

CAMP TALES

—CHAPTER REPORTS—

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Keith Latham, of the Plum Creek Brigade whose members reenact nineteenth-century lifestyles and experiences, presented the February program at the Amarillo Central Library. His explanation of his costume, equipment, and lifestyle included interesting tidbits and anecdotes and were educational and entertaining.

On April 21 Jerry and Lavern Hays led members to Trail sites in the Dumas, TX, area, following a noon meal in Dumas. Sections of

the Canadian River trails, Fort Dodge-Tascosa Trail, and others crossed this region.

Several programs are planned for the year. Mike Harter, history teacher from Austin Middle School, Amarillo, will present his trail research on August 4, at the Central Library. Lee and Natalie Russell (Lee is the grandson of Marian Sloan Russell) have invited the chapter to their home at Lake Tanglewood in September. The program for November has not been determined.

Scott Burgan hopes to have the prototype for the revised edition of the Gregg-Marcy Santa Fe Trail brochure done soon. We need suggestions for funding its publication. Anyone who has an idea should contact Scott Burgan or Kathy Revett.

Wagonbed Spring

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The chapter held its quarterly meeting April 11 at the Daylight Donut Shop in Hugoton. Plans for the upcoming events celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Trail were discussed.

Heart of the Flint Hills

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The annual Trail ride will start at the Lone Elm Campground on June 6 and follow the progression of the Kansas State Historical Society 175th programs to Council Grove. Committee members are Clayton Stephenson, Charles Noonan, Rex Pio, Jim Heath, and Leland Zerbe.

End of the Trail

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The chapter met on January 20 in the community room of the DeVargas Mall. Harry Myers spoke to a standing-room only house about William Becknell's encounter with Mexican troops at what is now called Kearny Gap near Las Vegas, NM.

The business meeting followed and there was good news from several fronts: (1) The Dept. of Tourism has revised its ad promoting the 175th to make it historically accurate. The ad, which will appear in 13 national magazines,

made its first appearance in the Jan.-Feb. issue of National Geographic's *Traveler* magazine. (2) The fate of the DAR End of the Trail Madonna located in Albuquerque's McClellan Park, site of a new Federal Courthouse, is now secure. It will be stored in the interim and then incorporated into the overall architectural scheme. (3) The NM Dept. of Tourism is issuing a brochure publicizing New Mexico's activities related to the 175th anniversary.

Retiring President Margaret Sears gratefully recognized the services of the other retiring officers. In appreciation of Margaret's own unstinting and dedicated efforts as president, Janet and Donald Kaye presented her with an Eight Real Mexican silver coin.

The following officers were elected, each for a two-year term: Jack Barnes, Alcalde; Louann Jordan, Alcalde Segunda; Joyce Dix Remke, Escribana; Donald Kaye, Tesorero; and Marilyn Earp and Mary Hedge as Directors.

On March 16 the chapter met at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The speaker was Ruth Holmes, a former resident of Missouri and a board member of the Historic Santa Fe Foundation. Her talk, "Reflections on Arrow Rock, Missouri, Then and Now," was based on personal recollections of her "favorite town" and all that has made Arrow Rock the charming town it is today.

The business meeting included a report on the progress of plans to distribute 2800 copies of Dave Webb's *Adventures with the Santa Fe Trail* to NM schools, a project made possible by a \$15,000 grant from Sunwest Bank. Other reports concerned planning for the 175th and status of funding efforts, and a report from the marker committee on plans to mark SFT crossings within Santa Fe.

The May 18 meeting will be a field trip and picnic at Camp Stoney, where we will be guided on a tour of Trail remnants by Anita Stalter. Visitors from other chapters are welcome, as they are at our meeting at Rancho de las Golondrinas on August 3. For more information on these two meetings call Louann Jordon at (505) 983-2994.

The chapter still has available a few copies of a booklet *Markers along the Santa Fe Trail between San Miguel del Vado and Santa Fe*, a condensation of a booklet compiled by Jack Uhlenhopp in 1993.

