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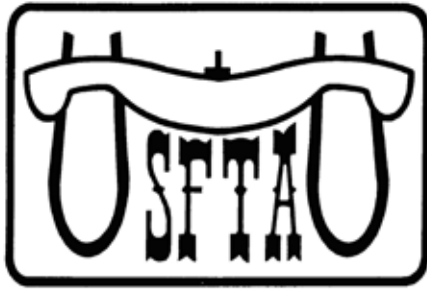


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You are all

cordially invited to attend the

Santa Fe Trail Association/Wagon Bed Springs Chapter

Symposium

Surviving the Plains

September 26-29, 2013

in Ulysses, Kansas

This year's symposium will focus on the hardships experienced on the "most dreaded, 60 mile stretch" 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 prairie animals, immense herds of buffalo, as well as the native tribes in the region.

We are planning bus tours of the area, exploring existing trail segments of the Mountain and Cimarron routes of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. We will also view trail sites such as Ft. Aubry, Indian Mound, Point of Rocks, and many other points of interest along this portion of the trail. Counties we will visit during the bus tours are Grant, Haskell, Kearney, Stevens, Finney, Stanton, and Morton.

Outdoor meals and programs (weather permitting) will allow us to experience some of the feel of evenings on the trail. We are also working on a spouse tour to specialty shops in Ulysses and the surrounding communities.

The planning committee wants your experience to be relaxing as well as informative. More specific information on tour routes and speakers will appear in the next issue of *Wagon Tracks*, along with a complete guide of lodging and accommodations.

So please mark your September calendars for a memorable and relaxing experience along the Santa Fe Trail.

For more information you may contact Jeff Trotman @ 620-353-8889. ♦



President Roger Slusher

(photo: Rich Lawson)

President's Column:

Reaching Out to Grow

It's no secret that the Association needs to grow if we are to continue our mission of preserving the Trail and its history at an effective level. Larry Justice and the membership committee are sending out targeted letters and looking at other ways to get new members. Our revamped website (santafetrail.org) and *Wagon Tracks* bring new energy to our public face.

Every member, chapter, committee, and officer needs to give our growth serious thought and support. To that end the Board has just passed two proposals.

The first supported the End of the Trail Chapter in arranging a joint Symposium in 2015 with the OSTA and CARTA trail organizations. This is a great way to get acquainted with other trail lovers and to learn how the trails connected in the Southwest. In a similar effort, the MRO Chapter will soon be having a joint meeting with the newly formed Boone's Lick Road Association to discuss how the Santa Fe Trail connected to St. Louis.

The second proposal authorized the Association to spend up to \$500 for fees and associated expenses to participate in the Kansas Sampler Festival to be held in Liberal on May 5-6. This will be a great chance for Joanne and some SFTA volunteers to spread the word about our activities to folks from all over Kansas.

In a related action, I'll soon be forming a new committee to be known as the outreach committee. This group will look at tourism opportunities and other ways beyond our website and publications to get more people interested in traveling and studying the Santa Fe Trail. I have some suggestions for members, but if you're interested please contact me. Fortunately, we'll have Mike Pitel, who is currently our Publicity Coordinator, to advise us; Mike has a great background in New Mexico tourism.

Please give some thought to how we can reach out and grow. All the best in 2013!

Roger

Present at the dedication of Santa Fe Trail markers at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site were: left to right, front row, Harry Rinacke, Dick Nelson, Mary Conrad, Anne Mallinson, Ross Marshall; back row, Larry Short, Sandy and Roger Slusher.



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Joanne's Jottings

by Joanne VanCoevern, Association Manager

NPS Workshop Held in Albuquerque: The National Park Service and the Partnership for the National Trails held a workshop in Albuquerque in December for invited members of several National Historic and Scenic Trails support groups. The 2012 workshop focused on association sustainability and capacity building, and tribal relations. See related story on page 20.

Stone Post Santa Fe Trail Markers Dedicated at Mahaffie Heritage Center: Two new Santa Fe Trail stone post markers, placed by the Missouri River Outfitters Chapter, were dedicated November 10, 2012 at the Mahaffie Heritage Center, Olathe, KS. The MRO President, Larry Short, said the two stone posts are the first MRO markers to be placed on the Westport Route of the Santa Fe Trail. SFTA President Roger Slusher sees the Mahaffie site as a valuable resource since this living heritage farm interprets the era of stage-coaches on the trail.

Fur Trade Symposium to be held at Bent's Fort, September 2015: The National Fur Trade Symposium event is conducted every three years around the country. In 2015, the symposium will be hosted by Bent's Old Fort NHS, with SFTA and the Bent's Fort Chapter as co-sponsors. Watch future *Wagon Tracks* editions for more details as they become available, but for now mark your calendars to attend this event September 23-26, 2015.

Spring Retreat Planning Underway: The Spring Retreat and Board of Directors meeting will be held in the Raton/Cimarron NM area April 19-20. One of the sessions will feature a popular exercise from the PNTS National Historic Trails Workshop in May 2012. See page 18 for more on this exercise. During that workshop, SFTA representatives took part in field trip exercises where they were given a problem relating to historic trails and were asked to provide a sketch of the solution from various viewpoints. They were presented a holistic view of the problem of national historic trails and all of the issues and concerns associated with it. The following three parts were considered for each problem:

PAST: The documentation and research of the historic route and trail sites.

PRESENT: The existing conditions (physical and current social context) of the trail and the issues and opportunities for preservation and development of the trail.

FUTURE: Envisioning and planning for the future of the national historic trail and the preservation and development for public use challenges associated with these trails.

Participants will also discuss with staff at Philmont Ranch their addition of a pedestrian trail between Philmont and Cimarron, NM, and what is involved with developing pedestrian trails that can complement the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.

Draft Strategic Plan Available for Comment: The association developed its first strategic plan in 2003. This plan has been reviewed and updated internally at annual board meetings from 2006 – 2011.

On April 21, 2012, the SFTA board held a strategic planning workshop in Ulysses, KS to produce the framework for a new 10-year plan, which will span the bicentennial of the opening of the Santa Fe Trail in 2021. Once reviewed by SFTA members and stakeholders, this new plan will be approved by the Board in April 2013, and adopted by the general membership at the September 2013 Symposium held in Ulysses, KS.

This strategic plan describes the Santa Fe Trail Association's future direction. The Association's purpose, mission, and broad goals for future achievement are included. These provide the foundation for a strategy of specific objectives and actions to be implemented. These actions are considered critical, and therefore of the highest priority, for realizing the association's mission. This strategic plan will be reviewed annually at board meetings to guide work plans and track accomplishments.

The *draft* plan can be viewed by visiting the SFTA website at www.santafetrail.org and clicking on the link. Please e-mail comments to manager@santafetrail.org. To receive a printed copy in the mail, contact the manager at the above e-mail address, or the contact information on page 2 of this issue. ♦

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Call For SFTA Board Nominations

by Margaret Sears

Once again it is election season in the Santa Fe Trail Association. The Nominating Committee, including LaDonna Hutton, Faye Gaines, Ross Marshall, and Margaret Sears (chair) is calling for candidates for national officers and directors. All active members are encouraged to consider running for office or call on their friends to do so. Candidates for all offices are being sought. These are: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and seven directors. SFTA will institute new election policies with this election, these being that all directors will be at-large. The state director category has been eliminated.

Current officers are eligible to run again. These are: President Roger Slusher, Vice President LaDonna Hutton, Secretary Sara Jane Richter, and Treasurer Ruth Olson Peters. Directors whose first term expires this year and are eligible to seek office again are Mike Dickey, Bonita Oliva, Larry Justice, John Atkinson, Faye Gaines, and Tom Pelikan. The term for officers is two years, and that for directors is four years. All officers and directors may serve two consecutive terms. There is no term limit for treasurer who may serve so long as his/her service is satisfactory. If you wish to review the complete list of current officers and directors, see the "SFTA Board of Directors" sidebar, page 2 of WT.

Each candidate must (1) submit a one-paragraph biography to include Trail qualifications and experience, (2) submit a brief paragraph stating his/her objectives for the SFTA, (3) be an SFTA member in good standing, and (4) agree in writing to serve if elected. Mail all documentation to: Margaret Sears, Nominating Committee Chair, 1871 Candela St., Santa Fe, NM 87505 no later than April 5, 2013. To ensure receipt, send all documentation via regular mail. Receipt will be verified. For more information contact Margaret at 505/473-3124 or e-mail margsears@cybermesa.com

The only truly democratic election is a contested one. SFTA Bylaws state "if possible, there shall be at least two nominees for each office." Unfortunately, such has rarely occurred in SFTA. In fact, it has often been a struggle to obtain one candidate for each opening. Undoubtedly there are numerous legitimate reasons for this, but the one I find least acceptable is the reluctance to run against a friend. Unlike public elections, our contests are not negative, thus running against a friend should not affect that friendship. Our affection for SFTA is more powerful than that.

Quite simply, if SFTA does not have a Board of Directors there is no organization. If there is no organization the Trail could possibly fade into oblivion. Is the Trail worth saving? ♦

**April 10 is the
submission deadline for the
May issue of Wagon Tracks**

Research Task Force Formed

SFTA President Roger Slusher recently announced the formation of the SFTA Research Task Force. The overall purpose is to encourage research on the Trail in line with suggestions made at the Strategic Plan meeting last April in Ulysses, KS and at the research forum in Larned, KS last September. Mike Olsen has agreed to be the chairman, and the other members of the task force are Mike Dickey, Steve Schmidt, Sara Jane Richter, and Jere Krakow. Frank Norris of the National Park Service will serve as an advisor. The initial tasks of the group are to publicize this enhanced effort to encourage research, to draw up the charge and description of the committee, and to suggest wording for the Strategic Plan section on research. The committee welcomes suggestions of topics that need research, leads to resources that might not be well known, and any other input about how to better carry out their mission. For further information or comment, contact mpolsen1@comcast.net.

SFTA Research Grant Awarded to Doug Cubbison

The SFTA Scholarly Research Grant Committee is pleased to announce a 2013 award to Doug Cubbison of Stone Fort Consulting LLC in Mission, Kansas. Mr. Cubbison will investigate how the U.S. Army performed route security along the Santa Fe Trail. He anticipates writing a monograph focusing on the army's primary frontier mission of securing routes of population movement, transportation, communication, and commerce between the Mexican American War (1846-1847) period and the Sioux War (1876-1877). The funds will be used to travel to military forts in Kansas. Mr. Cubbison is a professional military historian, author of six books, three monographs and scores of professional papers, peer reviewed journal articles on various military history topics.

Santa Fe Trail Trader Henry O'Neill Story to be Presented March 13

Henry O'Neill was a Santa Fe Trail trader and Santa Fe Plaza shop owner for nearly forty years. Yet, his story has been lost to history. SFTA member Mary Penner has been researching Henry for several years. On March 13 she will give a presentation on Henry O'Neill entitled "The Bachelor: Reconstructing a Solitary Life" at the Albuquerque Genealogical Society meeting. She will outline the methods and resources she used to bring Henry's story back to life. A professional genealogist and historical researcher, Mary's research has uncovered a life filled with adventure, peril, and a murder or two.

The presentation, at the Albuquerque Main Library auditorium, 501 Copper NW, at 10:30 a.m., is free and open to the public.

SFTA Awards Nominations Due July 15

Nominations are needed for SFTA awards to be presented at the Symposium in September. All nominations must be submitted by July 15. Awards are SFTA Award of Merit, Paul F. Bentrup Ambassador Award, Jack D. Rittenhouse Memorial Stagecoach Award, Heritage Preservation Award, Educator Award, Scholarship Award, and Marc Simmons Writing Award. Nominations should include details of why the person, group, or organization should receive the award. Please send nominations to Leo E. Oliva, PO Box 31, Woodston KS 67675 or email to oliva@ruraltel.net. The awards committee (Leo E. Oliva, Phyllis Morgan, and Roger Slusher) will select recipients from those nominated. The Marc Simmons Writing Award, given for the best article in *Wagon Tracks*, volume 26, will be selected by a special committee (nominations not required).

AWARD OF MERIT (maximum of 4 awards)

This award, a recognition plaque, recognizes individuals, businesses, organizations, or groups who have made a significant contribution to the purposes of the SFTA. The recipient may or may not be a member of SFTA.

PAUL F. BENTRUP AMBASSADOR AWARD (1 award)

This award, a recognition plaque, is an honorary lifetime designation given to a member of the SFTA who has demonstrated exceptional promotion of the SFTA, development and dissemination of knowledge of Trail history, preservation of Trail sites or artifacts, or who has otherwise promoted an understanding of the Trail.

