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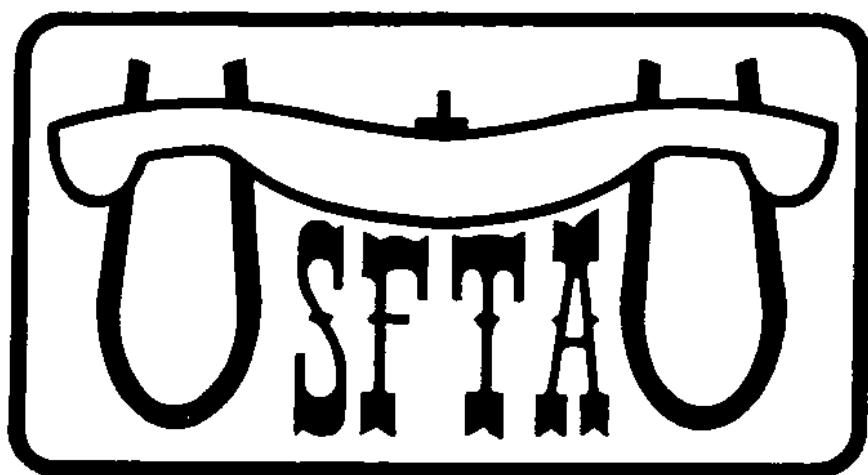


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SFTA—THE EARLY YEARS

by Marc Simmons

[Marc Simmons served as first president of SFTA and here recalls the first years of the Association.]

THE beginnings of the Santa Fe Trail Association trace back to a preliminary organizational meeting in 1986 at Trinidad, Colorado. A number of previous attempts over the years to establish such an organization, long-term, had failed. However, the Fort Lamed Historical Society built and dedicated in 1974 the beautiful Santa Fe Trail Center just outside Larned, Kansas. Though a local facility, it assumed the mission of interpreting the entire Santa Fe Trail. In 1980 the Center began holding a Rendezvous in even-numbered years, a two-day conference that featured lectures, tours, and historical entertainment. The Rendezvous proved highly successful, being warmly embraced by the public. This suggested that the day was not far off when a new interstate Trail association could not only survive, but flourish. As it turned out, Santa Fe Trail boosters soon had a model that pointed the way.

In the summer of 1983, the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) held its charter convention in Independence, a community that styled itself the "Queen City of the Trails." Among the many trail heavyweights who assembled on that occasion were author Gregory Franzwa and scholar Merrill J. Mattes. A lively program excited participants and the organizational structure was put in place.

OCTA soon produced a clear statement of purpose, with the aim of "preserving, interpreting and improving accessibility of extant rut segments, trail remains, graves and

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**SANTA FE TRAIL RENDEZVOUS
LARNED, KANSAS
OCTOBER 27-29, 2006**

RENDEZVOUS 2006

by Ruth Olson Peters

ZEBULON Pike and the Birth of the Santa Fe Trail will be the theme of this year's Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous at Larned, Kansas, October 27-29. Excellent speakers have been secured for this program to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Pike's Southwestern Expedition.

The SFTA governing board will meet the morning of October 27, and everyone is welcome to attend. Following afternoon bus tours to the Sternberg Museum of Natural History in Hays, Kansas, and local tours to Pike family sites, the seminar will officially open with a dinner and program at the Santa Fe Trail Center Museum on Friday evening October 27. Professor Jared Orsi, Department of History at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, will present "A New Peak at Pike: The Western Expedition and the Environmental History of the Early American Republic."

The program will continue the next day with speakers at the Larned Community Center. Harry Myers with the National Park Service in Santa Fe will present "Spanish Exploration and Perception on the Great Plains, 1540-1824." After a break, Leo E. Oliva will discuss "The Louisiana Purchase and the Pike Expedition: The Contest for Control of the Great Plains."

The lunch break includes a Santa Fe Trail Association membership meeting. All are invited to listen to an update on the various activities and projects of the Association over the past year. The proposed amendments to SFTA bylaws (see insert in

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This anniversary issue is funded in part by a cost-share grant from the National Park Service. Thank you NPS.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

PLEASE see the proposed changes to SFTA bylaws (insert in this issue) to be voted on at the membership meeting on Oct. 28. These were presented by the bylaws committee, Joanne VanCoevern chair, at the Trinidad retreat in March, after consultation with a number of current and former officers and board members. The major changes recommended are a reduction in the size of the governing board and creation of an advisory board comprised of former SFTA presidents, current chapter presidents, and others.

The board approved the changes, with one dissenting vote, and recommends them for approval by the membership. This note and the enclosed proposed amendments constitute the requirement of notification required to amend the bylaws. A majority vote of members present and voting at the annual meeting will be necessary for approval. Please bring your copy to the meeting.

REMEMBERING 20 YEARS AS A SFTA OFFICER

by Ruth Olson Peters

[SFTA Treasurer Ruth Peters is the only person who has served SFTA as an officer since the founding in Trinidad in 1986.]

IT is hard to believe it has been 20 years since I sat together with Trail friends and acquaintances in a room at Trinidad State Junior College. It was September 1986 at the first Santa Fe Trail Symposium, and Marc Simmons was conducting an informal meeting regarding the for-

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by George Donoho Bayless

MIKE Pitel, who serves us so admirably as our SFTA Publicity Coordinator (he recently sent his 5-page document on how to handle the media to our officers, directors, and chapter presidents), took the End of the Trail chapter, headed by La Alcadesa Joy Poole, on a tour on June 10 to visit wagon ruts on the Trail in the southeastern part of Santa Fe.

Mike, who back in 1989 was hired by the City of Santa Fe Planning Division to inventory Santa Fe wagon ruts, wrote a report with Linda Tigges based on their surveying the Trail. Funds for the project were provided by a grant from the National Park Service through the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Division.

Mike reminded us on the tour what was in his 1992 report: "While the Santa Fe Trail is very much a part of our city's heritage, it is not always clear to residents or visitors where the remains of the trail now lie." Well, Mike sadly informed us by walking near old wagon trail routes that day that many of the ruts are not now visible. New owners have put up 8 ft.-high walls around their new estates; others have put up high coyote fences. And, as Mike explained, the line-of-sight to follow the Trail from one point to the other is obliterated by either new buildings or by large trees.

Fortunately, some property owners do care, and carefully preserved land around them by buying up the vacant space where the Trail is located. However, that latter case is very rare. Mike said he scouted out the old wagon ruts the previous weekend by knocking on doors, asking permission to see ruts in someone's backyard. He got good cooperation from some. But in many cases, there was no access for him, or for us the following weekend on his tour.

What's the point? If we do not accelerate our efforts to help preserve the Trail, our purpose of an organization is diminished. Our mandate is to help preserve the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. That is why the U.S. Congress in 1987 passed the National Historic Trails Act to help preserve trails, from Oregon to Santa Fe. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richard-

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son, as a then-U.S. Representative, was a co-author of that bill, Marc Simmons told me June 24. (Marc and Joy are cofounders of SFTA).

Mike has come up with a good idea to encourage property owners—both residential and business—to help preserve wagon ruts on their premises: give them a plaque with the National Park Service logo of Santa Fe National Historic Trail and the Santa Fe Trail Association, and the local SFTA chapter's name and president, acknowledging that the property is part of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. This plaque would be posted on the outside of the building (or on a post if there is no building), and give pride of ownership to the owners for helping preserve the Trail. If the owner or a new owner does not want to preserve the wagon ruts as outlined in the plaque, then the plaque is surrendered back to the local chapter.

Soon, without some action taken by us, wagon ruts in Santa Fe may be destroyed forever.

No, it is not just Santa Fe that has challenges to our history.

The U.S. Army wants to expand its tank training ground in southeastern Colorado that would destroy some 60 miles of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, including some historic sites along the Mountain Route in the Piñon Canyon area. Towns and schools would be closed.

However, we are not going to let that happen. We are going to oppose the government's land grab, and we

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are supporting the opposition organized in early April by the Piñon Canyon Expansion Opposition Coalition, see at <<http://home.mindspring.com/~weopposeexpansion/index.html>>.

This is a group of residents, businesses, ranchers, and farmers—some members of SFTA and the Bent's Fort Chapter—who turned out 400 people-strong to voice their opposition to U.S. Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado.

I visited with PCEOC members Mack and Toyleen Loudon and Jennifer Keeler, secretary of the board, on June 6 in Trinidad, CO, and told them we would support their opposition by joining it. (Mack's e-mail is <atlouden@hotmail.com> and Jennifer's is <jenjerlea@yahoo.com>).

The Army promised Piñon Canyon folks back in 1983 that they would never want to expand its 200,000 acres they got then by basically taking the land away from the locals at bottom barrel prices. Now they want 400,000 more acres because as, Mack Loudon told me, the area looks like Afghanistan and Iraq.

Well, I am going to do what Marc Simmons did back in 1962 when he protested a military plan to stage mass maneuvers above Taos, NM. Marc said he wore a sandwich board; he was the lone protester, and people gave him 50 cents or called out at him; the military later dropped their proposed plan due to "public opposition."

My sandwich board reads—(front side)

**PATRIOTS' PROTEST
SAVE 60 MILES OF
COLO.'S SANTA FE TRAIL**

(back side)

**SAVE HOMES, RANCHES,
BUSINESSES FROM
GOV'T. LAND GRAB**

I'm going to have 2 small American flags at the top of each side, and I'm going to carry a little American flag. I am asking all of us to find a single day, along with the Opposition Coalition, to stage a 1-day PATRIOTS' PROTEST DAY on a Saturday outside our post offices to protest this. We will say the Pledge of Allegiance as we salute our flag. We will

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BEQUEST TO THE SFTA**

tell people and the government Land Grab people that our country's in danger from terrorists. But our homes and ranches are in danger from our own government. We're protecting our homes first; without protecting our homes we have no country.

As Marc Simmons said about government Land Grabs: "I've been hearing about the Army's proposal for some time, from those who have managed to squeeze out a bit of information. Based on my knowledge of past blatant land grabs by government agencies, I am suspicious of this proposed acquisition and have serious doubts that it can be justified."

I hope to see you at the Rendezvous at Larned in October. Be sure to attend the membership meeting at noon on October 28.

MANAGER'S COLUMN

by Clive Siegle

HISTORIANS belong to an ancient profession of magicians who can perform a feat still beyond the pale of modern science: they can resurrect vanished landscapes and bring those long dead back to life.

Ancient Egyptians and numerous others of the world's cultures knew this. The dead, it seems, longed to trade the shadows of the spirit world for the sun-drenched world of the living, and all it took was the imagination of those in the present to bring those from the past back for a visit—hence the widely-practiced taboos of many American Indian tribes against speaking the names of the dead. Such invitations were best left to magicians, who could get the deceased to skedaddle if they outstayed their welcome.

Twenty years ago, the Santa Fe Trail Association became such a conclave of magicians. They resurrected an ancient Trail upon the land whose relict path was only waiting for the right eyes to lift it from the workaday landscape, and whose breathless spirits only needed a whisper from kindred souls in the world of the living to pull them up from the dust of the Trail into the sunlight, where they've never again felt that they've outstayed their welcome.

Happy twentieth, SFTA. Keep working that magic.

SAM ARNOLD

Former SFTA vice-president Sam Arnold, Denver, CO, died June 8, age 79. A charter member of SFTA, Sam was the world's leading authority on frontier foods and cooking. His book, *Eating Up the Santa Fe Trail*, remains popular. He established The Fort (modeled on the design of Bent's Old Fort), in 1963, a world-famous, award-winning restaurant in Morrison, CO, which serves buffalo, elk, and other items which were available to frontier travelers. Sam, who always provided his guests "shinin' times," was especially known for his trademark "Waugh!," a mountain-man exclamation, and his famous "mountain-man" toast:

"Here's to the childs what come afore, and here's to the pilgrims what's come arter. May yer trails be free of grizzlies, your packs filled with plews, and may you have fat buffler in your pot. WAUGH!"

Sam and his late wife, Carrie, were strong supporters of SFTA. They received a SFTA Award of Merit in 1993, and Sam received the Rittenhouse Award in 2001. His lively humor, love of good food, and support of the Trail will be missed by many friends. He was a legend. Here's a final tribute to Sam: "WAUGH!"

PATRICIA HEATH

Patricia Heath, Lakin, KS, died July 8 (after this issue was ready for the printer). She was a charter member of SFTA and was named SFTA Ambassador in 1997. Sympathy is extended to her family and friends. More next issue.

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this issue) will be voted on.

After lunch William Howell with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma will discuss "The Pawnee Nation and Zebulon Pike." His presentation on how Pike's expedition affected the Pawnee Tribe will be based on oral history. The program will continue with Craig Crease, historian from Shawnee, Kansas, presenting "Trails, Trials, and Treachery: History Reconsiders the Ambiguous Adventures of Zebulon Montgomery Pike."

The day will end at Fort Larned NHS with a retreat ceremony followed by dinner in the Quartermaster Storehouse. After dinner Dr. Michael Olsen, Instructor in History at Pike's Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, will present "Zebulon Pike and American Popular Culture, or: Has Pike Peaked?"

Rendezvous activities will conclude on Sunday, hosted by SFTA's Wet/Dry Routes Chapter, beginning with brunch at the Larned Community Center, followed by a first-person presentation of Pike in costume by John Michael Murphy, historian from Colorado Springs. His topic is "Zebulon Pike is Back!" The mood will then be set for the short drive to attend the dedication of the chapter's newly-constructed Zebulon Pike Plaza located at the south edge of Larned on U.S. Hwy 56.

Chapter President David Clapsaddle will preside over the festivities. An 1806 American flag will be raised by re-enactors in 1806 U.S. military uniforms, followed by remarks from Roy Pike, President of the Pike Family Association. Within the Pike family tree, Roy is proud to claim Zebulon Montgomery as a fourth cousin. After his presentation, the audience will be invited to view the various interpretive markers within the plaza, thereby ending this year's Rendezvous.