It's a fine photographic record of the DAR markers in the region with a detailed guide to find them. The booklets are available for \$2.50, which includes postage, from Doris Lyons, 905 Calle Arco, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Corazon de los Caminos

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The February board meeting heard Jack Urban, editor of Hawk Publications, explain plans to publish a special newspaper edition to celebrate the 175th anniversary.

Wagon Mound was the site of the kick-off of 1996 activities. LeRoy LeDoux welcomed 36 guests and members who got an excellent presentation by Mike and Patti Olsen on "Teaching the Santa Fe Trail." Mike's talk, a synopsis of his history class at Highlands, brought out that what some call our Manifest Destiny was really a large-scale trading operation, a well-organized commercial endeavor, that Las Vegas was the first town in the United States ever occupied and kept, and that the teaching of the Trail brings recognition of multi-culturalism in the SW and the West. Mike cited several books on the Trail and the SW that detailed these events.

Patti, who teaches 6th grade language arts at Memorial Middle School, uses no text but draws on several sources to make teaching the Trail vivid. Dave Webb's book *Adventure with the Santa Fe Trail*, is the basis for oral reports by the students. Susan Magoffin's book is used to teach different perspectives we might have of events, and a recipe book about trail cuisine gives impetus to home cooking and class sampling. The students also produce a Santa Fe Trail map tapestry and flash cards which are affixed to notable sites based on the stories the students have researched.

The April 21 activity was dedicated to exhibits and archives of the Santa Fe Trail in Las Vegas, NM. Following a picnic lunch in Carnegie Park at 12:30 p.m., members visited the City of Las Vegas Museum and Rough Rider Memorial, which has some Trail memorabilia. The group then walked to the Carnegie Library where Milt Swenson reviewed the Santa Fe Trail archival holdings which are housed in the library. The group then traveled to Tito's Gallery for a

reception and viewing of the Spring Art Show, "Along the Santa Fe Trail." Mary and Tito Chávez were the hosts.

Nancy Robertson, chairman of the marker committee, reported that the site surveying field school convened at the Gaines Ranch on March 6 with Stephen G. Townsend, archeologist, demonstrating basic techniques.

Mary Whitmore will make available to various post offices along the Trail a special Santa Fe Trail cancellation stamp for use with their zip codes.

LeRoy DeDoux, undefatigable runner, climber, walker, and Alcalde, is available for guided tours to Loma Parda and El Cerro de Santa Clara (aka Wagon Mound's dominating Conestoga Wagon Mountain) on Sundays (except the third Sunday, when he chairs the chapter meeting).

Mary Whitmore reported that the chapter would be a sponsor for Heritage Days April 26, 27 and 28. This is the first Las Vegas event to celebrate the 175th.

The Santa Fe Trail task force is asking the 1996 New Mexico legislature for a grant of \$25,000 to help celebrate the 175th anniversary. Grant proposals to the New Mexico Department of Tourism for 1997 include our *Preliminary Site Survey*, the *Markers and Interpretive Signs* and *Old Raton Pass Scenic Overlook*.

The chapter is seeking historical information about the communities located on the Trail between Raton (or Clayton) and Santa Fe and on the various other trail routes.

Wet/Dry Routes

President Janice Klein
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The spring meeting was at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center on April 14. Reports were given on the Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous and the noon meal to be served on May 31; the marking project (nine plaques are on hand to be installed indentifying campsites of the 1825 survey); and the location of additional ruts recently found on the Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Road. In other business the chapter voted to: (1) appoint Richard Ford to serve on the SFTA mapping committee, (2) to sponsor a series of historic tours for Larned Senior Citizens, and (3) to sponsor the display of a Henry Booth stone

monument at the Episcopal Church in Larned. The monument identifies Booth as the Department Commander of the Kansas Grand Army of the Republic in 1889. Booth, a prominent figure in the early history of Larned was associated with the Santa Fe Trail as Inspector General of the District of the Upper Arkansas. Additionally, the chapter's involvement in the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail was discussed.