JACK D. RITTENHOUSE MEMORIAL STAGECOACH AWARD (1 award)

This award is presented to a SFTA member for extraordinary

lifetime achievement in research and writing about the Trail. The award includes a recognition plaque and \$100.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD (1 award)

This award, a recognition plaque, is presented to landowners, leaseholders, or tenants of Trail ruts, remnants, structures, or sites, who have preserved and protected significant portions of the Trail or sites associated with the Trail, and provided public access.

EDUCATOR AWARD (maximum of 2 awards)

This award, a recognition plaque and \$100, is presented for outstanding classroom teaching in two categories: elementary and secondary. Recipients are selected by the SFTA Education Committee. Each nomination packet must include a letter of nomination by someone in the SFTA who is familiar with the work of the educator, a synopsis of the teacher's work (project, unit, etc.) describing how it exemplifies creativity consistent with the Mission Statement of the SFTA, and a recommendation from the educator's immediate supervisor or administrator. Nominees need not be members of SFTA.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (1 undergraduate and 1 graduate)

This award, a recognition plaque, \$500, and a year's membership in SFTA, is presented for research papers about the Trail written by students at an institution of higher education. Nominations are by the professor in whose class the paper was written. Maximum length of papers is 25 pages, double-spaced, including documentation. Papers selected must be submitted to *Wagon Tracks* for publication. ♦

Additional Trail Segments Nominated to the National Registry of Historic Places Review of Multiple Property Document Sought

More Santa Fe Trail segments have been nominated to the National Registry of Historic Places. The following three sites were approved for inclusion in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and were recommended by the Board to be forwarded for approval to the Keeper of the National Register: 1. Finney County, KS Point of Rocks, 2. Kearney County, KS Indian Mound, and 3. Trail Park and Trail Park DAR Marker in Douglas County, KS, west side of Baldwin City. The boundary amendment to Ralph's Ruts to include Kern's Ruts was also approved. Black Pool in Ford County, KS will be considered in February and the Fry Ruts and an addition trail segment at Lower Cimarron Spring will be considered at the May 4 meeting.

Further information about National Registry Research, as well

as a listing of National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks along the Santa Fe Trail, can be found on the NPS website at www.nps.gov/safe/historyculture/national-register-research.htm.

The Kansas State Historical Society staff has been tasked with amending and updating the current "Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail, 1821-1880" multiple property nomination. Drafts of this document's sections may be found at www.kshs.org/trails. If you have any comments or proposed corrections, please submit these in writing to Amanda Loughlin, Trails Project Coordinator, 6425 SW 6th Ave, Topeka, KS 66615-1099 or aloughlin@kshs.org. The staff from KSHS offers many thanks to members of the Santa Fe Trail Association who have already reviewed this document. ♦

Partnership for the National Trails System

Ross Marshall, SFTA Representative to PNTS

PNTS: Over the past year or so, the Partnership has been examining its organizational structure to determine if any improvements need to be made in that structure that would improve its efficiency and simplify its processes.

We have Gary Werner as Executive Director and three part-time contractors who comprise the personnel at the Madison headquarters. That structure is not a part of this examination.

But PNTS, because its members are organizations like SFTA and not individuals, has a 'bicameral' structure which is similar to the US Congress with two separate legislative bodies. One is the Leadership Council which is the designated representatives from each organization, like me, that manages much of the programmatic activities such as legislation and federal policy, membership, conferences and workshops, honors and awards, publications, website, election of officers and board members, etc. The second is the Board of Directors that manages the business, financial and human resources.

Some streamlining in those two bodies is being proposed and we should be finalizing it later this year. I will keep you posted.

Leadership and Tribal Council Workshop: Held December 4-6 in Albuquerque, it was sponsored by the Santa Fe office of the National Park Service. Attending from SFTA was President Roger Slusher and Sandy, Association Manager Joanne VanCoevern and Greg, board member Rod Podszus, and *Wagon Tracks* editor Ruth Friesen.

For a day and a half we were under the leadership of a facilitator from the Institute for Conservation Leadership, who led us through large and small group exercises about leadership and organizational capacity building. For the rest of the time, we examined ways to expand tribal outreach and also had a session on how digital communications can be effective in reaching young adults as members and leaders for our Trails organizations.

It was a very successful and well-attended workshop. Hopefully, what we learned there will guide us in our strategic planning for the future.

Hike the Hill (Trails Advocacy Week): As in the previous two years, President Roger Slusher will be accompanying me on February 9-14 as we attend not only the Partnership meetings, but also run our wheels off for about three or four days visiting each of the House and Senate offices along the SFT, plus have several meetings with congressional and administration committees.

This is our annual opportunity to inform Congress and our agency partners about what is being accomplished back home on all the National Trails and what our needs are – plus renew

relationships with all these people.

Volunteer manhours and expenses reports: Thanks to each of you as chapter and governance leaders in SFTA for sending this annual info in to me in January. Congress is especially impressed with the large number of volunteer manhours and dollar contributions by SFTA members, and every other Trails group as well. SFTA numbers were up 20 percent from 2010 to over \$1,900,000, which included 74,000 volunteer man-hours for 2011. I will forward the 2012 totals to you when I have them.

The totals for the entire National Trails System were \$34,000,000 for 2011 and for the last 17 years has totaled over \$320,000,000. No wonder Congress is impressed. ♦

Kaw Councils 2013 Education Series Announced *The Civil War: Kansas People and Places*

The Kaw Councils 2013 educational programs series will be presented on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Kaw Mission State Historic Site in Council Grove. Four presentations follow the theme *The Civil War: Kansas People and Places*.

April 7: Debra Goodrich Bisel, Author and Historian
The Civil War in Kansas
Book signing to follow program.

April 21: Steve Germes, Educator and Historical Reenactor
Thaddeus Stevens: The Man who went Toe-to-Toe with President Lincoln

May 5: Diane Eickhoff, Author and Historian
Kansas Women, Work, and the Civil War
This program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council. Book signing to follow program.

May 19: Leo E. Oliva, PhD, Santa Fe Trail Historian
Santa Fe Trail and the Civil War

The Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc. (FKH), Kansas Historical Society, Kansas Humanities Council and Santa Fe Trail Association sponsor Kaw Councils 2013. Free refreshments are compliments of FKH. The series is open to the public and regular admission fees apply - Adults \$3, Children \$1. For information, contact the mission at 620-767-5410, kawmission@kshs.org or visit kshs.org or friendsokawheritage.org. ♦

Clapsaddle Writes Column

David Clapsaddle is currently writing a series of columns for the *Great Bend Tribune* featuring trading ranches on the Santa Fe Trail. In a few weeks, his column will focus on buffalo. Read it every Wednesday.

Frontier Skills Day Offered March 16 at Bent's Old Fort

If you would like to experience fur trade frontier life of the 1830s and 1840s, sign up for Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site's frontier skills day scheduled for March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fort near La Junta, Colorado. The program for adults will emphasize the historic value of Bent's Old Fort, as well as the cultural relationships and the type of work performed in frontier Western America.

The instructional program will be a "hands-on" living history experience. Character roles will include laborer, trader/clerk, blacksmith, soldier, hunter, domestic and carpenter. Living history volunteers and park staff will instruct in the lifestyle and duties of each role.

- Trader – management of trade operations, peace treaties, Indian sign language, fort supervision
- Laborer - adobe work, ox driving, livestock use and care, Hispanic frontier cooking, fort life
- Domestic – frontier cooking, garment making, candle making, food preservation, domestic chores
- Carpenter – 19th century hand tool use, method and care; construction of period pieces
- Blacksmith – forge, hammering, welding, and shaping techniques, actual period piece construction
- Soldier – camp and trail life, drills, military horse equipage and use, day in the life of a soldier
- Hunter – trapper – camp set-up, horse packing, animal tracking, trapping, survival techniques

If you have questions, call the Fort at 719- 383-5026 or visit www.nps.gov/beol/playourvisit/events.htm for the link to a registration form. ♦

More Bent's Fort Events Scheduled

May 5 - September 2: Trails and Rails Trips

Narrated excursions aboard Amtrak's Southwest Chief depart La Junta, Colorado on Mondays and Fridays for overnight trips to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ride the train as it follows the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail up and over Raton Pass. Interpreters will tell the stories of the people, plants, and animals that are found along the way. Train tickets must be purchased through an Amtrak distributor. For information about this narrated tour, call 719-383-5024.

June 8: Living History Encampment Public Participation

A popular training event for teachers, history enthusiasts, and new park volunteers, the Encampment Training held June 5-9 includes classroom instruction as well as hands-on living history work at the fort and in the camps. Participants pre-register and pay \$300 for the 5 days of training. On June 8, the participants will be ready to demonstrate what they learned. A study packet is provided for the students to help them prepare for the training. Participants will be able to apply for graduated level college credit through Adams State University. Call (719) 383-5023 for further information or visit www.nps.gov/beol/playourvisit/events.htm for an application.

Save the Date PNTS Conference November 2-7

The 2013 National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference will be held in Tucson, AZ on November 2 through 7. The PNTS Conference is hosted by the Anza Trail, Arizona Trail Association, Old Spanish Trail Association, and CARTA. All SFTA members are invited to register and attend this conference sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails System. For complete registration and program information, visit www.pnts.org.

Movie Premier at Ft. Larned April 27

The Old Guard Annual Mess and Muster at Fort Larned, KS on April 27 will feature a presentation by Tim Zwink on "Comanches and Kiowas, and Fort Larned" and "History of the Tipi with Battle Pictures" by Matt Reed. In the evening, the movie "The Daughter of Dawn" will be shown in its Kansas premier.

"The Daughter of Dawn" features a cast of 300 Kiowas and Comanches who brought their own clothes, horses, tipis and everyday belongings to make this movie. For more information on "The Daughter of Dawn," see www.okhistory.org/research/daughterofdawn.

Phone reservations with credit card may be made by calling Bonita Oliva at 888-321-7341. You do not need to be a member of the Old Guard to attend. Program details can be found at www.santafetrailresearch.com/fort-larned/mess-and-muster.html

SFTA to Exhibit at American Trails Symposium

The 21st American Trails International Symposium will be held in the Phoenix, AZ area on April 14-17. Joanne VanCoevern, Roger Slusher, and Ruth Friesen will represent the Santa Fe Trail Association with an exhibit featuring the Santa Fe Trail. To learn more, visit www.americantrails.org/2013.

Southern Trails Symposium March 14

The Oregon-California Trails Association & Arizona History Museum are partnering to present the 2013 Historic Trails Across the Southern U.S. Symposium in Tucson, AZ, Thursday, March 14 to Saturday, March 16. For more information, visit www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1010180.

The Trail Today: Kiosks Identify Sites of Interest

by John Atkinson

It has been almost a decade since the Santa Fe Trail Association Kiosk Project was initially envisioned. The plan was to install a series of signs along the Santa Fe National Historic Trail that informs the driving public about trail related sites that can be accessed in both directions from that particular point. The 2003 SFTA Strategic Plan established kiosks as a high priority project and subsequent revisions of the plan confirmed continued interest in the project.

The first in the series was located at Gardner Junction Park on US 56 about 2 miles southwest of the town center of Gardner, Kansas. Gardner Junction is near the historically significant splitting of the trails where the Oregon or California bound emigrants moved away from the southwest bearing road to Santa Fe. At Gardner Junction Park there is an attractive shelter covering three panels that interpret the local area and identify points of interest to the east and to the west of that location. Also included at the Gardner site are a handsome site identification sign and four interpretive panels placed strategically along a 400-foot looped walking path. The Gardner Junction kiosk, completed in 2007, was considered the prototype for other sites.



Kiosk at Gardner Junction Park near where the emigrant trails to Oregon and California separated from the wagon road to Santa Fe

The second kiosk in the series was intended to be completed in time for the 2009 SFTA Symposium held at Arrow Rock, Missouri. In April of 2012 two of three panels were unveiled at the Katy Trail State Park on Highway 87 in Howard County, Missouri. The kiosk is located only a few hundred yards from the site of the original town of Franklin, Missouri, from which William Becknell left in 1821 on the first successful trading trip to Santa Fe. The Howard County kiosk was financed primarily by a special appeal campaign through the Santa Fe Trail Association. No National Park Service funding was utilized for that particular kiosk.

A SFTA kiosk that was completed in the originally scheduled time frame can be found at the well-known location of Santa Fe Trail ruts west of Dodge City. This kiosk was unveiled at the SFTA Symposium held in Dodge City in September of 2011. That kiosk conforms to the plan of being located on a major highway and identifying sites of interest to the east, to the west and, in this case, to the southwest. It was in this general region that trail traffic took either the shorter but dryer Cimarron Route or stayed close to the Arkansas River to use the Mountain Route. The National Park Service Challenge Cost Share program provided funding for the Dodge City Kiosk.



