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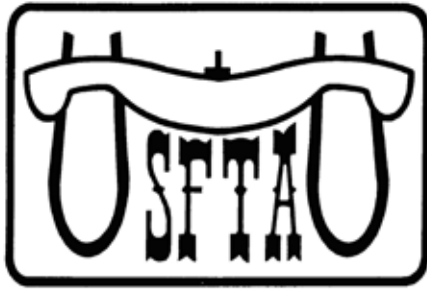


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Symposium Registration Available

"Surviving The Plains" Held September 26-28 in Ulysses, Kansas

Mark your calendars for September 26 - 28, 2013 to experience Wagon Bed Spring and points along what was known as the "most dreaded 60 miles" of the Cimarron Route of the Santa Fe Trail.

The Lower Cimarron/Wagon Bed Spring was the objective while traveling this portion of the wagon road. It served as a stopping place for caravans to rest their animals and repair equipment before continuing on. Not only was the spring site an oasis in the desert for thirsty weary travelers, it was also a watering hole for immense herds of buffalo, prairie animals, as well as the native tribes of the area.

Come join us for an outdoor opening reception and program at the historic Wagonbed Springs site. This will give the experience and feel of evenings on the trail. Friday evening's dinner and program will be held at the Kearny County Museum. The Saturday evening dinner, awards ceremony, and programs will be held at the Grant County Civic Center.

We are planning bus tours to see points of interest both East and West. Our East Tour will begin with a stop at the Haskell County Museum for lunch and a program. Then it will continue on to visit sites such as First Day Camp area after crossing the Arkansas River, Battle Ground, the Lower Cimarron Spring, Upper Crossing trail segment sites, and Bear Creek Pass. Our West Tour will visit such sites as Point of Rocks and Middle Spring in Morton County, Cimarron Route trail segments, Fort Aubrey, and Indian Mound. Both tours will give opportunity to view numerous ruts and distant horizons.

This issue of *Wagon Tracks* includes the registration form and lodging information in a pull-out centerfold. Make your lodging reservations early to ensure your choice of space.

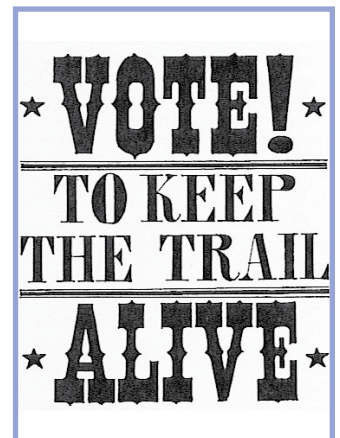
Come join us for what will be a memorable and relaxing experience along the Santa Fe Trail. For information or questions, contact Jeff Trotman at 620-353-8889.

SFTA Board Slate Presented

by Margaret Sears

The Santa Fe Trail Association biennial election has arrived. This has been an exciting election so far. Several new faces have emerged, portending new blood in SFTA. We have a new election system which is being implemented this cycle. State directors have been eliminated, and all directors now will serve At-Large, representing the entire trail. Seven directors will be elected in this cycle, that is, members will be able to vote for seven

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Graphic by Louanne Jordan



President Roger Slusher

(photo: Rich Lawson)

President's Column:

Big Steps into the Future

In case you only read the first paragraph of these things, I want to remind everyone that it's time to start thinking about nominating historic figures of the Trail to the Hall of Fame. There are still a lot of fairly important folks who haven't been inducted yet. Let me know if you would like a copy of Leo's list of suggested nominees. As usual, we'll do inductions at the Symposium in Ulysses, and at Rendezvous in 2014 we hope to dedicate the new Hall of Fame exhibit to the memory of Harry Myers.

The biggest project this winter has been preparing the new Strategic Plan. With the help of Sharon Brown from the Park Service, the Board and chapter presidents drew up a rough plan at Ulysses last April. Using input from various folks, it

was revised and approved by the Board at Raton this April. It establishes five goals with plans to accomplish them in the next 10 years. They deal with building national awareness of the Trail, preserving the Trail, ensuring SFTA's effectiveness and sustainability, increasing public use of the Trail, and promoting Trail research. The plan is on our website at santafetrail.org. We all need to look it over carefully to think about how we and our chapters can work together to reach those goals.

To help reach the goals of more awareness and use of the Trail, plus the need to make our Association more effective and sustainable, we need to have an organized marketing plan for the first time. Allan Wheeler and the Outreach Committee, with input from many members, put together a plan which was discussed and acted on by the Board at Raton. You will be hearing more about that in the future, as well as about a possible PBS Trail video which could be used in the marketing plan.

Preservation of the Trail is not a new goal, and it can't possibly be finished in ten years, but it will probably always be our most important goal. Faye Gaines and the Preservation Committee have been working hard and effectively to deal with all kinds of threats. Research is also not new, but we are going to put a new emphasis on it.

Mike Olsen and the new Research Task Force will be exploring ways to encourage needed research. I also want to mention the new Geocache Task Force led by Kevin Lindahl. He will be contacting the chapters about looking out for the geocaches put together by Joanne VanCoevern. They will be placed along the Trail to encourage individuals and families to do a treasure hunt while learning about and enjoying the Trail route. We are taking some big steps into the future.

Hope to see you on the Trail this spring or summer!

Roger

Two New Mexico long-time Trail supporters, Faye Gaines and Joy Poole, attended the Board retreat in Rayado, NM. Joy was one of the organizers in the startup of the Santa Fe Trail Association in 1986, per Marc Simmon's account of SFTA history on our website, www.santafetrail.org. Faye grew up on the Trail and works hard to preserve the Trail as Chair of the preservation committee.

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Joanne's Jottings

by Joanne VanCoevern, Association Manager

National Registry News: Santa Fe Trail segments continue to be nominated to the National Registry of Historic Places. Fowler Ruts, near the site of the Black Pool, Ford County, KS, were added in February 2013. On May 4, 2013, the following Santa Fe Trail segments in Kansas will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places: Fry Ruts, Rice County, KS; Swanson Swales, Rice County, KS; and a boundary expansion at the Lower Cimarron Spring (Wagon Bed Spring), Grant County, KS. In New Mexico, two Santa Fe Trail segments are scheduled for review on April 12, 2013. They are: the Mora County segment, north of Wagon Mound, and the Cañada de los Alamos (Cottonwood Canyon) segment, Santa Fe County.

The Santa Fe Trail Association received a nice thank you from the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office, via their Facebook site. It read, "Over the last 1.5 years, we have been working on revising the Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail multiple property nomination with Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado's SHPOs. As of today, all 5 states involved in the process have approved the revised document! Thanks to the Santa Fe Trail Association for your support and assistance in this endeavor." Posted on Facebook: February 15, 2013.

Unveiling of Wayside Exhibits at NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM: The Corazon Chapter of the SFTA unveiled two new interpretive wayside exhibits at the NRA Whittington Center, south of Raton, NM, on April 20. One of the exhibits interprets the Santa Fe Trail in the area and the other interprets the firearms of the Santa Fe Trail era. Funding for the waysides was provided as a result of mitigation for a non-compliance installation of a cell tower in the area of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.

CCS Grant Applications: In 2012 we applied for funding for one project through the Challenge Cost Share Grant program. That project, the Salem Kiosk Project, Independence, KS, is part of SFTA Decade Goals in our partnership with PNTS. The application of approximately \$25,000 for a Kiosk to be placed in Salem Park, at the intersection of Blue Mills Road and Hwy 24 in Independence, MO, is similar to the model that has been placed at Gardner, Dodge City and the four NPS sites. In 2012, we were denied the funding; however, we have reapplied in 2013 for this project and are waiting to hear if it was approved. If, and when, approved, this project will be done in partnership with the Jackson County Parks Department. In addition, the End of the Trail Chapter applied for a CCS grant to produce a musical as part of the 2015 Symposium.

Jr. Wagon Master Program: As a result of a multi-year Challenge Cost Share Grant, the SFTA Education Committee and the NPS has completed the research and preparation portion of the Jr. Wagon Master Program. This program is designed to encourage families to travel the Santa Fe Trail and visit specific sites, either on the ground, or via the internet. Entering the implementation phase of the project, the NPS has ordered booklets for the Freightier level, badges, and has posted the Freightier booklet on the NPS website. SFTA will link to it from our website. In addition, NPS will print another booklet for a different age-level, Bullwhacker, and add it to the NPS website this spring. The others will slowly make their way online. Carol Clark, NPS, is finishing the poster and the program guide. Booklets and patches will then be sent to all sites. To view the on-line booklets, go to: www.nps.gov/safe/forkids/juniorwagonmaster.htm

New Research Articles Added to SFTA Website: The following research articles have been added to the Santa Fe Trail Association website at www.santafetrail.org. Under the heading ABOUT US > Our Programs > Scholarly Research, you will now find links to National Park Service Funded Research that include the following articles:

- "Wagons on the Santa Fe Trail" by Mark L. Gardner
- "American Indians and the Santa Fe Trail" by James Riding
- "*Comerciantes, Arrieros, Y Peones*: The Hispanos And The Santa Fe Trade (Merchants, Muleteers, and Peons)" Special History Study for the Santa Fe National Historic Trail by Susan Calafante Boyle
- "Non-New Mexican Merchants Listed in the 1860/1870 Censuses"
- "New Mexican Merchants Listed in the 1860/1870 Censuses"

In addition, a very good article about stage styles can be found under OTHER RESEARCH.

Coming very soon will be a new discovery of a map related to the original DAR Marking project in the state of Kansas. This map was created with the original marker locations noted. Steve Schmidt, Shirley Coupal, and Pat Traffas are compiling the information for posting.

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Visit us on the web at www.santafetrail.org

Partnership for the National Trails System

by Ross Marshall, SFTA Representative to PNTS

Hike The Hill Week in Washington, DC February 9-14:

It's the usual chaos and confusion in WDC. However, the sequestration has taken effect at least for the time being. NPS has made some cuts that affect the NPS Santa Fe office, but the impact on us may not be very significant. That office has some new travel restrictions which may impact somewhat their attendance at our future board meetings.

However, the Partnership may be impacted more significantly by the agencies' cutbacks. We appreciate the faithfulness of the Santa Fe Trail Association submitting their full dues every year, as do most of the other organizations. Member organizations' dues are the funds that go toward advocacy on the Hill. Agency grants to PNTS cannot be used for advocacy in WDC.

Accompanied by Roger Slusher for the third year, we made 18 visits on the Hill, which included all the senators and congressmen on the SFNHT in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. We also attended various agency meetings, Interior Appropriations Subcommittees of both the House and Senate and Office of Management and Budget, as well as the Partnership Board, Leadership Council and committee meetings.

PNTS 14th Long Distance Trails Conference:

Scheduled for November 2-7 in Tucson, AZ, the conference's theme is "*Weaving the Tapestry of America's Cultures, Histories and Landscapes*," which will embrace and interpret the three PNTS Decade Goals. It will involve mobile workshops, plenary sessions and individual tracks entitled *Outreach*, *Trail Protection and Completion*, and *Organizational Capacity*. Registration info will be out by late summer for what should be an outstanding National Trails System event.

Volunteer manhours and expenses reports:

As usual, Congress was very impressed with the Partnership's totals of volunteer manhours and dollar contributions (the Gold Sheet) by National Trails System organizations. Our SFTA totals were \$1,704,000. The totals for the entire National Trails System were \$39,300,000 for 2012 and for the last 17 years has totaled over \$358,000,000! No wonder Congress is impressed. We appreciate very much every chapter, committee chair and board member turning in their volunteer totals this past January. **Please plan to accumulate these totals for 2013.** ♦

July 10 is the
submission deadline for the
August issue of Wagon Tracks

Fort Marcy Exhibits Unveiled May 4

New exhibits at the site of historic Fort Marcy, located on a hill northeast of historic downtown Santa Fe, will be unveiled on May 4. Planned to coincide with Heritage Preservation Month, the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Hillside/Prince Park, near the Cross of the Martyrs. From downtown, pedestrians can walk to the Cross of the Martyrs to access the site. Fort Marcy or Prince Park is called Hillside Park on some maps.

In addition to the new interpretive wayside exhibits, new Santa Fe National Historic Trail directional and site identification signs have been installed. Following the unveiling there will be a short guided tour of Fort Marcy. For more information, contact Joy Poole, President, End of the Trail Chapter, at amusejoy@msn.net or 505-820-7828.

SFT Hiking Trail Dedication May 29

A 4-mile hiking trail that follows a section of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail will be dedicated at the Philmont Scout Ranch, hosts for the event, which begins at 1 p.m. on May 29. Short talks by Philmont and National Park Service representatives are followed by a chance to hike the trail into the old town of Cimarron. Please contact Kristen Van Fleet, National Trails Intermountain Region, 505-988-3563, kristin_van_fleet@nps.gov if you plan to attend. Take I-25 north to exit 419 (N.M. 58/Cimarron). Turn west, continue 19 miles and turn left onto U.S. 64/10th St. through town, four miles to the ranch.

Walk the Santa Fe Trail on June 1

Park rangers and archaeologists will lead this rare opportunity at Fort Union—Watrous in eastern New Mexico. The moderate, two-mile hike will be from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Bring closed-toe hiking shoes, hat, water, sunscreen and a sack lunch. Call 505-425-8025 x 0 for reservations, required. Meet at Fort Union National Monument. From Albuquerque, take I-25 north to exit 366 at Watrous, then eight miles on N.M. 161 to the visitor center. Find more New Mexico Historic Preservation Month activities at www.nmhistoricpreservation.org.

SFTA Award Nominations Due

The deadline to submit nominations for SFTA awards is July 15. Categories and details are available in the February issue of *Wagon Tracks*.

Geocaching Email Correction

The email address in February's *Wagon Tracks* article about geocaching (page 9) for Kevin Lindahl is incorrect. The correct email address is kc0riy@live.com. The third spot is the number 0 and not the letter o.

PBS Films SFT Segment

"This American Land," a half-hour program aired on PBS, will film a seven-minute segment on the Santa Fe Trail this summer. Gary Strieker, executive director of the Environmental News Trust, presented an overview of the concept to the SFTA board of directors at the recent board meeting in Rayado, New Mexico. More information on the program can be found at www.thisamericanland.org.

NPS Plans Mobile Trail App

The development of a mobile tour of the Santa Fe Trail using the latest technology is being led by Carol S. Clark, National Trails Intermountain Region, NPS. The tour will be available to visitors in a variety of ways—GPS tour, cell phone tour, mobile web tour, QR codes, text messaging, social media, mp3 downloads, and smart phone applications (apps). The app will have the ability to integrate photo images, video and audio files. Clark is soliciting existing materials, such as tours, scripts, images, audio and video files, and GPS information, from chapters and individuals to use in the development of the tour. She can be reached at carol_s_clark@nps.gov or 505-988-6842.

Emporia State to Teach SFT in Fall

Emporia State University will have a course investigating the Santa Fe Trail this coming fall. The Santa Fe Trail will be the main focus for the course on landforms that Dr. James S. Aber will teach this fall. Dr. Aber conducted a field trip to Steve Schmidt's farm in Marion County last year for a kite aerial photography class. Schmidt's farm is one of the sites the course will investigate. See the course syllabus at <http://academic.emporia.edu/aberjame/geomorph/syllabus.htm> and the project description at <http://academic.emporia.edu/aberjame/geomorph/project13/summary.htm>.

Wagon Tracks Available in New Format

Wagon Tracks is now available in a searchable format through the University of New Mexico at <http://ejournals.unm.edu/index.php/wt>. The most recent issue at this site is May 2012.