A Rendezvous registration packet with lodging information will be mailed in early September to all members of the SFTA. Questions regarding Rendezvous can be e-mailed to <trailassn@larned.net> or you may call the Santa Fe Trail Center Museum at 620-285-2054. We hope to see you at Rendezvous.

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associated historic sites, landmarks, artifacts and objects along the overland western historic trails. . . ." And, it added reference to promoting research, education, publications, conventions and field trips. In short, it furnished a model statement of what a modern trail organization ought to be doing. In a brief time OCTA's membership soared above 1,000, a figure then regarded as phenomenal for a trail group.

The success of OCTA served as a clear indicator of a new dawning for western trails. Public interest was now there, but it needed to be mobilized through effective leadership and establishment of grassroots rather than strictly scholarly organizations. That formula suggested that the hour had arrived for action on the Santa Fe Trail. Could its adherents capitalize on OCTA's experience and create a broadly based organization able to furnish the labor and funds needed to get the job done? An effort in that direction was soon under way.

The key figure in what followed was Joy Poole, then administrator of the Baca and Bloom Houses museum in Trinidad, Colorado, a Santa Fe Trail site operated by the Colorado Historical Society. In late 1984, Poole was able to persuade Society president Barbara Sudler and director of education Marianne Lorenz to sponsor a trail symposium in Trinidad. Located at the northern entrance to Raton Pass, the community offered all the facilities necessary for a successful Santa Fe Trail gathering.

Initially, the idea was to invite mainly scholars and museum administrators who had a connection to Trail history. But the event was to be open to the public, to accommodate residents of Trinidad and the surrounding area who might have an interest in the subject. First projections were that as many as 50 to 100 people would be interested in attending, a number considered optimistic.

In January 1985, Marianne Lorenz wrote to Ruth Olson of the Santa Fe Trail Center at Larned with a request for the names of Trail experts who might be willing to serve

as consultants for the proposed symposium. Olson referred her to Marc Simmons and he provided Lorenz a list of knowledgeable persons that were likely candidates as advisors or lecturers. A planning meeting was then scheduled for August 22 at the offices of the Colorado Historical Society in downtown Denver. Among those in attendance, besides Simmons and Poole, was Sylvia Mooney of Kansas City, who had helped save the Cave Spring site in neighboring Raytown and was a strong advocate for the formation of a new Santa Fe Trail Association.

Prior to the planning meeting, Joy Poole visited Simmons at his home in Cerrillos, New Mexico, and explained a larger purpose she had in mind, one that coincided with the wishes of Sylvia Mooney. The upcoming symposium in Trinidad had the potential of attracting a sizable Santa Fe Trail constituency. Why not use the occasion to organize an association on the order of OCTA, to see whether such a body could now survive? Poole asked Simmons to serve as provisional president during the organizational stage, inasmuch as his published books had made his name familiar to Santa Fe Trail enthusiasts. He agreed.

The Denver meeting, intense and productive, carved out an interesting symposium and drew up a plan to seek outside funding. It was agreed to extend invitations to two major speakers: author David Lavender on Bent's Fort, and Prof. Sandra Myres addressing Women on the Santa Fe Trail. A number of Trail luminaries were also asked to appear on a series of panels, among them Jack D. Rittenhouse, Leo E. Oliva, David Dary, Ruth Olson, David Sandoval, and Bill Pitts. Significantly, the last item on the planning meeting's agenda was this: Discussion of strategies for organizing a group of Santa Fe Trail scholars and interested publics into a Santa Fe Trail Association. Joy Poole had managed to get this subject added, so that now it appeared as an official and specific part of the program.

Joy Poole took charge of the symposium arrangements in Trinidad and assisted the Denver office as well in seeking grants and corporate funding. Eventually, substantial financial aid was received from the

Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, the Trinidad Historical Society, the American Association for University Women, the Ballantine Family Charitable Fund, and the Colorado Historical Society. Trinidad State Junior College provided a venue and valuable logistical support.

While this work moved forward, important trail-related events were occurring on another front. Legislation had been introduced in Congress to designate the Santa Fe Trail as a National Historic Trail under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. In the absence of any advocacy body for the Santa Fe Trail, OCTA moved to fill the gap and take up its cause in congressional halls. In fact, OCTA went so far as to invest \$2,500 from its own meager treasury toward the lobbying effort. In early April it sent a delegation to Washington composed of OCTA president Tom Hunt, vice-president Barbara Magerl, and members Sylvia Mooney, Gregory Franzwa, and Marc Simmons. Franzwa, indeed, was the chief architect of the pending legislation.

Initially, Poole had intended to wait until the symposium to form a Trail association. But now she began to feel pressure to move things a bit faster. For one, the trail bill in Washington was having problems and needed all the support it could get. For another, the Trinidad community, including businessmen, the college, and the local historical society were willing to contribute money and were eager to see an association established, with the hope that its headquarters might be placed in their town.

Therefore, in September of 1985 Poole went ahead and incorporated the new body, using the name Santa Fe Trail Council, under the laws of the State of Colorado. Shortly afterward, she applied to the Internal Revenue Service for tax exempt status. Council was used instead of Association on the recommendation of Simmons, who felt that the new organization should make plain that it had no connection with the defunct Santa Fe Trail Highway Association. It proved to be a mistake, since the word council had a limiting connotation, not appropriate for a popular promotional body as was envisioned.

Of greater concern was a fear of confusion with the soon to be organized Santa Fe National Historic Trail Advisory Council. The misstep had to be corrected one year later at the Hutchinson Symposium in 1987, when Association was substituted for Council in the organization's name.

Although Poole had managed to incorporate the Santa Fe Trail Council, the entity as yet had no structure and no clear map of the direction it would take in the future. It was anticipated that those things would be dealt with at the Trinidad gathering, scheduled for September 12 and 13, 1986. Poole discussed with OCTA president Hunt the possibility of the Council becoming a chapter of that already-flourishing organization. He admitted that as a possibility, but also suggested that some other sort of affiliation, with a higher status, might be more suitable.

In Trinidad, on the afternoon of September 11, prior to the opening symposium reception, Poole and Simmons had a meeting with Leo Oliva, Merrill J. Mattes, and several others to discuss the prospects for the new Council. The possibility of affiliating with OCTA was considered and Mattes mentioned some problems that would have to be overcome should that course be taken. By then, however, sentiment was already building in favor of the Council following an independent route. Everything at that point hinged on the response of those attending the symposium.

It was at this small preliminary meeting that historian Leo Oliva volunteered to edit a quarterly newsletter for the Council. Several possible names were discussed, including Trail Siftings and Converse of the Prairies, which was a takeoff on Josiah Gregg's classic book *Commerce of the Prairies*. The latter name, suggested by Oliva and favored by Simmons, was ultimately passed over in favor of the now-celebrated Wagon Tracks. Nevertheless, Converse of the Prairies survived as the title for the book review section. And, another regular feature, Council Trove, contained primary documents.

To almost everyone's surprise, the Trinidad Symposium drew 230 registrants. As it turned out, scholars and museum administrators, the

original target group, were in the minority. The bulk of the participants were ordinary folk, many of them living along the Santa Fe Trail in one of the five trail states. Most had never attended a serious historical conference such as this, and they were enthralled by the heady mix of lectures, panels, tours, and other special events. They would return home and spread the word up and down the trail that something new and exciting had burst upon the scene. The successful program formula that worked so well in Trinidad would serve as the framework for all later symposiums.

Marc Simmons opened the proceedings with a keynote address that ended with the ringing phrase: "The Santa Fe Trail lives on!" Those words subsequently were used on promotional literature of the Council. The highlight of the several presentations, however, was that delivered by David Lavender on the second day of the program, his subject being, "Bent's Fort—Outpost of Manifest Destiny." Another popular speaker was Jere Krakow, a National Park Service historian, who gave a slide-illustrated overview of the Santa Fe Trail. The lectures were later published in book form by the Colorado Historical Society.

Several special events were warmly praised by those in attendance. A traveling exhibit of Santa Fe Trail photographs was displayed at the Baca House during the opening reception. Famed historical chef Sam Arnold (who died June 8, 2006) was host for a buffalo roast one evening at Bent's Fort National Historic Site. And on Sunday after conclusion of the symposium, 70 diehard participants signed on for an AmTrak ride over Raton Pass, with Don Berg, owner of Uncle Dick Wootton's ranch at the top of the pass, pointing out landmarks over the train's loud speaker.

On the evening of September 12, 1986, there occurred the inaugural business meeting of the Santa Fe Trail Council. Most of the symposium participants were on hand. Simmons, presiding, outlined the events leading up to the formation of the organization. He noted that two years before during a museum conference at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Fe, Joy Poole had first proposed the

holding of a Santa Fe Trail symposium to Simmons, Ruth Olson, and Bill Pitts. They all agreed that it was a great idea, scarcely believing at the time that it could actually happen, and happen of the size and scope as seen ultimately at the Trinidad gathering. At the business meeting, Simmons made the first public reference to Joy Poole as the "mother" of the new Council.

He then introduced to the assembly a board of directors, composed of two representatives from each of the trail states (Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and New Mexico), plus seven at-large representatives (a number later reduced to two).

They were, from Missouri, Mark L. Gardner and Sylvia Mooney; from Kansas, Ruth Olson (secretary) and Leo E. Oliva; from Oklahoma, Bill Pitts and Daniel Muldoon; from Colorado, Joy Poole (vice-president) and David A. Sandoval; from New Mexico, Marc Simmons (president) and Dan Murphy; and at-large, John Tarabino (treasurer), Leslie Wildesen, Michael E. Duncan, Jere L. Krakow, Barbara Peirce (1987 symposium coordinator), Adrian Bustamante, and Michael E. Pitel (publicity coordinator).

This board had met for the first time just prior to the business meeting to discuss and offer revisions to the proposed bylaws. These had been drafted by Poole using the bylaws of OCTA as a model.

In addition, the board had agreed that the Council should hold a biennial symposium in September of odd-numbered years. That would avoid a conflict with the Santa Fe Trail Center's Rendezvous held regularly in even-numbered years. It was decided to hold a symposium the very next year, 1987, to begin the odd years' schedule. Barbara Peirce, a board member, had already proposed her home town, Hutchinson, Kansas, for the symposium site and had obtained a letter from James H. Stringer, president of Hutchinson Community College, offering his campus as a meeting place.

Simmons explained all of this at the general business meeting and noted that the officers, board, and bylaws would have strictly provisional status until the Hutchinson Symposium, at which time the Council's

structure, with any needed revisions, would be given final approval. He then asked the assembly to approve these actions necessary to launch the Santa Fe Trail Council. A motion was so offered and passed by a voice vote.

It had become apparent by now that the Council would be taking its own course, independent from OCTA. Simmons introduced to the assembly Merrill Mattes, a member of OCTA's executive board. He made a brief presentation on the need for trail organizations to cooperate in the achievement of common aims.

With business out of the way, two lighter matters remained on the agenda. One was the presentation of Awards of Merit to persons who had made exceptional contributions to the Santa Fe Trail. The honorees were Earl Monger, a longtime volunteer at the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned; William Wheatley of Clayton, for his work with the old Santa Fe Trail Highway Association; Ralph Hathaway, for preserving trail ruts on his farm near Chase, Kansas; Amelia J. Betts and Katherine B. Kelley who had developed a trail marker program in Douglas County, Kansas; Paul Bentrup, trail activist from Deerfield, Kansas; Alta B. Page, who had donated the Boggsville, Colorado trail site (110 acres) to the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County; and, Gregory Franzwa, for his work on the Santa Fe Trail legislation.

Earl Monger was ill and unable to attend. His handsome award plaque was delivered to him in the hospital and he died on October 23. The award to Amelia J. Betts had been presented posthumously. She had been a steadfast advocate of a trail organization, but sadly had not lived to witness the formation of the Council. The awards presentation would become a permanent and popular feature of all future symposiums.

The second event held after the business meeting was a book raffle, a large number of trail volumes having been donated by authors, booksellers, and publishers. The aim was twofold: to get Santa Fe Trail books into the hands of readers, and to raise money. Almost \$300 was produced by the raffle and the amount was used to establish a marker fund for the trail. A second book raffle was

held the following year in Hutchinson, but that was the last. Unlike the awards ceremony, it failed to arouse enthusiasm and was allowed to lapse. Nevertheless, the sum from the initial raffle remained significant historically. It was the first lump of dollars raised by the Council to benefit the trail.

Most participants left Trinidad in high spirits. The symposium program had been exciting, rubbing shoulders for the first time with so many other trail fans had proved eye-opening, and launching of the Council seemed to guarantee that what had been gained so far would continue into the future.

The regional press, which had followed the progress of the symposium closely, applauded the accomplishments at wind up of the event. The *Pueblo Chieftain*, for example, headlined a summary article with these words: "Trail Buffs Symposium is a Big Success." The largest headline appeared in the *Raton Range*, "City to Host 70 for Trail Visit," referring to the Sunday AmTrak tour over Raton Pass. Bill Hornby in his column on the symposium in the *Denver Post* observed that the Santa Fe Trail "matters a lot to a lot of people." The *Chronicle-News* in Trinidad, understandably, gave the most thorough coverage, emphasizing a special session at the symposium honoring the memory of local Professor Morris Taylor, a Santa Fe Trail specialist.

Soon after the close of the Trinidad Symposium, Michael E. Pitel of the New Mexico Department of Tourism in Santa Fe issued a national press release, outlining recent events and announcing formation of the Council. A charter member himself, he would soon be named the Council's publicity coordinator, a job he continues to perform today.

On October 8, Simmons sent a letter to members of the board informing them, among other things, that the maiden issue of *Wagon Tracks* was in preparation and ought to be mailed within a month. He closed with these words: "The future of the Council will rest in large measure upon the energy, ideas and dedication that board members bring to the organization. We have a good start but the momentum will have to be carefully nurtured lest we go the way of earlier associations."