Signs at Old Franklin in Missouri were unveiled on April 14, 2012. Pictured left to right are Hal Jackson, Ross Marshall and Roger Slusher.

Two more SFTA Kiosks are in the planning stages. At McPherson, Kansas, plans are well under way to establish a kiosk along US 56 within the city limits of McPherson. The high volume of traffic along that section of road will give good visibility for this kiosk that will be located on the grounds of McPherson's new museum. No National Park Service funding is sought for the McPherson kiosk.

In June of 2012 a NPS Challenge Cost Share proposal was submitted to help fund a SFTA Kiosk at New Salem Park located at the intersection of Blue Mills Road and US 24 in Jackson County, Missouri. New Salem Park already has some historic signage including a Daughters of the American Revolution red granite marker for the Santa Fe Trail. However, representatives of both the Jackson County Parks Department and the Santa Fe Trail Association believe that a SFTA Kiosk would be a valuable addition to the park.

In addition to the work of the Santa Fe Trail Association, the National Park Service is in the process of placing similar signs at selected locations in the Connect Trails to Parks Program. To date, signs that identify trail points of interest in both directions have been installed at Larned in Kansas, Bent's Old Fort

Phyllis Morgan Wins MLA Award

The Modern Language Association of America has announced that Phyllis S. Morgan, of Albuquerque, New Mexico is the winner of the eighth Modern Language Association Prize for a Distinguished Bibliography. The prize is presented to her for *N. Scott Momaday: Remembering Ancestors, Earth, and Traditions: An Annotated Biobibliography*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.



The committee's citation for the winning book reads:

Phyllis S. Morgan's *N. Scott Momaday: Remembering Ancestors, Earth, and Traditions: An Annotated Bio-bibliography* is a solid, fine, and innovative work. It links biography and bibliography of an important figure in Native American literature and represents something special and different: an attempt not only to collect a wide range of material, much of it in obscure locations, about this important recent author but also to bring some of the work of the bibliographer to a larger audience. Much of what is documented here is of recent vintage, is not easily located in online sources, and is not available in print. How often does one see paintings and drawings included in an ostensibly literary bibliography? Kenneth Lincoln's introduction is elegant, and the biography and chronology section will be a particularly important resource for teachers.

Visit www.mla.org for additional information about the Modern Language Association awards.

N. Scott Momaday: Remembering Ancestors, Earth, and Traditions was named a Notable Book of the Year by the Tucson-Pima County Library System in Arizona in 2010 and was the winner of the first Joe Sando Western History Award, presented at the New Mexico Book Awards ceremony in 2012. Sando was a prominent historian-author and Pueblo Indian leader. The Momaday bio-bibliography was also a Finalist in the reference category. ♦

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in Colorado and at Fort Union in New Mexico. There will be one more set of signs installed at Pecos National Historic Park in New Mexico.

When all kiosks currently in the planning stages are added to those already installed a total of 9 kiosks will be located along the Trail. There may be other sites yet to be determined but any additional kiosks will be subject to funding as well as local interest and needs. Lakin, Kansas, and Boise City, Oklahoma, have been mentioned as possible kiosk locations. ♦

1907 DAR Marker Placed in Baldwin City

The Baldwin Republican, 4 Oct. 1907

Monument to be Dedicated October 11 at 2:30 — Event of Interest — Especially to People of This Locality—

October 11th has been set as the day on which the Santa Fe trail monument will be formally presented to the city by the Lawrence and Ottawa chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and appropriate exercises will be held.

Public exercises will be held in the church at 2:30; addresses will be made by Miss Meeker, State Secretary of the D.A.R. located at Ottawa and Geo. W. Martin, secretary of the Topeka chapter and secretary of the State Historical Society. Following the exercises in the church, a procession will be formed which will move to the site of the monument, the procession to be made up of the general public and public school children. At the site of the monument, music will be furnished by the public school children and the formal presentations of the monument to the town of Baldwin will be made after which the mayor in behalf of the town will make an acceptance speech. This event is to be of unusual interest to local people in that the historical county action of Palmyra and the Santa Fe Trail are closely interwoven. The monument is erected on a tongue of land having a connection with the original Trail itself. This is significant because of the fact that no where else is the old Trail used as a public highway. The ground upon which the monument rests was presented to Baker University by I. Stickle upon the condition that it receive proper care, this is another piece of local interest.

It is quite likely that the business men of the town will close their business places from 2:30 until 5, as this event is one of interest to us locally, let us show our enthusiasm and interest by being present at their exercises Oct. 11.

Submitted by Richard Wellman



Lindahl Heads Geocache Committee

Kevin Lindahl has agreed to head the newly-created SFTA Geocache Committee. He is an experienced geocacher and a member of the Bent's Fort Chapter of the SFTA. The committee will set up a Geo-Tour along the Santa Fe Trail, and educate our members in this increasingly popular activity.

If you are interested in being involved in this effort, contact Kevin at kcoriy@live.com.

The Original Government Surveys as a Field Research Tool

by Steven S. Brosemer, P.S. #752 (KS)

At the urging of Thomas Jefferson, Congress passed the Land Ordinance of 1785 and then the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, thereby creating the Public Land Surveying System (PLSS). The familiar standard townships of six miles square became an orderly way to dispose of government lands outside of the Thirteen Colonies. The old colonial system of metes and bounds had proven to be cumbersome and overly complicated. Surveyed and marked nominal squares simplified all of that. The Land Ordinances required that a surveyor's plat be prepared from the field notes and that within those field notes it *"shall be noted by the surveyor, at their proper distances, all mines, salt springs, salt licks and mill seats, that shall come to his knowledge, and all water courses, mountains and other remarkable and permanent things, over and near which such lines shall pass, and also the quality of the lands..."* The word "remarkable" at that time meant something "worthy of a notation or a remark." The field notes and the resulting plats of the original surveys then became a record of some of the characteristics of the land. This not only gave prospective land owners purchasing the land from hundreds of miles away a general idea of what they were buying, but it also gave them a way to help find the marks and lines of the original survey once they had arrived on site.

When the Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854 was adopted by Congress, the federal General Land Office (GLO) immediately went about their charge of the orderly laying out of the PLSS grid on the ground in the new territories. The first task was to mark the Fortieth Parallel, the border between Kansas and Nebraska, for 108 miles to the 6th Principal Meridian. The 40th Parallel of latitude was known then as the Base Line. The starting point for all surveys in Kansas and Nebraska was called the "Initial Point." This point is located on the high

bluff of the Missouri River north of White Cloud, Kansas, and is permanently marked by a cast iron monument placed a year later in 1855. It should be noted here that the river has moved over a mile to east since then. *Figure 1* shows "Deputy Surveyor Frederick Hawn" inspecting the Monument set by his fellow Deputy Surveyors (D.S.)

Professor John P. Johnson was contracted by the GLO in Washington to run the Base Line from the "Initial Point" to the 6th Principal Meridian. The line run by Johnson, who later founded Highland, KS, was found to be so fraught with errors along its entire length that it had to be rerun by Charles A. Manners of Illinois. The first 48 miles of the resurvey was completed on June 6, 1855 as far west as the First Guide Meridian East, near the present town of Summerfield, in Marshall County, KS. From there, Deputy Surveyor Joseph Ledlie went south into Kansas and Manners went north into Nebraska to lay out the Parallels (correction lines) that were then used by other Deputy Surveyors to make the townships and sections. This process was repeated in both Kansas and Nebraska as the surveys progressed in 48-mile-wide segments from east to west.

What this means for those interested in history today, is that there are rather exact measurements to the location of natural and man-made features, including trails, contained within the GLO notes. These notes and the resultant plats thereby constitute an unbiased primary source of information. As the GLO surveyors ran their nominal one mile squares, they noted the location of where they crossed the Santa Fe Trail. Keep in mind that these distances, known as topographic calls, were to the edge first encountered if the distance across was over one chain (66 feet) in length. Another measurement was supposed to be taken at the exiting edge in these cases. If the object was less than 66 feet (1 chain) wide, the measurement was supposed to be to the center of the stream, wooded area, trail, etc. This was not always done according to instructions. Often the measurements in the notes were to the middle of a general area. The Santa Fe Trail was no exception.



Figure 1

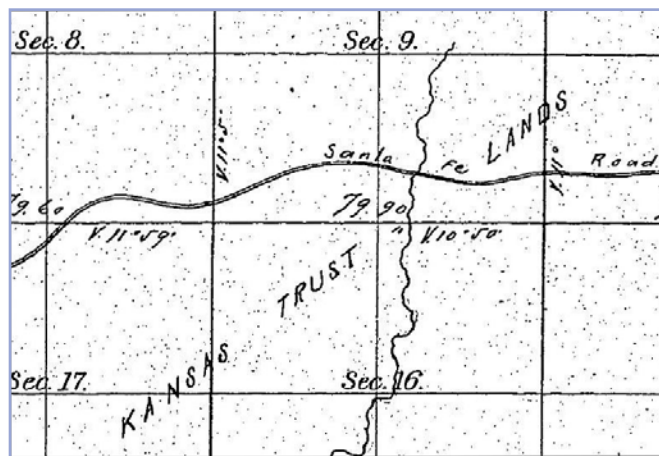


Figure 2

Figure 2 is a small portion of GLO Plat that shows the Santa Fe Trail in Township 16 South, Range 9 East, Morris County, KS. As a point of reference, this is about three miles east of the Council Grove “Mail Station.”

The GLO notes from the original survey by Mackey & Berry, 1860, recorded measurements to where the “Santa Fe Road” crossed the East and West sides of Section 9. Figure 3 is a part of the field notes that shows where the trail was found to be north of the SE corner of Section 9.

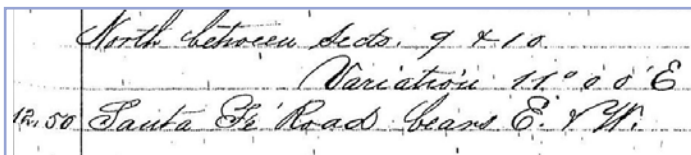
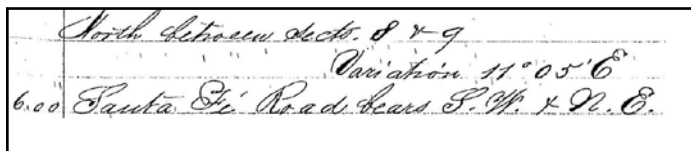


Figure 3

The distance shown to the trail is “12.50,” which refers to chains and calculates to 825 feet. On the west side of the Section 9, the note in Figure 4 shows:

Figure 4



The distance shown to the trail is “6.00” or 396 feet north of the SW corner of the section. Since the original GLO surveyors only physically measured and marked the exterior of the sections, anything shown on the interior of a section should be treated as an approximation. Although the surveyors were considered cartographers, their instructions did not require a level of accuracy common in normal map making for those topographic features on the interior of a section. The “variation” records the difference between magnetic north and what the compassman is showing for the direction of the line they are actually running. Remember that this only applies to the direction of magnetic north at that particular location on that particular day, as magnetic north literally changes daily.

Therefore, if you locate the corners of a section and you have the ability to measure, then you will have an excellent method of finding where the Trail crossed the exterior of a section. Combined with a modern tool like Google Earth running PLSGE, the researcher can develop latitude and longitude (GPS coordinates) for trail crossings. PLSGE is an add-on to Google Earth that will show the approximate location of the corners of a section as an overlay on the maps and arials. By entering the coordinates into a portable GPS unit, one can get very close to the actual crossing of the trail on the section line. Since many section lines in Kansas have roads that follow them, the trail hunter may be able to literally drive to the spot within 20 or 30 feet.

Where do you get these GLO plats and notes? Every county

in Kansas has copies. They might be stored in the County Engineer’s office, the County Surveyor’s office, the Clerk’s office, the Register of Deeds or the Road and Bridge Department. Each County has its own method for the storage of the notes and plats. Further, some counties may not have the plats or know where they might be stored. The point is that the only documents that the Counties have are copies anyway. Research is further complicated at the county level by the fact that most of the copies of the GLO notes are abridged on purpose. In 1868, the State of Kansas required that each county obtain copies of the field notes at their own expense. Most counties hired clerks in the Secretary of State’s office to hand-write copies at night on a per word basis. Three levels of copying were commonly available: complete, most, and basic. A majority of the counties purchased the middle level that would include most, but not all, topographic calls, so you can not be certain that they were copied accurately and that they were also complete. There are, however, two sets of originals. One set of originals is at the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka by law. The original plats are absolutely beautiful as most are in color: water in blue, cultivated fields in sepia and timber in green. From the example in Figure 2, notice that the distances in chains to objects are not shown on the plats. They only appear in the notes. Another source of the plats and notes is through the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors. KSLs sells cd’s with scans of the original notes and plats for the entire state in pdf format that were scanned from the other set of originals at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Go to http://ksls.com/merchandise_historical.htm to purchase a set. Unfortunately, the plats are black and white scans.