In addition, SFTA has signed a contract with EBSCO, the world's largest publication aggregator, which licenses content from over 14,000 publications to 128,000 libraries worldwide, to provide *Wagon Tracks* to subscribing libraries. *Wagon Tracks* will be placed in the American History and Life database, and will be keyword searchable. The reader will also be linked to the SFTA website. This licensing will begin with issues from November 2011.

Wagon Tracks in print form will continue to be available exclusively to SFTA members, and is posted on our website, www.santafetrail.org, with a lag of two years. All issues, from 1987 onward, are posted, and a chronological and alphabetical index are provided. Back issues may be ordered from the Last Chance Store.

Give a Gift SFTA Membership

The life-blood of any organization must rely upon its membership and the efforts to engage people to select that organization as a point of fellowship and service. So, in this brief invitation, let me share with you an idea I am hearing presented by a number of our fellowship of rutters.

Do you know a person who would be an asset to the Santa Fe Trail Association? Do you know someone who has even a fledgling idea about the impact of the Santa Fe Trail on the development of the United States in the 1800s? Do you know someone who has shown expertise in some aspect of the history or development or impact of the Santa Fe Trail? Do you know a young person who needs a challenge regarding history? Do you know someone who lives outside of the five state region immediate to the Trail, perhaps in another state or country? Do you know a family that likes to take adventures or road trips? Do you know folks who are excited about geocaching and the "treasures" associated with that hot hobby?

Why not invite them to become a part of the Santa Fe Trail and one of its associated chapters by giving a "GIFT MEMBERSHIP" for one year? It is as easy as your membership renewal. Simply contact Linda Revello at the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned, Kansas. She can and will send you a membership form you can complete and return with your gift check to help make that friend, acquaintance, family member, business person, educational institution, etc. a new member of the Santa Fe Trail Association.

Larry Justice, Membership Committee Chair

Kaw Wayside Dedication June 22

Washunga Days Kaw Inter-tribal Pow Wow and related activities will be held on June 21 and 22 at Kaw Mission State Historic Site in Council Grove, Kansas. A new wayside exhibit will be dedicated during the event. Pow wows both evenings from 6:30 - 10 p.m. will hosted by the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee and Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc. on the Mission lawn. Events are free and open to the public.

Resource Toolbox Available from PNTS

A toolbox of practical resources for historic trail leaders is available for viewing and downloading at www.pnts.org/pnts-archives. The toolbox, consisting of 107 pages, was developed by Steve Burns of the National Park Service-National Trails System Intermountain Region for the Partnership of National Historic Trails (PNTS) for their workshop in Socorro, New Mexico in May of 2012.



The Trail Today: Preservation Efforts Continue

Power Transmission Line in Kansas Under Review

by Joanne VanCoevern

Clean Line Energy Partners of Houston, TX is proposing the development of a high-power transmission line to provide transport for electricity created from present wind farms, as well as ones that are in the planning stages in Ford and surrounding counties in Kansas. The proposed line will take electricity generated by the wind farms in Ford County, Kansas, approximately 700 miles to the east. Known as the *Grain Belt Express Clean Line*, this high-power line is one of four lines (one going west, three going northeast from the Dodge City, KS area) being developed. These lines have the potential to impact the historic Trails throughout the state.

Presently, evaluations are being conducted to determine a route for the transmission lines. An understanding of local issues, as well as a consideration of a variety of factors, plays an important role in determining what will be determined as the final route. Some of those factors include residences in the proposed area, agricultural land, state and federal land, recreational area, water resources, cultural resources, sensitive habitats and protected species, airports/airstrips, schools, churches, cemeteries, engineering considerations, community feedback, government and conservation agency feedback, conservation areas and safety codes.

Mike Elliott, from the National Park Service Intermountain Region Office, Santa Fe, stated, "This is one of several transmission lines that we are carefully monitoring because they will likely affect one or more of our trails. Another one that is farther along in the planning process, the Plains and Eastern Clean Line, could affect a long stretch of the Trail of Tears NHT in Arkansas. I am on the mailing list for these and will keep you informed when I hear more about the exact route for the Grain Belt Express."

Clean Line has been holding public meetings and receiving comments and gaining valuable insight from county officials, local residents, and agency representatives on the routing of the transmission line. One such meeting was recently attended by Linda Revello, the Office Administrator for the Santa Fe Trail Association, and her husband Felix, as they own and live on land within three miles of the proposed route. Linda said about the meeting, "Rather than having a formal, sit-down presentation, we were in small groups, with very knowledgeable people walking us past their exhibit panels and explaining the whole process. Lots of questions were asked and answered. There were many Clean Line representatives present roaming through the crowd. All issues were either addressed in the small group presentations or when asked a specific question, we were given clearly understandable answers. When we looked at the maps, they were eager to know everything that we could point out, not only on our land, but about buildings, homes and anything else we thought was important around us as well. For instance, our land has an old tree-claim on it and Felix wanted them to understand its historical significance, which they were glad to know about. In our visits with their representatives, we very much felt that as much as possible, they want to find the route that has the least amount of impact and challenges."

A map of the area affected can be viewed at: <http://www.grainbeltexpresscleanline.com/>

Please be vigilant in your area, and if you feel that any Santa Fe Trail segments, sites or resources may be threatened, please immediately notify our Preservation Chair, Faye Gaines at: Faye Gaines, Point of Rocks Ranch, HCR 60 Box 27, Springer, NM 87747; (575)-485-2473 (h); fayegaines@yahoo.com.



Fort Lyon on Colorado Most Endangered List

by Rod Podszus

Fort Lyon is among five sites named on this year's annual Colorado's Most Endangered Places List. Colorado Preservation, Inc., which produces the list, hopes to build awareness of, and assistance for, historically significant places within the state that are in danger of being lost.

Five diverse, but very significant, sites that need special help were selected this year. Demolition, neglect, natural forces, land value fluctuation, and unsympathetic owners are the forces that typically threaten historic buildings and significantly increase the danger to the unique places that link us to Colorado's past. These are the special places that define communities and form the foundation for the collective identity as Coloradans in the future.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. devotes staff time and resources to raise funds and rally concerned citizens so that listed sites can be saved. A comprehensive list of listed sites can be found at <http://coloradopreservation.org/programs/endangered-places/>. The organization has produced its annual Colorado's Most Endangered Places List since 1997. Of the 96 sites that have been named to the list since its inception, 32 have been designated as saved, 41 are in progress, 18 remain in alert and 5 have been lost.

Fort Lyon is located along the Santa Fe Trail, at a location where historically the Arkansas River had a pronounced bend, about one mile west of Bent's Fort. Fort Lyon was completed by the Army in 1867, with the period of significance extending to 1956. This was about 30 years after the founding of the major international commercial artery which connected the

Fort Lyon, continued

United States with Santa Fe, Mexico's northernmost trade center. Due to the subsequent construction of the John Martin dam, dike, and reservoir, the visual relationship of the Fort to the river has been lost. However, the dike does bend around the site in a configuration reminiscent of the historic river bend. Old Fort Lyon was notable as the staging post used by Colonel John Chivington in 1864 as he led an attack by the Third Colorado Cavalry and other forces on friendly Cheyenne and Arapaho camps that became known as the Sand Creek Massacre.

Key organizing elements of the site are the central parade ground, the Gate Road, Northeast (or Cemetery) Road, and the Arkansas River. The historic district is a 327-acre parcel, and the character-defining features of the historic district as a whole are the: main entrance, parade ground, officer's row, medical and administrative buildings (on the parade ground), residential areas, utility area, wastewater treatment area, recreational facilities, west farm, road system, agricultural and irrigation components. The history of Fort Lyon can be separated into three periods beginning with the Army Period (1868-1888) when the Fort was laid out in the tradition of a late nineteenth-century western military fort. Next was the Navy Period (1907-1922) when the Fort was used as a tuberculosis treatment facility, then the Early VA Period (1922-1956) when the Fort was maintained as a tuberculosis treatment facility, and later changed to be a residential care facility for veterans with neuro-psychiatric needs.

Though the Army Period at Fort Lyon marks the earliest period of significance, it is ranked as the third most significant, behind the Navy Period and the VA Period. The Army first established a post at the site in 1867, and occupied the site for 22 years. Interestingly, the "New" Fort Lyon was the second post of the name in the Arkansas Valley, the first one, founded in 1860, having been flooded beyond recovery in the spring of 1867.

The Fort is an important part of the area's early history and demonstrative of the opening up of the West. The Colorado Department of Corrections has vacated the entire facility and the Fort's future is uncertain. Ideally, a new owner and use will be found for the facility that highlights the importance of the site and maintains the overall integrity and historical significance of the entire Fort Lyons complex. Currently, lawmakers are considering a proposal from the governor to use the former prison as a voluntary treatment center for the chronically homeless, especially veterans. (Reference made throughout the article to: National Register Historic District Nomination, *Fort Lyon; Las Animas, Colorado, U.S. Naval Hospital*, Site ID: 5BN.117, May 5, 2004.)

To learn more about the efforts of Colorado Preservation, Inc. and the Colorado's Most Endangered Places Program visit www.coloradopreservation.org. ♦

Preservation Committee Report

by Faye Gaines

The litigation on the Plateau cell tower at Watrous is still in limbo. For the NM SHPO, this project is at the top of their list, but it doesn't appear that Plateau Communications is anxious to clear this up.

I met with folks from Front Range Pipeline who are constructing a gas pipeline from Colorado to Texas. This will cross the Mountain Branch and Cimarron Cutoff as well as the Military Route of the Santa Fe Trail. The Mountain Branch and the Military Road have been studied and it was found no trace of the Santa Fe Trail remains. The Cutoff is impacted and Front Range has agreed to bore under the Trail and not use a ranch road that leads to the site.

A new cell tower has been proposed on the hill above Raton. I am working with the National Park Service on this. The impact would be visual.

Clapsaddle Articles Available Online

The Great Bend *Tribune* continues to publish articles written by David Clapsaddle, president of the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter. The articles in serial form are printed in the Wednesday edition of the newspaper. These issues may be accessed by going to www.gbtribune.com. A proviso, this service is free. Presently, the article concerns the shortening of the Santa Fe Trail by the western expansion of the railroads. Future articles deal with the multiple SFT crossings of the Arkansas River; the historical name of the SFT; Bent's Fort Road; and the entire length of the SFT with all its branches tabulated.

SFT Featured in American Cowboy Mag

A special edition of *American Cowboy Magazine*, titled "American Cowboy Legends, Collector's Edition" features several articles about the Santa Fe Trail. One of its three big articles is "Trading Trails: Harbinger of Change" by Mark Lee Gardner. Gardner's six-page article is supported by a double-truck (two facing pages), full-color painting by Jim Carson, three archival photographs, three archival ads, a 1942 children's book cover, and (under Recommended Reading), Marc Simmons's and Hal Jackson's 2001 book, *Following The Santa Fe Trail*. An additional five articles relate to the Trail. The magazine is on sale (for \$8.99) through July 1.

*Seven Santa Fe Trail videos are
now on the
National Park Service YouTube website at
www.youtube.com/ntirnp.*

Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan

As I have studied what is needed in a new Santa Fe Trail Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan and talked with people about it, I have come to the conclusion that it should focus on the development of Santa Fe Trail-related heritage tourism. Every town associated with the Scenic Byway, with the exception of Santa Fe, is in economic decline and most are losing population. Heritage tourism is something, if it can be significantly expanded, that can help all the communities. If this is the goal, these objectives are evident:

1. Create and maintain a region-wide advertising and promotion program. This needs to be focused in large part on new media, smart phones, etc, as these are increasingly what travelers use to gain timely information. I have observed how my children and grandchildren do this routinely.
2. Create local or regional events that will attract visitors. We could create a Santa Fe Trail month in which each community could offer a special event (or more). Actually, I favor trying to use the entire summer season in this way. This is a difficult task. We, here in Las Vegas, have been talking about what our town might offer without many good ideas so far. Right now the best we have come up with is to focus on descendants of Santa Fe Trail travelers. Our area has a great many such families. If we could attract the widely dispersed family members, it could be a success. I am pretty sure we will try it at least once --we doubt that it will work as an annual event. This needs a lot of creative thought--it can really benefit our communities.
3. Create local education programs to get all our locals better informed and more appreciative of the heritage of the Santa Fe Trail. This is needed to achieve the other objectives. Such educational activities in our communities may well inspire more attention to the potential of heritage tourism to help our economies.
4. We need a major Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center somewhere in our area. The recent announcement about the creation of a Rio Grande Gorge National Monument indicates the potential impact. It is estimated that it will create 275 jobs in nearby communities and bring many tourists to the area. We need to think carefully about what would be best for us and how to make it happen.

I realize that this is a radical departure from past planning. However, it speaks directly to the needs of the region and, I think, the tight focus that is needed. It will help us attract funding in a time when government funding (federal and state) has almost dried up.

Let me know what you think.

Doyle Daves, April 3, 2013
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Elections, *continued from page 1*

Director candidates on the ballot.

The nominating committee--Ross Marshall, LaDonna Hutton, Faye Gaines, and committee chair, Margaret Sears--is pleased to present the following slate of officers and Directors to the Board. The office and terms (listed in parenthesis) for each candidate follows:

President (2 years): Roger Slusher, Lexington, MO
Vice President (2 years): LaDonna Hutton, Rocky Ford, CO
Secretary (2 years): Marcia Fox, Wamego, KS
Treasurer (2 years): Ruth Olson Peters, Larned, KS

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Candidate biographies and statements are printed beginning on page 21.

A mail-in ballot is provided in the centerfold of this issue of *Wagon Tracks*. Ballots must be returned, postmarked no later than July 15, 2013, to Linda Revello, Santa Fe Trail Center, 1349 K-156 Hwy, Larned KS 67550. Election results will be announced at the Symposium in Ulysses, and published in the November issue of *Wagon Tracks*. ♦

Please Vote

In Memoriam

Sandra J. Waggoner passed away on April 12, 2012, following 3 ½ months of severe illnesses. She was a life member of the Santa Fe Trail Association. Born in 1938 in Indiana, she obtained her degree and teachers certificate in 1960 at Indiana State Teachers College. Sandra taught high school math and biology in Indiana, where she eventually retired, and then relocated to Zephyrhills, Florida in the late 1990s after retirement to care for her parents. In addition to the life membership in SFTA, she was a member of the Oregon California Trail Association, PEO, and had been Worthy Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 291, Vincennes, Indiana. Sandra is survived by two brothers, Max Waggoner of St. Louis, Missouri, and David Waggoner of Heathrow, Florida. "She truly loved her travels and involvement with numerous trail associations," her brother Max said.

Bent's Old Fort Ice House Location Revisited

by Bob Leonard

In the summer of 1975, as a young, wet-behind-the-ears graduate student from Colorado State University, I was assigned to Bent's Old Fort to monitor the ground disturbance associated with the Bicentennial reconstruction of the historic site by Mershon-Gimeno of Denver, Colorado. Both the construction contractor and I were under the direction of the National Park Service (NPS). When the graders started across the fort, knocking down and leveling foundations, artifacts began to pop up here and there. As an example of how artifacts were separated by construction grading, one piece of pottery on the north end was found to fit a second piece of pottery several hundred feet away on the south end. I bounced from one side of the fort to the other.

This was a hectic and uncertain time at first because no one had any idea where the original datum and provenience grid, which had been used by an NPS archaeologist during earlier excavations, was located. "Smokey" Jackson W. Moore, Jr. (1973) had completed a monumental excavation at the fort between 1963 and 1966 and it was his mapping of historic fort features that made the reconstruction drawings possible. In the end, the provenience grid was not needed because the reconstruction of walls and rooms never varied more than a few inches from the actual archaeological remnants. Artifacts and features were plotted with good confidence on the construction floor plan. Two of the more interesting artifacts were knives: one of a Green River style and the other appeared handmade, with a bone handle.