The summer meeting is scheduled for June 30 at the Santa Fe Trail Center near Larned. The program at 2:00 will feature a historical interpretation of A. H. Boyd by David Clapsaddle. This presentation will be sponsored by the Santa Fe Trail Center as one of five programs in the Pawnee and Edwards County area commemorating the 175th anniversary. The business meeting will follow.

Dodge City/Fort Dodge

President A. Ted Mueller
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Members met March 15 for a noon meeting at the Dodge House Restaurant. David Kloppenborg gave an update on the plans being made for the 175th anniversary celebration of the Santa Fe Trail this year.

May 18 will be a membership drive meeting. Each member is asked to bring at least one guest who would be interested in joining the chapter. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a tour of Fort Dodge led by Stan Reed. At the end of the tour there will be a light luncheon.

Missouri River Outfitters

President Anne Carter
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Centerview, MO 64019
(816) 230-7228

An all-day Trail trek from Lexington to Independence, led by Pauline and Eric Fowler, was held on April 20. They followed the route of William Becknell westward and stopped at historic sites. A brief membership meeting was held during the lunch break and the following officers were elected for 1996-1997: President Anne Mallinson Carter, Vice-President Jane Mallinson, Secretary Roger Slusher, Treasurer Glenda Sours, Historian Riva Jacobs; and Board Members Bob Dorian, Sandy Slusher, Lou Schumacher, and Pat Short.

Lou Schumacher has been recognized for his diligent work in identifying the Trail in the area. He is chairman of the chapter mapping committee and has been nominated to serve on the SFTA mapping committee.

The June 8 meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the grounds of the Bingham-Waggoner Estate just across the street from the National Frontier Trails Center. The Bingham-Waggoner folks will hold a Trail breakfast that morning, so come early and partake of authentic period dishes. As part of the 175th celebrations, MRO members and other groups will be involved with living-history demonstrations and an encampment of Santa Fe traders. Since 1996 is also the 150th anniversary of the Mexican War, the Dragoons from Fort Leavenworth will be part of the festivities. If you would like to be involved, call Bob Dorian or Ann Carter. We need volunteers to staff a table with information about the Santa Fe Trail and MRO. We have extra 1840s clothing that can help you get into the mood. This day should afford members and guests an opportunity to experience a wide slice of history. Hope to see you there.

Guidelines for the April mule essay contest (4th grade level) and the Santa Fe Trail art contest (secondary level) in the Raytown School District are in place. Deadline for student work was April 30, so the education chairperson and volunteers will be judging the entries during the first week in May.

Quivira

President Linda Colle
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The annual meeting was held February 4 at the Ranch House Restaurant in Lyons, KS. Three board positions were up for election. Britt Colle and Robert Yarmer were reelected. Carol Near was elected to fill the director position previously held by Nancy Marteney, and Nancy was elected secretary.

On April 13 members met at Lost Spring. After a short business meeting the group followed the Trail west and visited other sites in Marion County, including Cottonwood Crossing and the Durham Ruts.

The chapter will be selling a throw quilt to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Trail. The com-

mittee for this project includes Robert Yarmer, chairman, Carol Near, Betty Romero, and Nancy Marteney. There will be more details later.

The Boy Scout Jamboree was held May 3-5 at the Little Arkansas Crossing and Stone Corral School. The chapter helped coordinate this event.

The Kansas State Historical Society 175th programs will be in the chapter area June 21-26, 1996. The chapter is sponsoring tours and programs of various sites in McPherson, Rice, and Barton counties (see 175th calendar in this issue for more details).

If anyone is interested in helping at any of the upcoming events, please contact Linda Colle.