Figure 5, as another example, shows a small portion of the KSLs scan of the plat of T17S R4E, Marion County, surveyed in July of 1857 by Jacob Starr. This is the site of the famous Lost Spring. Starr, in his “General Description” of the Township (another Congressional requirement), writes that, “there are some five springs of fresh water in the Township and among their number is the spring known to all the Santa Fe Traders and trains as the lost spring.....the spring affords fine Fresh waster.” Unfortunately, the “General Description” is

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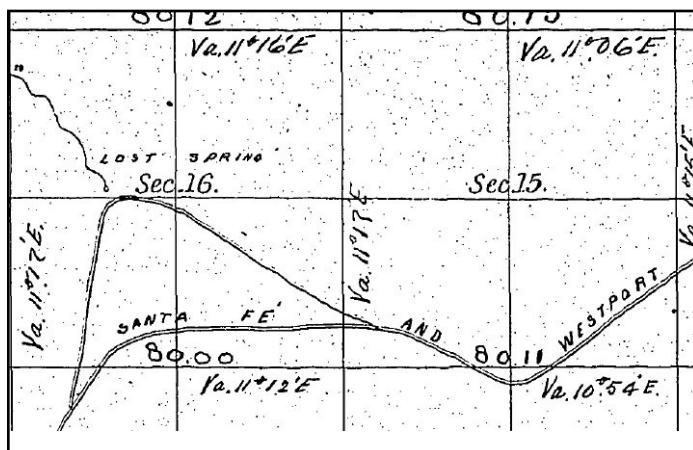


Figure 5

Train Travel Speeds Estimated Slower in 1880

by Steve Schmidt, SFTA Ambassador

Recently, after giving my PowerPoint presentation “Santa Fe Trail 101,” I was asked this question: “After the railroad reached Santa Fe in 1880, how long did it take to go by rail from present-day Kansas City to Santa Fe?” Here is what I found.

The mule drawn stages could make the trip from Kansas City (i.e., Westport Landing) to Santa Fe in 12 to 15 days in the 1860s¹, so the train would certainly have been faster (and definitely more comfortable) for passengers.

Amtrak passenger trains currently cover the 837 rail miles from Kansas City to Lamy, NM in 16 hrs 39 min for a 50 mph average.² Of course, if you have ever encountered the Amtrak in western Kansas or southeastern Colorado, you know they go MUCH faster than that between stations. Trains certainly did not go that fast in the 1880s between the Missouri River and Santa Fe.

An Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company timetable³ from 1920 indicates an average speed of passenger trains of approximately 35 mph between Division Points on double track main line with few, if any, intermediate stops or delays. An average speed of 25 mph is indicated for passenger trains on single track main lines with several stops along the way. I doubt that a 25 to 35 mph average speed to Santa Fe was achieved in 1880.

L. H. Riddle describes a passenger train trip he took in 1889 from Marion, KS to Portland, Oregon (via New Mexico and California) and return (through Colorado).⁴ He left Marion, KS at 6:10 pm April 21 and arrived in Las Vegas, NM at 7:00 pm April 22 where he got a hotel room and spent the night. That was a trip of 583 miles⁵ covered in 25 hours and 50 minutes (accounting for time zone change), for an average speed of approximately 22.5 mph. That average speed would indicate a little over 1-1/2 days travel time from the Missouri River to Santa Fe. Mr. Riddle’s trip was nine years after the railroad reached Santa Fe. The condition of the track, and the addition of equipment and facilities to efficiently handle more business as settlement moved westward, no doubt resulted in higher speeds in 1889 than shortly after railroad construction in 1880. More about this later.

Looking at some old timetables for the Union Pacific, Central Pacific, and Kansas Pacific from 1869⁶, passenger trains would probably average 10 to 20 mph. The lower speed was for mixed trains that carried mail, freight, and passengers; those trains made longer stops at stations. The higher speed would be for passenger and express mail only. Also, those higher speeds were for the Union Pacific from Omaha to Cheyenne on track that had been in service for awhile and traversed relatively flat country. Ten to fifteen mph appears to be a more reasonable estimate for more recently constructed track.

Interpreting the 1869 time tables is interesting because that was before we had standard time zones, which were not implemented until November 18, 1883 (and, as an aside, were proposed and voluntarily implemented by the railroads)⁷. In 1869, each railroad had its own standard time, usually the local time of its major terminal. As an example, the times given in the timetable for the Union Pacific are probably Omaha time from Omaha to Cheyenne, and Cheyenne time from Cheyenne to Promontory.

Another factor affecting train speeds was improvement in train brakes. In 1869 braking was accomplished by men going from car to car manually applying the brakes on each car – hence the job classification of ‘brakeman.’ Because of braking limitations, trains were short and speeds were limited; a train of over six to ten cars was considered long. By the mid 1870s, ‘straight’ air brakes were being used by some railroads, but it was not until the late 1870s that a practical ‘automatic’ air brake became available. Air brakes were first applied to passenger trains but were not applied to freight trains until the late 1870s. It was 1879 before the features of the automatic air brake as we know it today became available.⁸ Therefore, in the early 1880s, air brake systems were being widely implemented on the railroads along with various other technological improvements ---all of which would indicate average speeds were increasing in the late 1870s and early 1880s.

Considering the above discussion, travel by passenger train from the Missouri River to Santa Fe in 1880 would take on the order of 1-3/4 to 3-1/2 days, with 2 to 2-1/2 days probably being a good estimate in my opinion.

Even though mule drawn stages could make the trip in 12 to 15 days in the 1860s, freight wagons using mule or ox teams took 2 to 2-1/2 months. Likewise, freight train average speeds were slower than passenger train speeds then, as they are today. Also, in 1880 there were a lot more less-than-car-load (LCL) shipments, meaning the freight was either handled a number of times along the way, or the train was stopped for periods of time while other freight was unloaded or loaded (much as UPS ground freight is handled today). In any event, the travel time for freight trains would be much slower than for passengers. At best, I think freight trains might average 2 to 5 mph for a Missouri River to Santa Fe time of 7 to 17 days. My conjecture is that freight train travel time was on the order of 1-1/2 to 2 weeks.

That was a very good question about train travel time to Santa Fe, a question that probably needs more research. The above is not intended to be a definitive answer, but is intended more to “throw out some ideas” and obtain input from others. Do you have any information that might refine the answer to the question? Maybe you are aware of a diary of others who traveled to Santa Fe by train in the 1880s, or letters of merchants describing shipping schedules. If so, please send your response to the editor of *Wagon Tracks* at editor@santafetrail.org.

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often omitted in the county's abridged copy.

The researcher is encourage to develop a rapport with the local land surveying community. Land Surveyors do a significant amount of historical, though specialized, research and are constantly retracing old surveys, including the GLO original surveys. Consequently, most Professional Surveyors have a personal and professional interest in history; and if they don't, well, they *should*. ♦

If you have questions you'd like the Surveyor to answer, please send them to Editor@santafetrail.org, and Mr. Brosemer will address them in future issues of Wagon Tracks.

The Last Chance Store: Your Best Chance to Find Santa Fe Trail Books

by Rod Podszus

When I moved to Colorado Springs nearly 40 years ago there was a wonderful bookstore downtown called *The Chinook*. One of the things that made the store so special was its southwestern section where you could find books on mines and miners, railroads and trails, cowboys and Indians, heroes and villains, ghost towns, street cars, and just about anything else historical.

The Chinook is now gone, having fallen victim to chain stores, the Internet, and eBook readers. Probably most of the local bookstores in your town have also closed. So, where can you find good historical books, especially ones focused on the Santa Fe Trail?

The answer...the Last Chance Store conveniently located on the home page of the Santa Fe Trail Association's website, www.santafetrail.org. For over 25 years Dr. Leo Oliva, the store's proprietor, has offered trustworthy books, maps, pins, coins, posters, music, and artwork related to the Santa Fe Trail. The Store also carries a wide variety of books featuring other areas of western history including historic trails, frontier forts, and American Indians. The store will even locate rare and out of print books for you.

One of the best features of the Last Chance Store is that the items are all trustworthy. Dr. Oliva is a professional historian and author and carries only materials that he knows are accurate and well researched. He'll even consult with you and recommend books for the topics you want to study.

To contact the store, just go to the Santa Fe Trail Association's website and click on the Last Chance Store logo on the lower right section of the home page. You can contact the store directly at www.lastchancestore.org, by email at oliva@ruraltel.net, or by calling it toll free at 888-321-7341. You'll get good books, good advice, and good customer service. ♦

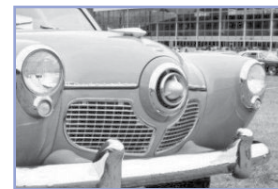


Photo: Studebakerpictures.com

Studebakers Travel the Trail

Once again, Studebakers will load up and move out along the trail that William Becknell traveled in 1821. Leaving (New) Franklin, Missouri on June 28, the caravan of Studebakers will make stops in Arrow Rock, Baldwin City, Larned, Dodge City, and Bent's Old Fort, before arriving on July 1 in Colorado Springs, Colorado for the 49th annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet. For more information, contact Dave and JoAnne Hamblin, Studebaker caravan coordinators at 419-947-1360, or jlh6225@centurylink.net.

Youth on the Trail: Traveling Trunk Available

by Marcia Fox

The Kansas Historical Society announces a new educational resource trunk related to the Santa Fe Trail. *Trading on the Santa Fe Trail* allows users to explore the Santa Fe Trail through a sampling of the goods that traveled between the United States and Mexico in the 1800s. Manufactured items from the eastern coast of the United States and Europe made up the bulk of the goods traveling to Mexico. Furs, wool fleeces and woven goods, silver, and mules traveled from Mexico for trade in the United States. Millions of dollars in merchandise traveled this 900-mile international trade route.

Lessons in the trunk focus on student-centered learning activities tied to the Kansas State standards and Common Core English and Language Arts.

The forty items contained in this trunk make it a great program addition in non-classroom settings. Kansas chapters of the SFTA would find the trunk an interesting addition to a monthly meeting. The chapters might also volunteer to take these to local schools, especially for a Kansas Day activity at the end of January. Youth groups find it useful in meeting badge or project requirements. The hands-on components lend themselves to discovery center areas in museums and libraries. The objects in the trunk bring additional meaning to programs in retirement and assisted living centers.

All resource trunks from the Kansas Historical Society are



available only to Kansas citizens at a cost of \$20 for initial shipping and handling. The trunks may be taken for four weeks. Return shipping is the responsibility of the user. For more information about *Trading on the Santa Fe Trail* trunk check the Kansas Historical Society website: www.kshs.org/p/santa-fe-trail-traveling-resource-trunk/17953. ♦

Charles Strickfaden Named Superintendent at Fort Union

Charles Strickfaden, a 28-year veteran of the National Park Service, has been named superintendent of Fort Union National Monument in northeastern New Mexico.

Strickfaden, who was chief of visitor services and resources protection for the NPS's Flagstaff Area National Monuments, succeeds Marie Sauter, who is now the superintendent of White Sands National Monument in New Mexico.

Strickfaden's previous postings took him to nearly every corner of the National Park System. He began his NPS career as a seasonal interpretive ranger at Lava Beds National Monument in northern California. He also worked as a seasonal ranger in both interpretive and protective roles in parks as varied as Biscayne National Park in Florida and Denali National Park in Alaska, including stints in law enforcement, fire management, living history and resources management.

Strickfaden's other duty stations have included Lewis and Clark National Historic Park in Oregon; Montezuma Castle National Monument and Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona; Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee;

Fort Necessity National Battlefield in Pennsylvania; Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, and Sequoia National Park in California; and Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Maryland. He also was acting superintendent at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Southern Arizona.

A native of Southern California, he earned his bachelor of science degree in natural resource management at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He is married to Heidi Strickfaden, who is also an employee of the NPS.

The SFTA Speaker's Bureau can provide speakers for public presentations on a variety of Trail topics. Visit our website www.santafetrail.org/about-us/speakers-bureau for more information.

The Tar Bucket Inspired Historic Song

by David Clapsaddle

Axles on freight wagons required lubrication every four days. The lubricant was a mixture of tallow and pine tar. The mixture kept in a container which was usually suspended from the wagon's back axles was called the tar bucket. Following is a song from the historic period which speaks to the "bucket of tar."