For the identification of site features (e.g., subfloor pits, soil stains, and midden) during this phase of monitoring, I was allowed to hire a crew. At this time I had rotated into the category of the black sheep with my university professor and support for the project was not exactly flowing from the well. I hired three non-professionals who became one of my best crews in 40 years of doing archaeology. One of these non-professionals was a local lady who broke horses and the other two were my sister and brother-in-law who camped down on the Arkansas River for the duration of the project. I had no camera and had to borrow one from one of the carpenters. For a meter stick I bought a piece of lathe and painted it black and white. Meter sticks are scales used for photographing features.

One of our first tasks was to investigate charcoal and artifacts I had found exposed in the trenching of footings below the levels excavated by Herbert W. Dick (1956 and Moore 1973, 51-53) of Trinidad State Junior College. This seemed odd, so we followed the midden deposits (i.e., garbage) from under the bastion to in front of the northeast section of rooms. This was potentially significant because Moore (1973, 20) believed the northeast trade rooms and belfry were not constructed until around 1845. Our discovery seemed to support Moore's idea that this room block was built late in the history of the fort.

Douglas C. Comer (1985, 30-35), an NPS archaeologist, was assigned the task of investigating the West Dump and confirming our findings in the northeast section of the fort. He agreed that we had found legitimate midden deposits *underneath* the bastion. However, he could not answer the question of whether historic midden was present in front of the northeast trade rooms because of the significant disturbance to the area by previous archaeological testing. Heaven help the next researcher who attempts to dig in the foot prints of four previous archaeologists.

By far, the most spectacular find of our time at the fort occurred when an older Hispanic man was digging the footings for the main exterior walls of the fort with a backhoe. I was monitoring the digging when he suddenly said, "You go look, very soft." I jumped into the trench, opposite the well room, and saw a black square filled with burned adobe. I cleaned out this feature and found part of a staircase, lined with limestone pavers, extending from the northwest corner of the well room and extending underneath the main wall of the fort (Photo 1). In short order we had the backhoe scrape down the area outside the fort adjacent to the well room. What appeared was the soot and charcoal-filled outline of a room measuring nearly 23 feet east to west (Photo 2). The room was later determined to measure only 14.3 feet N-S x 15 feet north to south and the remaining 8.0 feet to the back of the room was a shallow flare. This flare, according to legendary NPS archaeologist Doug Scott (1975 personal communication), was the result of plowing the area over the room excavation to break up the hard crust of soil (Figure 1). The plowing would have gone from the main wall to the west.

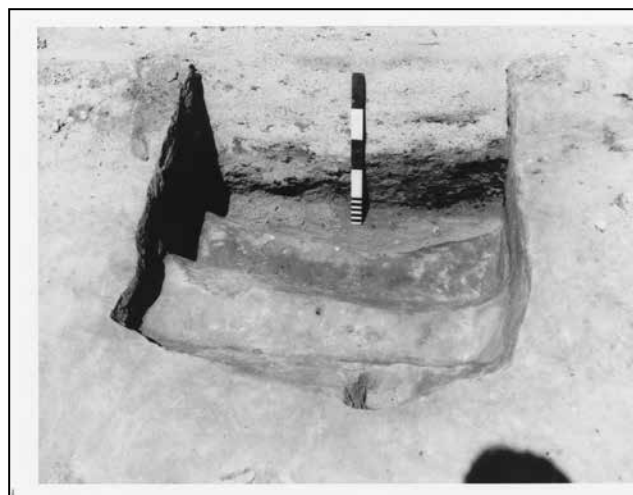


Photo 1: The upper part of the staircase in the well room descending under the west exterior wall into the subterranean room. This feature was discovered by a backhoe operator.

Photos and figure by Bob Leonard

The excavation of the fill of the room produced thousands of artifacts. We had dozens of pieces of window glass, bottle fragments, gun flints, musket balls, percussion caps, a serpent side plate from a Hudson Bay trade rifle, pipes, ceramics, wagon hubs, a plow, and bones from prairie snakes to buffalo. The floor of the room, at a depth of seven feet, was found to be covered with straw. There was an articulated kitty cat at the base of the limestone stairs and the walls were shored up with cottonwood logs that had been burned to charcoal (Photo 3). Where the walls were apparent, they were scorched red and ultimately provided an archaeomagnetic date of 1820+/-20 years. (University of Oklahoma- letter that I think is in my 1976 final report which the CSU never sent to me).

Forty years later, my perceptions and interpretations of the room have changed, partially because of experience and partially because of the people that have crossed my path. I am confident that it had a flat roof and would not have been apparent to people who left sketches which portrayed a level ground

surface on the west side of the fort, (e.g., Lt. J. W. Abert, Stinson 1965, Plates I-IX).

Of interest, there were construction parallels between the well room, the room with the half basement and the subterranean room. The subterranean room may have been constructed as part of the original fort in 1833 or later with the well room. By all means, it was a labor-intensive effort. The well room and the subterranean room are connected by a staircase lined with limestone pavers. This staircase, 2.8 feet in width, goes under the main west wall of the fort and enters the basement room. The staircase in the well room and the subterranean room were nearly identical, the width of the later was 2.6' vs. 2.8' width for the subterranean room and risers were almost duplicates (0.75' vs. 0.8') and both stairwells were missing the first four rock treads. The roof supports of the half basement room were placed on hewn rock. The same was true for the room outside of the fort.

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Photo 2: The staircase descended into a ground surface covered with modern fill adjacent to the 1970s parking lot. When the fill was removed, the outline of a room could be seen.

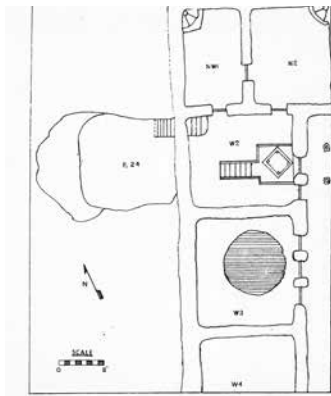


Figure 1: Plan view of the subterranean room (F.24) and the adjacent well room (W2) on the west side of the fort. Architecturally, the room alignment is symmetrical.



Photo 3: The complete staircase and cottonwood shoring is visible with the foundation and wall of the reconstructed fort lying above.

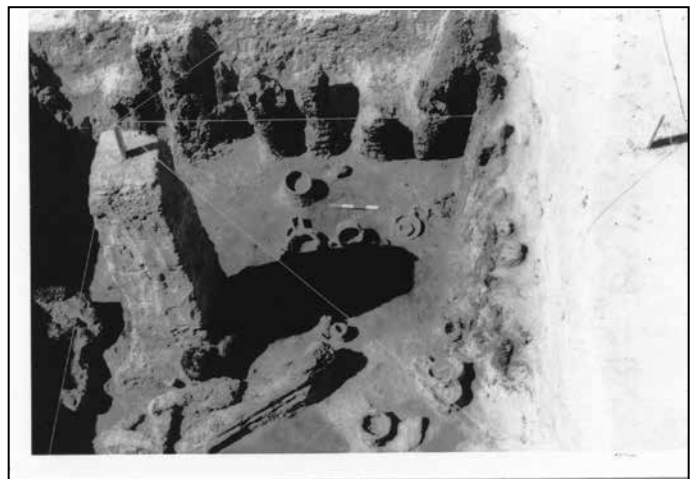


Photo 4: Completed excavation of the subterranean room. Wagon hubs are visible on the floor but may have been thrown into the room after it burned by people filling the hole (Brewer 2011: personal communication). There is some suggestion that the room may have burned before the fort (1849).

I now believe that the function of the room is what Park Historian Gerald Garman (1975 personal communication) told me four decades ago. He told me it was the ice house, but I didn't believe him then because others had told me that it was "down by the river" (Photo 4). An above ground structure, even made of adobe, would not have been as efficient as a basement room with log walls, straw floor, and the cooling waters in the well room. And transporting the stored ice to the fort during summer temperatures which often exceed 100 degree heat would have been impractical. And where would the residents have stored the ice once inside the fort?

Consider the following statements. Historian Dwight E. Stinson, Jr. (1965, 49) relates that one of Col. Kearny's quartermaster assistants opened a low door with a rusty key which led into a basement and emerged with parcels containing 40 day's rations (perishable items vs. dry goods?). Did he enter the basement opposite the well or the interior storage room with a partial basement? Moore (1973, 44) tells us that barrels were stored in the interior half basement, which would have been difficult in the subterranean room which had only 2.8 foot wide stairwell. The classic evidence for a well room within the fort comes from the diary of Susan Magoffin (Drum 1982, 60).

"Some of these rooms are occupied by boarders as bed chambers. One is a dining-room— another a kitchen—a little store, a blacksmith's shop, a barber's do an ice house, which receives perhaps more customers than any other. . . . They have a fine well inside, and fine water it is—especially with ice."

Just recently, I followed the directions of Lt. E. G. Beckwith (1855), Capt. John W. Gunnison's second-in-command, and found the exact spot where the Fish Lake Cutoff forked from the Old Spanish Trail. Sometimes we have to take people at their word. I've followed history, for example Lt. Beckwith's matter-of-fact trail descriptions, and have every confidence that Mrs. Magoffin was simply describing what she saw---the ice house at Bent's Fort.

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Bob Leonard began his career during the reconstruction of Bent's Old Fort in 1975. Since 1980 he has been the Heritage Program Manager on the Fishlake National Forest. In 1988, he was named Citizen of the Year by Utah State Parks and in 1996 he was named the National Forest Interpreter of the Year. On February 14 of this year, 11 miles of the Old Spanish Trail on the Fishlake were listed on the National Register. ♦

SFTA Board Meeting near Cimarron, NM in April



From top, clockwise: Steve Burns, NPS, talks about the PNTS toolbox; saddle at the Kit Carson Museum in Rayado, NM; Express UU Bar Ranch, and NRA Whittington, hosted the SFTA retreat and board meeting.

Photos: Ruth Friesen



Youth on the Trail: History Projects Create Winners

Christian Becker Goes to State History Meet

Christian Becker is the 12-year old grandson of Cottonwood Crossing Chapter members Kent and Ginger Becker. Christian won the regional competition for his table-top three-panel display project about the Santa Fe Trail, and will be going to State competition. He presented his work at the CCC's March 21 meeting, speaking before approximately 35 people. His project was prepared for History Day.

This year's theme for History Day was **Turning Points in History: People, Ideas and Events**. The mission of History Day is to promote interest among elementary and secondary school students in history and historical research by providing the students an opportunity to compete and display publicly the results of their historical research and by rewarding them for their efforts and interests.

Here is what Christian wrote for his Process Essay:

I decided to do the Santa Fe Trail and how its commerce shaped America for my topic because it was the easiest to see how it fit with the theme for NHD. I also had learned a little about it on social studies from previous school years and I wanted to know more about it. Also my Grandma and Grandpa live near the Cottonwood Crossing, which was a very treacherous part of the Santa Fe trail near Durham, Kansas where you can still see the ruts of the trail in the unbroken prairie. At first I wanted to compare it with the Eisenhower Interstate system, but later realized that I had spent too much time on the Santa Fe Trail to learn about the interstate system so I concentrated

on just the Santa Fe Trail.

I conducted my research mainly from books or the Internet sites. Some like *Adventures on the Santa Fe Trail* by James Josiah Webb and letters from William Becknell were written at the time of the Santa Fe Trail. Others were written and published later as interest in the trail skyrocketed and people wanted to know what it was like 'in the West' like *Adventures in the Santa Fe Trail* by Dave Webb.

I selected my presentation category because I have done exhibits before and I felt comfortable doing it so I knew how to set it up easily. I created my project by learning about the different people, towns, and nations involved in the Santa Fe trail commerce.

My project relates to the NHD theme because the Santa Fe Trail affected many **people** and was a **turning point** for America. The main groups affected were the Mexicans, because they needed goods that we, Americans, had; Indians, since the Santa Fe trail caused the westward movement which pushed them out of their lands; US Citizens, because it opened a resource that we could trade with and that gave us more money and helped built the economy. It also caused John L. O'Sullivan to coin the phrase "Manifest Destiny" in 1845, which was the **idea** that the US was guided by divine providence, had national superiority, and exceptionalism which means that we believed democracy was the best choice for people to govern themselves to everyone to catch on. The Santa Fe Trail spurred **events** such as opening trade between the US and Mexico, treaties with the Indians, and the westward expansion to go faster. ♦

Fourth Graders Challenged by Fort Larned

The Fourth Graders from Northside Elementary School in Larned tackled the challenge of a Treasure Box and Essay contest presented by the staff of Fort Larned National Historic Site. The contest was introduced in conjunction with one of the fort's Traveling Trunk Programs called the Tale of Two Towns. The program consists of listening to a story, written by volunteer Dr. David Clapsaddle, and examining objects that connect to the story. The story is about the beginnings of the Santa Fe Trail trade route as seen through the eyes of an eleven-year old boy living in Franklin, Missouri.

At the program's conclusion all 78 students were given a small cardboard box. The students could decorate their box however they wanted, but the "treasures" had to be what a child might find along the Santa Fe Trail in 1821. They had two weeks to spend on their treasure hunt and contemplate the meaning of those items. Then they were assigned to write an essay describing their treasures and how such items connect to the Tale of Two Towns story.

The assortment of items found was interesting: turkey feathers, bird's nests, arrowheads, rocks and shells – to name a few.



Some of the boxes were decorated to look like a covered wagon, others like treasure chests. The boxes and essays were judged by two educators from USD 495. It probably was not an easy task

being a judge because in the end, there could only be three winners – one from each Fourth Grade class.

At a special assembly in the Northside gymnasium the winners were announced and their essays read aloud. The three students were awarded a \$20 gift certificate to spend at the Fort Larned gift shop. We congratulate Ethan Haas and teacher Jennie Erway, Andreas Tucker and teacher Blake Ploger, and Halle Barker and teacher Doug Anderson. The staff at Fort Larned considers all the students winners because they used their creativity and honed their writing skills by participating in the project. ♦

Cyber Ruts: Researching on the Internet — Journal and Magazine Articles

By Mike Olsen

The number of magazine and journal articles, both popular and scholarly, on the history and heritage of the Santa Fe Trail as well as related topics, easily tops several thousand. Whether written in the 19th or 20th centuries or perhaps more recently, many of these items are increasingly available full text online.

This column, the fourth in this series on researching the Santa Fe Trail on the Internet, will explore four methods for finding articles in periodicals: via Google; through the *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*; using two databases with the same name: "Making of America;" and by accessing the websites of various state historical societies. In most cases, these sites allow the researcher to look for a specific piece by author and/or title, or to search by topic, such as "Owl Woman."

Google. The most obvious and immediately rewarding path is to consult Google. Let's say you have a reference for Louis Barry's "The Ranch at Walnut Creek Crossing," in the *Kansas Historical Quarterly*. To find it all you need do is type into the Google search engine: "ranch walnut creek crossing barry" and the very first choice (for me, February 19, 2013) is the full text of the article from the website for the Kansas State Historical Society. Would that all searches were this easy! Anyway, a Google search should be your default, or first search. If nothing turns up, especially if you are browsing trail topics, try the following databases.