Cottonwood Crossing

President John Dick
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Goessel, KS 67053

Thirty-eight members and guests gathered at Cheryl's Cafe in Canton, KS, on February 15, to hear Bill Chalfant speak on the early history of the Santa Fe Trail. Afterward the usual order of business was conducted. Debbie Vogt of Tampa was elected secretary-treasurer.

There was considerable discussion of the 175th anniversary celebrations to be held June 17-20 in four Marion County locations: Lost Springs, Cottonwood Crossing, Chisholm Trail and Santa Fe Trail Crossing Stone Marker, Maxwell Wildlife Preserve.

Sometime in the fall we will have another auto tour of Santa Fe Trail sites in McPherson county, exact date will be announced later.

Bent's Fort

President Earl Casteel
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The chapter now has 113 members and should soon have an internet home page. The 175th committee has information packets together for the July 25-30 Mountain Route self-guided auto tour (see detailed article in last WT). Registration is \$10.00 per family. Contact Lolly Ming, 1841 County Road DD, Pritchett, CO 81044.

The 175th anniversary slide program developed by Lolly Ming, "Wagon Tracks Across Southern Colorado," is available and has been well received by the groups who have seen it.

A chapter project was completed

on March 22 when the Amity DAR marker was moved back to its original location.

A group is working on site location, surveying, mapping, and grants. Several chapter members attended "Basic Site Surveying Techniques" in Pueblo, CO, April 28-29.

The chapter has several exciting tours and programs scheduled. April 13 was a tour of the Caddo Indian Agency site west of Lamar, Co. May 4 was the Sand Creek Historic Site tour, Chivington, CO. May 18 will see us at the Timpas site for an improvement day and special tour.

The Stonewall/Marian Russell grave site tour has been changed to October 5, 1996. "Back to Boggsville Days," originally scheduled for September 14, has been changed to September 7.

The chapter will be working with the Lamar Boy Scout Troop to provide opportunities for boys to earn badges by helping with projects and tours.

The Bent's Fort chapter invites all SFTA members to their special tour on Saturday, June 15, 1996. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Don and Lolly Ming Ranch west of Pritchett, CO, in Baca county.

The Mings will lead the tour and discuss the historic Granada- Fort Union Military Route, Freeze-Out Canyon, and other historic sites such as petroglyphs, tipi rings, and stepping stones. Dr. Dexter Hess, La Junta, CO, will discuss wildflowers along the trail and their value as food products to trail travelers. Participants are urged to bring lunch and drinks for the noon stop.

Those wishing to have an overnight camp-out are invited to stay at the Carizzo Creek Campground, 20 miles south of the Ming Ranch. Bring food, water, and camping equipment.

For details of this tour contact Dale Kesterson, 358 Carson Ave, Las Animas, CO 81054, (719) 456-0504.

COUNCIL TROVE

—DOCUMENTS—

FORT WILLIAM, 1843

Harry C. Myers found the following letter from Bent, St. Vrain and Co. to Superintendent of Indian Affairs D. D. Mitchell, dated Jan. 1, 1843, in the microfilmed records of

the Central Superintendency of Indian Affairs, National Archives Microfilm M234, roll 753, frame 140. The place of the Fontaine que Bouille is Pueblo, CO. It is clear from this letter that the "Santa Fe Trace" was what later became known as the Cimarron Route (1851), and that the people at Bent's Fort did not consider themselves located on the route of the Santa Fe trade. What became known as the Bent's Fort Route, later commonly called the Mountain Route, was not part of the Santa Fe Trail until 1846 and after. The idea of a military post on the Arkansas River was periodically proposed, by William Bent and others, through the remainder of the 1840s and during the 1850s. The text of the letter is faithful to the original. It was written at Fort William on Jan. 1, postmarked at Independence, MO, on Feb. 16, and received at the Central Superintendency in St. Louis on Feb. 25, 1843.