THE LINCHPIN WAGON and its BUCKET OF TAR

By Carson C. Masiker, 1853

Hood River, Oregon

TUNE—"WAIT FOR THE WAGON"

Oh, the linchpin wagon
What memories it recalls
Of the days when I gazed
On the mountains afar,
As it ground through the sand
And the alkali dust—
The linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—Wait for the wagon,
The linchpin wagon,
The linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

How the smell of that tar
In my nostrils still lingers;
How softly, yet firmly,
It stuck to my fingers;
How jolting that wagon,
How tiresome its jar—
That linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—

When the hot sun beat down
On the glittering sand,
And the dust fog'd around us
On every hand,
How the heat seemed to gather
In every bar
Of that linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—

When the red man attack'd us
And fired on the train,
It made us a breastwork
Again and again.
'T was a bedroom at night
And a refuge in war
That linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—

A couch for the sick,
The halt and the lame—
It carried our grub
And blankets and game.
Our women and children
It brought from afar,
That linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—

The bed of th's wagon
A ferry boat made.
In the heat of the day
It was sought for its shade;
But now 'tis replaced
By an "auto'bile" car—
This linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—

To life's latest hour
We never shall fail
To remember the loved ones
We left on the trail.
Their sad, lonely graves
On that journey so far
Were planned in that wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Chorus—

The old pioneers
Will remember the test
That this wagon withstood
In their journey out West;
And always will love it,
Though the time be afar—
This linchpin wagon
With its bucket of tar.

Although clearly the setting for the lyrics is the Oregon Trail, the tar bucket equally applies to the Santa Fe Trail. One wonders about the sixth verse which is about the automobile. Perhaps, the poem is a good example of folk songs to which verses were added over a period of years.

A tar bucket authentic to the 1800s is part of a permanent exhibit at the Fort Larned National Historic Site. Those interested in such artifacts will be pleased to see the exhibit titled "Frieghting Artifacts on the Santa Fe Trail." ♦

Cyber Ruts: Researching on the Internet — Digitized Newspapers Online

by Mike Olsen

This is the third column in which I am discussing resources for Santa Fe Trail history and heritage on the Internet. In this issue I will deal with digitized newspapers online. As might be expected, there is a wealth of information on the Santa Fe Trail in newspapers, from the early 1800s to the present.

In December 1859, the famous mountain man James Beckwourth, then 62 years old, visited Denver. He arrived via the Santa Fe Trail from Westport, Missouri, with the trade caravan of A. P. Vazquez & Co. This wagon train carried provisions and supplies for fledgling Denver and the new gold mines of Colorado. William Byers, editor of the *Rocky Mountain News Weekly* interviewed Beckwourth, reporting on December 1, “We recently were honored by a visit from this justly celebrated mountaineer and adventurer, and enjoyed a long conversation, in which he fought his battles over again, and narrated his thrilling adventures. . . .” One incident Byers reported had, in fact, occurred on the trip over the trail that Beckwourth had just completed: “When coming up the Arkansas, he met with the Cheyennes, whom he had not seen for over twenty years; but he was instantly recognized, and his presence telegraphed for many miles to the scattered bands, who came rushing to meet and welcome him, whom they considered the ‘Big Medicine’ of all the white men of the plains.”

And what is the “rest of the story” here? The entire interview is, as the saying goes today, just “a few clicks away” on your home computer. The *Rocky Mountain News Weekly* is online in full text — as are, literally, millions of other pages of American newspapers from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Accessing them is sometimes easy, and sometimes not.

A quick search for “historical newspapers online” via Google leads to a half-dozen or so “clearinghouses” which list, most often state by state, newspapers that have been digitized and can be searched, usually by keywords. These sites are not the most useful for Santa Fe Trail research, however. Many of them require a fee and are geared to genealogical research.

There are three other options that work best for Santa Fe Trail buffs and researchers: a local or regional library, one of the state historical societies in a trail state, or the website “Chronicle America — Historic American Newspapers,” administered by the Library of Congress. Let’s look at these three.

The first stop on a newspaper search should be the website of your local or regional library, though in rural regions this may not be an option. (As I mentioned in an earlier column, often it is possible to affiliate with a library hundreds of miles from where you live; once you have a card number with that library, you can use its online services.) The Pikes Peak Library District here in Colorado Springs has an online newspaper

resource I use, a service to which the library subscribes. It is the “Newspaper Archive,” published by a company called Heritage Microfilms. Just as an example, on this site I can get the *Kansas City Star* from 1896 through 1975. And if I enter the keywords “Santa Fe Trail” into the search box for the entire site, I get 157,193 hits.

Different libraries have different services and databases for newspapers, of course. For this article, I looked about at random. The Salina Public Library has two databases — the “Newspaper Archive” mentioned above and “EBSCO Host Newspaper Plus” — EBSCO is another subscription database for libraries. For those of you in and around Salina, to find these databases go to the Salina Public Library website, click on “Virtual Library” in the toolbar at the top of the screen, then click on “Research,” then click on “Newspapers.” If you are in Lexington, Missouri, The Trails Regional Library carries several newspaper sites, including EBSCO. Other online library sources can be local or regional community colleges, private colleges, or universities. As might be expected, for example, the Forsyth Library at Fort Hays State University, Kansas, offers most of the subscription databases. Another quick check shows that Barton County Community College, Kansas, offers EBSCO databases by clicking its “Newspaper Source Plus” button under the heading “Research Resources” on its library’s homepage. As with any website, you have to suss out the path to these newspaper databases — look for terms like “electronic,” “research,” “virtual,” and of course, “newspapers.” (And, again, you need a library card for a specific library to access its sites.)

A second source for newspapers is through the websites of the state historical societies in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, or Colorado. New Mexico has an historical society but it does not maintain its own facilities. To use these state historical society sites you do not need a card or a membership. Enter “xyz state historical society” in Google, and go from there. The State Historical Society of Missouri offers its “Missouri Digital Newspaper Project,” choose that icon at the bottom of its homepage. There are various ways to find newspapers on the site, including a very helpful clickable map of Missouri counties with newspapers in the counties identified on the map (the Kansas and Oklahoma state historical society sites have such maps also). For the Oklahoma State Historical Society, click on “Research Center,” then on “Gateway to Oklahoma History,” which then lists digitized Oklahoma newspapers (“You may browse through 32,998 issues — 240,940 pages,” according to the website). On the Kansas State Historical Society website, click on “Research,” then on “Digitized Kansas Newspapers.” There you might peruse the *Leavenworth Weekly Times* for 1870-1880.

From my perspective, the Colorado Historical Society’s site, “History Colorado” is a treasure trove. On its site, click “Researchers” — “Online Research” — “Colorado’s Historic

Newspapers,” and you will have 163 titles including 500,000 pages from 1859 to 1923 in Colorado newspapers. Do note that you may not find a specific newspaper you might want – not all the newspapers on microfilm have been put online – such as the *Canon City Times*, for Colorado. I am going to have to go to the Denver Public Library for that one. I would also add that, having used newspapers on microfilm all of my academic life, and often having sworn at the sometimes poor quality – I find it easier to read a newspaper online than on a microfilm machine.

“Chronicling America,” the Library of Congress website for digitized newspapers, is the most inclusive of all the sites that can be accessed. It operates in conjunction with digitization projects in a number of states (the entire project is known as the National Digital Newspaper Program), including the trail states, so its newspaper lists for those states will be substantially the same as found on the state historical sites. But in the end the Library of Congress website is more far-reaching. As its homepage says, you can “search America’s historic newspapers pages from 1836-1922 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities.” To access this site, click on the icon for “Historic Newspapers” on the Library of Congress homepage – www.loc.gov – and then work your way in. You can search by the name of a newspaper, by state, or by keyword. I find it most helpful to click on the link “All Digitized Newspapers” and then choose a state. At that point you get a list of newspapers from that state and the years of publication which are available online.

One final note can be added here. I often use the archives of the *New York Times* in my research. Until a few months ago, I could access it through my Pikes Peak Library District, but then it disappeared. I inquired, and found that it was so expensive the library suspended its subscription to the service. Luckily for me, I subscribe to the Sunday edition of the *New York Times* and get free access to the archive, though with some restrictions. I can also drive down to Colorado College and use one of its public service computers to access its subscription to the *Times* archives.

In closing, it would be nice to send you to the grand-daddy of all Santa Fe Trail newspaper articles, the “Journal of two expeditions from Boon’s Lick to Santa Fe,” – the account of William Becknell’s two trips to Santa Fe in 1821 and 1822 – but I can’t. It appeared in the *Missouri Intelligencer and Boon’s Lick Advertiser*, April 22, 1823 – and as far as I know that newspaper has not been digitized. If you want to read that article, see the reprint in *Wagon Tracks* for May 1997 – which is available online – go to www.santafetrail.org.

Next issue – finding journal and magazine articles from the 1850s to the present, full text, online. ♦

2012 SFTA Hall of Fame Inductees

Frederick Hawn

Major Frederick Hawn (1810-1898) was a Deputy Surveyor for the General Land Office, a civil engineer, an explorer, and a nationally known geologist who is given credit for discovering the first Permian rock formations in the United States. Born in New York, he moved to Illinois in 1835 where he met his wife and his brother-in-law, John Calhoun. When Calhoun became the first Surveyor General of Kansas and Nebraska in 1854, he joined Hawn who was already in Missouri engaged in building railroads and in geological studies. Hawn became one of Calhoun’s most trusted and competent surveyors. He often traveled the Santa Fe Trail to pursue his surveying and geological research. From fruits to fossils, nothing in the natural world escaped his interest. Hawn’s discoveries and publications sparked great interest in Kansas settlement.

James Butler Hickok

James Butler (“Wild Bill”) Hickok was born in Illinois in 1837. In 1855 while working as a muleskinner in building the Illinois and Michigan canal, he pushed a man who was abusing him into the canal. Thinking he had killed the man, Hickok fled to St. Louis and then Kansas Territory where he served as a bodyguard for the abolitionist leader Jim Lane. In 1858 he became a stage and wagon driver on the Santa Fe Trail. In 1860 while driving a wagon through the Raton Pass for Russell, Majors, and Waddell he was badly wounded by a grizzly bear which he killed with his knife. After healing in Kansas City, Hickok was given light duty at the Rock Creek, Nebraska Pony Express station. In the Civil War, he got the nickname of “Wild Bill” while serving as an Army scout, supply train wagonmaster, and spy for the Union Army. After the war, Hickok built quite a reputation as a lawman and gunfighter, but he also was an Army scout, a mail carrier, a guide, a performer in some of Buffalo Bill’s shows, a gold prospector, and a gambler as he traveled throughout the West. He was shot dead by Jack McCall in Deadwood in 1876. James Butler Hickok is a good example of the colorful characters who worked and had adventures on the Santa Fe Trail.

Wild and Woolly: An Encyclopedia of the Old West by Denis McLoughlin. Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, 1975.

Do you have a question about the Trail? Do you need an expert’s guidance in where to start looking for answers? Send your questions to editor@santafetrail.org and we’ll connect you with a Trail Guide to get you headed in the right direction.

National Historic Trails Workshop Field Exercises Stimulate Ideas

Case studies to explore appropriate preservation and development approaches and ideas

*Editor's Note: At the board meeting in Larned this September, Jeff Trotman said he thought the following exercise from the PNTS Workshop in May 2012 at Socorro was one of the best he'd ever experienced. **Steve Burns** from the National Park Service deserves the credit for creating the exercise.*

Overview and purpose

Field exercises will be used to provide a “national historic trail case study” structured to allow participants to examine the existing conditions of the historic route of the trail. Prior to the field exercises, participants will be provided an overview history and description of the historic trail (done as part of the tour of the trail from the airport to Socorro) and an overview understanding of the National Trails Act requirements and guidance for the preservation and development of the trail. Based on this foundation of information from the Trails Act, El Camino Real history and significance, the existing conditions of the historic trail on the ground, and tools in the “tool box” provided, participants will **imagine and develop a vision for the preservation and development of the national historic trail**. They will also outline the strategy, steps, and plans and tools needed to appropriately preserve and develop the trail for public use and to achieve their vision.

Participants will be randomly selected to represent various stakeholder groups from the list below and form and present their stakeholder concerns, issues, vision and strategy as they may relate to preservation and development of the national historic trail. Each stakeholder group will be provided instructions and an outline of likely concerns and issues that might be expected from their prospective stakeholder point of view. They will also be provided a “tool box” with “tools” in the form examples of plans, actions, and activities that might typically be used as part of preservation and national historic trail development that participants will identify for use or to oppose in presenting their “vision” for the future of the national historic trail case study areas. Participants will also bring their own tools to add to the tool box that they may use and share based on their own experiences.