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. This database has to be my favorite for locating over 100 years of magazine features on the Santa Fe Trail. It is easily the most comprehensive periodical resource we have, especially for "popular" Santa Fe Trail literature. *Reader's Guide* has been indexing hundreds of magazines since 1901, and its files go back to 1890. When I was in high school (don't ask. . .), the *RG* indexes came out every six months, so if you wanted to check 60 years you had to look up your research topic 120 times in the huge, heavy tomes in which libraries bound the *RG* indexes for five or ten years at a time. Now, however, the indexes beginning with 1890 are online in two databases: "Reader's Guide Retrospective," which covers from 1890 to 1982, and the regular "Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature," which covers since 1982. Both are keyword searchable. One keyword entry gets you coverage of all the years.

The downside to this story is that each is a "subscription only" service, so you have to use a library that pays for the service. And these databases are expensive. For instance, here in Colorado Springs our public library system does not subscribe to either of them. I use Tutt Library at Colorado College which, as I explained in earlier columns, allows holders of our public library card to use public access computers and hence all databases to which the college subscribes. Looking around a bit:

the Albuquerque Public Library does not have "Readers Guide Retrospective," but the Kansas City Public Library does. Most university libraries also subscribe. So, you will have to check and see what you can do about getting access to these subscription sites if you are interested.

Is it worth it? I would answer with a resounding "Yes!" How else would I have found articles on the Santa Fe Trail in such unlikely magazines as *Today's Health*, *Rotarian*, or *Hobbies*? I used all of these for my recent article in *Kansas History*, "Myth and Memory – the Cultural History of the Santa Fe Trail in the Twentieth Century" (Spring 2012), although none of the items I wanted in these publications was available online. (So then I went to World Catalog, which I covered in this column in the August 2012 *Wagon Tracks* to find libraries which had these magazines in their collections.)

Making of America. If you are looking for digitized, full text articles (and books) from the 19th century, there are two sites somewhat confusingly called "Making of America." One is maintained by the University of Michigan at <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp>, the other by Cornell University at <http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moa>. The MoA-Michigan database "contains approximately 10,000 books and 50,000 journal articles with 19th century imprints," according to its home page. The MoA-Cornell site says it "provides access to 267 monograph volumes and over 100,000 journal articles with 19th century imprints." Here is what you can do with the Michigan "Making of America" database:

Keyword search: on the first page enter your topic in the "Search" blank. When I typed in "Kit Carson" I got 40 records. I scrolled down the list to an article entitled "The American Trapper" in *Appleton's Journal* for April 1, 1871, clicked, and got the article full text. The keyword search brings up every article in which your choice appears so it is something of a crapshoot.

Journal Titles: You can also get a list of all the magazines that have been digitized at this site. On the home page, click on "MoA Journals," then click on "Browse MoA Journals," then click on "Browse MoA Journals by volume/issue" and the list appears. I have found copies of the *Overland Journal* (1868-1900) to be most useful for Santa Fe Trail research, but I also once ran across an item in, of all publications, *Catholic World*.

Author/Title: If you are looking for a particular author or know the title of an article, you can search on another screen (or you can just play around – I looked for "Henry Inman," author of the famous/infamous *The Old Santa Fé Trail*, but struck out). To get to "Author/Title" from the home page, click on "MoA Journals," then on "Browse MoA Journals," then on "Browse MoA Journals by author/title" and then choose "author" or "title" and proceed by se-

lecting from the alphabetic menu presented. It sounds more complicated than it is.

Subject Browsing: You can also, from the home page, select “subject browsing.” When I followed this option, and entered “Kit Carson,” I ended up with three early books on Kit in full text.

Advanced Searching: There are other ways of searching on this site that get more involved. For example, on the home page click on “Other Searches in MoA.” There you can limit the terms you want to search or set date ranges for publications (from 1881 to 1885, for example) and so forth. I haven’t found a need to use this feature but actually it looks like fun.

The Cornell University “Making of America” database works similarly to the one just described for Michigan. A handy way to begin on this site is to click “Browse” on the home page. You will get a list of the magazines that are digitized and can make some guesses on whether there will be Santa Fe Trail material. To date, I have found searching the Michigan site to be most rewarding.

State Historical Society Publications. While there are dozens of magazines that have articles pertinent to the history and heritage of the Santa Fe Trail, one of the most important places to begin research in periodicals is with the official publications of the state historical societies along the trail, New Mexico excepted. The Historical Society of New Mexico does not publish a journal; instead, see the *New Mexico Historical Review* below. In some cases, these publications are readily available online, some are just beginning to be digitized and, unfortunately, digitization for some is not yet planned. In general, the situation is:

Missouri. The *Missouri Historical Review* has been published by the Missouri Historical Society since 1906. All issues from 1906 to 2002 are available full text at “Missouri Historical Review – Archived Issues Online” at <http://shs.umsystem.edu/publications/mhr/index.shtml>. Check it out for solid Santa Fe Trail economic history in early *MHR* articles by F. F. Stephens.

Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Historical Society has published *Chronicles of Oklahoma* since 1923. Issues from 1923 to 1962 are available online at <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/Chronicles/bookshelf.html>. The tables of contents for issues from 1962 on are also available on this site.

New Mexico. The *New Mexico Historical Review*, I have heard, is in the process of digitizing past issues. At present none are available. Some dates can be accessed volume by volume for that issue’s table of contents at <http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/00051993>.

Colorado. The publication of historical magazines in Colorado has had a checkered history. Briefly, the Colorado Historical Society has published *The Colorado Magazine* (1923-1981); *Essays in Colorado History* (irregularly from

1982 to the present); *Colorado Heritage* (1981 to the present). None of these is available online. For further information your best bet is to go to the historical society’s site at <http://games.historycolorado.org/publications/publications.htm> and then click on “Society Publications and Prices.”

Kansas. The Kansas State Historical Society takes the prize for digitalization among state historical societies. What a treasure trove! KSHS has published three periodical series over the years: *Kansas Historical Collections* (1875- 1928), *Kansas Historical Quarterly* (1931-1977) and *Kansas History* (1978 to the present). All three appeal to the Santa Fe Trail buff or researcher. And many of the articles in them are available full text. For access first go to the Kansas State Historical Society site - www.kshs.org. Click on “Research” and the dropdown menu will let you choose *Kansas History* or *Kansas Historical Quarterly*. On the same dropdown menu if you click on “More Publications” you will get the *Kansas Historical Collections*. Enjoy!

Note: Regarding these state historical society publications, let me know if I have made any mistakes in describing them. These publications are being digitized as you read so check a site frequently.

There are many more journals and magazines which can be accessed online. You have to hunt. And of course there is that magazine called *Wagon Tracks: The Quarterly of the Santa Fe Trail Association*, which can be accessed full text for all but its most recent issues at www.santafetrail.org. Click on “Publications.” ♦ [See related article on page 5.]

Next column: Steve Schmidt shares web sites he has found especially informative in his research.

Research Grants Available

Research grants are available for significant scholarly research on the Santa Fe Trail suitable for publication. Funds are open to anyone whose proposal meets the requirements and fulfills the procedures set forth below. The submittal deadline for proposals is October 1, 2013 for research to be conducted during the 11 months prior to September 1, 2014.

Funds may be used to pay for: 1) Supplies and materials; 2) Services (literature searches, computer use, clerical and/or technical assistance, and copy fees); 3) Travel. Funds may NOT be used for the purchase of equipment. Up to \$1,500 is available per proposal.

The chair of the Santa Fe Trail Association Scholarly Research Committee must receive three copies of an applicant’s proposal by 5:00 PM on October 1, 2013. Recipients will be notified by October 15, 2014. Proposals must follow the form attached to the guidelines available at www.santafetrail.org/about-us/scholarly-research/. Grantees must report on the results of their research to the Chair of the Santa Fe Trail Association Scholarly Research Committee by September 15, 2013.

Lodging and Restaurant Guide for Ulysses

As of January 2013

LODGING:

Corporate East 1110 E. Oklahoma	43 rooms 620-356-5010 888-350-5010	\$71 -\$75 + Tax Block has been provided
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Single Tree Inn 2033 W. Oklahoma	43 rooms 620-356- 1500 888- 232-8784	\$69 - \$73 + Tax Now accepting reservations mention SFT
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Fort Cedar View	620-356-2570	
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Lodging below will not accept reservations until the end of August 2013

Sands Motor Inn 622 W. Oklahoma	30 rooms 620-356-1404	\$50 - \$60 tax included
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Peddlers Inn Motel 2093 W. Oklahoma	47 rooms 620-356-4021	\$45.99 - \$50.99 + Tax
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Wagon Bed Inn 1101 E. Oklahoma	48 rooms 620-356-3111	\$35 - \$40 + tax
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Lodging in Sublette Ks:

Golden Prairie Motel 909 LaLande Ave	620-675-2240	\$55
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Restaurants:

			Breakfast
Alejandro's	816 W. Oklahoma	620-356-3163	No
Corporate East Restaurant	1104 W. Oklahoma	620-356-5010	Yes (free to motel guest)
Daylight Donut Shop	202 S Main	620-356-3993	Yes
Downtown Restaurant	100 N Main St.	620-356-2232	No
El Ranchito	111 E. Oklahoma	620-356-9255	No
Express Shop	529 N Colorado	620-356-1386	No
Garcia's Restaurant	800 E Oklahoma	620-356-1039	Yes
Goody Shop	222 S Main	620-356-1986	No
McDonalds	105 W Oklahoma	620-356-3507	Yes
Sonic Drive In	451 E Oklahoma	620-356-3566	Yes
Subway	610 W Oklahoma	620-356-1898	Yes
Taste of China	605 W Oklahoma	620-356-1088	No
Wagon Wheel Café & Bakery	8551 E Hwy 160	620-424-1368	Cinnamon Rolls etc

**2013 SANTA FE TRAIL SYMPOSIUM
REGISTRATION FORM**
(The 2013 Symposium is open to the public)

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

REGISTRATION**Totals**

Early Bird Member Registration
(Postmarked by August 15,
2013)

____ Attending

\$ 50 each

\$ _____

Early Bird Non-Member
Registration (Postmarked by
August 15, 2013)

____ Attending

\$ 75 each
Includes 1 yr.
SFTA Member

\$ _____

Full Member
Registration (Postmarked after
August 15, 2013)

____ Attending

\$ 60 each

\$ _____

Full Non-Member Registration
(Postmarked after August 15,
2013)

____ Attending

\$ 85 each
Includes 1 yr.
SFTA Member

\$ _____

Student Registration (High
School and College Students

____ Attending

\$ 20 each

\$ _____

Friday Only Registration

____ Attending

\$ 30 each

\$ _____

Saturday Only Registration

____ Attending

\$ 30 each

\$ _____

MEALS

All Meal Registration must be Postmarked by September 15, 2013

Thursday Evening Opening
Event and Dinner at Wagon Bed
Spring

____ Attending

\$ 18 each

\$ _____

Friday Box Lunch or Lunch at
Haskell County Museum

____ Attending

\$ 12 each

\$ _____

Friday Evening Meal and Program
at Kearny County Museum

____ Attending

\$ 15 each

\$ _____

Saturday Box Lunch or Lunch at
Haskell County Museum

____ Attending

\$12 each

\$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet
(Brisket and Smoked Pork) and
Entertainment

____ Attending

\$ 25 each

\$ _____

TOTAL FOR MEALS: (Please transfer amount to 2nd page)

\$ _____

BUS TOURS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

West Tours - Cimarron National Grasslands, Ft. Aubry, Mt. Route

_____ #Persons \$ 40 each \$ _____

East Tours – Wagon Bed Spring, Cimarron Route, Haskell County Museum

_____ #Persons \$ 40 each \$ _____

Spouse Tours - Local and surrounding communities specialty shops

_____ #Persons \$ 40 each \$ _____

Saturday, September 28, 2013

West Tours - Cimarron National Grasslands, Ft. Aubry, Mt. Route

_____ #Persons \$ 40 each \$ _____

East Tours – Wagon Bed Spring, Cimarron Route, Haskell County Museum

_____ #Persons \$ 40 each \$ _____

Spouse Tours - Local and surrounding communities specialty shops

_____ #Persons \$ 40 each \$ _____

TOTAL FOR TOURS

\$ _____

TOTAL FOR MEALS: (from front page)

\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: (No refunds after September 15, 2013)

\$ _____

_____ Check # (Make checks payable to Wagon Bed Springs Chapter SFTA Symposium 1013)

_____ Check here if you completed an Online Registration at www.santafetrail.org
(Credit Cards and PayPal accepted)

Mail Registration form to:

Grant County Chamber of
Commerce & Tourism
113 B South Main
Ulysses, Kansas 67880

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS:

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2013 Official Ballot

Santa Fe Trail Association

All paid-up active SFTA members are eligible to vote. **Those with family memberships are allowed two votes.** Write-in candidates are permissible and encouraged. Any write-in candidate must agree to have his/her name placed on the ballot, and be willing to serve if elected.

Vote for One Person for Each Office

Circle your choice of response.

	Member		Family member	
For President: Roger Slusher	yes	no	yes	no
Write-in candidate: _____				
For Vice-President: LaDonna Hutton	yes	no	yes	no
Write-in candidate: _____				
For Secretary: Marcia Fox	yes	no	yes	no
Write-in candidate: _____				
For Treasurer: Ruth Olson Peters	yes	no	yes	no
Write-in candidate: _____				

Vote for a Maximum of 7 (Seven) Candidates for At-Large Directors

Rod Booth	yes	no	yes	no
Linda Colle	yes	no	yes	no
Shirley Coupal	yes	no	yes	no
Mike Dickey	yes	no	yes	no
Faye Gaines	yes	no	yes	no
Larry Justice	yes	no	yes	no
Kevin Lindahl	yes	no	yes	no
Tom Pelikan	yes	no	yes	no
Sara Jane Richter	yes	no	yes	no
Mike Rogers	yes	no	yes	no
Mike Strodtman	yes	no	yes	no

Write-in Candidate: _____

Mark and return this ballot to

Linda Revello, Santa Fe Trail Association, Santa Fe Trail Center, 1349 K-156 Hwy, Larned, KS 67550

Must be postmarked by July 15, 2013

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.

Herbert Spencer; English philosopher (1820 - 1903)

*Quoted by Grand Master Jhoon Rhee, and requoted by Steve Burns,
NPS landscape architect, at SFTA retreat April 19, 2013.*

Linda Revello
Santa Fe Trail Center
1349 K-156 Hwy.
Larned, KS 67550

Meet the SFTA Board Candidates

For President: Roger Slusher, Lexington, MO

Roger Slusher has a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in History from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He taught social studies and English at Wentworth Military Academy and Malta Bend School for 36 years, and is now retired. During that time Roger was always active in the Lexington Historical Association and is now the volunteer director of their historical museum. In the late 1980s he helped found the Missouri River Outfitters Chapter and was its first president. Roger has written a walking/driving tour of the Trail in Lexington and conducted many tours along the Trail in Missouri. In 2009 he was elected Vice-President of SFTA, and in 2010, due to Joanne VanCoevern becoming Association Manager, he became President. Roger was reelected President in 2011.

Statement: In the next two years we have an opportunity to take some major steps forward in carrying out our mission as we begin implementing the new ten-year Strategic Plan. Its five goals will be my objectives as President. The goals are to: (1) achieve national awareness of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail; (2) preserve the tangible remains of the Trail and strive to ensure the survival of Trail-related resources; (3) ensure organizational effectiveness and sustainability; (4) increase public use and enjoyment of the Trail; and (5) increase research on the Trail and related topics. This is a lot to do even in 10 years, but many efforts are already underway to reach these goals.

For Vice-President: LaDonna Hutton, Rocky Ford, CO

It is my pleasure to submit my name as a candidate for a second term for the position of Vice President of the Santa Fe Trail Association. Any of my acquaintances would attest to the fact that the Santa Fe Trail is my passion. I have been the association's Vice-President since 2011 and a Colorado Director from 2007-2011. An active member of SFTA since 1996, I have served as the Bent's Fort Chapter secretary since 1997. In addition, I was the secretary and chairman of the 2007 Santa Fe Trail Symposium in Trinidad.