Sir

There are several renegade Americans who have built houses on the Arkansas River, at the junction of the Fontaine qui Bouille with said river; within the territory of the United States. Those men have fixed themselves there, without license from any authority, they procure whiskey in the Mexican country, which they keep on hand continually, for the purpose of trading with the Indians in this country, to the great injury of the Indians, and of licensed traders. This, also, is a harbor for all Mexican traders; who are continually coming out with whiskey and other articles. The selling of whiskey to these Indians, is the cause of a great deal of difficulty between the Whites and Indians. The principal men of the Indians, are anxious to stop the trade in the article; but they say, that when it is among them, the young men will have it; and it frequently causes difficulties among themselves.

We are firmly of the belief, that the only mode to be pursued, that would put a stop to the liquor trade from Mexico, is, to establish a military post on the Arkansas River, at some suitable point near the mountain. Such a post would be of many and great advantages to the citizens of the United States; it would afford protection to emigrants to Oregon Territory: and also to the Santa Fe traders — it would be about equidistant from the Santa Fe Trace, and north fork of Platte river, the route to Oregon — it would be directly on the boundary line between the United States and Mexico, about 170 miles north of Taos

— it would serve to keep the Mexicans from tampering with the numerous tribes of Indians in this country, in case of war between the two countries; and at the same time teach the Indians to respect American citizens and their property.

Your Obedient Servts.
Bent, St. Vrain & Co.

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FORT LYON - FORT UNION ROAD

The following document was found and copied from microfilm of Fort Lyon, Colorado, records by Tom Cummins of Pueblo, Colorado. He sent it to Fort Union where it was transcribed by Lucy Romo. There is much current interest in this military road which served as an important part of the Santa Fe Trail network for several years. This report, written to Department of Missouri headquarters by Major Richard I. Dodge, Third Infantry, at the second Fort Lyon on June 8, 1870, presents an excellent description of the early route followed.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that in accordance with an understanding with Major General Schofield (then Comdg. Dept) I have made a survey of the country between this point and Fort Union N.M. with reference to a new wagon route.

I had been led to believe that the distance could be materially shortened by a road through the Cimarron Pass, and was disappointed to find that I had only reduced it some twenty miles. My route to Fort Union was 213 1/2 my return route 200 miles (or accurately, 199 miles 1554 yards).

It must be recollected that I had no party to make roads and had to go where I could without work, and that this distance is the odometer measure of the route under such circumstances.

I believe a more extended survey and good working party can shorten the road some (15) fifteen or (20) twenty miles further which is as much as can be expected through a broken country, and where the air line between the two posts is at least 165 miles.

The route is naturally an excellent one, as may be referred from the fact that I passed over it without work with loaded wagons. There are but two bad hills. All the bad places of this road put together would not make three miles of the Raton Pass, and there will be no hills to pass.

There is a sufficiency of water, excellent grass and generally abundance of wood.

The surface of the country consists of three immense plains from one thousand to fifteen hundred feet one above the other, and each comparatively level in itself.

The first plain extends from Fort Lyon Southward for about thirty five miles. The ascent to the second plain is then made through the Canons of Mule Creek. These canons, are remarkable, intricate and tortuous to the last degree, they are generally cut down suddenly from the plains above to the plain beneath through the solid rock with walls almost vertical. They vary in width from fifty to five hundred feet and in depth from two to eight hundred feet some few like the one through which my route passes, rise gradually from one level to the other.

The third or highest plain being the level summits of the Mesa de Maio, Raton Mts &c. is not reached by this route. The descent to the valley of the (so called) dry Cimarron (which is a nice running spring) at Emory's Ranch is difficult on account of stones. Emory has greatly improved this hill and promises to make it a good road which is entirely feasible. The ascent from this valley southward is gradual and perfectly easy. Beyond Emory's there is but one bad hill, that at Apache or Dragoon Spring - twenty two miles from Fort Union, and this hill is not steep or long and only difficult - on account of stones which can be removed. Until my command is increased and the Indian troubles over, it will be impossible to shorten or greatly improve this route, but when it can be spared from other duty a company of Infantry can in a month make a road from thirty to forty miles shorter, and in every respect infinitely better than the one over which Govt. Stores are now transported.