All participants will be challenged to consider the trail past, present, and future, and distinguish between the historic route of the trail, the existing conditions of the route today, and the national historic trail as identified in the Trails Act to be developed in the future.

Stakeholder groups:

- Local elected officials & Chamber of Commerce business interests
- Local residents & private land owners
- Federal agency trail administrators (NPS, BLM) state and local governments
- Tribal interests

- CARTA
- Other

Exercise Objectives:

The field trip exercises are meant to serve as a kind of “sketch problem” where you are given a problem and asked to provide a “sketch” of the solution. You will be presented a holistic view of the “problem” of national historic trails and all of the issues and concerns associated with:

(PAST) The documentation and research of the historic route and trail sites.

(PRESENT) The existing conditions (physical and current social context) of the trail and the issues and opportunities for preservation and development of the trail.

(FUTURE) Envisioning and planning for the future of the national historic trail and the preservation and development for public use challenges associated with these trails.

You are tasked with developing or “sketching” a vision and solution to the problem. It won’t be fully developed but will be based on an understanding of the totality of the problem. You will not have enough time to reach a fully developed solution but what you will produce should be based on an exploration that fully identifies the issues and understanding of the problem of national historic trail preservation and visitor use as well as a host of tools that might be available to address these issues and arrive at a vision for national historic trail preservation and visitor use. You should engage fully in the exercises and all that must be considered, and while it is not expected that you will solve all that needs to be solved, you should find it fun and enlightening to experience the process and a structured effort to holistically study the challenges associated with all the aspects of creating a national historic trail. The exercises are meant to be intense and compact efforts in viewing and addressing the totality of issues and concerns that face national historic trails in a holistic way using real case studies, but it is the process and effort in reaching your vision that will be most valuable.

While many people associated with national historic trails may often come from a particular focused interest or geographic interest of a particular trail, and many, perhaps even a majority may be motivated by an interest in the history of the trail, these exercises are meant to encourage you to think in a broader way about the totality of national historic trails and the challenges associated with preservation, public use, and development of the trails. You are asked to explore the necessary requirements of research and documentation, the difficulties and challenges of preservation, and especially the “vision”

and creative challenge of national historic trails.

This exercise, while holistic, is meant especially to focus on the often neglected or subordinated challenge of developing the national historic trail for public use that is identified as the purpose of national historic trails in the Act that created them. This goes well beyond “marking” the trail. You are asked through these case study exercises to look backward at history, consider the present and what is evident today, and then to take a bold step into the future to imagine how we might realistically create the national historic trail envisioned by the Trails Act - the one that envisions the public in significant numbers retracing and experiencing these historic routes. Your vision should address the challenge of bringing this history of the trail out of obscurity and bring it squarely into the present for the public to experience firsthand. Your vision should include the preservation and interpretation of historic sites and segments, the development of retracement trail over long distances, and the public use, awareness, and stewardship that might result from that use and appreciation.

Cheating:

If you are caught cheating don't worry. As the saying goes, there is nothing new under the sun so you are encouraged to use what has been done by others, look in your tool box, and to borrow or steal from other groups, or others in your group, places you have experienced, etc. Here are some hints that your vision should include:

If it is truly a vision then it should not be what exists but something that does not yet exist.

Solutions that explore the future, yet to be created, national historic trail should involve some physical and visible transformation of what currently exists. This might include things like:

- National Historic Trail road and pedestrian signs
- Trailheads with orientation and interpretation
- Interpretive media such as exhibits, or brochures
- A retracement trail using existing paths or new construction
- Historic building or landscape preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation
- Archeological site protection, preservation, and interpretation
- New and diverse users experiencing, aware of, and interested in the national historic trail
- Public use, access, experiencing, and visibility of the national historic trail ♦

Correction

On page 25 of the November 2012 *Wagon Tracks*, Matt Reed was incorrectly identified as Lonnie Burnett. Mr. Reed was the opening speaker at Rendezvous, September 2012.

2012 SFTA Hall of Fame Inductees

Edward Wynkoop

Col Edward (“Ned”) Wynkoop moved from Pennsylvania to Kansas Territory in 1856 and was one of the founders of Denver. In 1861 he joined the First Colorado Volunteer Infantry; promoted to captain, he participated in the Battles of Apache Canyon and Glorietta Pass on the Santa Fe Trail, after which he was promoted to major. In 1864 he became commander of Fort Lyon to protect the Mountain Route from Indian and Confederate threats. In September he met with Cheyenne and Arapaho leaders to discuss peace; district commander Gen. Curtis removed Wynkoop and sent him to Ft. Riley for a possible court-martial for leaving his post to meet with the warring tribes. In January of 1865, Wynkoop resumed command of Ft. Lyon with orders to investigate the Sand Creek Massacre. As a brevet lieutenant colonel, he was then put on detached duty to work out a peace treaty which he did. He resigned from the Army in July 1866 and was appointed Indian agent for the Upper Arkansas with headquarters at Ft. Larned. Ignoring Wynkoop's advice, Gen. Hancock attacked and burned the Cheyenne and Sioux village on Pawnee Fork which set off Hancock's War along the Trail. Wynkoop resigned in protest against Gen. Sheridan's Winter Campaign of 1868-69. After a variety of other positions, he died in Santa Fe in 1891.

Chief Black Kettle (Moke-tav-a-to)

Chief Black Kettle (Moke-tav-a-to) spent an early part of his life near Bent's Fort where in 1837 he witnessed the peace treaty between his Cheyenne people and the Kiowa. Throughout the 1840s, relations between the Cheyenne and traders/travelers along the Santa Fe Trail were fairly peaceful. In 1854 he went with his people for the signing of the Treaty of Ft. Laramie which brought peace to the southern plains for a time. In 1854 he was raised to the Council of 44, the tribal governing body. While he believed in the ways of his people, he worked with William Bent to keep peace as more settlers moved into Colorado, and agreed to go to the Sand Creek Reservation after the Treaty of Ft. Wise in 1861. Unfortunately, the land there was not good, so raids of the Cheyenne Dog Soldiers and the eagerness of Colorado volunteers for revenge led to the Sand Creek Massacre on November 28, 1864. Black Kettle and his wife survived, although she was badly wounded. He refused to seek vengeance and led his people into Kansas and later Oklahoma while continuing to seek peace. In 1868 he was killed in an unprovoked attack on his village by cavalry troops under Gen. George Custer.

Lessons Learned From NPS Leadership and Tribal Outreach Workshop

by Ruth Friesen

In early December, the National Park Service and the Partnership for the National Trails System led a Leadership and Tribal Outreach Workshop for representatives of Trail Associations of the Intermountain Region. Eleven Trails were represented at the workshop in Albuquerque. In order to “trickle down” the knowledge that the Santa Fe Trail representatives, Joanne VanCoevern, Roger Slusher, Ross Marshall, and Rod Podszus, gained, we have created an interview format to allow them to share their insights with *Wagon Track* readers.

Youth Involvement

A panel of four young people----Brandon Calabaza, Santa Domingo Pueblo; Shania Cook, Shoshone; Bethany Hope Henry, Cherokee; and Chelsea Bodamer representing the Old Spanish Trail Association----presented their experiences with the historic trails and their thoughts on what would encourage youths to become involved with trail organizations.

What did the youth panel suggest should be done to encourage young people to be interested in the trails? What are the panelists doing with trail organizations and how did they get involved?

Roger: They suggested that we have a presence on social media, around campus bulletin boards, and at job fairs. They also would like to see more internships, scholarships, or jobs offered since that might interest students who hadn't paid much attention to trails before. Brandon, the young Santo Domingo Pueblo man, was working on restoring an historic trading post on his reservation along Route 66; he got involved as part of a group that is paid to work on such improvements, but he has become an eloquent spokesman for preservation. Bethany became interested as a child in the Trail of Tears that was part of her Cherokee history, and is now working on a master's degree in history.

Rod: Shania Cook, Chelsea Bodamer, and Brandon Calabaza have jobs that connect them to the trail. Bethany Henry, Cherokee, is a member of a trail association who has a passion for the trail itself. My take-aways from the youth panelists were:

- One way to get young people involved is to start a non-geographic chapter, sort of a virtual chapter.
- Young adults like to use skills they already possess such as web design, social media, and Internet research. They are eager to help causes and organizations by using these skills. They are not as interested in acquiring new information. I found this comment interesting because our SFTA Rendezvous and Symposium and even our chapter meetings are all about learning new information. Apparently this type of meeting doesn't appeal to young adults. Instead, we might want to engage them by having them



Rod Podszus listens to Brandon Calabaza present ideas on youth involvement.

design the brochure, create the Facebook page...stuff like that.

- Young adults have no fear of technology or social media sites. Mastering this technology is easy for them.
- Young adults like to volunteer.
- The type of volunteer activity young adults like best is when they can be part of an "affiliate" group: a college class, a church group, and bike club, etc.

Diversity

What did you learn from the diversity of trails?

Joanne: While the mission statement of the SFTA and the Pacific Crest Trail Association is the same -- to protect, preserve and promote the Trail -- our two organizations have very different activities. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail focuses primarily on hiking along the length of the Trail. Volunteers for their organization form teams to inventory the trail, clear trees and boulders, repair slides, remove brush and perform tread repair.

Even though this long Scenic Trail, with its large membership, funding and staff, is very different from the Historic Trails, we found we can learn a great deal from their successes. Some of these include: seeking corporate sponsors; developing more outdoor volunteer projects along the length of the trail; and encouraging hobbyists to visit the trail through various activities, such as photo contests.

Even among the National Historic Trails, there is a wide variety of activities and a good interchange of ideas. The Ala Kahakai NHT, a 175-mile trail corridor established for the preservation, protection and interpretation of the traditional Native Hawaiian culture and natural resources, focuses the

use of their funding to promote community activities and not necessarily membership activities.

Rod: The Ala Kahakai Trail Association did reinforce something that I see SFTA chapters doing more often and that is having gatherings around meals to build fellowship. I think that sharing a meal is fun and builds community. Our chapter usually has a pot luck lunch or catered meal at chapter meetings. Other chapters also do this. One chapter president even joked at a Board meeting that he feels his chapter is really a supper club that just happens to eat at restaurants along the Santa Fe Trail.

Synergy

What synergy evolved from the spectrum of trails?

Joanne: Even though the story of each of our trails is different, all of the Trail groups attending the NPS Workshop share similar successes and challenges. Bringing our Associations together to discuss these, and how each has dealt with them, strengthens all of us. Ideas used by one group to strengthen areas, such as the use of a website to communicate more frequently with our members and social media to reach a larger, and younger audience, can be easily adapted by the others.

The Santa Fe Trail Association has seized the opportunity to develop a relationship with our fellow trails groups. In May, 2012, the Santa Fe Trail Association invited several other trails groups to attend the “Wagons Ho!” event held at Bent’s Old Fort. In September 2015, SFTA will work together with two other historic trails groups, the Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) and the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA), to create a cooperative symposium/conference in Santa Fe.

These are just two examples of trying to strengthen our events by working cooperatively with similar trails groups. There could be more opportunities for future collaborations. One that comes to mind is the number of National Historic Trails that share a link between the St. Louis and Kansas City areas – perhaps there will be an opportunity in the future to partner with these groups and focus on that region and what it took to supply all those trails.

Roger: I learned from their stories that the unique characteristics of each trail and/or the history of each support group shaped that group into usually the most effective form for them. This workshop made it clear that we share a lot of challenges such as growing membership, keeping members active, raising money to do needed projects, and keeping good relations with all interested groups. We developed a sense that together we are much stronger than any one organization can ever be, but it was also clear that meetings such as this can produce specific strategies.

What are other organizations doing that SFTA could adapt?

Roger: Other groups seem to focus more on new or visiting folks by doing such things as designating and welcoming

new members at conventions and other activities. They keep reminding the members about the mission of the organization. They also strongly recommended joint activities with other trail groups or groups with related interests to share expenses and get more members.

Leadership

I see a topic on the agenda titled “Four Frames of Leadership.” What are they and how can they be applied?

Roger: The frames are a way to analyze and use the fact that every leader tends to rely mainly on one or two perspectives. They may have a structural perspective that stresses organization, a human resources viewpoint that stresses human needs, a political point of view that stresses diplomacy, or a symbolic perspective that focuses on meaning. According to the workshop leaders’ assessment, most of us tend to take the structural or human resources view, but it was clear that everyone sometimes uses each or a combination of the frames. [*Facilitators were from the Institute of Conservation Leadership.*]

The point was that it’s important for the organization’s leaders, as they are considering people for positions or discussing things with them, to think about what viewpoint a person tends to take so there is a good fit for a position and the organization gets a variety of viewpoints. Every perspective needs to be somewhat satisfied to have a harmonious, effective organization.