With a Masters Degree in Education from Colorado State University, I have 34 years experience as a business educator and school administrator. I've held a Colorado real estate license since 1974, upgraded it to a Colorado broker's license in 2005, and have been pursuing a career in the real estate field since that time.

Statement: The following ongoing issues must be addressed: Education: It is critical that young people develop an appreciation and an understanding of the impact that the Santa Fe Trail had on all aspects of the region. I believe each chapter should have an Education Committee with specific projects planned with area educators at elementary, middle school, high school, and college levels. I believe the new website initiative and the geocache project will attract young people. We all need to support these initiatives. Trail Preservation: There are so many issues around this topic that must continually be addressed:

proposed Piñon Canyon maneuver site expansion by the Army, wind farms, cell towers, environmental impact, trail marking, erosion, pipelines, etc. The preservation and protection of the Santa Fe Trail must remain a high priority. Membership and Public Relations: Declining Santa Fe Trail Association membership is a major concern. I feel membership can be increased with better and more effective public relations such as internet, newspaper articles, radio, fair booths, etc. With the proposed marketing plan and a strong membership committee, I believe we will see an increased membership in the Santa Fe Trail Association.

For Secretary: Marcia Fox, Wamego, KS

Once again I am pleased to submit my name for consideration as secretary of SFTA. I served as secretary for two terms, but due to term limits in the bylaws, I was unable to run for secretary during the past election.

I am a charter member of SFTA, a member in good standing, and a member of the Bent's Fort Chapter. I serve on the publications/website and the education committees. I was co-chair, with Chris Day, of the education committee for several years and during that time, we wrote several NPS cost share grants to present teacher inservices throughout the Trail states, develop educational resource trunks for schools, and develop the Junior Wagonmaster program. Chris and I also organized two-week camping trips biennially from Wamego, KS to Santa Fe for 5th and 6th graders, exposing hundreds of students to the Trail. These trips have now been running for 30 years. My thesis for a Masters degree in the Art of Teaching was on ways to incorporate teaching about the Trail into the classroom. I am currently a Curriculum Specialist at the Kansas State Historical Society, and recently developed five Trail resource trunks which have been popular with Kansas schools.

Statement: I have always endeavored to expand the public's knowledge of the Trail. I believe that working with young people is one of the ways to preserve the Trail for the future. With our presence on the web we have an opportunity to educate people worldwide about the significance of the Trail. I realize that the economic situation today places a burden on the Association's plans for the immediate future; however, I believe with the ongoing support of the National Park Service and the vision of the SFTA board we will continue to meet our mission to protect and preserve the Santa Fe trail and to promote awareness of the its historical legacy.

For Treasurer: Ruth Olson Peters, Larned, KS

Ruth Olson Peters, retired director of the Santa Fe Trail Center at Larned, KS, has served as secretary and/or treasurer of SFTA since it was founded. She is a native of Garfield, Kansas, on the Trail. She has served on many SFTA committees and is currently chairman of the Budget Committee and Acquisitions/Archives Committee. She was project director of the SFT Rendezvous seminars from 1984 until her retirement in January 2012 and was involved with the seminars since they were first coordinated by the Trail Center in 1980. These Rendezvous

are now a cooperative effort of the Santa Fe Trail Center, Fort Larned National Historic Site and the Santa Fe Trail Association.

Statement: I will continue to perform the duties of the office of treasurer and work closely with members of the budget committee to see that the resources of SFTA are carefully protected and invested.

For Director: Rod Booth, Lenexa, KS

I am a product of the midwest, born and raised in Western Missouri, with a move to Kansas in the mid-1970s. I earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City and a Master's Degree from Indiana University.

My professional career has embraced the sales, finance, banking, and educational fields. I am a decorated U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. I am a self-employed independent film producer, whose last documentary film won a national first place award in its specific category. I've chaired two very successful non-profit international conventions related to the celebration of history, and I've likewise served on several boards of directors for non-profit historic organizations. I have recently completed a six-year term on the Board of Directors of the Lenexa, Kansas Historical Society and I volunteer within the Shawnee Mission School District, providing Santa Fe Trail history presentations for public and parochial school classes. I've just been elected to the Volunteer Hall of Fame for the City of Lenexa, Kansas. I am a very social and positive individual.

Statement: I've demonstrated a love of history since my youth and I have become delightfully romanced by the history and the aura of the Santa Fe Trail. My desire to encourage an enhanced appreciation of Santa Fe Trail history for an even wider group of enthusiasts is now at the forefront of my goals. I have already begun the creation of a high quality film about the Santa Fe Trail as I feel that the audio and visual media, as well as broadcast television, are all highly effective ways to capture the interest and support of organizations like the SFTA. I would also like to innovate a series of engaging motor tours to Santa Fe Trail historic sites during the summer and fall seasons. I feel that it is time for my deeper level of service to the SFTA. I openly tell all my friends what an invigorating and inspiration spirit prevails within the membership family of the Santa Fe Trail Association.

For Director: Linda Colle, McPherson, KS

I grew up on a farm near Windom, Kansas, five miles northeast of the Little Arkansas Crossing and the Stone Corral on the Santa Fe Trail. I earned an A.A. degree in agriculture, and began my career at a pharmaceutical company. I later completed a B.S. in chemistry from McPherson College and then an M.B.A. from Colorado State University. I have nearly 35 years at the same company in various positions. I know how things operate in the business world. I am a charter member of SFTA, and have been a member of the Quivira chapter since its start in 1992. As president of the Quivira chapter

since 2006, I work to ensure our meetings are interesting and will draw in new people: our meetings are advertised, and we publish a newsletter containing historical articles relating to our section of the Trail. My husband and I have printed a tour guide and ten brochures describing Trail sites in our territory. Last year I was the proud recipient of the SFTA Paul Bentrup Ambassador Award recognizing my preservation, protection, and promotion efforts. I have experienced first-hand how a chapter operates, the struggles to maintain and grow membership, and the challenges and joy of working with volunteers. I enjoy introducing people to Trail sites for the first time, the fun of discussing with members, and the possibilities that are out there to bring the Trail to others. I am passionate about the Santa Fe Trail.

Statement: My vision for SFTA centers on three areas: Marketing is critical to keeping SFTA alive. We must get out of our "box" and let people know we are here and are actively working for the Trail. It is exciting that we are finally developing a marketing plan. Membership is a continuous job, attracting new members and retaining those we have. Marketing and Membership go hand-in-hand. Education requires that we continue to work educating the younger generation about the Trail's importance, and help them to develop a love of history that will continue when they are adults. We need to develop more relationships with the Boy AND Girl Scouts, 4H, and FFA, and involve them in projects that preserve, protect, and educate about the Trail.

For Director: Shirley Coupal, Shawnee Mission, KS

Shirley Coupal has belonged to SFTA since 1995. She is a member of the Missouri River Outfitters and Wet/Dry Routes chapters. During her administration as State Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution, she oversaw the restoration of the Kansas 1906 Santa Fe Trail DAR markers, a project supported by the National Park Service and SFTA. More recently, Shirley has consulted on the SFT DAR markers as Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail for the Kansas State Historical Society regarding nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. In so doing, she has brought the most current information on the markers' history and placement. Shirley also holds membership in and has been an officer in several historical and heritage societies including, among others, Kansas State Historical Society, Oregon-California Trail Association, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and Kansas City Area Historic Society. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees from Kansas State University and the University of Kansas, and a Masters of Arts from Central Michigan University.

Statement: Membership and trail preservation are central. Thirty years ago when I started to join organizations, I was one of the younger members. Thirty years later I am still one of the younger members. If SFTA is to remain a vital organization, we need to reach out to the next generation whether it be our own family members, other similar organizations, or through publicity. As much as the Kansas DAR takes pride in its historical endeavors, very few belong to trail organizations.

Are we overlooking a kindred spirit? Preservation of visible trail segments, not just marking them, is a must, through programs like the National Register of Historic Places.

For Director: Mike Dickey, Arrow Rock, MO

Mike has always had an interest in history, having grown up near Fort Osage and Santa Fe Trail sites in Jackson County. He has been employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources since 1986 and has been the manager of Arrow Rock, Boone's Lick State and Sappington Cemetery State Historic Sites since 1995. All three facilities have connections to the SFT. He is a current board member and member of Missouri River Outfitters and was chair of the 2009 SFTA Symposium held in Arrow Rock.

Statement: I believe that Trail interpretation is the key to SFTA survival and growth. Interpretation should reach out to the curiosity of younger generations and engender a connection with the past. Trail history allows us to draw in and discuss people from diverse cultures: Hispanic, Native American and Euro-American. Static exhibits and books should not be discarded, but technology has changed and with it so have interpretive techniques and opportunities. A marketing plan is a part of any good interpretive outreach. In recent years the SFTA has made good steps in developing interactive interpretation and a marketing plan. I will support and help to continue these endeavors.

For Director: Faye Gaines, Springer, NM

Faye has had a lifelong romance with the Trail and is a long-time member of SFTA and the Corazon de los Caminos chapter. She has been president of the chapter several times and has been involved in most activities. She worked on two symposiums, served on the SFT board, and is currently the preservation chairman of the Association. "I take this job very seriously. It has been a wonderful experience to work with all of you," Faye says.

Statement: I am a passionate supporter of the Santa Fe Trail. Serving on the Board, I have wanted to make a difference. I work hard on Preservation, and will continue to do so.

For Director: Larry Justice, Derby, KS

I am an active member of SFTA, the Cottonwood Crossing chapter, and a member of the Board of Directors, representing Oklahoma. My fascination with the SFTA in Oklahoma stems from my strong interest in all things having to do with the history of Oklahoma, including visiting an archaeological site directed by the University of Oklahoma and the *National Geographic* investigating the presence of man predating Folsom man over 40,000 years ago. I have studied and developed travel aids for groups along the Chisholm Trail. I have written articles, appeared on radio, and have been a conference presenter promoting the development of Oklahoma, my home.

Statement: Currently, I serve as SFTA Membership Committee chair. I believe we have touched just the surface of ways

to expand membership, particularly with younger folks and families. Also, one of SFTA's main concerns is the graying of our membership. These are important tasks I would address if re-elected to the SFTA Board. I helped organize and facilitate a Santa Fe Trail symposium through Northwestern Oklahoma State University with the idea of finding university-related faculty and students interested in learning more and investing in the preservation of the Santa Fe Trail. Engendering support and interest in the Santa Fe Trail among young people must not be viewed as a lost cause, but rather a goal for preserving SFTA. Whether through symposiums, writing contests, or geocache experiences, the need for creative ways of involving young people must be a priority, which I will pursue.

For Director: Kevin Lindahl, Rocky Ford, CO

Kevin has lived in Rocky Ford, Colorado for over 50 years, a fourth generation resident. He is a member of SFTA and the Bent's Fort Chapter, where he is on the mapping committee and serves as Trail preservation officer. He is very familiar with Santa Fe Trail locations in Otero County as well as most of southeast Colorado, and has volunteered at Bent's Old Fort since 2002. Kevin is employed seasonally with USDA-US Forest Service - Comanche National Grasslands (home to several miles of Santa Fe Trail) as a Visitor Information Assistant. He is a board member for Otero County Historic Preservation advisory board appointed by the County Commissioners and a member of Colorado Preservation Inc. Working on the Santa Fe Trail Colorado Inventory Survey, he is coordinating with landowners in the area. Kevin is a member of Canyons and Plains, a heritage tourism development organization. He is currently chairman for the newly formed Geocaching / Geotour committee for the Santa Fe Trail Association.

Statement: My objectives are very similar and in line with the associations mission statement. The mission of the Santa Fe Trail Association is to protect and preserve the Santa Fe Trail and to promote awareness of the historical legacy associated with it. My objectives are to: attend annual meetings of the Association; encourage and support SFTA chapters; submit articles for Wagon Tracks; work with schools and teachers; work with public and private, local, state and federal entities; work with the National Park Service; promote and assist in mapping and marking the historic routes of the Santa Fe Trail; and publicize the Trail and the SFTA and its activities.

For Director: Tom Pelikan, Littleton, CO

I've been an SFTA member off and on for a good dozen years, and a Bent's Fort chapter member. In the last few years I've attended Association and Bent's Fort Chapter meetings and gatherings in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado and I really like the SFTA team. I also serve on the Board of the Arkansas River Coalition and gave both organizations memberships in each other. I have plenty of volunteer and professional trail preservation and improvement experience involving both recreational and historic trails. I served on the Board of the Friends of the Delaware Canal, and was honored by the National Park Service for outstanding volunteer leadership in my work on getting the

lower Delaware River designated a National Scenic and Recreational River. I'm a lawyer by training (never trust a lawyer who can't laugh at lawyer jokes, and I can) and I've been in the conservation community professionally for nearly fifteen years.

Statement: There are preservation opportunities and scholarship opportunities along the entire length of the trail from Missouri to New Mexico. There's an effort to re-purpose Fort Lyon, Colorado, the site of Bent's New Fort, and Prowers County's community college has a great historic preservation program that can benefit the students, as well as the entire community and the Trail. Joanne VanCoevern has done a great job improving our relationship with the Native American tribal leadership along the trail and I'd like to lend a hand building on that as well. Finally, heritage tourism has huge potential for the Trail and the Association and we can build on that. If re-elected, I will serve one more term. Then I'll take a term off per the bylaws and I just might come back.

For Director: Sara Jane Richter, Hennessey, OK

As Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Professor of English, Dr. Sara Jane Richter has taught English, geography, history, and humanities classes at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell since 1985. Originally from Atchison, Kansas, she calls Hennessey, Oklahoma, her hometown.

Richter maintains an active speaking engagement schedule, giving literary and historical programs on topics such as Depression-era women, women of the Santa Fe and Oregon trails, Christmases on the Plains, buffalo hunting, and frontier teachers. She is a member of the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, and is a consultant to Smoky Hills Public Television on documentaries concerning orphan trains, the WPA, and the Dust Bowl. Richter has served on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Arts Institute, the Oklahoma Da-Vinci Institute, and High Plains Public Radio. The Oklahoma Humanities Council honored her in 2011 with the prestigious Public Humanities Award, and this summer she will be honored by the Oklahoma State Historical Preservation Organization for her research on the Hay Meadow Massacre. She has been the secretary to the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Trail Association since 2012.

Statement: Sara Jane Richter became enamored of the Trail as an undergraduate student when she first researched the Trail for an American history course. At various times, she has followed the Trail from beginning to end, taking photographs and doing research on various locations. She has a special interest in the Cimarron Route because of its proximity to her home in Guymon, Oklahoma, in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Preserving the Trail for future generations to appreciate and to study is the main reason for her interest in serving on the Board.

For Director: Mike Rogers, Edmond, OK

Mike is the Executive Vice President, Human Resources, for BancFirst, an Oklahoma City based company with over 1,700

employees with banking locations in 53 communities. He is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), a professional association with over 250,000 members, where he has served as a chapter president, state director, national board member, and Secretary/Treasurer. Mike is a former board member of the Oklahoma Arts Institute, and is a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Mike was born in Great Bend, Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas. Mike's family has farming interests in Ford, Gray, Grant, and Hamilton Counties. Mike's SFT journey began when he found he was more interested in visiting SFT sites than inspecting farmland and crops. He has since logged visits to almost every Trail site from Kansas City across Kansas and into Colorado and New Mexico. He is a life member of the Santa Fe Trail Association and serves on the newly created Geocache Committee. He is a member of the Dodge City/Ft. Dodge/Cimarron Chapter and the Ft. Larned Old Guard.