As in the startup of many new organizations, the Council experienced a few birth pains. Trinidad became the unofficial headquarters and administrative affairs were handled through Trinidad State Junior College, including the mailing of the first two issues of *Wagon Tracks*. Board member John Tarabino, on the College staff, was the Council's treasurer. Trinidad, having grabbed this plum, was the source of resentment among some of the membership. There were even those who protested use of an improvised logo on the Council letterhead, showing an outline of Fisher's Peak above Raton Pass. They regarded it as too site specific and thus not representative of the entire trail.

Accusations also surfaced that Marc Simmons, as president, and to a lesser degree Joy Poole as vice-president had acted high handedly in the formation of the new organization. In his first President's Column to appear in *Wagon Tracks*, Simmons responded: "I have taken to heart a number of criticisms over the 'railroading' procedures I used in Trinidad to bring the Council into being. I can only say that I took the steps necessary to get us launched and that all business in the future will be conducted according to the bylaws and the accepted rules of order. Let us all work to build a sound Council—one that will benefit the Santa Fe Trail."

The ripples of discontent soon subsided as members looked forward to promising events in the offing for 1987. That was destined to be a key year in the history of the trail and also the Council.

Within a month of the Trinidad conference, Barbara Peirce, board member and program coordinator for the next symposium in Hutchinson, visited Santa Fe and had a long discussion with President Simmons regarding her proposed schedule of events. Editor Leo Oliva gave the membership a report in the first (November) issue of *Wagon Tracks*. "Barbara is well along in planning a lively program that will differ in several respects from the first symposium. However, those planning to attend can look forward to our standard lectures, panels, and tours. But be prepared for some surprises, also."

In fact, Hutchinson would be the first symposium run entirely by the Council, one where precedents were expected to be set for all those to follow in the future. Of added importance was to be the work of the board which carried the responsibility of giving the Santa Fe Trail Council its final shape. In the front rank of that work stood the bylaws committee headed by Bill Pitts, and charged with the task of boiling down the organization's basic document so that it would define the aims of the Council and spell out the rules of governance.

On November 14, 1986, Marc Simmons suffered near-fatal multiple injuries, including a broken neck, in a head-on automobile accident near Golden, New Mexico. He remained for three months in an Albuquerque hospital. Visiting Council members expressed astonishment on finding that he could speak and still had his wits about him. A rumor had circulated that he was brain-damaged and would be permanently hospitalized as a bedridden vegetable. Simmons retorted that the rumor was not fully true, and indeed, he was already putting together his opening speech for Hutchinson.

The dedicated and extremely competent Barbara Peirce assembled one of the finest symposium programs ever (for September 24-27, 1987), with just the right balance between formal presentations, tours, and social events. The distinguished historian David J. Weber delivered a major address, and the most popular presentation was given by Dr. Peter D. Olch whose slide-illustrated lecture was titled: "Bleeding, Purging and Puking Along the Santa Fe Trail." A cadaverous and crippled Simmons arrived on two crutches, having been driven from New Mexico by board members Michael Pitel and Adrian Bustamante. Presiding at the opening session, he received a warm ovation just for showing up.

The board meeting, preceding the program, proved most productive. Since founding of the Council at Trinidad the year before, memberships had swelled to 454 and according to Secretary Ruth Olson new applications were arriving almost daily. A report by treasurer John Tarabino showed that finances of the organization were sound, the largest

expense being printing costs for *Wagon Tracks*.

The board discussed developing a logo for the Council. Leo Oliva proposed that a contest be held during the coming year for selection of the logo and offered \$100 as a prize for the winning entry. The idea won approval and the new logo was unveiled two years later at the next symposium.

Time was allotted for communities along the trail, interested in hosting a symposium, to make a pitch to the board. Presentations were made by Overland Park, Arrow Rock, Santa Fe, Las Vegas/Fort Union, and La Junta/Bent's Fort. The following sites were approved by the board: Santa Fe (1989), Arrow Rock (1991), and La Junta/Bent's Fort (1993). In future years, the lack of formal procedures for soliciting and receiving proposals from prospective hosts would cause some problems.

The board expressed a strong wish to see the lectures given at Hutchinson published in book form, as had happened with the Trinidad lectures. The Colorado Historical Society had published the latter under the title: *The Santa Fe Trail, New Perspectives*. Joseph Snell, executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society, who was in attendance, volunteered to publish them. They appeared in 1988 titled, *Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail*, and edited by Leo E. Oliva. These two early publications represented significant contributions to trail studies and lent the new organization considerable respectability.

Bill Pitts was called to the chair to preside over a discussion of the new bylaws. Vigorous debate ensued over a number of points. One of the most important was a proposal to change the last word in the organization's name from Council to Association. A minority of the board led by Joy Poole opposed the move, but it passed. Leo Oliva had brought a computer to the meeting so that he could enter revisions as they were adopted. Thus, upon the board's approval of the final document, a copy was ready to be presented on the following evening, September 25, at the general membership meeting.

Mark L. Gardner delivered the report of the nominating committee,

with names proposed for new officers and board members. Simmons declined a regular term as president, for health and personal reasons. The board, however, prevailed upon him to reconsider, citing the need to maintain continuity in this early stage of the Association's existence.

Joseph Snell accepted the nomination for vice-president, and Ruth Olson became the secretary-treasurer. Those latter two offices were now combined in a single person. The headquarters of the Association were established at the Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned. A formal agreement was also entered into with the Fort Larned Historical Society whereby the Center became "the official archive and repository for the Association's documents, records, and other assorted memorabilia."

As the last order of business, David Gaines of the National Park Service reviewed the progress and success of recent Congressional legislation on the trail. On May 8, 1987, President Ronald Reagan had signed the bill adding the Santa Fe Trail to the National Historic Trails System. Gaines noted that the NPS was required to conduct a comprehensive survey of the trail and also form an advisory council to consult on the project. Santa Fe Trail Association members would be involved in both activities.

The next evening, September 25, after a banquet, the reorganized Santa Fe Trail Association held its general membership meeting, at which the members by voice vote approved the new slate of officers and the revised bylaws. President Simmons displayed the framed original Santa Fe Trail bill signed by President Reagan, given to him by Bill Richardson (D-NM), one of the cosponsors of the legislation in the House of Representatives. Simmons turned the document over to Ruth Olson, so that it could become item number one in the Association's archives at the Santa Fe Trail Center.

After a book raffle, Awards of Merit were presented. Among the recipients were Isabel D. Campbell, a guiding spirit in the founding of the Santa Fe Trail Center; bibliographer Jack D. Rittenhouse; Mary and Leo Gamble of Springfield, Colorado; Independence historian Pauline S. Fowler; and OCTA, whose president,

Dick Ackerman, was on hand to accept the accolade for his organization's legislative efforts on behalf of the Santa Fe Trail. At this time, a new honorific designation was announced, that of Santa Fe Trail Ambassador. The first two ambassadors to be named were Paul Bentrup and Les Vilda.

At conclusion of the meeting, Barbara Peirce was congratulated for her monumental efforts in staging a spectacular symposium. When presented with a box of long-stemmed roses, she gushed, "My goodness. I've never received flowers in a box!" It was a moment that SFTA members who were present could not forget. Tragically, Barbara died of cancer on March 28, 1995, at the age of 56.

On the last evening of the Hutchinson Symposium, September 26, the newly elected governing board held a brief business meeting, the first under the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA) name and under the revised bylaws. Among other things, it approved a budget proposal for the coming year prepared by Joy Poole and required by the IRS. Seven standing committees were created to carry on the Association's work in the interval between symposiums. The board meeting adjourned with instructions to reconvene for an interim meeting the following year during the Rendezvous at the Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned. Off-year meetings at the Rendezvous, thereafter, became standard practice.

Over 350 participants had registered for the Hutchinson Symposium. Press coverage, as in Trinidad, was laudatory and abundant. This latest success helped expand the rolls, so that by November 2, the Association could announce the admission of its 500th member. This healthy condition put to rest any doubts over whether the organization could not only survive but prosper.

The symposiums that followed Hutchinson were Santa Fe (1989), Arrow Rock (1991), La Junta-Bent's Fort (1993) and Larned (1995), the latter rounding out the first decade of the Association's existence. Each one proved to be a stunning success. The symposiums, along with *Wagon Tracks* and the dozen chapters that had been founded along the trail became true showpieces of the organi-

zation. Quite a few members, who had never before been associated with a formal historical group, found a home in the SFTA, made new friends, and acquired in-depth knowledge about the Trail. They would be the first to say that their lives have been immeasurably enriched by the experience.

SFTA—MATURE YEARS

by Hal Jackson

[Hal Jackson is recently retired president of SFTA and here continues the history of the organization, picking up where Simmons left off in the previous article.]

AFTER reading Marc's comments concerning the early years of the Santa Fe Trail Association, I was struck by accomplishments of our Association pioneers in such a brief period. When you read it you, too, were aware that Marc was surprised at how many people truly loved the old Trail and were willing to help preserve and promote it.

That first period might be labeled the "youthful" one, a time of excitement and exuberance. Such youthful periods are followed by times of maturity. It is this period about which I write. The struggles and challenges of the early era were followed by more problems and different solutions, but the Association has remained strong.

Especially important in this period is the ever-increasing cooperation between the Association and the National Park Service. Some in the Association view this cooperation with suspicion and would like to keep the NPS at arm's length. Others find their support, financial and technical, to be invaluable.

Following Simmons's format, here is a look at the mature years of SFTA.

The third SFTA symposium was held at Santa Fe September 28 to October 2, 1989, with 550 people in attendance. The coordinator for the symposium was Adrian Bustamante and he did a remarkable job.

By this symposium, late 1989, Ruth Olson reported that there were 861 members in the SFTA. These were from 35 states and West Germany. David Gaines of the National Park Service encouraged the SFTA to join in a cooperative agreement to

help manage the Trail. Also, guidelines for the creation of chapters along the Trail were approved. The first four chapters were Cimarron Cutoff, Texas Panhandle, Wagon Bed Spring, and Heart of the Flint Hills.

New officers were chosen and Marc Simmons passed the gavel to Joe Snell. Tim Zwink became vice-president while Ruth Olson continued as secretary/treasurer.

The fourth SFTA symposium was held at Arrow Rock, Missouri, September 27-30, 1991. This symposium was sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Richard Forry, site director at Arrow Rock State Historic Site, was symposium coordinator. This symposium was a resounding success with some 350 registrants. The SFTA had surpassed 1000 in membership as reported by Ruth Olson at the symposium.

New officers selected at Arrow Rock were Bill Pitts as president, Mark Gardner as vice-president, with Ruth continuing as secretary/treasurer. The Association was thriving at this time. A successful symposium at Santa Fe, the western terminus of the SFT, was followed by another successful gathering at Arrow Rock near the eastern end of the Trail.

Bent's Old Fort NHS became the centerpiece for the next symposium held September 23-26, 1993. The coordinator for this symposium was Don Hill, superintendent at Bent's Old Fort.

Several very important matters were raised at this symposium. Mark Gardner brought up the matter of celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Trail (that would be in 1996). Harry Myers assumed the duty of working on this important project.

Another important issue raised was that of a dues increase. An increase from \$10 to \$15 for an individual and from \$15 to \$20 for a family was instituted. A drop in membership was one result of this increase. This was to happen again for the SFTA in a later year.

A new award was introduced at this symposium, the Jack D. Rittenhouse memorial Stagecoach Award for lifetime achievement in research

and writing about the Trail. First recipients were Leo and Bonita Oliva. A list of all awards presented over the years is found elsewhere in this issue.

Bill Pitts was reelected to a second term as president and Mark Gardner to a second term as vice-president. Ruth Olson continued as secretary/treasurer.

The sixth symposium was held at Larned, Kansas, September 21-24, 1995. Program coordinator was Steve Linderer, Superintendent of Fort Larned National Historic Site. Support, financial and logistical, came from a wide variety of local sources.

The SFTA board had found the need to hold meetings between symposiums and rendezvous. The need for annual audits and requirements that the IRS imposed on 501C3 organizations were discussed at the board meeting.

Bill Pitts ended his second two-year term as president and handed the gavel to new president Ross Marshall. Mike Olsen was elected vice-president.

The first symposium sponsored by a SFTA chapter was held September 24-28, 1997. The Cimarron Cutoff Chapter hosted 400 participants in three venues: Elkhart, Kansas; Boise City, Oklahoma; and Clayton, New Mexico. Coordinators were David Hutchison, Helen Brown, Phyllis Randolph, Sue Richardson, Dan Sharp, and Bonnie Heimann.

It was a very successful symposium and it set the bar very high for succeeding chapters. Subsequent symposiums have been hosted by various SFTA chapters up and down the SFT. Opening ceremonies were held in Elkhart with Marc Simmons giving the keynote address. From Elkhart the symposium went to Boise City and finally ended at Clayton. This "migrating" meeting was difficult to coordinate but turned out to be great experience.

New officers were Margaret Sears as president, Sam Arnold as vice-president, and, of course, Ruth Olson continued as secretary/treasurer.

In November 1997, Dave Hutchison and Helen Brown gave a check for \$6467 to the SFTA. From 1997 onward any surplus funds from hosting a symposium were to be divided

equally between the host chapter and the SFTA. The goal of a symposium is not to turn a profit but to provide a venue to show off the SFT. Registration cost is always kept as low as possible.

In 1998, the SFTA joined the Santa Fe Trail Center and the Fort Larned NHS as host for the Rendezvous. The Rendezvous are held in even-numbered years and it was fitting for the SFTA to help in planning and executing these important meetings.

President Margaret Sears called the board to Larned for a retreat in November 1997. Several board retreats have been held subsequently.

An Important item during 1998 was the funding of the Santa Fe Trail National Scenic Byway. The Long Distance Trails office of the NPS started a Passport Stamp program as well as refurbishing the two NPS traveling exhibits. The SFTA began an aggressive program of mapping the SFT in 1998 as well. Phil Petersen, a professional surveyor and longtime SFTA member, was appointed chairman of the mapping committee. Phil put on training workshops along the Trail to help local members accurately map the trail.