I enclose a map which is as accurate and perfect as I can make, with the instruments at my command.

HELP WANTED

I am doing research on a Civil War soldier and scout who did some guard duty along the Santa Fe Trail in 1863 between Fort Leavenworth and Fort Union. After the war he worked as a trader on the Trail. His name was Charles Alexander Reynolds, Company B, Tenth Kansas Infantry, but he is better known as "Lonesome" Charley Reynolds, one of the best-known civilian scouts on the Upper Missouri and northern Great Plains. He died at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.

My interest is that of a seventh-grade American history teacher

from Warren County, Illinois, where Reynolds was born in 1842. I try to teach about larger national events through the lives of local personalities. This stimulates research and learning for the students and myself. I love this type of work.

I would like to know if any of your readers have information about Union units and their role in guarding the Trail during the Civil War years, particularly the role of the Tenth Kansas. Any help will be appreciated.

I have just joined SFTA so I can learn more about the Trail. I plan to follow the Trail in June so I can experience some of the beauty and excitement of the historic route.

Thomas Best
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Monmouth IL 61462

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Congratulations on the wonderful Fort Union book. Part of my euphoria about the tome has to do with the many mentions of my great-great-great-grandfather, Alexander Hatch, and Hatch's Ranch and the fort located there. I've been delving into the family history for about three years, and this was a delightful leap forward for me. I've visited the ranch-fort three times and have been collecting publications which relate to the time and place.

If anyone can help, I would like to know exactly when the Hatch family traveled the Santa Fe Trail and which route they took. According to Hatch's obituary, he left New York with three of his children in 1847 and went to St. Louis. The following year they went to Santa Fe, and another daughter, Mrs. Streeter, and her two sons followed in 1849.

I have assumed that he traveled the Trail on an early train in 1848, but I have no hint as to exactly when my great-great-grandmother Streeter and children traveled in 1849. I do not know when Alexander's wife, Lucy, went out or when Mr. Streeter went west (he died in Las Vegas, New Mexico Territory, in 1851, two months after my great-grandmother was born there). The death of Alexander Hatch's son, George, on December 2, 1849, is also a mystery. I would like to know everything possible about Hatch, his trip on the Trail, and his ranch and the fort located there. Any help with any of this will be greatly appreciated.

I love *Wagon Tracks* and thank you and Bonita for it. I hope to meet both of you along the Trail.

Diana Dunn
525 Glenn Road
State College PA 16803

Thanks for your kindness and good luck with your research. Please consider writing an article about Hatch for a future issue.

Editor

My great-grandfather, James Carothers, was on the Santa Fe Trail in 1852 as a wagonmaster. He was probably on the Trail earlier than that and, perhaps, later. I am seeking more documentation about him, and thank anyone who can help.

My grandfather, Archie Carothers, born about 1849 in Muscatine, Iowa, told me he traveled on the Trail with his father several times when he was a boy. Archie began working as a fireman on the railroads out of Kansas City about 1866 and became an engineer. He was probably in the La Junta, Colorado, area about 1875. He told me he was mayor of La Junta, drove the first train over the switch back over Raton Pass for the Santa Fe, and was on the first train into Las Vegas with Dan Daly in 1879. About 1882 Archie moved to Fort Madison, Iowa, and continued to work as an engineer.

Any suggestions of where to look for information about James Carothers will be helpful. Thank you.

Robert A. Buslian
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NEW SFTA MEMBERS

This list includes new memberships received since the last issue. Those received after this printing will appear in the next issue. If there is an error in this information, please send corrections to the editor. We thank you for your support.

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TRAIL CALENDAR

Everyone is invited to send notices for this section; provide location, date(s), time(s), and activity. Events scheduled as part of the 175th anniversary celebration are located in a special calendar in this issue. Remember this is a quarterly. The next issue should appear in August, so send information for September and later to arrive by July 20, 1996. Thank you.