Statement: The SFTA draft Strategic Plan is an exceedingly well-prepared document. It demonstrates the dedication and talent of current Board members and past leaders of the Association. I believe new board members will need to focus on the execution of the goals, objectives, and action plans listed in the document. Additionally, we must always recognize the importance of chapter growth, activity and development.

For Director: Mike Strodtman, Bucklin, KS

I have lived in western Kansas most of my life. After graduating from Kansas Wesleyan University where I studied HPER/teaching/coaching and played basketball, I took over running the 5th generation small family farm. Amongst many other things, such as raising heirloom crops and heritage breeds of sheep and cattle, I have worked on trail drives for a local longhorn ranch. Currently, my off-farm work takes me on both the Great Western Cattle Trail and the Santa Fe Trail on a daily basis. My first introduction to the Santa Fe Trail Association was at the Symposium in Dodge City in 2011. Though I haven't had time to do research, my family tells me we have ties to the Santa Fe Trail, the DAR, and the Civil War through the Mississippi Infantry. I am a life member of the Santa Fe Trail Association and the Ft. Larned Old Guard, and a member of the Kansas Muzzleloaders, Friends of Maxwell, the Bent's Fort Chapter of the SFTA and the Kansas chapter of the Great Western Cattle Trail Association. I was elected Vice President of the local Dodge City/Ft. Dodge/ Cimarron chapter in February.

Statement: If elected, I would like to see the SFTA work towards becoming more visible to people who may have an interest, whether through press releases to local media, which was how I became aware of the SFTA, or through a national outlet. I would like to see more local routes marked, such as the chapters in Rice/Marion counties and Lost Springs area have done. One of the best parts of this association is the ability to meet and converse with so many knowledgeable and passionate people from across the country, all with a common interest. I look forward to doing whatever I can to help preserve the history and the allure of this part of "The West." ♦

Santa Fe's Revenue Plan of 1836

by Robert J. Tórriz
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Throughout New Mexico's Mexican period (1821-1846), the government in Santa Fe as well as municipal or town councils (*ayuntamientos*) throughout the territory searched for ways to finance government expenses by regulating commerce and certain social activities through licensing and taxes imposed on goods and livestock brought into the municipality for sale. There are a number of these revenue plans in the Mexican Archives of New Mexico dating from the 1820s through the 1840s. The revenue plan issued by the *ayuntamiento* of Santa Fe on June 9, 1836, and transcribed and translated below is rather typical of these municipal regulations:

Revenue Plan (*Plan de Arbitrios*) that the constitutional *ayuntamiento* of Santa Fe has seen to develop and sanction for the internal management of the capital district and its departments: ¹

Art. 1: All foreign commercial wagons that enter this city will pay two pesos² municipal tax;

Art. 2: Each pack animal that enters the city with commerce from the Departments outside the Territory will be charged two reales plus one-half real per load of whatever type and two reales per mule or horse brought for sale;

Art. 3: For each loaded animal brought into the city with commercial goods by natives of the territory or foreign merchants that are residents, each will pay one real, unless that value of the load is assessed at less than 3 ps. by one of the constitutional *alcaldes* (*alcaldes constitucionales*);

Art. 4: Every foreigner that seeks to cut lumber in the hills around the district and within the limits of this jurisdiction for the construction of factories or other industries shall request beforehand a permit from one of the three constitutional *alcaldes* and pay for said license five pesos. And said license to be valid for 1 month and they shall pay an equal amount when they seek revalidation for a new cutting;

Art. 5: Foreigners that sell foodstuffs, liquors, and other articles produced locally, shall pay each month two pesos for each store opened (*tendejón avierto*) or traveling sales (*comercio en tráfico*);

Art. 6: Every individual that brings into the streets or main plaza of this city, fattened cattle or sheep and goats (*ganado menor*), shall pay for each head sold, if of the first species, two reales, and if of the second, one-half real for each head sold;

Art. 7: For each license for acrobatic (*maromas*) or puppet (*títeres*)³ shows or any other class of diversions that is solicited

in this city and which is for the benefit of its authors (or performers), will be charged two pesos;

Art. 8: Natives of this country, residents of the city, its jurisdiction, and resident foreigners in same, that solicit the organization of dances with the object of selling or distributing liquors or other articles to eat in these, shall request the corresponding license from one of the three *alcaldes*, paying same the amount of four reales;

Art. 9: Every foreigner or native of this country that arrives at a capital of the Department or Territories of the Republic are obligated to present themselves within three days of their arrival before either of the three *alcaldes*, and present the reason for their presence, their occupation, means of support or legitimate business; paying ten pesos fine in hard currency for failure to do so for the first offense, 20 ps. for the second offense and 30 ps. for the third;

Art. 10: Commercial enterprises of any type introduced to this city from the Departments or Territories of the Republic in wagons, carts, or any other type of vehicle shall pay one pesos for the municipal fee;

Art. 11: Municipal judges (*Jueces de barrio*), assistants to the police (*tenientes de policía*)⁴, and other subordinate municipal officials are under the strict obligation to make the primary lists or abstract of the number of residents in their respective neighborhoods and report to the judges those who live in idleness (*ociosidad*) or if some arrive that do not comply with Art. 9; if said officials fail to comply they shall pay a fine of five pesos for the first offense, eight for the second and fifteen for the third as well as a loss of their position and suffer arrest that may be imposed by one of the three *alcaldes*, if these are reported or otherwise informed of the abandonment of their duty.

Santa Fe, 9 June 1836 signed) Albino Pérez
Copy of the original, Santa Fe, 18 June 1836
(signed)
J. Dolores Madrid
Clemente Sarracino

Notes:

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2. The Mexican peso, often referred to as the "Liberty Cap" coin was the hard currency of the time. Eight reales during both the Spanish and Mexican periods constituted one peso although coins in denominations of four, two, one and even ¼ real were minted.

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Santa Fe Trail Merchandise List Created

Susan Calafate Boyle, Historian, National Trails Intermountain Region, has compiled a list of merchandise carried along the Old Spanish, Santa Fe, and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trails. Her study, titled *The Merchandise of the Trade: Commercial Goods Carried along the Santa Fe Trail and El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (1825-1880)*, is a work in progress.

She has created a table (which runs to about 22 pages) of items. The majority of the items listed come from *guías* issued in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to those merchants, both Mexican citizens and foreigners, who traveled down El Camino Real into the interior of Mexico between 1825 and 1846. This list also includes domestic manufactures (*efectos del país*), those locally produced items of trade which required no duties if taken to other Mexican provinces.

The first column is the Spanish original, the second is the English translation of the term, the third classifies each item to one or more categories, and the fourth identifies the roll and frame number of the Mexican Archives of New Mexico where the item is found. Additional articles have been included from the inventory of the Manuel Delgado property at the time of his death in 1854 (Dingee Collection) and from the papers of Manuel Alvarez the State Records and Archive Center at Santa Fe and from the papers of José Felipe Chávez at the Center for Southwest Research at the University of New Mexico and at the State Records and Archive Center at Santa Fe.

The list includes nine hundred different kinds of merchandise, including household goods (26.5%), fabrics (17.4%), clothing (15.5%), personal use (12.4%), tools (8.0%), food (4.3), local merchandise (2.3%), and medicines (3.9%). There were also musical instruments, toys, religious items, books, and many others. These figures provide an idea of the variety, but not the frequency or amounts of items. In terms of the size of the shipments, fabrics were the most important trade component. Millions of *varas* of 159 different types of fabrics came over the Santa Fe Trail and were sold down El Camino Real all the way into Central Mexico.

It should be noted that besides the Bible shipments, sometimes books are listed by specific titles – *Vida de Washington* (Washington's Life), *Fábulas de Iriarte* (Iriarte's Fables), *Catecismo histótico* (Historical Catechism), *Templarios* (a volume associated with the Knight Templars), *Ejercicios cotidianos* (Daily Exercises), *Diccionarios de inglés* (English Dictionaries), and *Novelas en Castellano* (novel in Spanish).

At this time the list is incomplete and not all terms can be translated. Spelling has been standardized, except in those cases where the specific meaning of a word is not known, as for example, *escochilipán*, *sayasaya*. Some of these terms were used repeatedly, but so far they have defied translation. A couple of decades ago Joe Ben Wheat spent considerable time on the topic and was also unable to pin down the meaning of some of these words. There are 59 words in need of specific translation. If you would like to see the list and perhaps translate the missing words, please contact Susan at susan_boyle@nps.gov.



Rich Lawson, Warrensburg, MO, has created a demonstration wagon to show various aspects of construction and use.

Photo: Kathy Borgman

Revenue Plan, continued from page 25

3. *Maromas* or *maromeros* are generic terms used to describe a type of variety show that would have included acrobats, jugglers, singers, and other forms of entertainment. These were often traveling troupes and offered a form of entertainment that was common in New Mexico up to the 1950s.

4. *Jueces de barrio* were the equivalent of justices of the peace within a limited jurisdiction much like a precinct. *Tenientes de policía* were not a formal police force or policeman in the modern sense. They were individuals appointed or assigned by the *alcaldes* or municipal judges to patrol (police) the streets and assist municipal officials to keep order. ♦

Jesus Gil Abreu: Santa Fe Trail Traveler and Man of Affairs in Territorial New Mexico

by Doyle Daves

Jesus Gil Abreu¹ was born and grew up in New Mexico during the Mexican period before the American annexation in 1846. Because his father and paternal grandfather were both government officials, the Abreu family was already prominent and respected at the time of Jesus' birth in 1823. He became the son-in-law of Charles Beaubien² of the famous Miranda-Beaubien (Maxwell) Land Grant³ and was a prominent businessman during the territorial period in New Mexico. He was a contemporary and sometimes colleague of such well-known historical figures as Kit Carson⁴, Lucien Maxwell⁵, Ceran St. Vrain⁶ and Thomas O. Boggs.⁷

An Abreu From Spain Arrives in New Mexico.

Jesus Abreu's grandfather, Santiago Antonio Abreu, was the first of this family to leave Spain and come to the Spanish North American provinces. Family documents,⁸ including a 1799 military report that records his age at that date, indicates that Santiago was born about 1758. He was born into an aristocratic family and grew to adulthood in Cataluna in the Spanish province of Barcelona. In Barcelona, Santiago married Gertrudis Palmeris; the couple had four children before Gertrudis passed away, probably in the early 1790s. Shortly after her death, Santiago arranged for his sister, Sylvera, to take charge of the children and he accepted a military assignment which took him to Mexico. So far as we know, Santiago never saw these children again.

Santiago arrived in Chihuahua, Mexico shortly before 1795,⁹ as an officer of the Spanish army with the rank of *segundo alférez* (second lieutenant). His military rank as an officer tells us that he was well-educated and well-connected, consistent with his aristocratic family status, as at that time these attributes were needed to attain such positions.

While in Chihuahua, Santiago married Maria Soledad De la O on May 2, 1795. Apparently, he did not stay in Chihuahua long, as by 1797 he had arrived at the presidio in Santa Fe. Surprisingly, Fray Angelico Chavez tells us that he did not come to New Mexico directly from Chihuahua as "From his wife's name and other connections we can suppose with almost complete certainty that he came with two other soldiers of the period, Jose de la O and Martin Yrigoyen, from the Presidio of Guajuquilla in Neuvo Viscaya."¹⁰ By 1800, Santiago had retired from the military and assumed a government post in Santa Fe where he was responsible for enforcing trade regulations concerning commodities such as tobacco.

After arriving in Santa Fe, Santiago and Soledad had four children: three sons; Santiago (II), Ramon, and Marcelino; and a daughter, Maria Jacoba Marcelina, who died as an infant. Santiago lived only till 1814; Soledad lived on until 1829.

Santiago Abreu (II) becomes Governor of New Mexico and is Brutally Murdered in the Chimayo Rebellion of 1837.

The three Abreu brothers, born between 1800 and 1810, grew up in Santa Fe among its privileged military and governmental elite. From their subsequent careers, it is clear that the elder Santiago's death in 1814 did not unduly diminish the family's status and resources. The eldest son, also Santiago and the father of Jesus, had an especially illustrious, if ultimately brief and fatal, governmental career. Born in Santa Fe about 1800, he rose quickly in power and prestige. In 1825 he traveled to Mexico City as Deputy to the Mexican Congress. While in this service he, presciently, warned the Mexican legislature to beware the consequences of tolerating Americans in the New Mexico province "who settle, buy land and even marry."¹¹ In September 1829, Santiago Abreu left Santa Fe by wagon train and traveled the Santa Fe Trail east on Mexican Government business. The trip east encountered serious difficulty when, at the crossing of the Cimarron river in the present-day Oklahoma panhandle, the wagon train was attacked by Indians that were finally dispersed only after loss of life on both sides.¹²

In 1832-1833, Santiago Abreu served as *Jefe Politico* (Governor) of New Mexico.¹³ Santiago's brother, Ramon Abreu also was an important official in the Mexican government of New Mexico serving as *Prefecto* (principal government official) at Taos. It is noteworthy that, in the 1830s, the Abreu brothers acquired the first printing press in New Mexico.¹⁴ Most sources indicate that the printing press was brought into New Mexico from Chihuahua. However, Marc Simmons, noted New Mexico historian, recently provided evidence that, in fact, the press was carted across the Santa Fe Trail by Josiah Gregg.¹⁵ The press was used to print New Mexico's first (short-lived) newspaper, *El Crepusculo de la Libertad* (Dawn of Liberty). Later Ramon Abreu took the printing press to Taos where famed Padre Jose Antonio Martinez¹⁶ used it to print text books.

After his service as governor, Santiago Abreu held other prominent government positions until, in 1837, as a close associate of then-Governor Albino Perez and currently serving as Judge of the District Court at Taos, he became a victim of the anti-tax uprising known as the Chimayo Rebellion. The event that precipitated violence was the imprisonment of an *alcalde* (mayor, judge) by Santiago's brother, *Prefecto* Ramon Abreu. In the violent uprising, Santiago, along with both his brothers, Ramon and Marcelino, Governor Perez, and other governmental associates, were hunted down and brutally killed and mutilated by warriors from Santa Domingo pueblo.¹⁷ At the time of this atrocity, Santa Fe Trail chronicler Josiah Gregg thought that Santiago Abreu was "the most famed character of New Mexico."¹⁸

Santiago's death left his wife, Maria Josefa Refugio Baca, whom he had married in 1818, with a large family of children ranging in ages from nineteen to six.¹⁹ Jesus, who was born September 1, 1823, was almost fourteen when his father was killed.

Jesus Gil Abreu Travels the Santa Fe Trail and Becomes a Store-Keeper in Missouri

It is not clear just when Jesus Abreu left Santa Fe to travel east on the Santa Fe Trail. George B. Anderson [*History of New Mexico; Its Resources and People*] says that Jesus “continued to reside in Santa Fe until...about 1842, when he started overland for Independence and Westport, Missouri.”²⁰ However, despite his young age at the time, it seems likely that he went east by 1840, as his obituary published in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* on July 3, 1900 indicates that he spent some five or six years there before returning to New Mexico in 1846 (see below). In agreement with Anderson, the obituary reports that “he started for the states with a man named Johnson who had a large herd of Mexican mules which he had gathered at Sonora and was taking east for speculation.” The obituary continues: “He crossed into Kentucky and spent three years there.” Jesus then returned to Westport, Missouri, where he found employment as a store clerk with John Calvin McCoy, today called the “Father of Kansas City.” McCoy had settled on Missouri’s western border in the 1830s where he opened a store for travelers on the Santa Fe and Oregon trails. During the time he worked in Westport for McCoy, Jesus received an unusual assignment which greatly enhanced his knowledge of the United States. He “was sent to St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York with the Perea brothers of Bernalillo[New Mexico].”²¹ At the time, the Pereas did not know English and Jesus Abreu served as their interpreter.