Another dues increase (the last) resulted in a 12% drop in membership.

In November 1998, Margaret Sears announced the creation of two new positions: NPS Long Distance Trails Liaison under the eye of Faye Gaines and Anna Belle Cartwright would direct the SFTA Museums Project.

By early 1999 the SFTA was involved with the Partnership for National Trails. This group sponsored a workshop on Historic Trails in Kansas City. The Partnership has been instrumental in obtaining increased funding for the NPS National Historic Trails. SFTA has received many thousands of dollars supporting trail mapping, workshops, our headquarters, to name a few. The first NPS Cost-Share program was received by the SFTA to help support the Council Grove symposium.

The second chapter-sponsored symposium, by Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter, was held in Council Grove, September 23-26, 1999. A to-

tal of 383 Trail aficionados attended this very successful gathering. Program coordinator was Deanne Wright and the whole Council Grove community helped out. Margaret Sears was reelected president and Sam Arnold continued as vice-president. Of course Ruth Olson Peters continued as secretary/treasurer.

A new service was added in 1999. Speakers Bureau grants of up to \$250 were made available to chapters to help them entice good speakers to address their meetings. This seemed to be a good idea but through the years there have been few chapters taking advantage of this opportunity.

In 2000 an issue arose that will continue to be a problem for the SFTA. President Sears addressed the issue of members who have a "local issues only" agenda and those others who look at the entire Trail, Franklin to Santa Fe. Part of this debate centered on the payment of dues to the national Association. Chapters, when they were accepted as such by the SFTA, agreed that their chapter members must also join the SFTA. But many continue to join only their local organization with the SFTA losing many hundreds of dollars in lost dues.

A very important event was reported in May 2001. Lone Elm Campground was purchased by the city of Olathe, Kansas. This site was a very important one for both the Santa Fe traders and the migrants headed for Oregon and California. It is now (2006) fully developed with historic section and recreation section.

Las Vegas, New Mexico, was the scene of the symposium held September 27-30, 2001. Held a bare two weeks after the tragic events of 9/11, it was almost a miracle that more than 300 participants attended. Many people canceled, including the entire group of flyers who were not allowed to fly at that time.

Steve Whitmore was coordinator for the symposium and Corazón de los Caminos the host chapter. Margaret Sears passed the presidency to Hal Jackson while Anne Mallinson became vice-president. Ruth Olson Peters continued as treasurer while Mike Olsen became secretary as a re-

sult of a change to the bylaws dividing the secretary and treasurer position. Another nice feature at this symposium was a trail ride in which 39 riders made their way from Point of Rocks Ranch in New Mexico to the Rock crossing of the Canadian River.

At the Spring board meeting in Lexington, Missouri, the category of life membership was approved by the board and later ratified by the SFTA membership. The list of "lif-ers" increased rapidly so that in 2006 we have 25 life memberships.

The NPS began a weekly program in conjunction with AMTRAK on the Southwest Chief that runs from La Junta, Colorado, to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Volunteers were trained (no pun intended) to ride along and provide information about the SFT on this segment of the railroad.

Jere Krakow, a longtime friend of the SFTA, became superintendent of Long Distance Trails for the NPS in 2002. Jere was involved in the original mapping project accomplished (and published) by Greg Franzwa.

In 2002, the SFTA began a grant program to assist scholars conducting research on SFT topics. This program has been very successful and several of the grantees have reported their findings in *Wagon Tracks*.

It was in early 2003 that planning began on a major marker site just west of Gardner, Kansas. The SFTA was the lead organization in the development of ideas for the site and the NPS, OCTA, and others joined in. In 2006 funding was obtained (more than \$200,000 is needed) and the construction should start soon.

Also, in 2003, NPS funding was received for the first series of teacher workshops. Chris Day and Marcia Fox developed the workshops to help teachers in elementary and middle school classes incorporate the SFT in their teaching plans. Workshops were later held in Council Grove, Lamar, and Las Vegas. Fifty five teachers attended these great events.

In August 2003, Jere Krakow honored (and surprised) the SFTA by sharing an award that his Long Distance Trails office had received. His staff had won the Intermountain Region Garrison Gold Award of \$2000 of which Jere passed on \$1000 to the SFTA for its fine work.

Anne Mallinson, vice-president of

the SFTA, served as coordinator for the symposium held September 24-28, 2003, in Kansas City. About 300 attendees met, heard great presentations, and took a variety of educational field trips.

At the general meeting, President Jackson announced that he, Anne Mallinson, Ruth Olson Peters, and Mike Olsen would continue in office as each was reelected.

In May 2004, we found out that the NPS will provide three-year funding for a manager position. A search committee was appointed by President Jackson and after many months of scanning over one hundred applications, three finalists were invited to Larned for interviews. Clive Siegle was selected as our first manager and began his duties October 1, 2004.

A tall pole marking the center of the old town square at Old Franklin, where the Santa Fe Trail began, was placed on March 16, 2005. Weather had delayed the erection of the pole for many months. Chief workers in this project were Leo Oliva and Denny Davis.

The picnic shelter at Point of Rocks, New Mexico, was completed in November 2004. Faye Gaines, a SFTA board member and owner of the Point of Rocks Ranch, partnered with the NPS, Corazón de los Caminos Chapter, the State of New Mexico, and the Boy Scouts on this project. Completed were a picnic shelter, parking area, pedestrian turnstile, restroom (supplied by Scenic Byway Program), and wayside exhibits.

Quivira and Cottonwood Crossing Chapters co-hosted the symposium held in McPherson, Kansas, in September 2005. Janel Cook did a remarkable job coordinating this symposium. More than 300 Trail folks were in attendance at McPherson.

At the general membership meeting, Hal Jackson introduced new board members and officers. George Bayless was introduced as president, Joanne VanCoevern the new vice-president, Kathleen Pickard secretary, and Ruth Olson Peters continues as treasurer.

By February 2006, the SFTA-sponsored Zebulon Pike Bicentennial celebration was in full swing. A web site for the Bicentennial was up and running and plans were being

made for recognition events all along the SFT. A new Santa Fe Trail web site will be up and running soon.

Below are lists of SFTA presidents, symposium locations, and awards presented.

SFTA Presidents

Marc Simmons, 1986-1989
Joseph W. Snell, 1989-1991
Bill Pitts, 1991-1995
Ross Marshall, 1995-1997
Margaret Sears, 1997-2001
Hal Jackson, 2001-2005
George Donoho Bayless, 2005-present

SFTA Symposiums

Trinidad, CO, 1986
Hutchinson, KS, 1987
Santa Fe, NM, 1989
Arrow Rock, MO, 1991
La Junta & Bent's Old Fort, CO, 1993
Larned & Great Bend, KS, 1995
Elkhart, KS; Boise City, OK; & Clayton, NM, 1997
Council Grove, KS, 1999
Las Vegas, NM, 2001
Kansas City, MO, 2003
McPherson, KS, 2005
Trinidad, CO, 2007

SFTA Awards

Award of Merit

1986

Paul Bentrup
Amelia Betts
Greg Franzwa
Ralph Hathaway
Katharine Kelley
Earl Monger
Alta Page
William Wheatley

1987

Isabel Campbell
Grace Collier
Polly Fowler
Leo & Mary Gamble
Roe Groom
OCTA

Jack Rittenhouse
Santa Fe New Mexican

1989

Boggsville Restoration Committee
Robert Button
Jean Hamilton
David Hutchison
KCTV, KC, Missouri
Martin Kim

1991

Barton Barbour
Fern Bessire
Cobblestone History Magazine
Marian Meyer
Lou & Topper Schumacher
Dan & Carol Sharp
John Warner

1993

Sam & Carrie Arnold

Friends of Arrow Rock
Jane Mallinson
Harry C. Myers
Mike Olsen
Dave Webb

1995

Bill Chalfant
Mary Jean Cook
John & Mona Crump
Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter
Kinsley, KS, Boy Scouts
Lewis, KS, Boy Scouts
Susan McConnell & Albuquerque
4th Grade
National Frontier Trails Center
Leo E. Oliva
Deanne Wright

1997

Don Berg
Susan Calafante Boyle
Anna Belle Cartwright
Willard Chilcott
Cimarron County Historical Society
Jane Elder
Yvonne McIntosh
VanAnn Moore
David Sandoval
Margaret Sears
David Weber
Norma Gene Young

1999

Don & Doris Cress
Mark L. Gardner
KC Schools Trails Project
Kansas State Historical Society
Larry Mix
Bonita Oliva

2001

Anna Belle Cartwright
Corazon de los Caminos Chapter
H. Denny Davis
Hal Jackson
Lee & Dorothy Kroh
LeRoy & Elsie LeDoux
Nancy Robertson
John Schumacher
Marc Simmons
Steve & Mary Whitmore

2003

John Atkinson
Helen Brown
Stephen Hyslop
Kansas City Area Historic Trails
Association
Kaw Mission State Historic Site
Missouri River Outfitters Chapter
NPS, Intermountain Region,
Branch of Long Distance Trails
Pam Najdowski

2005

Jon Bauman
Cottonwood Chapter
Annette Gray
Jere Krakow
Phyllis Morgan
Walter & Teresa Pickett
Quivira Chapter

The Walking Group-Inez Ross,
Phyllis Morgan, Judith Janay,
Carolyn Robinson, & Jennifer
Reglien Romero

Paul Bentrup Ambassador Award

1987 Paul Bentrup

Les Vilda

1989 Ralph Hathaway

Katharine Kelley

1991 David Clapsaddle

1993 Jesse Scott

1995 Harry Myers

1997 Mark L. Gardner

Patricia Heath

1999 Virginia Fisher

Helen & Charles Judd

2001 Ross Marshall

Jane Mallinson

2003 Margaret Sears

Jeff Trotman

2005 Hal Jackson

Joy Poole

Rittenhouse Award

1993 Leo & Bonita Oliva

1995 Polly Fowler

1997 Harry C. Myers

1999 Greg Franzwa

2001 Samuel P. Arnold

2003 Mike Olsen

2005 Katharine B. Kelley

Heritage Preservation Award

1997 Pete & Faye Gaines

Ralph Hathaway

1999 William Mock

Dan & Carol Sharp

2001 David Clapsaddle

Fort Larned Old Guard

2003 Colorado Interstate Gas Co.

Ralph Hathaway

2005 Wilmer & Hazel Ekholm

Fred & Virginia Shields Family

Educator Award

1997 Janice Klein

1999 Chris Day

Marcia Fox

Jeri J. Zimmerman

2001 Janet Armstead

2003 None given

2005 Janice Swenson

Marc Simmons Writing Award

1999 Craig Crease

Mike Olsen

Frank Wimberly

2001 Stephen Blair

Bonita Oliva

Beverly C. Ryan

2003 Mary Jean Cook

Alma Gregory

2005 Phyllis Morgan

Scholarship Award

1999 Marcus Gottschalk

2001 Marcus Gottschalk

Terry Ortega

2003 None given

2005 Emily Kieta

Special Recognition

1995 Steve Linderer

Bill Pitts

1997 Ruth Olson Peters

SANTA FE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL; LONG, CONCERTED EFFORT FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION

by Jere Krakow .

[Jere Krakow is a charter member of SFTA and Superintendent, National Trail System, Intermountain Region, National Park Service. He has been a good friend of SFTA and received an Award of Merit in 2005.]

IN 2006 the National Trails System consists of 24 National Trails created by congressional authorization and signed into law by the president. It is an incredibly diverse and rich network of trails thrown like a net across the United States.

Organized into two groupings, the system includes national scenic trails and national historic trails. Of particular interest to members of the SFTA and others across the country, and indeed the world, is the Santa Fe National Historic Trail (SFNHT). Authorized by Congress, President Ronald Reagan, signed the bill into law on May 8, 1987.

The enabling legislation, as it is often termed, delegates to the Secretary of Agriculture or Interior which public land agency will administer the individual trail. In the case of the SFNHT, the National Park Service (NPS) is the administering agency. The enabling legislation parallels that used to create national parks, monuments, historic sites, and other designations for preservation, public use, and enjoyment.

As an individual trail in a system, the Santa Fe Trail came to the fore through efforts of many individuals and organizations extending across the twentieth century. At the dawn of that period, the nation increasingly turned attention to commemoration of a rather young past by recognizing the importance of historic places. Citizens became more aware of the importance of recreation. A marriage of these two streams of public interest led in time to the commemoration of and visits to many sites and historic resources.

Among the earliest commemorations, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) placed markers at numerous sites associated with the original colonies. Often the sites commemorated "great men" that participated in the early history of the nation. Examples included Mount Vernon, Monticello, and bat-

tlefields of the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

In the Midwest, DAR members lamented the lack of landmarks and expressed difficulty in finding anything interesting. They envied the DAR chapters in eastern cities.¹ The Kansas Chapter became the first to recognize the Santa Fe Trail, beginning in November of 1902. Commemorating the nineteenth-century Trail served to mark the start of a concerted effort before the Trail disappeared.

Discussion ensued with the Kansas State Historical Society in 1903, and Roy Marsh mapped the route to be used for placing granite markers. Kansas school children participated in a fund drive raising \$698.83, and the legislature appropriated \$1,000. The markers began to be installed in 1906 on both the Mountain and Cimarron routes, with the first one in Rice County south of Lyons. In due course, 96 granite markers were in place by the end of 1907.

Missouri DAR leaders quickly followed suit with the initiative led by Elizabeth Gentry and Mrs. John Van Brunt. Obtaining support from the governor and legislature, red granite markers soon came to be located along the Trail starting in 1912.

Concurrent with the DAR marking, the newfangled horseless carriages began to appear and the demand for better roads soon came into being. Americans began to travel on a limited basis as the automobile caught their fancy. Since wagon roads often remained unimproved, the demands for good roads took firm and long-lasting root.