What is meant by the topic “Benchmarking?”

Roger: It is defined as a process of measuring how the way you do things compares to standard and best practices in other nonprofit organizations. Using a booklet filled with detailed standards, we filled out a survey that covered all areas of organizational activities, indicating where our association stands and how important we thought it was to improve each weak area. The SFTA folks decided that we need to work most on participation, fundraising, and outreach. We’ll be working on those areas with the new strategic and marketing plans. It would be very useful self-analysis for our Board and chapter boards to fill out the survey and study the booklets, so I’m sure we’ll be doing that soon.

How do you intentionally build leadership? What are the tools provided to lead change?

Roger: The facilitators used the “leadership mountain” to help us visualize how participation drops off at higher levels of responsibility and how hard it is to get folks to increase their participation unless there is a plan in place. To build up leadership, they recommended more emphasis on participation and organized mentoring. This is one of the hardest areas to implement since it usually has a low priority, but they stressed that it should be a high priority to create sustainability and growth.

What action plan did the SFTA attendees develop?

Roger: The goal we picked was to “Grow use of the Santa Fe

Trail by non-traditional groups.” As resources, we have members with specialized interests such as birding, preservation, hiking and so forth who can help us make contact through our website, social media, and personal contacts. We also have the means, with the help of the NPS, to put out suggested specialized tours on our website, brochures, and maybe apps, and we can put up signage as well. To make this work, it would have to involve the Board, several committees, chapter boards, and many individual members who have specialized interests. This will be part of both our strategic and marketing plans which will be approved by the fall of this year. Much of this kind of outreach could be activated by 2014.

Chapters

On leadership, what strategies did you learn that can be useful for chapters?

Roger: They should purposely encourage more participation and mentoring to shape more leaders for the future. The national leadership may have to help them with model plans and other suggestions.

What else did you learn that the chapter presidents can implement?

Roger: I particularly noticed a few suggestions from other groups, such as having new members fill out a brief survey to determine their interests so you can get them involved in activities right away. It also sounds worthwhile to have regular surveys of other members to learn why they participate, get ideas for activities, and so forth. They also recommended that each new member be mentored by a veteran so they will feel included. Maybe the best point I heard stressed is that regular projects and activities get new members and keep the veterans interested.

Tribal Listening

How do various trail groups approach the tribes in their areas? How do they reach out to displaced tribes?

Joanne: Reaching out to American Indian tribes begins by listening and coming together to build trust. Some tribes still live along the trail corridors; however, many of the tribes have been displaced from the trails for so long that the trails do not seem very significant to them. Their day-to-day concerns revolve around the same concerns we all have, such as health care, education, good jobs and wages, and government issues.

Successes with the tribes can be measured with small steps. Bringing these tribes together to discuss how they can be included with the trails, listening to their side of the story, and offering to assist them in preserving their stories have been successful. The simple act of including their tribe into the planning and placement of a wayside exhibit is one small step, but may have a much larger impact in leading to other projects.

Some associations have reached out to the youth of the tribes that live on, or near their trail, and have been fortunate to get their involvement, as well as to create an opportunity for the youth to continue with jobs related to the trails. Hearing the American Indian side of the story through formal presentations is a common effort of several of the associations, and will remain a popular form of listening to the Tribes.

Roger: Sammye Meadows from the Alaskan Native Tourism Association explained how the Tent of Many Voices at Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events seems to have set a workable standard of encouraging respect for tribal customs and points of view; their experiences and guidelines will be very helpful. Also many groups like SFTA have been working with the NPS tribal liaisons in holding tribal listening sessions with displaced tribes and those who remain in their original vicinity.

What overall lessons did you learn from the workshop?

Roger: In addition to the specific ideas mentioned elsewhere, I learned that you should allow plenty of time to properly introduce new, complicated changes in organizational behavior.

Rod: I left the meetings feeling very positive that the combined efforts of the national historic trail associations will continue to preserve, protect, and promote these historic resources. All of our associations are working toward common goals and our combined efforts will create a national awareness of these trails and the need to preserve and protect them. I think that it was Gary Werner, Executive Director of the PNTS, who said that we need to see that we are all protecting and promoting a vast national trail system, not just our own little segment. I don't know how any of the individual associations will network in the future but am confident that relationships were established that be useful for future networking. Already, many of the associations have “friended” each other on Facebook and now see the events they are promoting.

Even though all of the associations seem to be facing similar problems such as an aging and declining membership and struggles to adapt to new media and technologies, all seemed positive that they would survive and be relevant to future generations. All are confident that they will successfully transition to new leaders and new members. The future seems bright. ♦



Joanne VanCovern, Roger Slusher, Ruth Friesen, Rod Podszus, and Ross Marshall represented SFTA at the workshop.

Twelve Points of Protocol

Keynote speaker Sammye Meadows, Public Lands Partnership Coordinator for the American Indian Alaskan Native Tourism Association, focused on how she successfully brought collaborations among tribes, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

These Twelve Points of Protocol were adapted by the Circle of Tribal Advisors for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial from Salmon Corps (a program for young Pacific Northwest Indians as they built partnerships to repair the disappearing salmon habitats of the Columbia River Basin). These twelve points apply to all tribal-non-tribal partnerships.

1. Listen. Be patient.
2. Learn that each tribal community or tribe has its own timeline for getting things done. It may not be the same as your timeline. Adjust.
3. Each tribal community or tribe has its own definition of success. It may differ from yours.
4. Respect - earn it every day.
5. Relationships are built on points of agreement. Make lists; document what you agree to/on. Live up to agreements, every day.
6. Be direct; be straight; tell the truth. Most Indian tribes have had at least 200 years of someone trying to sell us a bill of goods we don't want.
7. Solve problems together. Define a way to do it together.
8. You are a guest in our tribal community or tribe.
9. Serve elders. They are the heart of the tribal community or tribe, and they back you up when times get rough.
10. Understand turnover. Cultures that had stability for thousands of years are recovering from a few hundred years of cleric and federally-subsidized attacks on that stability. Recovery doesn't happen overnight in anyone's life, community, or culture.
11. Have a sense of humor.
12. Finally, don't forget to thank people and organizations. Some cultures believe that you should give thanks seven times. Not a bad idea because it helps focus on the good things repeatedly and keeps one from focusing on the negative repeatedly. ♦

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Meadows' Recommended Reading List

- Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid To Ask, by Anton Treuer (Borealis Books, 2012)
- Do All Indians Live in Tipis? Questions & Answers from the National Museum of the American Indian (Harper Perennial, 2007)
- Rez Life: An Indian's Journey Through Reservation Life, David Treuer (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2012)
- 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, Charles C. Mann (Knopf, 2005)
- 1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created, Charles C. Mann (Knopf, 2011)
- Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World, Jack Weatherford (Crown Publishers, 1988)
- Forgotten Founders: How the American Indian Helped Shape Democracy, Bruce Johansen (Harvard Common Press, 1982)

"Carelessness Chief Cause of Fire-Arms Accidents"

From *The Prairie Traveler, A Hand Book for Overland Expeditions* by Capt. Randolph Marcy, U.S Army, 1859:

From Chapter Five: "The chief causes of accidents from the use of fire-arms arise from carelessness, and I have always observed that those persons who are most familiar with their use are invariably the most careful. Another source of very many sad and fatal accidents resulting from the most stupid and culpable carelessness is in persons standing before the muzzles of guns and attempting to pull them out of wagons, or draw them through a fence or brush in the same position. If the cock encounters an obstacle in its passage, it will, of course, be drawn back and fall upon the cap. These accidents are of frequent occurrence, and the cause is well understood by all, yet men continue to disregard it, and their lives pay the penalty of their indiscretion. It is a wise maxim, which applies with especial force in campaigning on the prairies, '*Always look to your gun, but never let your gun look at you*.'"

"An equally important maxim might be added to this: *Never point your gun at another, whether charged or uncharged [loaded or unloaded], and never allow another to point his gun at you.* Young men, before they become accustomed to the use of arms, are very apt to be careless, and a large percentage of gun accidents may be traced to this cause."

Contributed by Steve Schmidt

BOOKS



Private Bateman Goes To War: The Personal Correspondence of Dr. E. B. Bateman, 1848-1852

David F. New. *Private Bateman Goes To War: The Personal Correspondence of Dr. E. B. Bateman, 1848-1852*. Burlington, WA: David F. New, 2012. Pp. 59, illus., maps.

Reviewed by Mike Olsen

This study is a model of its kind, an example of how a series of historical letters can be “unfolded” (pun intended), edited and set in context. It is also informative and enjoyable.

E. B. Bateman, although he had a medical degree, enlisted as a private in the 1st Infantry Battalion, 1st Regiment of the Missouri Volunteers, Col. Sterling Price commanding, in the spring of 1848. He marched to Santa Fe, via the Cimarron Route, arriving in New Mexico late in July. Four months later, his tour of duty over, he mustered out in Santa Fe, opened a medical practice, flirted with the idea of marrying a rich *señora*, but caught California gold fever and left for the mines from Santa Fe in the spring of 1849.

Author David F. New, a collector of postal history, acquired the Bateman letters in 2010. Bateman wrote them to his “honorable & venerable” father and a brother. There are 22 letters, written from nine locations, with 21 letters covering the period from January 1848 to December 1849, and a final one written in 1852. For Santa Fe Trail studies, there are letters from Fort Leavenworth, Council Grove, Fort Mann, and Wagon Mound. A further ten letters describe life in Santa Fe and present interesting observations on military matters, Bateman’s concerns and daily round of activities, and “gold fever” as it gripped the city.

At Wagon Mound – as an example of Bateman’s style and reflections – he wrote: “This is a beautiful romantic place 120 miles from Santa Fee in a mountain pass & finest springs I have ever seen. We have had very little fuel for the last five weeks but Buffalo Excrement . . . but now we begin to come to a little grove of Pine and Cedar last night the men cooked supper with real old fashioned Pine wood.”

Interspersed with Bateman’s letters, the author has included biographical notes on Bateman, a short essay on “The Army of the West, and the Revolt of 1847,” and brief histories of Lexington, Independence, Westport, Fort Leavenworth, Council Grove, Fort Mann, Wagon Mound, and Santa Fe, as well as Stockton, California, where Bateman ultimately settled. The illustrations are profuse and pertinent, with period and contemporary photographs, excellent maps, and reproductions of the

postal covers of the Bateman letters, as well as examples of the manuscript letters themselves.

Copies of *Private Bateman Goes To War* may be obtained from the author at carbonten@frontier.com.

An Atlas of Historic New Mexico Maps, 1550-1941

Peter L. Eidenbach. *An Atlas of Historic New Mexico Maps, 1550-1941*. University of New Mexico Press, 2012. Pp. 184, 150 color plates.

Reviewed by Ruth Friesen

Although the focus of this atlas is on New Mexico, most maps show wider perspectives, often from Kansas and Texas to California. The goal of the author was to “present an extended series of New Mexico’s most important maps, with brief contextual descriptions, at a readable scale.” After showing the original map, the book presents the New Mexico portion in larger scale. The atlas is divided into seven chronological sections, with 40 maps from the time period of the Santa Fe Trail, including maps by Miera, Gregg, and Frémont.

According to the author, “This collection relies on examples that are within the knowledge commons, available online in even higher resolutions from their source libraries.” The URL (web) links to each map are listed in the cartobibliography.

The atlas is available at bookstores or directly from UNM Press.

In Memoriam

Ronald Lee Harris, 74, of Junction City, died on December 5, 2012 at the Kansas University Medical Center after a prolonged illness. He is survived by Kathleen Moore Harris, his wife of fifty-one years.

After retiring from a 39-year teaching career in Junction City, KS, Ron worked as Historic Site Manager for the Geary County Historical Museum from 2002 to the date of his death.

Ron was a charter member of the Smoky Hills Trail Association, and a founding member of the National Heritage Foundation, and the Partners of the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas. In 2011-12, he served as the Chairman of the National Historic Trails Committee. He was an enthusiastic promoter and a historical re-enactor, performing as the Honorable Martin F. Conway, a statesman who was vitally involved in the conflict leading up to the Civil War.

Memorial contributions have been designated to the Partners of First Territorial Capitol, PO Box 2122, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

Chapter Reports

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The MRO Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association completed a very successful 2012. Among our final activities for the year was the Trails Symposium held on November 10, 2012 at the Mahaffie Heritage Center in Olathe Kansas. This event was jointly sponsored by MRO, Trails Head Chapter of OCTA and the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association. As part of the activities MRO dedicated the two Santa Fe Trail (Westport Route) stone post markers. Following a great luncheon catered by Smokin' Joe's of Olathe the programs continued. The Kansas DAR spoke on their restoration project of the DAR markers across Kansas, a presentation including a display of a trail ambulance by Greg VanCoevern and a talk by Mahaffie site director, Tim Talbott, on understanding oxen.