June 1, 1996: National Trails Day. Contact American Hiking Society (301) 565-6704.

June 8, 1996: Missouri River Outfitters Chapter meeting at Bingham-Waggoner Estate, Independence, MO, featuring an encampment of Santa Fe traders. (816) 230-7228.

June 14-16, 1996: BCCC Traveling Seminar, "Adobe Walls and Palo Duro Canyon." (800) 748-7594.

June 15, 1996: Missouri Mules, Hilda and Louise—Rides on Main Street, Arrow Rock, MO, 1-3 p.m. (816) 837-3470.

June 15-16, 1996: Bent's Fort Chapter tour of Granada-Fort Union Military Road.

June 30, 1996: Wet/Dry Routes Chapter meeting, Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned, KS. (316) 285-2054.

July 21, 1996: Corazon de los Caminos Chapter meeting, Angel Fire. (505) 666-2262.

Aug. 3, 1996: End of the Trail Chapter meeting at Rancho de las Golondrinas. (505) 983-2994.

Aug. 3-4, 1996: Third Annual Old West Frontier Celebration and Rendezvous, Pomona State Park, Vassar, KS. Contact Jeff Bender (913) 828-4933.

Aug. 4, 1996: Texas Panhandle Chapter meeting at Amarillo Central Library, program by Mike Harter. (806) 358-7320.

Aug. 10-11, 1996: U.S. Dragoons living-history program, Melvern Lake, Melvern, KS. Contact Ken Wilk (913) 549-3318.

Aug. 14-17, 1996: OCTA annual convention, Elko, NV.

Aug. 18, 1996: Corazon de los Caminos Chapter meeting, Point of Rocks, NM. (505) 666-2262.

Aug. 24-25, 1996: Fur Trade in America living-history program, Pomona Lake, Vassar, KS. Contact Brad Cox (913) 453-2201

Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 1996: Bean Day, Wagon Mound, NM.

Sept. 6, 1996: Mahaffie Farmstead & Stagecoach Stop Historic Site,

Olathe, KS, Senior Citizen's Day, 9:30-11:00 am. (913) 782-6972.

Sept. 7, 1996: Back to Boggsville, Boggsville, CO. Program "Kit Carson" by John Carson.

Sept. 14, 1996: Boonslick Folk Music Festival, Stolberg Jackson Center, Arrow Rock, MO, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 15, 1996: Corazon de los Caminos Chapter meeting, Gallegos. (505) 666-2262.

Sept. 21, 1996: Santa Fe Trail Story Concert, Susan Scott, Stolberg Jackson Center, Arrow Rock, MO, 2 p.m. (816) 837-3425.

Oct. 5, 1996: Bent's Fort Chapter tour to Russell graves, Stonewall, CO.

Oct. 12, 1996: Mahaffie Farmstead & Stagecoach Stop Historic Site, Olathe, KS, Autumn Faire & Pumpkin Sale, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. (913) 782-6972.

Oct. 20, 1996: Corazon de los Caminos Chapter meeting, Ocate. (505) 666-2262.

Sept. 24-28, 1997: SFTA Symposium, Boise City, OK, Elkhart, KS, and Clayton, NM. Contact Dave Hutchison, HCR 1 Box 35, Boise City OK 73933.

FROM THE EDITOR

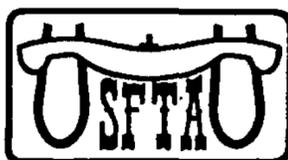
Bonita and I had a productive research trip to the USAMHI at Carlisle, PA, and the National Archives. We had a great visit with SFTA member Gregory Orletsky at Johnstown, PA. Thank you Greg.

The celebration of the 175th anniversary has begun. I hope to see you along the Trail during 1996. It is a great year for the Trail and SFTA.

Happy Trails!

—Leo E. Oltva

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