Missouri interests in good roads formed "The Santa Fe Trail & Boone's Lick Road Association" in 1911. Dedicated to improving roads and promoting travel, the route selected followed the Boone's Lick and Santa Fe routes between St. Louis and Kansas City. Stemming from this, the National Old Trail Road Association formed and the president of the association worked closely with the Missouri DAR.

During 1906-1907, the Colorado DAR pursued a goal of marking the Santa Fe Trail with granite markers.

In due course the DAR placed 27 markers along the Trail. In New Mexico, a similar initiative located several markers along the Trail by 1912.²

Markers commemorating the old trails along with the desire to form organizations to promote good roads, served to call attention to the historic Santa Fe Trail. The National DAR took up the cause in 1912 and by June of 1913, the Missouri markers all had been dedicated. Currents of several constituencies in the nation flowed together for a variety of purposes.

Little activity took place during the two decades from the late 1920s to the late 1940s to commemorate or promote the Santa Fe Trail and travel along the nearby highways. In 1948, oval-shaped metal signs with an image of wagon, mules, and men were attached to schoolhouses along the route. A few of these original signs remain, however most have disappeared. Similarly, rectangular signs of green and white with a wagon image on them, were placed along the highway routes in the 1960s.

These rectangular signs came about through promotion by the Santa Fe Trail Highway Association. Active leaders, State Senator William C. Wheatley of Clayton, New Mexico, and Grace Collier of Great Bend, Kansas, promoted the organization formed to enhance business across Kansas, the Cimarron Route of Oklahoma and New Mexico. Primary highway routes included U.S. 50 and U.S. 56.

During the course of the highway promotion there occurred the seed of an idea to commemorate sites associated with the Santa Fe Trail. The National Park Service began to inventory and assess sites across the nation, including those along the Trail. The field survey of 1958 culminated in a report written by William E. Brown, which led to many historic sites being listed as National Historic Landmarks in 1963.³ Among those achieving landmark status were Arrow Rock, Wagon Bed Spring, the Dodge City ruts, Raton Pass, and the Santa Fe plaza.

In the years immediately following, many significant sites gained listing on the National Register of Historic Places along historic trails nationwide. This raised more public awareness of trails at the same time that Americans expressed a strong desire for recreation opportunities, including walking and hiking. Especially noted hiking trails like the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails achieved more press coverage that in turn led to Congress considering legislation for a national trails initiative.

The National Trails System Act, Public Law 909-543 passed in 1968, established the National Trails System. It noted fourteen trails eligible for study as scenic trails, including the Santa Fe Trail According to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior, that conducted the study, it did not meet the criteria for recreational qualities and lacked sufficient trail resources necessary for public appreciation.⁴

The result had advocates of historic trails quite unsettled until an amendment to the act passed Congress in 1978. Rectifying the problem, the category of National Historic Trails came into being. In Sec. 5b11, it stated the required criteria for historic trails as, (a) actual route of historic use, well enough documented to be located, (b) national significance, and (c) significant potential for public recreation and/or interpretation. Several historic trails were added that year, including the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, Iditarod, and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails.

Though the Santa Fe Trail met the criteria, advocates had to reach a critical mass and address opposition from several quarters. In 1986, Colorado Congressman James P. Johnson urged authorization for the Santa Fe Trail. Gregory M. Franzwa drafted the initial bill for the Santa Fe Trail, and Congressman Hank Brown of Colorado and Bill Richardson of New Mexico sponsored legislation in the House of Representatives in 1986. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum sponsored the bill in the Senate, but it did not receive a hearing.

That same year the Colorado Historical Society organized the first Santa Fe Trail Symposium in Trini-

dad. At that meeting those in attendance founded the Santa Fe Trail Council that later became the Santa Fe Trail Association. Very soon the Association began to advocate for passage of the legislation

Subsequently House members Brown and Richardson sponsored it again in the 100th Congress. The bill passed the House in January 1987. Senator Kassebaum reintroduced it in the Senate that year with cosponsors Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico and Timothy E. Wirth of Colorado.

Senator Jeff Bingaman, New Mexico, and Senator Wirth added statements of support in the subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests. Other supportive statements and testimony were offered by Deputy Director of the NPS, Denis P. Galvin, and Daniel T. Kipp, treasurer of the Union Land and Grazing Company and manager of the Fort Union Ranch.⁵ He represented the Colorado and New Mexico Cattle Associations that previously slowed the bill because of private property concerns.

Reported out to the full Senate, the bill with the same language as the House bill, authorized the Santa Fe Trail as a National Historic Trail. The signature of President Reagan made it law in May of 1987. Per the legislation, the NPS became the agency to administer the SFNHT.

Through a long process the commemoration of the Santa Fe Trail demonstrated the will of many to continue recognition of the historic route that opened trade and commerce between the United States and Mexico. As such, the Trail benefited from advocates wanting to tell the story of the Trail and experience it through extant resources on the ground. This continues to be accomplished through collaboration and partnering just as the first advocates set the course in the early twentieth century. We must meet the test of time as the bicentennial of the trail approaches in 2021.

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REMEMBERING 20 YEARS

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mation of a new Santa Fe Trail organization. The anticipation in the room could be felt. When interim offices were being discussed, I remember that Bill Pills, sitting next to me, urged me to volunteer for secretary of this new organization, and I did.

There were logistical problems that first year because the treasurer's office was located in Colorado and the secretary's office, my office which was processing the memberships, was located in Kansas. It was therefore decided by the board at the 1987 symposium to combine the offices and elect a secretary/treasurer. This would allow membership monies as well as processing all to be handled in the same office. After the proposed bylaws were approved by the membership, I was elected to that position. This meant that Association office work would all be handled through my office at the Santa Fe Trail Center Museum in Larned, where my paid position was that of director of the museum. Also at the 1987 meeting and symposium, it was decided to designate the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned as the Association's Headquarters Office and as the repository for the Association's archives.

At first the Santa Fe Trail Center's office was able to handle the Association's membership with no problem. Eventually, however, membership numbers increased significantly and I decided to solicit the help of a museum volunteer to do the processing. This worked out well. At the 1989 SFTA board meeting, I reported that contributing factors to the growth in SFTA membership included the newly-formed chapters, the *Wagon Tracks* newsletter, and the new color membership brochure. These were in addition to the 1987 designation of the Santa Fe National

Historic Trail which had created new interest in the old Trail.

Membership more than doubled between 1987 and 1990, growing from 453 to 1,057. When the museum volunteer working with memberships could no longer assist, I took over the duties myself, but only briefly. I was already signing all membership cards and double-checking the membership work. With my responsibilities at the museum, I knew I would not have the time needed for additional Association work. In 1990 I approached Yvonne McIntosh of Larned, who agreed to volunteer for the Association. She processed memberships, handled the Association's bookkeeping, and took on other duties as needed. Yvonne was accurate and dependable and I appreciated every moment of her help.

In 1990 the SFTA board acknowledged the work being handled at the Santa Fe Trail Center on the Association's behalf and provided compensation for the Trail Center as SFTA's headquarters office. The Association's finances by now were strong enough to make this possible. Yvonne McIntosh volunteered a total of 2,150.5 hours for the Association from 1990-1997. When her husband became ill in 1997 and died, she decided to move back to the Kansas City area. At the 1997 symposium award's ceremony in Clayton, New Mexico, Yvonne was the recipient of a SFTA Award of Merit. She was very touched when I presented it to her upon my return to Larned.

Also in 1997, the Association board voted to budget \$3,000.00 to cover minimal staffing of the Santa Fe Trail Association office beginning in 1998 and thereafter. I was to do the hiring since the employee would be handling the work at the headquarters office. Linda Revello was hired. Her background was with the National Park Service and later as Administrative Assistant for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Laboratory in Beaufort, North Carolina. She was able to meet with Yvonne a couple of times before Yvonne moved from Larned, making it a smooth transition for the SFTA office. From her first day on the job as SFTA Office Administrator on February 20, 1998, Linda quickly became invaluable to

the Association. The SFTA president, board members, committee chairs, and chapter officers now had a paid staff person they could call upon to assist them. I was pleased to hand over any such duties to Linda, who was able to spend the time needed for the demands of this growing organization.

Margaret Sears was elected SFTA president at the 1997 symposium. She formed several Task Forces of which one was "Headquarters Plan." She appointed Joanne VanCoevern as chair. Joanne still serves in this capacity today, although the Task Force name was eventually changed to National Headquarters Committee. I believe this was an important move by the president to recognize the current and future importance of the work handled by the headquarters office. The committee ultimately became responsible for recommendations to the board regarding compensation to the Santa Fe Trail Center and to SFTA employees, and recommendations regarding equipment purchases as well as other concerns associated with the running of the headquarters office.

In 1999, the board increased Linda's hours for the Association from ten to fifteen per week. To assist the operations of the Association's headquarters office, the National Park Service began providing administrative support in 2000. This financial support was used for partial funding of the Office Administrator's salary. In 2001, at Linda's request to the headquarters committee, the board approved the hiring of a part-time office assistant to help with membership processing between December and February of each year. One hundred hours were designated for this position.

With credit to Yvonne, Linda, the Headquarters Committee, and the decisions of the board, the Association is enjoying a smooth-running National Headquarters office. As for the relationship between the Santa Fe Trail Center and the Santa Fe Trail Association, it has been intertwined from the very beginning. With the first symposium patterned after the Santa Fe Trail Center's Rendezvous seminars and the Association memberships processed at the Trail Center's office from the beginning of the organization, the

spirit has always been that of cooperation and mutual benefit. The Association enjoys office space in a nice public facility with convenient business hours, a place to house its archival materials, use of the Trail Center's phone system, copy machine, and miscellaneous office supplies, and last but not least, friendly museum staff willing to answer questions and help out when possible. In return, the Trail Center receives monetary compensation, use of the Association's computer, printer/fax/scanner, and national and international exposure through *Wagon Tracks*, other printed materials, and publicity which lists the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned as the Association's headquarters office.

The past 20 years have gone by with few problems. As both director of the Santa Fe Trail Center and long time secretary/treasurer of the Association, I considered myself the link between the two organizations. Now, however, the SFTC and SFTA do not need a link. Functioning together and thriving within the same facility has become routine.

As for my role as an officer, it has been very interesting to see how the organization has evolved over the past 20 years. As the person who recorded the minutes, the changes and growth were particularly apparent to me. Each incoming president brought new ideas to the organization. It has been interesting and challenging to learn to work within the resulting changes. In the fall of 2001, it was once again decided to separate the offices of secretary and treasurer. I was elected as treasurer, thus retaining the convenience of the financial officer with check signing capabilities located at the headquarters office. Someday an alternative may need to be considered.

For 20 years it has been my pleasure to serve the Santa Fe Trail Association alongside scholars, historians, and those who simply love the Trail and its history. Although there have been a few bumps along the way, I feel that there has been a true spirit of dedication to the protection, preservation, and promotion (including education) of the Santa Fe Trail throughout the history of the Association. I feel honored to have played a role during these formative years.

THE SANTA FE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

by John Conoboy

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THE legislation establishing the Santa Fe National Historic Trail (SFNHT) was signed by President Ronald Reagan on May 8, 1987. Three years later, on May 25, 1990, the SFNHT's Comprehensive Management and Use Plan was signed.

Now, as we enter the SFNHT's 20th year, it is appropriate to look back at what has been accomplished and think about the future. I am very excited about the Trail today, and the SFNHT is on the verge of becoming one of the best known National Historic Trails, thanks to the combined efforts of the Santa Fe Trail Association, the National Park Service, and many other agencies, groups, and individuals along the route. At the same time, I am going to make what some might think is an outrageous comment.

The Santa Fe National Historic Trail does not yet really exist! If you stopped and talked to someone visiting sites along the Trail, even those where the Trail logo is posted, and asked them how they were enjoying their experience on the SFNHT, almost all of them would probably not know what you are talking about. They would know that they are on the Santa Fe Trail, but not that it is a National Historic Trail. Over the years, many articles about the Trail have appeared in newspapers, yet while most mention the Santa Fe Trail, few mention the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. I will explain more, later, about why I believe this to be true, and why this is such an exciting and positive time for the Trail.

Let's look at what we have all done together.

Certification:

When the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan for the Trail was completed, it laid out the concept of site certification as the basic means for a Trail site on nonfederal land to become part of the National Historic Trail. The benefit of certification was that it provided a level of recognition for a site, but it also had

a downside. The certification agreement form that was developed was long, bureaucratic, and full of terms identifying who will do what, when, where, and why. The certification process tended to take a long time. Many site owners were willing to sign the agreement, but others were put off by the governmental paperwork character of the agreement. Everything was tied to certification, including the use of the Trail logo and eligibility for technical and financial assistance.

Based on what we learned in working with landowners, the certification agreement has shrunk to a one-page form, which instead of trying to anticipate everything, simply sets forth an agreement to work together in partnership toward the benefit of the Trail. Based on experience with other trails, such as the Oregon and Mormon Pioneer NHTs, no longer is use of the logo tied to certification and all site owners are eligible for technical and financial assistance—although many site owners who would not have signed the old agreement now have no problems with the new form.

Preservation:

Success with Trail preservation has been mixed, a reminder to us all that Trail sites will only exist for future generations if we stay alert and act to stop adverse impacts. Overall, we are aided by the fact that most landowners who have Santa Fe Trail ruts and other historic resources on their property are proud of that fact and want to protect them.

One of the biggest threats to Trail resources has come from various forms of development, such as power lines, gas pipelines, cell phone towers, etc. When the NPS and SFTA have had an early awareness of such projects, we have had a good track record in protecting the Trail. An excellent example of this was a gas pipeline installed in 2004 by El Paso Natural Gas. The pipeline crossed a section of Trail ruts in Ford County, Kansas. Working together with the pipeline company, Faye Gaines and Jeff Trotman from SFTA and NPS staff impressed on the company the need to protect the ruts and were able to obtain an agreement that the

pipeline would go under the ruts. Jeff spent a great deal of his own time to meet with company officials, keep everyone informed, and to be present when the work was done to ensure that the ruts were protected. The pipeline company has been working with the site owner to purchase a possible conservation easement but has said that, if that does not happen, they will make a donation to SFTA.