On December 9, 2012 the members of MRO enjoyed a great holiday potluck dinner and meeting at the historic home of Roger and Sandy Slusher in Lexington Missouri.

With 2012 behind us MRO is moving forward with the completion of our major project of establishing an auto tour route of the Santa Fe Trail from Franklin Missouri on west thru Johnson County Kansas. We are currently finishing the counties of Lafayette and Saline counties in Missouri and should have the sign plan completed within the next few weeks. We have completed much of the work on Cooper and Howard counties and will conclude that segment in 2013.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2013, 10:00 am at the National Trails Center in Independence. We invite all of you to join us.

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We will host our annual banquet on

March 3. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and will be a potluck that starts at 5:30 p.m. After dinner we will have a short business meeting to talk about the organization's activities and then a program about the Willow Springs area will be presented by Dr. Dennis Domer. Dr. Domer graduated from Baker University as an undergraduate and has had a long-time interest in history. He was the Dean of the University of Kansas School of Architecture and has been involved in the Lawrence Preservationist Association for many years. He lives in the Willow Springs Township and has researched a number of interesting features about the area. It was a major stop along the Santa Fe Trail and was close to the Junction with the Military Trail from Fort Leavenworth.

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At our annual membership meeting held Nov 15, 2012 the following officers were elected: Steve Schmidt, President, Sharron Schutte, Vice-Pres, Kent Becker, Director, Doug Sharp, Director, Vernon Lohrentz, Director, George Schutte, Director, Jim Owens, Director, Larry Justice, Director, and Debi Owens, Secretary/Treasurer.

Our speaker November 15 was Lu Adams of Ellsworth, KS who presented a first person portrayal of Mary "Mother" Bickerdyke, who was a volunteer nurse during the Civil War, and then helped veterans after the war. This was an excellent presentation that revealed the suffering and horrors of the Civil War.

Our next meeting will be March 21 at the Goessel Community Center. Amanda Loughlin with the Kansas State Historical Society will talk about the Multi-Properties Document which is the foundation document for nominating SFT sites in Kansas to the National Register of Historic Places. She will also talk about the nomination process.

The NRCS has contacted Director

George Schutte. They want to consult with our chapter on a field terracing project south of the Cottonwood Crossing to be sure the project will not damage any existing SFT swales. Our chapter's booklet of Santa Fe Trail Maps of Marion County has been placed with both the NRCS and the FSA for their reference on potential projects.

Quivira

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Members and friends of the Quivira Chapter met at the Windom Senior Center on November 17. An overwhelming turnout of 52 people filled the Senior Center for the meeting and program. Santa Fe Trail Association Manager Joanne VanCoevern provided information about the activities of the Santa Fe Trail Association, and presented Quivira Chapter President Linda Colle with the Paul F. Bentrup Ambassador Award from the Santa Fe Trail Association.

The Chapter has several projects in process. The work on the kiosk to be installed at the new McPherson Museum is progressing. The Quivira Chapter also has plans underway to install signage at the Great Bend Santa Fe Trail Park. The Quivira Chapter Local AutoTour project is complete. Two brothers, Joseph and Jaxon Jumonville, each completed their Eagle Scout projects to install the Local AutoTour signs in McPherson County. Joseph and Jaxon, along with their parents Pam and James Jumonville, were on hand for the Chapter meeting. The Scouts were recognized for their work by President Linda Colle and each received a patch and pin from the Santa Fe Trail Association.

The program for the day featured Brian Stucky, "The Trailfinder," who presented the results of his research on the Little Arkansas Crossing, including pinpointing the location of the Stone Corral. Stucky utilizes dowsing techniques to locate where trails, buildings and other historic sites were located. He presented slides of aerial photos of the Stone Corral and the Santa Fe Trail leading up to the Little Arkansas Crossing, with his locations as determined through dowsing and overlaid on the photos of the Trail. After the program, and in spite of the Kansas wind, approximately 30 people followed him out to the actual locations where he further described his dowsing activities and showed

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the results of his work.

The next meeting of the Quivira Chapter will celebrate Kansas Day on January 29. Jim Gray will present "A Bullwhacker's Life Freightling Supplies over the Plains." The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyons State Bank Community Room, 104 E. Ave North in Lyons, KS. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

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Fifty-seven members of the chapter met on January 20 at Kinsley, Kansas for a fried chicken dinner prior to the meeting at the Kinsley Municipal Building hosted by Vice-President Rosetta Graff. New officers were elected: David Clapsaddle, president and program chair, Rosetta Graff, vice president, Merlene Baird, secretary/treasurer.

The Faye Anderson Award was presented to Leon Unruh of Fairbanks, Alaska, formerly of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, who has developed the website of www.pawneerock.org, an extensive study of the famous landmark with hundreds of historic pictures. A graduate of the University of Kansas, he spent his professional life in journalism, starting in his hometown by typing the *Pawnee Rock Informer*.

Plans are underway for Sibley's Camp to be donated to the Fort Larned Old Guard, the property currently owned by Mildon Yeager and David Clapsaddle. A recent Traveling Trunks program was presented by Ellen Jones to Girl Scout Troop 78 at the Little Red House. A contest at Larned's Northside Elementary School relates to one of the Traveling Trunks presented by Ranger Ellen Jones, "A Tale of Two Towns." In the story an eleven-year-old boy living in Franklin, Missouri is given a little trunk by his father. He makes the trunk a treasure chest. The contest will involve the fourth grade students in creating a treasure chest containing items from the Santa Fe Trail period. Prizes will be awarded to each of the three classes.

Rex Abrahams, president of the Fort Larned Old Guard, presented the

program "Life and Equipment of a Frontier Infantryman." The spring meeting will be on April 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Sweets & Eats, 5th and Broadway, Larned, Kansas. Call 620-285-3295 for reservations.

Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron

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The Chapter met November 18 at the Occident at Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City, Kansas. Bill Bunyan reported that because there are issues with accessibility, the Chapter rather than the National Park Service will pay for the signage at the Caches Monument west of Dodge City. It will be a two-sided sign. The Chapter has bids from three companies with one bid pending. The NPS will pay for most future signs. Signs are planned for Wright and Chilton Parks in Dodge City, the Cimarron City Park and the Coronado Cross east of Fort Dodge. The NPS is working on an audio tour of Santa Fe Trail sites.

The Black Pool and Fowler's Ruts have been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places along with Point of Rocks in Finney County. A nomination for Fort Dodge is still pending.

President Sherer reported about 10 Chapter members attended the SFTA Rendezvous at Fort Larned and it was spectacular. Robert M. Wright was inducted into the Santa Fe Trail Hall of Fame at the Rendezvous. Bill Bunyan plans to nominate Major Chilton and Thomas Fitzpatrick into the Hall of Fame. After the meeting, most attendees rode the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau Trolley to a number of Trail sites in and west of Dodge City. Bill Bunyan did an excellent job of serving as a tour guide based on extensive research of these and other Trail sites.

The Chapter had a Christmas party along with the Kansas Chapter of the Great Western Trail Association on December 20. Our next meeting will be Sunday February 17 at the Occident at Boot Hill Museum. There will be an election of officers for the Chapter at this meeting. The program will be Jerry Thomas who will do the drawing of the Cimarron Road Ranch for the Chapter's sign in the Cimarron Park.

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Nineteen members and guests attended the October fall meeting of the Cimarron Cut-off Chapter hosted by the Cimarron Heritage Center with the meal and business meeting held in the Chapel. No one was able to attend Rendezvous this year.

Herzstein Memorial Museum reported that with the help of prisoners to do the heavy work, the museum is being updated. WPA artifacts have been loaned to the museum from the school system and the museum is being reorganized to make a space available for the display. No tours have taken place at the Cimarron Heritage Center due to the drought. Morris reported that McNeese Crossing owner died and Sue volunteered to find out who Morris could contact for future visits. Morton County Historical Society Museum reported that the DAR replica is in place in the Museum along with a story about how the Trail was marked by the DAR. The OWLS program was a success for all area 5th graders. 80 Frank Phillips College students visited the Museum to study the Dust Bowl and viewed the Santa Fe Trail room.

Elkhart, KS will host the spring meeting with a presentation by Ann Birney as Julia Archibald Holmes on March 23. It will be held in the Santa Fe Trail room, Morton County Historical Museum, Elkhart. The meal will be a chicken fried steak dinner, cost \$10. Call 620-697-2833 or e-mail mtcomuseum@elkhart.com for reservations by March 7.

Bent's Fort

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In November, 45 members met at Las Animas where Don Seamans spoke on

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old Fort Lyons history and archaeology.

Our December meeting was a planning one as we planned events and projects for 2013. Our tours and events will range from southwestern Kansas to Taos, New Mexico. We'll study the Cherokee Trail, roads between Bent's Old Fort and Pueblo, historic sites in Pueblo, the Taos-Trapper's Trail, and Trail remnants on private ranches along Trail between La Junta and Trinidad. Events in two months will be dedicated to trail marking.

A major project that we'll work on in 2013 is encouraging volunteerism on the Santa Fe Trail. Our big project will be a clean-up day at Boggsville in April. We'll clean the grounds and inside the buildings. We'll set a limestone post and we may even make adobe bricks. We'll encourage other area historical groups to come and set up booths alongside ours. We'll even offer free food and snacks.

We ended the year with 132 members and are looking to grow that list in 2013.

Corazon de los Caminos

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Corazon de los Caminos chapter meetings and tours will be the 2nd Saturday

of each month March through November. The Board made the change of dates because of conflicts with adjoining chapters.

The tentative schedule for 2013 follows: March 9 - Business meeting, program "New Mexico's Road to Statehood," St. James, Cimarron 11 a.m.; April 13 - Program, Las Vegas, "Old Spanish Trail"; May 11 - "Apache Indians in Northeast NM"; June - Join Bent's Fort Chapter tour; July 13 - Program and tour, "Stephen Dorsey and the Star Mail Route"; August 10 - Join End of Trail Chapter in activity; September 14 - Osha Pass; October 12 - Rock Crossing at Taylor Springs; November 9 - program and business meeting in Las Vegas. Details will be available in the chapter newsletters prior to the meetings.

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At last November's meeting, Priscilla Gutierrez gave a talk of her research titled "More Than a Name on a Land Grant: Charles Hipolite Beaubien." On January 19, Dorothy Smoker gave a first-person presentation, "Maria de la Luz Beaubien Maxwell." Our next meeting is Saturday, March 16, 2013. Dr. Ro-

land Willard will be the subject of a talk given by Joy Poole. Willard was a traveler on the Santa Fe and Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and left a diary which Joy has recently transcribed. Other field trips and meetings are in the works, and will be announced when event, date, and time become final.

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EVENTS

January 29: Quivira Chapter, Lyons, KS. Jim Gray, "A Bullwhacker's Life Freighting Supplies Over the Plains."

February 17: Dodge City Chapter, Dodge City, KS. Jerry Thomas, artist for the Cimarron Road Ranch sign.

February 23: MRO Chapter, Independence, KS. Annual meeting.

March 3: Douglas County Chapter, Dr. Dennis Domer, program about Willow Springs area.

March 13: Albuquerque, NM. Mary Penner presents Henry O'Neill.

March 14: Tucson, AZ. Southern Trails Symposium.

March 16: End of the Trail Chapter, Santa Fe, NM. Joy Poole speaking about Dr. Roland Willard.

March 16: Bent's Fort Chapter. Santa Fe Trail marking day, Charlie Hutton at cnhutton@bresnan.com or 719-254-7266.

March 16: Bent's Old Fort NHS.

Frontier Skills Day.

March 21: Cottonwood Crossing Chapter, Goessel, KS. Amanda Loughlin of KSHS on Multi-Properties Document nomination form.

March 23: Cimarron Cutoff Chapter, Elkhart, KS. Ann Birney presenting Julia Archibald Holmes.

April 5: SFTA board nominations due.

April 7: Council Grove, KS. Civil War series.

April 10: *Wagon Tracks* submission deadline for May issue.

April 13: Bent's Fort Chapter, Boggsville Historic Site in Las Animas, CO. Cleanup day. Richard Carrillo at cuarteljo@centurytel.net or 719-384-8054.

April 14-17: Phoenix, AZ. American Trails Symposium.

April 19-20, 2013: Whittington Center, Raton, NM. SFTA Board Retreat.

April 21: Council Grove, KS. Civil War

series.

April 27: Ft. Larned, KS. Old Guard Annual Mess and Muster: Movie premier.

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

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

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

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

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

July 15: SFTA awards nominations due.

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

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