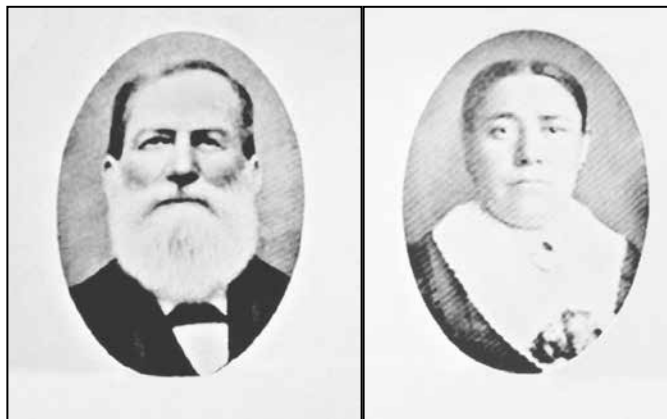
The Return to New Mexico and Government Service

Jesus Abreu ended his stay in Missouri in 1846. In connection with the Mexican War, President James Polk sent General Stephen Watts Kearny and the Army of the West marching across the Santa Fe Trail into Mexico’s northern provinces of New Mexico and California.²² At the time, these two provinces comprised all the land between Texas and the Pacific Ocean including major parts of the present states of Arizona, Colorado, Utah and Nevada. Jesus, then a Mexican citizen, accompanied the American army, arriving in Santa Fe in August when New Mexico was peacefully occupied. Jesus had been hired by a sutler to serve as an interpreter and, in December 1846, he accompanied the portion of the Army of the West led by Colonel Alexander Doniphan that was sent south on the Camino Real to reinforce other American forces tasked with capturing Chihuahua.

When Chihuahua was under American control, Jesus was sent by his employer back to Santa Fe with instructions for Colonel Ceran St. Vrain (see above) to buy all possible sutler supplies before the soldiers returned. Jesus accomplished the journey

in seven days through lands menaced by bands of marauding Apaches and other hostile Indians without incident. Back in Santa Fe, Jesus continued his service as a government interpreter while also working as a clerk in the store owned by Ceran St. Vrain.²³

In the winter of 1846-1847, Thomas O. Boggs (see above) was engaged by the government to carry mail between Santa Fe and Leavenworth, Kansas. He brought the first mail through from Leavenworth to Santa Fe in December, just a few months after the Army of the West had made the trek to Santa Fe. The weather that winter was very bad and, after Boggs’ mules died on the trail, he and his two helpers tied the mail sacks onto their own backs and walked the rest of the way. In later years, Jesus recalled that he had accompanied Boggs the following winter (1847-1848) “a couple of times. There wasn’t much snow that year but the Indians kept us edgy.”²⁴ Then in the winter of 1848-1849, Jesus Abreu accepted the responsibility to carry the mail. That winter, again, the snow was deep on the plains and bitter cold temperatures prevailed; as a result, it took forty days to make the trip.²⁵



Jesus Gil Abreu and Maria Petra (Beaubien) Abreu

Travel to California

It is reported that Jesus, perhaps excited about news of the gold rush, journeyed to California in 1850 or 1851 and traveled extensively in that state.²⁶ The 1850 census for Santa Fe, recorded in December, lists Jesus as living in the home of his mother, Josefa; thus his trip to California must have occurred in 1851. We have no details about the time he spent there or whether he tried his hand at mining. In any case, he did not stay but returned to New Mexico

after a short time.

Return to New Mexico, Work and Marriage

When Jesus returned to New Mexico from California, he was ready to settle and to establish himself among the leading men of the territory. Shortly after his arrival back in New Mexico, he accepted employment from a Spaniard, Jose Pley, who was a partner of Lucien Maxwell in a number of commercial enterprises. At first, Jesus worked as a clerk in a store located at Mora. After 1857, he moved to be a store-keeper at Rayado where Maxwell, Pley and Kit Carson had made their headquarters.²⁷ In 1860, a dramatic change occurred that determined the course of Jesus’ remaining life. Jose Pley, having divorced his wife, decided to return to Europe.²⁸ In preparation, he contracted with Jesus Abreu to take over his properties. “The terms were quite fair, if not generous, and it is likely the arrangement helped make the Abreus one of the wealthier and most respected families in the area.”²⁹

On November 26, 1859, at age thirty-six Jesus Abreu married

Maria Petra Beaubien, youngest daughter of Charles Beaubien and his wife, Maria Paula Lovato. Petra was born in Taos, July 29, 1844 and was fifteen at the time of her marriage. The Beaubiens were the proprietors of immense land holdings. In 1841, New Mexico governor, Manuel Armijo, had granted Beaubien and Guadalupe Miranda a huge tract of land on the eastern side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains that, decades later, was surveyed and confirmed at over two million acres. In addition, in 1843 Beaubien was granted another one million acres in the San Luis Valley of present day Colorado in the name of his young son, Narciso.³⁰ By the time of the marriage of his daughter Petra, the Beaubien's son-in-law, Lucien Maxwell, husband of eldest daughter, Luz, had acquired title to Miranda's share of the earlier grant. Charles and Paula Beaubien had inherited the San Luis Valley grant when their son, Narciso, perished in the Taos Revolt of 1847.³¹ Thus, Jesus Abreu, himself the son of a former governor, was now linked with one of the most prominent and powerful families of New Mexico.

Building a Complex and Highly Profitable Ranch Enterprise: Living like a European Lord on Vast Estates

In 1866, Mrs. Eveline Alexander visited the Abreus at Rayado and reported that the ranch headquarters "reminded her of the days when European lords controlled huge estates with hundreds of serfs."³² Certainly it was a bustling place with the small homes of the ranch employees scattered about and the men, their wives, and children visibly busy at various tasks and with a large variety of animals in various pens and fields also in evidence.

When Charles Beaubien passed away in 1864, he left his land to his six children in equal shares. It is somewhat surprising that the Abreus chose not to retain Petra's inheritance, even though they were then living at Rayado on the southern edge of the land grant. "[T]he Maxwells paid Petra [\$3,500] cash and traded some of their property around Rayado for her interest in the grant." Over a period of several years, Lucien and Luz Maxwell bought out the shares of all her Beaubien siblings, so that they now owned the entire grant which has since generally been known as the Maxwell Land Grant. The change from Mexican to American law created significant uncertainty about Mexican land titles. This uncertainty about the validity of their ownership may have been one motivating factor in the Beaubien heirs' willingness to sell. In fact, after much litigation, the American government confirmed the validity of the entirety of the enormous grant.

Beginning with the lands acquired from Jose Pley, Jesus Abreu developed an impressive property of about thirty-five thousand acres. The Abreu enterprises were various and extensive. There was a store that sold groceries and supplies to people of the area as well as to travelers. There was also a rudimentary restaurant that provided meals to stage coach passengers traveling the mountain route of the Trail to Santa Fe. "[W]hen a coach [from the north] topped the last hill and dropped down into the Rayado Valley, the driver signaled with a bugle to indicate the number of meals required." Many poor families lived on the ranch and worked for Abreu on shares. He provided them with

land, livestock and equipment; the farmers then returned to Abreu a share of their produce. Abreu used the plentiful water from the Rayado Creek to irrigate crops of prairie hay and alfalfa. Sometime later, he hired an expert gardener to create gardens, orchards, and vineyards.³³ With the stands of pine and fir and the plentiful trout in the stream, the Abreu's Rayado Ranch was a truly idyllic place.

For at least two decades following Jesus Abreu's settlement at Rayado, the area east of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains remained a dangerous place. The Plains Indian tribes, especially the Jicarilla Apaches, Kiowas and Comanches, greatly resented the encroachment of settlers into lands they had long used for hunting and camping. They frequently raided, stole livestock, and often killed settlers. Jesus Abreu, his family and retainers, although sometimes threatened, were able to live in relative safety as "By honest methods in dealing with the Indians they soon came to trust him as a friend."³⁴

Activities Beyond Managing the Ranch

Jesus Abreu, as a prosperous businessman and leading citizen of territorial New Mexico, was involved in many activities and projects. We know relatively little about this aspect of his life, but contemporary reports give us some insight. On July 19, 1871, the *Santa Fe New Mexican* announced the formation of the "United States Central" Railroad Company in which Jesus Abreu is listed as an investor along with powerful leaders of the so-called "Santa Fe Ring" including Thomas B. Catron and Stephen B. Elkins.³⁵ On January 4, 1872, the *New Mexican* reported that "Hon[orable] Jesus G. Abreu of Rayado came in on the eastern coach yesterday." The trip to the eastern states could have been related to railroad business. However, it is also likely that Jesus continued to use his Missouri and other contacts in the eastern states to purchase goods for his store at Rayado and a mercantile establishment in Springer in which he was a partner. We learned of the enterprise in Springer, which also included banking, from a report in the *New Mexican* October 5, 1892, of a fire in which the Springer Mercantile and Banking Company burned. The report listed Jesus Abreu as a company member. All these investments make clear that Abreu had many reasons to continue his associations in eastern states throughout his life.

The available record is surprisingly silent about any involvement of Jesus Abreu in the great upheaval of the mid 1870s, now called the Colfax County War. Two years after Lucien and Luz Maxwell sold the Maxwell Land Grant in 1870, the huge grant was acquired by a Dutch company. This absentee owner sought to remove "squatters" from the land. Many of the families living on the land grant had been there for decades, often with approval from Lucien Maxwell during the time of his ownership of the grant. The conflict quickly descended into violence and, during almost two decades of strife, about two hundred men lost their lives.³⁶ The Abreus at Rayado Ranch were, inevitably, closely linked to the people and the issues: unfortunately, we do not know anything of Jesus Abreu's thoughts or actions concerning the conflict. We do know that he was a business partner of Catron and Elkins, and perhaps other Santa

Fe Ring members who aligned themselves with the owners of the grant and worked to achieve government intervention to protect the integrity of the grant. In the 1890s the government did step in and reaffirm the rights of the grant owners to full control of the property.

In the last decade of his life, Jesus Abreu served as a Colfax County Commissioner appointed by Governor Thornton (*Santa Fe New Mexican*, January 8, 1894). Surely, he used his community standing and the power of his position to help bring order and comity to the strife-riven area. Shortly after this announcement, on January 19, 1896, the *New Mexican* published an article praising him for his “tact and diplomacy to which his success is in large measure due.” The article also observed that “Few names are better or more favorably known in northern New Mexico than that of Abreu.” This statement did not refer to Jesus only but to the larger Abreu family, including his brothers Jose and Santiago, as the article also noted that the Abreu family members “probably represent more wealth than any other in the territory.”

Death and the Sale of the Rayado Ranch

During the 1890s, Jesus Abreu’s health slowly deteriorated; he had a major setback in 1898, when he broke his leg in an accident. He passed away at the Rayado Ranch on June 30, 1900 and was buried at the family cemetery there. Petra was left to carry on with the help of her children. Her sons continued to operate the ranch. After a decision to greatly expand the irrigation system by building dams and ditches, it soon “became evident... that the Abreu brothers could not properly develop their property. Inexperience, inadequate capitalization, and brotherly squabbling...persuaded them to dispose of the ranch.”³⁷ The ranch was sold in 1911, ending five decades of Abreu dominance at Rayado. Petra (Beaubien) Abreu lived on until July 4, 1914 when she passed away. She was buried beside her husband in the family cemetery.

The Abreu Family

Jesus and Petra Abreu were parents to nine children who lived to adulthood: Charles Frederick, Josefa, Jesus Librado, Santiago Pedro, Adelina, Sophia, Victoriana, Narciso McCoy and Ramon Edward. This generation of Abreus found spouses in northern New Mexico and continued the family legacy for public service and business acumen. At the present time, Abreus remain a prominent northern New Mexico family although descendants of the early Abreus now live in many states. ♦

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Becknell's Gravesite Restored in Texas

by Allan Wheeler

SFTA member Marion Lowe is overseeing the restoration of William Becknell's gravesite. The site is located about six miles west of Clarksville, Texas, on the south side of Highway 82, on a corner of what is still called "Becknell's Prairie." Clarksville is located about 25 miles south of the Red River border with Oklahoma in the upper eastern corner of Texas.

In 1861 William's wife, Mary, deeded some six acres to the Methodist Episcopal Church. While there are only four documented burials, exploration during the clean up process indicated that a number of other burials have taken place there and nearby.

The restoration has been in process since Mr. Lowe got the idea, in 2009, that the gravesite of such a famous person should be better cared for. The completed site will consist of a small roadside parking area with a 450-foot long gravel pathway that leads uphill to the small cemetery. The parking area will allow visitors to read a new cast bronze sign that briefly tells who Becknell was. As is the custom in Texas, the site will be announced about one mile in advance in either direction on Highway 82.

Visitors who wish to do so will be directed uphill to the approximately 90 foot by 50 foot cemetery which will be enclosed with a new, gated wrought iron fence.

At the site are several gravestones and the large granite monument placed there by the state of Texas in the 1950s. A new cast bronze sign will provide additional information related to Becknell. It will also correct an error, which appears on the granite monument, related to Becknell's date of death which should have read "1856" but was transposed to read "1865".

Mr. Lowe and a group of volunteers, in previous years, have done extensive clearing of the accumulation of brush, briars and grass that had nearly covered the cemetery plot. Now it looks much like it could have in Becknell's day with its cover of oak trees. After completion of the restoration this year, the site will be submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. ♦

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A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling over the Memory of Sand Creek

Ari Kelman. *A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling over the Memory of Sand Creek*. Harvard University Press, 2013. Pp. 384, illus, maps .

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Ari Kelman's book *A Misplaced Massacre, Struggling over the Memory of Sand Creek* is a fascinating look, not at the terrible events of November 28, 1864, but rather at the scientific, historic and very political challenges of determining exactly where the Massacre took place and securing both the correct site's protection and handling.

The National Park Service's own web site, www.nps.gov/sand, quite correctly calls the Sand Creek Massacre eight hours that would change the Plains forever. But Kelman focuses not on the Sand Creek site as a 19th-century matter, but as a matter of constant challenges involving tribal and inter-tribal politics, local politics, politics in Washington and debates among historians. For years there was a very public battle over whether to call the slaughter of hundreds of Cheyenne and Arapaho men, women and children by Colorado troops under the command of Colonel John Chivington a battle or a massacre. Kelman goes into that debate and points out that even under the weight of so much evidence to the contrary there are still to this day Chivingtonites who want the word "massacre" changed to "battle" in all Park Service materials about the site and that those people took very public stands in the meetings and on the internet forums concerning the site.

Kelman also quite correctly sets the stage for the modern political and scientific battles by pointing out that the site is now in Kiowa County, Colorado, a county with less than 1,400 people where residents very often were born, raised and died on a single piece of land. It is also a county that is struggling economically, with a substantial exodus to more urban places and, in a state where roughly ten percent of the population are senior citizens, more than 25 percent are in Kiowa County. At the same time, that exodus led to the ranchers whose properties might have been the exact site of the massacre wanting to get the most money they could for their land and thus having a genuine stake in their land being THE site.

Kelman's treatment of the Northern and Southern Cheyenne and Arapahoe leadership and the squabbles both between and within the tribes is quite thorough. He explains the Southern Cheyenne fidelity to George Bent's maps of the site despite minor errors. Issues of reparations under Article 6 of the

Treaty of the Little Arkansas are both explained and followed. Also, an effort by a developer who wanted to secure land adjacent to Denver International Airport for a Cheyenne and Arapahoe casino and hired lobbyists in Washington to secure that deal as part of establishing the National Historic site is well covered. One crucial point that Kelman makes is that for the Cheyenne and Arapahoe, the Sand Creek Massacre isn't just some event in the past; it's a powerful presence in their cultures today and will always be so.