Sites have been protected in other ways. In New Mexico, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, a private non-profit land trust, has developed conservation easements on several properties that contain Trail ruts. Currently, they are working toward an easement on a section of Trail near Santa Fe along Apache Ridge that contains Trail ruts and the remains of the rockwork installed by the army in 1858 when they improved the road from Fort Union to Santa Fe. In Kansas City, Missouri, the Cave Spring Association purchased the Trail rut at 85th and Manchester to protect it from destruction, and nearby in Kansas, Craig Crease, Ross Marshall, and other Trail supporters have succeeded in protecting Trail sites such as the rut at Harmon Park in Prairie Village and Lone Elm in Olathe.

Several years ago, the Archaeological Conservancy agreed to accept the donation of the Hole-in-the-Rock site in Colorado, where the Army of the West camped in 1845 and later the site of a stage station. Unfortunately, the Conservancy has a restrictive policy as to public access. SFTA and NPS need to approach the Conservancy to explore ways to allow the public to visit this important historic site. But, more importantly, recently revealed plans to expand the U.S. Army Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site creates a new threat to over 50 miles of Trail corridor including Hole in the Rock, excellent Trail ruts, and several other significant Trail sites.

Retracing the Route:

One of the ideas set out in the SFNHT Comprehensive Management and Use Plan was to develop opportunities for the public to follow the route of the Trail on the ground.

Of course, there are many places where it is possible to stand in the actual Trail and even walk a short distance along the route, but opportunities for longer hiking, horseback riding, or even taking a wagon down the Trail are limited, except for special events like the annual Trail ride in Council Grove, Trail rides at some SFTA symposiums, and similar opportunities.

In the 1990s, the USDA Forest Service decided to develop a retracement opportunity on the Cimarron National Grassland. The "companion trail" as they called it, is about 20 miles long. It was constructed in a simple fashion by moving yucca and sage; doing some cut, fill, and reseeding; and mowing the buffalo grass to create a wide path.

In Kansas City, a more urban approach is being taken, with the adoption of a proposal for a paved greenway generally following the route of the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails from Sugar Creek, Missouri, overlooking the Wayne City Landing on the Missouri River, to Gardner, Kansas, as part of the regional Metro Green Plan. The first 2,100 feet of greenway has been constructed at the Hickman Mills C-1 School District near 89th St and Old Santa Fe Road and more sections will be constructed soon. The greenway will connect to a number of Trail sites and interpretive sites such as Schumacher Park, Minor Park, and more.

Telling the Story:

A lot of effort over the years has gone into telling the Trail story, principally through publications, outdoor exhibits and markers, and museum exhibits. The award-winning SFNHT brochure was once again reprinted in 2005 and is available all along the Trail. There are now about 50 NPS-style wayside exhibits installed at Trail sites in all Trail states, with several more soon to be finished. NPS funding has helped with museum exhibits at the Trinidad History Museum and the National Frontier Trails Museum, and with additional funding assistance from the USDA Forest Service for the Morton County Historical Museum. All of these have been cooperative projects with the NPS, SFTA, and other partners. Meanwhile, other interpretive efforts have been ongoing, such as museum exhibits at

museums in Las Vegas and Springer, New Mexico, and in Ulysses, Kansas; publications and markers completed by the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter; exhibits at sites like Lone Elm through the efforts of local SFTA and Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association members.

Paying the bills:

While many government programs have faced decreasing budgets, the funding for the National Trails System, and the SFNHT, has been increasing. There is one primary reason for this. The Santa Fe Trail Association has joined with other national scenic and historic trail organizations to form the Partnership for the National Trails System. The Partnership provides information to Congress about what is happening on trails. More than anything, Congress is aware of the many thousands of hours of time that volunteers from trail associations contribute as well as the financial contributions to the Trail from volunteers, states, local agencies, and other organizations that match the federal dollars that go toward the Trail. The SFTA retreat in Trinidad was supported by \$5,000 in federal funding, but that was matched by over \$22,000 in time, mileage, and other contributions from those who attended. In 2004, the Santa Fe Trail Association alone provided 32,600 volunteer hours valued at \$575,064 and an additional \$156,400 in financial contributions to the Trail. In 2004, the NPS received a budget for the SFNHT of \$352,800. In 2006, the budget is \$438,400.

With an increase in funding, the NPS has been able to hire additional staff and is also able to provide additional support to SFTA. In 2005, SFTA received a total of \$129,050 of which \$75,300 was to assist with salaries, travel, and general administrative costs. The rest was for several Challenge Cost-Share Program projects—including this issue of *Wagon Tracks*. We estimate that the SFTA match for the approximate \$54,000 in federal CCSP funds will be about \$292,000.

Mapping:

The map supplement that was completed by Greg Franzwa during the development of the Trail management plan has been the main source of map information for many

years. Meanwhile, many Trail folks have been researching the routes and there is a need for more accurate and updated maps. Today, the state of the art in mapping is the Geographic Information System (GIS), and thanks to John Schumacher's efforts, and some Challenge Cost-Share funding, the map supplement has been digitized and a basic GIS data base of the Trail has been completed. Additionally, the efforts to compile historical data from the Government Land Office surveys has been undertaken by SFTA members. That data will be added to the GIS.

In order to meet NPS GIS and mapping standards, the Santa Fe office will follow the lead developed in Salt Lake City for the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, and Pony Express National Historic Trails. Salt Lake has a more developed GIS data base for trail mapping, which is, in part, an outgrowth of the successful MET (Mapping Emigrant Trails) program developed by the Oregon California Trails Association. In the future, we hope that NPS and SFTA can begin on-the-ground mapping of Trail ruts and resources with highly accurate Global Positioning System (GPS) units, and to make Trail maps more available using the Internet. Accurate Trail maps will help with Trail protection, as we can provide advance information to state and local agencies, pipeline companies, and other developers that will help them plan projects in a way that doesn't harm the Trail.

Marking and Signing:

Marking the Trail with the official SFNHT logo has been spotty. The USDA Forest Service on the Cimarron, Comanche, and Kiowa National Grasslands marked the Trail with limestone posts, the famous Kansas "post rock," with small inset Trail logos on each side of the post. In Santa Fe, Margaret Sears and the End of the Trail chapter worked with the NPS and the City of Santa Fe to put up markers with the Trail logo at locations in the city where the Trail crosses modern streets. Nancy Robertson spearheaded efforts to use the same kind of markers in NE New Mexico. Certified sites were given logos to post, although not all are marked with the logo. However, many SFTA chapters and other organizations have marked the Trail

with a variety of markers that do not include the SFNHT logo.

But, thinking and policy have changed. The Trail logo does not represent the National Park Service, it represents the Trail and all partners on the Trail—although the Trail Superintendent does need to approve use of the logo. Today, the logo is being approved for addition to a number of markers along the Trail. In Kansas City, the Missouri River Outfitters are marking the Trail with limestone posts with small metal plaques with the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California NHT logos. Approval has been given to the Kansas City Area Historic Trail Association to add the Santa Fe Trail logo to the crossing signs they installed in Jackson and Johnson counties. Wet/Dry Routes Chapter and Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron Chapter are now adding the logo to some of their markers. Logos will be added to the local tour route marked by the Cottonwood Crossing Chapter, as well as to the Santa Fe Trail tour signs in Lexington, Missouri.

Spurred by the efforts of the Quivira Chapter to sign a local tour route on county roads in three counties in Kansas, some new crossing signs and local tour signs with the Trail logo have been developed. These provide one option for marking crossings or developing local tours, but do not preclude anyone from developing other kinds of markers. And, they do not say “XING” or “Crossing,” or “Crossed Here,” but rather “Crosses Here,” because as we all know, “The Santa Fe Trail Lives On!”

There are new options for site signing with the logo. As before, the logo can be added to an existing site sign. A new option is the use of the logo with the full name of the Trail written out next to it on a panel about 18 inches high by 6 feet long, that can be added to an existing sign or mounted by itself. Another option, especially where no site identification sign exists, is to develop a new sign as was done recently at Point of Rocks in New Mexico.

In the mid 1990s, the Trail's auto-tour route was signed in all five Trail states. Directional signs to Trail sites have been added to the auto-tour route at only a few sites. This is the principal reason, I believe, that

public recognition of the SFNHT is low. Knowing that, we can boldly go where no trail has gone before—the next, but not the final, frontier.

“Selling” The Santa Fe National Historic Trail:

We all know that the Santa Fe Trail is pretty neat, and we want to share that with more people. We want the public to share the excitement we have for the Trail, to enjoy visiting Trail sites, meeting the people and spending time in the communities along the Trail, and becoming proponents of protecting the Trail. Now is the time to “package” and “sell” the SFNHT as a place that you can find and visit.

We have a lot we can offer visitors. One of the most important is the wide diversity of Trail experiences. We have sites with no development at all where a visitor can experience the Trail without modern intrusions, markers, exhibits, etc., and get a real feel for what the Trail was like—and we need to ensure that many of these stay that way. We have four national parks; state parks like the Kaw Mission; county parks like Fort Osage; city parks like Lone Elm; sites on private land that are open to the public, although sometimes only a limited basis, and more. When visitors arrive they may find modern NPS style exhibits, state historical markers, locally produced markers, a brochure, or maybe a mailbox with Trail information in it. In some places they may find someone—an employee or maybe the landowner—who can tell them about the Trail and in others they will be there alone. In many communities they may find Trail festivals or other events. This is the Trail experience we all enjoy, so why not package it for others?

SFTA and NPS are already working on some essential parts of the packaging and selling the Trail. Increased marking with the SFNHT logo is one. We are also talking to highway departments about improved signing. A sign plan for the auto-tour route and scenic byway in New Mexico has been completed and Kansas DOT has agreed to work on a signing plan for the auto-tour route that includes replacing faded signs and new directional signing so people can find Trail sites. While sites, markers, exhibits, local tours, etc., can and should vary, consistent and

recognizable highway signing for the auto-tour route is essential. Once we have good signing, the Trail will be visible as a place that the public can go. Then it is up to us all to find ways to promote the Trail.

A few years ago, then SFTA President Hal Jackson noted that we don't do a good job of telling the public what there is to see and do along the Trail. He proposed a series of sites along the route that had information about the Trail and promoted visiting Trail sites. The goal was to catch people driving near the route who did not know the Trail existed and make them aware of it. The first site chosen is the trail junction at Gardner, Kansas, and that site development will be constructed and exhibits installed later this year.

Later this summer, a small group from SFTA and NPS will be traveling down the entire Trail on a SFNHT “rediscovery expedition.” This is modeled after the trip taken during the Trail management plan development by Greg Franzwa, Jere Krakow, and Leo and Bonita Oliva. We hope to visit as many sites as possible with the help of local chapter members and take some notes on the state of the Trail, site conditions, threats to Trail sites, and take some pictures and get GPS coordinates as best we can.

What else do we need? A tourism promotion rack card that can be placed in quantity at welcome centers might be useful. Articles in tourism oriented publications, newspaper articles, more press releases when projects are completed on the Trail, or . . . ? There are many ways to promote the Trail, but what is important is that when we do it we include the Trail logo and the words “Santa Fe National Historic Trail.”

THE CACHES

—MUSEUM NEWS—

Paula Manini, editor

This column lists events and news from Trail sites, museums, and related organizations. Please send information following the format below. Be sure to include your address, phone number, and e-mail. The next column will list hours and activities scheduled for December through February. To be included, send information to Paula Manini at the Trinidad History Museum (see below) by

October 10.

Arrow Rock State Historic Site
PO Box 1
Arrow Rock MO 65320
Telephone: 660-837-3330
Email: kborgman@iland.net
Website: www.arrowrock.org

- Museum open daily 10 am-4 pm.
- Weekend walking tours of Historic Arrow Rock.
- Arrow Rock Historic River Landing Trail passes the original landing and connects with the Lewis & Clark Discovery Trail, distance .4 miles.
- Call for special programs scheduled from now through November.

Barton County Museum and Village
PO Box 1091
Great Bend KS 67530
Telephone: 620-793-5125
Website: www.bartoncountymuseum.org

- Open Tuesday-Friday 10 am-5 pm, Saturday-Sunday 1-5 pm. Featuring Santa Fe Trail exhibits and maps. Recently certified as a Santa Fe National Historic Trail site.

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site
35110 Highway 194 East
La Junta CO 81050
Telephone: 719-383-5010
Email: rick_wallner@nps.gov
Website: www.nps.gov.beol

- Call for off-season hours and programs.

Boggsville Historic Site
PO Box 68
Las Animas CO 81054
Telephone: 719-456-1358
Email: boggsville67@yahoo.com
Website: www.bentcounty.org/site-sandcelebrations/historic.htm.

- Open 10-4 daily for self-guided walking tours.

Boot Hill Museum
Front Street
Dodge City KS 67801
Telephone: 620-227-8188
Email: frontst@pld.com
Website: www.boothill.org

- Open 9 am-5 pm Monday-Saturday, and 1-5 pm Sunday. Fall and winter rates: \$7 admission, children 6 & under are free
- Santa Fe Trail Ruts nine miles west of Dodge City on US Hwy 400; markers and observation point. Open during daylight hours.
- September 2 & 3, 2006, 6:00 pm: chuckwagon dinner, Front Street Gunfight, and Long Branch Variety Show. Raise a ruckus with Miss Kitty, her can-can dancers and the Long Branch gang to close

the summer season with a bang.

Cimarron Heritage Center Museum
PO Box 214
Boise City OK 73933
Telephone: 580-544-3479
Email: museum@ptsi.net
Website: www.ptsi.net/users/museum

- Open Monday-Saturday, 10 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm.

Fort Union National Monument
PO Box 127
Watrous NM 87753
Telephone: 505-425-8025
Email: debbie_archuleta@nps.gov
Website: www.nps.gov/foun

- Open daily, call for hours.
- Self-guided interpretive trail (1.6 miles) through the ruins.
- Interpretive talks and guided tours by request.
- Located 8 miles north of Interstate 25 at the end of NM Highway 161.

Friends of Arrow Rock
309 Main
Arrow Rock MO 65320
Telephone: 660-837-3231
Email: kborgman@iland.net
Website: www.friendsar.org

- Call for special programs.

Gas and Historical Museum
Stevens County Historical Society
PO Box 87
Hugoton KS 67951
Telephone: 620-544-8751
Email: svcomus@pld.com

- Open Monday-Friday 1-5 pm; Saturday 2-4 pm.

Herzstein Memorial Museum
Union County Historical Society
(Second and Walnut Sts) PO Box 75
Clayton NM 88415
Telephone: 505-374-2977
Email: uchs@plateautel.net

- Open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm.
- Sept. 15-16: "New Mexico Archaeology Fair" at Central Park. Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, featuring mountain men, atlatl demonstrations, and special children's activities.

Historic Adobe Museum
PO Box 909 (300 E Oklahoma)
Ulysses KS 67880
Telephone: 620-356-3009
Email: ulyksmus@pld.com

- Open Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm; weekends 1-5 pm.

Jefferson Nat. Expansion Memorial
11 N Fourth St
St. Louis MO 63102
Telephone: 314-655-1631
Email: tom_dewey@partner.nps.gov
Website: www.nps.gov/jeff

- Gateway Arch and Museum of

Western Expansion open daily, 9 am-6 pm. Library open 8 am-4:30 pm.

- Old Courthouse open daily 8 am-4:30 pm. Call (314) 655-1600.

Koshare Museum
Otero State Junior College

115 West 18th St
La Junta CO 81050
Telephone: 719-385-4411
Email: tina_wilcox@ojc.edu
Website: www.koshare.org

- Call for off-season hours and programs.
- Artist Series - call for details.

Morton County Hist. Society Museum

370 E Highway 56 (PO Box 1248)
Elkhart KS 67950

Telephone: 620-697-2833
E-mail: mtcomuseum@elkhart.com
Web Site: www.mtcoks.com/museum

- Open Tuesday-Friday 1-5 pm; weekends by appointment.

Otero Museum
218 Anderson
La Junta CO 81050
Telephone: 719-384-7500
Cell phone: 719-980-3193
Email: oteromuseum@centurytel.net

- Open 1-5 pm, Monday-Saturday, through September, call for off-season hours.

Santa Fe Trail Center Museum & Library
Route 3 Box 137
Larned KS 67550

Telephone: 620-285-2054
Email: trailctr@larned.net

- Website: www.awav.net/trailctr/**
- Open daily 9 am - 5 pm (closed on Mondays).
 - Sept. 9: dedication of Escue Chapel CME Church, time to be announced.
 - Oct. 14-15: Tired Iron Show (antique tractors, engines, and cars).
 - Oct. 27-29: SFT Rendezvous 2006..

Trinidad History Museum
(Colorado Historical Society)
312 E Main (PO Box 377)
Trinidad CO 81082

Telephone: 719-846-7217
Email: paula.manini@state.co.us
Website: www.coloradohistory.org/hist_sites/trinidad

- Through September 30: open every day, including holidays.
- Santa Fe Trail Museum (certified trail site) open 9 am-4 pm for self-guided tours.
- Baca House (certified trail site) and Bloom Mansion guided tours begin at 10 am; last tour at 4 pm.
- Museum Bookstore and the Trinidad and Santa Fe Trail Information Center open 10 am-4 pm.
- Call for hours after Sept. 30.

THE SANTA FE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ADVISORY COUNCIL, 1987-1997

by Michael Olsen

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ONE of the early efforts used by the National Park Service to promote the Santa Fe National Historic Trail was a 15-minute video of the Trail's past and present entitled, "All's Set on the Santa Fe Trail." The audience for the "premier" of this film was the SFNHT Advisory Council, consisting of 35 members from the states of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

There were some raised eyebrows among council members, especially those from the western end of the Trail, during the final moments of that video. At that point, accompanying an aerial shot of Trail ruts, the voice-over of the narrator proclaimed that the Santa Fe Trail had brought "commerce and civilization to the Southwest." New Mexico's representatives on the board politely asked, "What about Native peoples or the Spanish and Mexicans?" Were they to be written off as "uncivilized?" Needless to say, the text was changed and the final version of the film spoke of the "prosperity and profits" brought to the Southwest by the Santa Fe Trail.

This incident was one of many that occurred during the ten-year life span of the SFNHT Advisory Council. This group was designed to channel public views on plans for and the development of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail in consultation with the National Park Service. The legislation establishing the SFNHT, signed by President Ronald Reagan in May 1987, had provided for this citizen-based panel. Members were to represent a cross-section of Trail constituencies such as landowners, business interests, cultural and historical affairs organizations, and government agencies other than the National Park Service.

The council met for the first time on June 20-22, 1989, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was co-chaired by Dr. David Sandoval of Pueblo, Colorado, and William de Buys from Santa Fe. Mark Gardner represented the Santa Fe Trail Association. Besides

considering ways to promote the SFNHT, such as the video "All's Set," the council at this meeting reviewed a draft of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail Comprehensive Management and Use Plan, which NPS personnel had been working on for two years.

Review of the Plan prompted lively discussion on various issues, though overall the NPS was commended for its work. For instance, council members asked, "What routes of the Santa Fe Trail were going to be emphasized? What was the plan for Trail cutoffs and alternate routes? Which routes would be marked with the official SFNHT logo?" The council strongly recommended that interpretation for the Cimarron Route be added in this context. There also was agreement that more information was needed by Trail landowners concerning laws governing liability, trespass, and vandalism. Additionally, prompted by discussion over the roles of various cultures along the Trail, the council recommended that, "the diverse human history of the Trail be the focus of future research and be included in the management plan so that all cultural affiliations with the Santa Fe Trail will be appropriately incorporated in the interpretation of the Trail."

The council next met on November 6-7, 1989, at Council Grove, Kansas. There it heard comments collected at a series of public meetings held along the Trail to gauge the interest and response of the general public regarding the Management and Use Plan. The continuing concerns of landowners also received attention. David Gaines, Chief of the Branch of Long Distance Trails for the Southwest Region of the NPS and director of NPS administration of the SFNHT, in commenting on the development of certifying Trail sites on private land, reported to the council that the NPS was "pleased with the positive responses on the draft demonstration certification agreements with several selected sites." Co-chair David Sandoval expressed the feelings of the council concerning the SFNHT at this time with his remark that "the wagons are ready to

roll."

From this point on the council met on an annual or sometimes twice-yearly basis until its legal existence terminated in 1997. It gathered at various spots long the Trail in those years and particularly monitored Trail developments under the Management and Use Plan as it was carried forward. The membership of the council changed as two-year terms of office expired or members resigned.

Recently, when asked for his memories of council meetings and activities, David Sandoval recalled, concerning challenges the council faced, "There were a number of competing interests and the challenge of the board was to reconcile differences and get everyone to work together for mutual goals although those goals were contradictory. For example, we had to provide for the preservation of a historic site and we had to provide for the use of the historic site as well, and so some issues rose such as do we use the trail itself for tourists or do we build another path next to the trail?" Commenting on working with the National Park Service, he echoed the experience of most council members, noting, "I always found them to be professional and thorough."

Another council member, Jane Mallinson, also has shared her memories. She represented both the National Daughters of the American Revolution and the Jackson County (Missouri) Historical Society. Besides the duty of serving on the council, she recollects that, "Each member was assigned to more than one committee. Don Berg of Colorado, Dan Sharp, of Oklahoma, and I had a special interest in land ownership rights. We served together on this committee. Our resulting plan proved useful in establishing a landowner friendly program."

Looking back almost 20 years now, Mrs. Mallinson no doubt speaks for all those council members still with us when she also notes, "The Advisory Council melded into an efficient working body. Hopefully, we contributed some positive useful input to help this important Santa Fe National Historic Trail reach its fullest potential."

SINCE RITTENHOUSE: SANTA FE TRAIL BIBLIOGRAPHY

by Harry C. Myers

[SFTA member Harry Myers has a long, distinguished career with the National Park Service and has devoted many years to study of maps and books of the Trail. This long-awaited bibliography was completed especially for this 20th anniversary edition of WT. Myers, by the way, is a recipient of the Jack D. Rittenhouse Stagecoach Award presented by SFTA. Thanks Harry for making this issue a collector's item.]

ONE of the most important books on the Santa Fe Trail was published in 1971. It was the 150th anniversary of William Becknell's 1821 trading expedition into Santa Fe and in celebration of that anniversary *The Santa Fe Trail, A Historical Bibliography*, by Jack Rittenhouse was published. Jack wrote a 29-page introduction that still stands as an excellent short history of the Santa Fe Trail (which he generously donated to the Santa Fe Trail Association and is available from the Last Chance Store for \$4 postpaid under the title of *Trail of Commerce and Conquest: A Brief History of the Road to Santa Fe*). He then jumped right into an annotated bibliography of the Santa Fe Trail. Describing 718 books, articles, government documents both historical and modern, Jack took us on a trip along the Trail as described by men, women, and children. He tells us what each book or article contains and why we should be interested.

It is fortunate that Jack Rittenhouse was the author of this bibliography. It is almost as if he had prepared his whole life for this project. He founded the Stagecoach Press and published several books relating to the Trail. He served as editor for both the Museum of New Mexico Press and the University of New Mexico Press, and finally as a "premier" book dealer in rare Western Americana. It was particularly his role as a book dealer where he had to attractively describe the contents of the books he was selling that led to his concise and authoritative descriptions of books. That shows in his Santa Fe Trail bibliography. Jack died August 10, 1991, after receiving a SFTA Award of Merit. The highest

honor of the Association is now named after Jack Rittenhouse, a fitting tribute.

In the time since his Santa Fe Trail bibliography was published, there have been approximately 500 new books and articles published on the Trail. This does not include the most numerous and best articles published in this journal, *Wagon Tracks*. The new books and articles rarely cover the same subjects previously published, although some do present known information in a new light and from a different view. Guidebooks and overviews of the Trail have always been popular. Hobart Stocking, a retired geologist from the University of Oklahoma, lovingly described his fascination with the Trail in his 1971 *Road to Santa Fe*. One has to join in his excitement as he describes the routes and landscape along the Trail. Marc Simmons, one of our best and most popular writers on the Trail, virtually renewed interest in the Trail with his *Following the Santa Fe Trail: A Guide for Modern Travelers* originally published in 1986 and in its third edition now with Hal Jackson (former SFTA President) as co-author. This is the ideal guide both for new Trail trekkers and for seasoned travelers. Guides have even become specialized with Elaine Pinkerton's *The Santa Fe Trail by Bicycle: A Historic Adventure* and William J. White's *The Santa Fe Trail by Air*.

Historic firsthand accounts of travel on the Trail give us a flavor of the adventure and difficulty of those times. Noticed by Jack was Louise Barry's massive compilation of accounts by travelers through Kansas 1540-1854. Jack noted it in the separate issues of *Kansas Historical Quarterly*. Since his work, it was published in book form titled *Beginning of the West*. It cannot be excelled for reference to travel accounts on the Santa Fe Trail. While her focus was Kansas, Barry included reference to the other Trail states. Other good firsthand accounts include Lina Fergusson Browne, *Trader on the Santa Fe Trail: Memoirs of Franz Huning*; Jane Lenz Elder and David

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Finally, children's books and educational materials on the Trail have reached a new high. Dave Webb's *Santa Fe Trail Adventures: An Activity Book for Kids & Teachers*, cannot be excelled both for information and fun for even this Trail enthusiast. Marc Simmons has looked at Trail lore through children's eyes and produced *Millie Cooper's Ride: A True Story from History*, *José's Buffalo Hunt: A Story from History*, and *Friday, the Arapaho Boy: A True Story from History*. These are Trail related, wonderfully illustrated, and historically accurate to boot.

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of SFTA and *Wagon Tracks*, here is a list of the major books published on the Santa Fe Trail since 1971. Some important pamphlets are listed, and there are a few works listed that Jack missed. Excluded are fictional works on the Trail, some truly horrible juvenile and supposed educational works. Without a doubt I have missed relevant items, but I believe that the most important are listed. Both Phyllis Morgan and Marc Simmons contributed, and I would be glad to hear what I missed and should be included. Many of the following books have been reviewed in *Wagon Tracks*. The month and year of those reviewed follow the entry in parenthesis.

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FORT LEARNED

-TEACHER'S TRADING POST-

Chris Day, Editor

Following is the report of the education committee from the SFTA retreat in March.

Chris Day and Marcia Fox have recently written a new challenge cost-share between SFTA and NPS to provide four one-day camps for children ages 10-12. These camps will be conducted in cooperation with museums and historic sites. We have proposed that the first camp be held in Hillsboro, KS, in conjunction with their annual Hillsboro Folk Festival, May 26, 2007. The second camp would be at Fort Larned during their Living-History weekend, May 28, 2007. The third and fourth camps would be at the Morton County Historical Museum, Elkhart, KS, June 22, 2007, and the Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum in Amarillo, TX, June 23, 2007. Also, a children's camp would be held in conjunction with the symposium, Trinidad, CO, the morning of September 29, 2007.