I've been to the Sand Creek site often enough that some of the Park Service staff recognize me when I show up. I learned a lot that I'd never known about the whole identification and protection process. As we work to protect the Santa Fe Trail and sites along it, we'll almost certainly have to deal with similar challenges. I checked with Alexa Roberts, who was active in the process from the beginning and remains involved with the site, and she confirmed the Park Service appreciates Kelman's thorough work and said his conclusions are mostly perfectly on target. I strongly recommend *A Misplaced Massacre* for anyone involved in potentially sensitive preservation efforts and I equally strongly recommend a respectful visit to the site for everyone. ♦

Chapter Reports

Chapters are listed in order from the beginning of the Trail in Missouri westward.

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With all of the heavy snow storms we were forced to postpone our February membership meeting until March 9 when we were able to hold our meeting at the National Trails Center in Independence. David Aamodt, Director of the Center, presented the proposed master plan for the redevelopment of the National Trails Center Museum to make it a destination experience for the visitors. Richard Edwards, the Education coordinator for the Trails Center, then updated the members on his activities at the center and the outreach to both teachers and students.

Upcoming events for the MRO Chapter are:
May 11, 2013--A local bus tour lead by Ross Marshall will explore all of the new signs and markers that have been added in the Kansas City area during the past year.

September 14, 2013--Our membership and board meeting will be held at Arrow Rock, MO and will include a picnic lunch at the site of the Arrow Rock Ferry Landing. The newly formed Boone's Lick Road Association will be joining us as well as members of the South Howard County Historical Society of New Franklin, MO.

December 8, 2013--Our holiday pot luck dinner and membership meeting will be at the historic home of Roger and Sandy Slusher in Lexington, MO.

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Work continues on the marking of the Auto Tour route of the Santa Fe Trail from Franklin, MO west through Johnson County KS. Currently we have Lafayette and Saline Counties completed and submitted to NPS for their final approval. Most of the work has been done on Howard and Cooper Counties and these will be completed prior to the end of 2013. Then we move on to the major project of establishing the Auto Tour route through the metropolitan Kansas City area.

MRO will continue to mark the Trail and has resubmitted the proposal to NPS for the kiosk and panels to be erected at Salem Park located along the Trail at Blue Mills Rd and Highway 24 in Eastern Independence. Other sites on the Trail in our area that will come under further discussion for possible panels are the Rice-Tremonti Home in Raytown, MO and the Barnes Enclosure (now known as Cave Spring).

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Our chapter had their annual banquet on Sunday, March 3. The program was on the change in social and community structure in Willow Springs Township from the 1850s to the present. Willow Springs was one of the main stopping points along the Santa Fe Trail just west of present day Baldwin City. Like much of eastern Kansas it was homesteaded in 1854. Also like much of eastern Kansas, fewer acres are being farmed today than at the end of the 19th century. Much has changed with larger cities and faster and better roads.

In other news the Douglas County chapter is working with Midland Railroad and Baldwin City to secure a grant to pay for some significant upgrades to the historic Santa Fe Depot, the loading platform area, and the adjacent picnic and parking area. We also continue to upgrade signs at our local historical locations as well as adding Trail signage from the National Park Service signage project.

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Our chapter has not engaged in regular meetings over the past year, which is very regrettable. We have tried unsuccessfully to find a person willing to take over the chapter as president. While I, Carol, have not been active, our SFTA Manager Joanne has done a wonderful job filling in. She has moved forward with the signage project, and hopefully that will be completed by the fall of 2013. There are plans for a ceremony in Council Grove to unveil the new signs.

Our chapter has sponsored the Kaw Mission again this year in bringing in a speaker. We will have a chapter meeting after the presentation. All are welcome. The chapter is still offering support for the Wilmington School. We donated money to be spent on a new floor for the school. The chapter also supported a benefit poker ride for the school, which raised \$650 to put toward the floor.

If anyone knows of a person who may have an interest in our chapter, please contact Carol at 785-215-2296 or carolretzer@centurylink.net. There are so many fabulous Trail sites throughout our chapter boundaries, it is a shame not to have an active chapter spreading the good word.

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John Dick passed away in February. John was instrumental in the organization of the chapter and was very active in the chapter over the years.

At the March chapter meeting, Ms. Amanda Loughlin of the Kansas State Historical Society gave an interesting and informative presentation describing the recent KSHS studies of the Santa Fe Trail, the preparation of the "multi-properties document" which documents those studies, and the resulting listing of several SFT sites on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. She was joined by Ms. Sarah Martin, also with the KSHS.

Also at the March meeting, Christian Becker, a 12-year old student in the Marion County Special Education Cooperative presented his display board project about the history of the Santa Fe Trail. He won first place in the regional competition, and will be competing at the State level in April. His teacher,

Ms. Sherri Sells, and several Chapter members served as resource persons for him in preparing his project. His display was of high quality, both with respect to visual presentation and historical content. How many 12-year olds do you know that can get in front of 35 people and give a talk about their project? He did a great job with his talk and with his project.

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On April 22, the Quivira Chapter and the Barton County Historical Society hosted author Sandy Barnard in Great Bend, Kansas. Barnard spoke on "Where Custer Fell and Where is He Buried?" Barnard, a journalist and non-fiction writer for more than 40 years, specializes in researching the Civil War and the Plains Indian wars. He is well-known for his research and writing on the Battle of the Little Big Horn, the career of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, and the men of the 7th U.S. Cavalry who served with him or followed him.

The Quivira Chapter has completed the Auto Tour sign project. We are grateful to the three Boy Scouts and volunteers who installed signs as part of their Eagle Scout projects. We are also indebted to Britt Colle, Duane Johnson and Tony Renollet for their help on the project as well. We hope to have a dedication of the Auto Tour in the near future.

The McPherson Museum kiosk project is moving along. The kiosk bases were shipped to the Trail Center and the design of the panels is underway. The new museum building is still under construction.

We have also identified the Great Bend Santa Fe Trail Park and the Little Arkansas Crossing Complex as areas that require additional panels to further describe the history of these areas.

On January 26, several volunteers met at the Marker Cottonwood site to cut up some of the remaining branches of the fallen tree. We hope to get an arborist or tree expert to determine the actual age of the tree.

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Seventy-seven members and guests attended the spring meeting in Larned at the Sweets and Eats Deli on Sunday, April 7. Following the dinner, a brief business meeting was conducted which included distribution of new rosters.

The program by Dr. Leo Oliva addressed the Spanish/Mexican influence on the Santa Fe Trail. Subsequently, a special business session was conducted to consider the placement of a monument to Fucando Melgares. The vote was unanimous to erect such a monument.

Our summer meeting will be an ice cream social under the trees at the "Little Red House," 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 13. Bring lawn chairs.

Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron

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On February 13, our chapter meeting was held at the Occident at Boot Hill. Greg Van Coevern presented the program about the different types of wagons used on the Trail. Joanne Van Coevern, manager of the National Trail Santa Fe Association, updated us on what is going on at the national level.

Our signage program is moving along with the Caches, Fort Mann, and Fort Atkinson signs in production. We will place signage by the Caches monument later this spring.

Craig Ridenour, an Oklahoma artist, has finished his drawing of the Road Ranch of the Cimarron Crossing and it is fantastic. We hope to have Craig at our May meeting to talk about the drawing. It will be on a sign in the Cimarron Crossing Park in Cimarron. Other signage for the Coronado Park east of Fort Dodge and a sign in Chilton Park for Major Chilton and Thomas Fitzpatrick are in the preliminary stages. Another sign to honor Santa Fe Trail Hall of Fame and Dodge City founder Robert Wright is planned for Wright Park.

The chapter supplied refreshments for the Kansas Forts and Indian Wars Series that was held at Fort Dodge. President Bunyan attended the KDOT meeting in regard to the highway 50 widening west of Dodge City. Three Santa Fe Trail sites will be affected; the Caches monument, Point of Rocks and the SFT Rut site by Howell. Concern was voiced about these sites, especially Point of Rocks.

New officers were elected for 2013-14. They are Bill Bunyan, President/Chapter Historian; Mike Strodtman, Vice President; Kathy Bell, Secretary; Mike Bell, Treasurer; Kay Rose, Director/Newsletter Editor; Jim Sherer, Director/Program Chairman. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Jim Sherer for his six years of service as Chapter President. President Bunyan and Vice President Strodtman attended the SFTA Spring Retreat and Board Meeting at Raton/Cimarron, NM, in April.

Wagon Bed Spring

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Museum Reports: Elkhart hosted a six-week Kansas Humanities Project called "The Way We Worked In Morton County." A program a week was held in the Santa Fe Trail Room with 1,075 people attending the programs and viewing the project. Kansas Day activities for the Rolla and Elkhart grade schools took place in the Santa Fe Trail Room with 150 people from the two schools in attendance. With our Easter egg hunt and other visitors, we had over 2,280 people tour the Museum since our last meeting.

Boise City held a special Dust Bowl program where survivors and families shared stories about the Dust Bowl. The Gypsy Cowbell wrote and sang a special song for the occasion. A semi-marathon walk of the Santa Fe Trail also came through Boise City and some of the walkers visited the Museum. They started on the Mountain Route, came through Boise City and went on to Clayton. They drove to

the town and walked 13 miles out each time. Approximately 24 people joined the walk. Visitation for the winter months was 2,000 people.

Clayton Museum is going to be featured in the *New Mexico Magazine* so they are upgrading their website and sprucing up museum displays. Visitation for the winter months was 587 which is up over previous years.

Dr. Ann Birney of Ride into History performed Julia Anna Archibald Holmes to an enthralled audience at the spring meeting at the Morton County Historical Society Museum in Elkhart, KS. Clayton, NM will host our summer meeting in July. More information will be sent out in the newsletter.

Bent's Fort

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January: A huge and enthusiastic crowd gathered for the annual meeting at the John W. Rawlins Museum meeting room. A first person narration of the life of James Aull, a well-known merchant on the SFTA, was presented by our national president, Roger Slusher. A joyful Pat Palmer received the BFC Member of the Year Award and modeled the denim vests which the chapter will sell as a fundraiser for 2013 and beyond.

February: SFTA national board members Rod, LaDonna, Joanne and Pat have been asked to help plan the 2015 Fur Trade Symposium to be held at Bent's Old Fort. Although it seems like a long time away, all the committees are hard at work with budgeting, speakers, theme development, and off-site tours. John Carson, Interpretive Ranger for the NPS, is coordinating the Symposium. Marcia Will-Clifton, BFC's vice-president, attended the Museum Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C.

March: Trail Marking Day featured installation of trail signs at three locations south of La Junta. BFC board members traveled in April to the board retreat in Raton and the SFTA/NPS trail mapping conference at Larned.

We held our annual clean-up day at Boggsville on April 13. A sold-out tour of historic sites in Piñon Canyon will

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be in May. June will be busy with two events: Wamego Kids Picnic on June 3 and Hwy 350 (SFT Mountain Route) and Goodwin Ranch Tour on June 8. July 20 will be a presentation on the Cherokee Trail by Lee Whiteley.

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Corazon Chapter started the year with a well-attended program on "The Road to New Mexico Statehood" presented by Gene Lamm. For sixty years, New Mexico pursued that elusive goal until in 1912 New Mexico was admitted as one of the last states in the continental USA. This was a combined meeting with the Cimarron Historical Society.

In April members learned about the Old Spanish Trail, with Dennis Ditman-son, manager of the Trail Association, presenting at the Las Vegas meeting. The Old Spanish Trail Association will be a part of the 2015 symposium in Santa Fe. In May, Corazon will join the Folsom Museum on a tour of the history of the Dry Cimarron from Folsom to Kenton, OK. Our caravan will stop at interesting sites and local ranches where guides will tell of their historical significance. Corazon will be cooperating with sister

chapters End of the Trail and Bent's Fort in tours later in the year.

Our chapter was given the responsibility of seeing that the wayside exhibit at the Whittington Center was erected in time for the Spring Retreat that was held in our own backyard. Faye Gaines was the coordinator.

End of the Trail

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Our March program featured a lively presentation on Kit Carson by retired UNM Professor and New Mexico author David Remley, Ph.D. He read excerpts from his book, *Kit Carson: The Life of an American Border Man*. Dr. Remley indicated that researching the material of the book gave him many hours of pure enjoyment and a greater understanding and appreciation of the man. He made a powerful case for Carson being a product of his times, especially his strict religious upbringing, while at the same time being a complex and at times conflicted individual. The End of the Trail Chapter gratefully acknowledges a speaker's bureau grant from the Santa Fe Trail Association which made this program possible.

On May 4 at 10 a.m. is the dedication at Fort Marcy featuring new wayside exhibits through a partnership with the City of Santa Fe, National Park Service, and End of the Trail Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association. Participants will be entertained by the Santa Fe Community Band - Brass Trio. There will also be a short guided tour of the Fort Marcy site for attendees and the chance for children to earn a junior rangers badge.

The May Field Trip on May 18 at 10 a.m. will be a walking tour of downtown Santa Fe featuring those homes connected to the Santa Fe Trail. The presentation will be by Doug Peterson. Members will meet promptly at the DAR Santa Fe Trail marker on the plaza.

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EVENTS

May 1-30: Kinsley, KS. Edwards County Historical Museum, "Cheyenne Culture" exhibit.

May 4: Santa Fe, NM. Ft. Macy exhibits unveiling.

May 5: Council Grove, KS. Civil War series.

May 5 - September 2: La Junta to Albuquerque. Amtrak Trails and Rails Trips

May 11: MRO Chapter, MO. Local bus tour.

May 11: Corazon Chapter, NM. "Jicarilla Apaches in NE New Mexico."

May 18: End of the Trail Chapter, NM. Walking tour of downtown Santa Fe.

May 19: Council Grove, KS. Civil War series.

May 19: Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter, KS. Meeting at Kaw Mission.

May 19: Dodge City Chapter, KS.

Meeting.

May 15-27: Ft. Larned, KS. Living history event.

May 29: Philmont Ranch, NM. Hiking trail dedication.

June 3: Bent's Fort Chapter, CO. Wamego Kids picnic.

June 8: Bent's Fort Chapter, CO. and Corazon Chapter, NM. Goodwin Ranch Tour.

June 8: Bent's Old Fort NHS. Living History Encampment.

June 1: Fort Union, NM. Walk the Trail.

June 20-22: Council Grove, KS. Kaw Mission Pow wow and wayside dedication

July 4: Bent's Old Fort, CO. Frontier Fourth of July celebration.

July 6: Bent's Old Fort, CO. Kid's Quarters for 7-11 year-olds.

July 10: *Wagon Tracks* submission deadline for August issue.

July 10-14, 2013: Virginia City, MT. National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association annual conference.

July 13: Wet/Dry Route, KS. Ice cream social.

July 13: Corazon Chapter, NM. "Stephen Dorsey and his Star Route Post Offices."

July 15: SFTA award nominations due.

July 15: Election ballots due.

July 18: Cottonwood Crossing Chapter, KS. "A Bullwhacker's Life Freighting Supplies over the Plains." Jim Gray

July 20: Bent's Fort Chapter, CO. Cherokee Trail presentation by Lee Whiteley.

September 14: MRO Chapter, MO. Membership meeting.

September 26-29: Ulysses, KS. SFTA Symposium, "Surviving the Plains."

November 2-7: Tucson, AZ. PNTS conference.