The purpose of the camps is to teach children about the Trail through interactive and musical activities. A primary part of these workshops would be a traveling trunk that will provide opportunities for children to learn the history of Trail. These traveling trunks will provide an interpretive hands-on exhibit of facsimile items from Trail Days. They contain clothing, trade and cultural items of Hispanics, Anglos, and Tribal peoples. The facsimiles will be as authentically accurate as possible. The trunks will also include CDs with educational activities, including historical background and pedagogy-based on best teaching practices: David Webb's *Santa Fe Trail Adventures*, folk dances, songs during the Trail era, and Tribal people's music and activities. If they don't receive the cost-share project this time, Chris Day and Marcia Fox will still plan on putting on a day

camp for children at the 2007 Trinidad Symposium. We plan on collaborating with Otis Halfmoon, Jeff Trotman, and Paula Manini to create a successful day camp. Even without the cost-share challenge project, Morton County Museum in Elkhart wants a day camp the first part of June in 2007. They are also willing to raise money for a SFT traveling trunk and have Marcia Fox and Chris Day put one together for them.

For several years, curator Janel Cook from the Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons, KS, has put on SFT day camps for students. Nick Ard from Wichita is involved with the Encompass Creative Arts Council Day Camps and is currently working on activities about the SFT and a possible field trip to one of the site locations.

The second part of the proposed cost-share project between SFTA and NPS involves four new trunks. These trunks will be necessary to provide the educational materials needed for the day camps and to provide educators in the Cimarron Cutoff, Texas Panhandle, Wet/Dry Routes, and Cottonwood Crossing chapters with access to these educational tools. Similar trunks have been prepared in the past and left at two schools, and a museum plus eight SFTA Chapters now have their own traveling trunks. In addition, the original traveling trunks, which were left at the Council Grove Elementary School, Las Vegas City Museum, and Parkview Elementary in Lamar, CO, need more items added to make them, equivalent to the trunks prepared more recently. The traveling trunk at Parkview Elementary School will be removed to the regional educational center in Colorado, which can provide advertisement to reach more teachers. If we are granted this new proposed cost-share, we will be contacting chapters close to the future day-camp sites to help us work out the logistics of each workshop. Along with this, the SFTA Board approved for Chris Day and Marcia Fox to make SFT traveling trunks and sell them to organizations interested in having a SFT traveling trunk.

Chris Day and Marcia Fox also decided to try to reach out to more teachers for Santa Fe Trail involvement by presenting Santa Fe Trail

workshops at national social studies and history conventions. We have been accepted to present a workshop at the 2006 Organization of American Historians in Lincoln, NE, July 6-8, 2007. This will also be a prime opportunity to talk about the Santa Fe Trail Association and have Santa Fe Trail brochures available for membership. The board approved \$600 to pay their travel expenses to Lincoln.

In the future, separate from any cost-share proposal, we would like to collaborate with the National Frontier Trails Museum in Independence, Missouri and together put on teacher workshops about the Santa Fe Trail.

When the new SFTA Web site is up and running, the educational committee will be responsible for several educational topics with buttons for educators, students, lesson plans, and links to research-based history web sites. Several members of the education committee have volunteered to evaluate the research-based history web sites to make sure they meet the criteria before these links are sent to Clive Siegle.

Chris Day and Janet Armstead will kickoff a Santa Fe Trail educational trip meeting in September to get students interested in the 2007 Santa Fe Trail education trip for students.

Clive Sigle would like the education committee along with other committee volunteers to put together a picture CD about the Santa Fe Trail. Clive showed the retreat members the Lewis and Clark interactive picture, which is a 3D journey with interactive maps and text.

Looking into a possible coloring book about the Santa Fe Trail. One of Chris Day's former students is a graphic artist and creative writer and she created a coloring book for the Galesburg, IL, Chamber of Commerce and received an award. We would like this coloring book for future day camps and a possibility of publication.

To involve more families interested in traveling the SFT, John Conoboy and Peg Nelson from the National Park Service have asked the education committee to come up with a project like the Junior Ranger Program. They would like us to put

together activity sheets about the SFT that children can fill out when they visit forts and museums along the Trail while traveling with their parents and receive some kind of recognition. The education committee will take on the project and work with the NPS.

SCOUTING THE TRAIL ONLINE

—A VIRTUAL GUIDE—

Julie Daicoff, Editor

This column presents a guide to Trail resources available on the Internet. Everyone who has found useful Trail documents online is encouraged to share the information to be considered for publication, including web sites featuring manuscripts and published materials (written records, maps, sketches, and photographs). Please send items via e-mail to Julie at <jdaicoff@everestkc.net>.

Although there are hundreds of books published on the Santa Fe Trail, a select few have warranted a special place in the archives of our national library. Looking back to the original source documents presents its own challenges. Some of the original journals of SFT travelers from the 1800s have been digitized and are currently available on the web. When the texts of these journals are combined with images of the original text and electronic images of the original illustrations, a true gem is found. Although there is only one listing for this entry, the work considers the perspective of several individuals: Emory, Abert, and to a lesser extent Cooke and Torrey.

William Hemsley Emory's 1848 Journal: "Notes of a military reconnaissance, from Fort Leavenworth, in Missouri, to San Diego, in California, including parts of the Arkansas, Del Norte, and Gila rivers." W. H. EMORY, BREVET MAJOR, CORPS TOPOGRAPHICAL ENGINEERS. MADE IN 1840-7, WITH THE ADVANCED GUARD OF THE "ARMY OF THE WEST." WASHINGTON: WENDELL AND VAN BENTHUYSEN, PRINTERS. Emory, William Hemsley. 1848.

To access the digital image of this document, select the Library of Congress Catalog at <<http://catalog.loc.gov/>>. Using the Basic Search box enter the text: "Notes of a military

reconnaissance" and select Keyword, then Begin Search. Look for the entry with the Electronic Resource Available magnifying glass and select that entry. In the middle of the page you will then select the link to access the document's print image or digitized image.

Emory's journal is 416 total pages. While the text is simply labeled by date of entry under the category of "Notes," the illustrations are exquisite and include:

Ruins of Pecos. Catho Church.; Ruins of Pecos. Aztek Church
San Felipe, New Mexico
A New Mexican Indian Woman
The last day with the wagons
Valley of the Mimbres; View of the Copper mine
Mouth of Night creek
Fish of the Rio Gila without scales; Hieroglyphics
Cereus Giganteus; View of MT. Graham
A tributary of the Gila
Group of Plants Exhibiting the Vegetation on the Gila
The ruins of the Casa Grande; The Interpreter of the Pimos by Birth a Coco Maricopas
Juan Antonio - Pimo Head Chief
Pimos & Coco Maricopas Indians
Head of the Mountain Goat Female
Junction of the Gila & Colorado Rivers
San Diego

Appendices contain correspondence related to Emory's travels, notes by Professor Torrey, information on vegetation, and the geographical positions and astronomical observations by camp location. The notes of James William Abert who traveled with Emory are found in Appendix 6. Abert provides a similar level of detail about animals, vegetation, and geography along their route. Additional technical references to vegetation are also provided. Philip St George Cooke authored Appendix 7 containing his brief memoir on Sonora, Mexico.

Photographic and print images of Trail-related geography exist in many forms. At the Library of Congress Prints and Photograph Division, there is a small collection of black-and-white film copy lithographs from the 1800s that relate to the Santa Fe Trail. Listed below are image titles, reproduction numbers, and the Internet address to access

the images.

"Buttes in the desert on the Santa Fe Trail" - Reproduction Number LC-USZ6-905 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a00854>>

"Crossing a dry tributary of the Gila River" - Reproduction Number: LC-USZ6-908 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a00857>>

"Heiroyglyphics passed on Santa Fe Trail" - Reproduction Number LC-USZ6-907 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a00856>>

"In New Mex. The Fra Cristobal Mts. 205 miles from Santa Fe" - Reproduction Number: LC-USZ6-909 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3a00858>>

"A pack train to Santa Fé, 1820" - Reproduction Number: LC-USZ62-69690 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3b17126>> (woodcut published in Henry Inman's *The Old Santa Fe Trail*, 1897)

A series of drawings was created by Daniel A. Jenks in 1859-1860 as he traveled the general area of the Santa Fe Trail and other trails. These graphite and ink images are available electronically at the Library of Congress web site. They were purchased recently from a private organization. Although some of the images may not be of interest to the Santa Fe Trail historian, all of the images are listed to provide a comprehensive look into Jenks' work. Below are image titles, reproduction numbers, and the internet address to access the images.

"Bents Fort" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04810 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28890>>

"Cache la Poudre Creek" (near Fort Collins, Colorado) - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04814 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28892>>

"Camp 100 - Humbolt River" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04819 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28889>>

"Camp 120, Eagle Lake, Sierra Nevadas" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04821 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28895>>

"Camp 23rd Arkansas River" (near Great Bend area) - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04809 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28888>>

"Camp 90, De Casure Creek" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04816 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28893>>

"Chavis Creek, camp 14th" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04807 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28882>>

"Cherokee Pass, Rocky Mountains" - Reproduction Number: LC-USZ62-128886 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28886>>

"Cottonwood Creek, Sunday April 10th 1859" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04808 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28891>>

"The dessert [e.g. desert]" (western Nevada) - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04817 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28897>>

"Humbolt River Valley" (California Trail) - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04818 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28879>>

"Independence camp" (Rocky Mountains) - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04812 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28896>>

"Mountain camp, Siera Nevada" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04820 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28885>>

"My cabin, Long Gulch" - Reproduction Number: LC-DIG-ppmsc-04824 - <<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/cph.3c28884>>

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THE MEMOIRS OF JARED L. SANDERSON, "STAGECOACH KING," PART IV

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The stage coach was made the advance guard to civilization. It kept constantly in advance of the railroad the most powerful agent of the nineteenth century.

These cities of the plains, the now fertile ranches, remember with pleasure the coming of the stage coach, bringing as it did messages and packages from the outer world from which they were excluded.

There was a romance about the old stage coach never to be forgotten. The driver with his four or six in hand, the masterful way in which he cracked his whip, the many passengers uniting business with sightseeing all had their place in this story of my life and personal recollections. The road from Canon City to Del Norte, is 154 miles, over one of the most beautiful scenic routes in Colorado; over Poncha Pass into one of the most beautiful and fertile valleys.

At this time there was only one white settler here, a man named Sabin, who was a minister, known to all as Elder Sabin. He had large herds of cattle that roamed over this pleasant valley through which we drove and where there was a station for our stock. This valley was one hundred and fifty by seventy five miles in extent. A clear stream ran through this land, furnishing a refreshing supply of good water, a most welcome sight to all western travelers.

From Canon City to Salida, then called South Arkansas, over Poncha Pass range, to Del Norte; then from Del Norte to Lake City, a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, where there was a very lively mining camp, and many rich mines, among which was the Golden Fleece, an account of

which would read more like a fairy tale or a page from the Arabian Nights, a book I read as a child, and whose pages were full of sudden and mysterious acquisitions of wonderful wealth.

Then from Lake City to Telluride, which was the end of my route. And in this way from one point to another, we pushed our way onward as new discoveries were made by some wondering prospector with his pack on his burro, soon the news would go forth of the finding of gold; we would then put on our coaches which would be well filled with adventurous seekers. As soon as a settlement or camp was established, the iron horse would supplant our stage horse and the railroad with its curves and swiftness would help onward the march of progress until this whole western country is a pleasurable wonder to those who knew it half a century ago.

First the burro, then the stage coach, then the railroad.

After all the varied experiences of my life, I settled down to spend the remaining years in Boulder, the seat of the State University. This city to my mind, has more advantages than any other that I have ever been in, and I have known many. Its location is all that one could wish, for situated at the base of the Rocky Mountains with a protection from the storms and winds, with water 99 per cent pure coming from mountain lakes, piped to the city, an abundant and never failing supply. Schools and churches are to satisfy every taste and creed.

The inhabitants number about 11,000. Pleasant even beautiful homes abound. There are no saloons or any element to mar the peaceful beauty of this city.

Mining first brought the people to this place, and it is due to this industry that Boulder became what it now is. It is surrounded by the riches of the earth. To the west the mines, To the east rich farming lands and fruit orchards. The air itself is teeming with life. Its winters are mild and its summers delightful, with nights always cool and restful.

When the pioneers first came here they came by ox teams or stage. These were exciting and interesting

times, never to be forgotten by those who enjoyed and experienced them. Nearly all of these pioneers have had their ups and downs, have rode on the teeter board of life. Some have known great wealth and direst poverty, yet they took it all in a spirit of philosophy and accepted the truth that: "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Some of the Boulder mines have paid largely and many of the homes in Boulder are built from their output. These productive mining camps have kept staging alive and did much to bring people here. All around in the various mining camps, the fortunes were quickly made; Caribou, twenty four miles distant yielded her millions of silver; Gold Hill, Sunshine and Jamestown all became known as productive camps. Mining was proved to be a legitimate business and Boulder being its center, became the growing bright little cith [city] which it is acknowledged to be. Tourists coming for a season remain as residents, and I am fully of the opinion that Boulder is the place to live in, and here I happily spend the remaining years of an active life, resting in its quiet peacefulness.

The State University is co educational and has an attendance from all parts of the country. It is most delightfully located on high ground with an uninterrupted and magnificent view of the mountains which are close by. Its campus covers fifty two acres donated to the state for a University by three pioneers, Marinus G. Smith, George A. Andrews and Anthony Arnett. By their timely generosity the location of the University was given to Boulder.

Like all enterprises, both public and private, its earlier years were full of struggles. It has passed through trials overcome only by the determined effort of its President James H. Baker, a man of wonderful executive ability and control, from almost succumbing to the discouraging conditions in its early history. Today it has twenty large and beautiful buildings on its campus; one hundred and eighty five instructors, over thirteen hundred students, and in the year 1912 these were two hundred and thirty one graduates sent forth from this institution with all

the advantages of a university education to fight the battles of life in its most complex conditions.

I have in my coaches brought out many a poor prospector and he has returned a rich man. Many are the well known names in the financial world who have made their start in life through mining. George Pullman of Pallace car fame made his start in this way, in Boulder County too. Stratton, Tabor, Walsh, we all know their success. When once the mining fever possesses one it overcomes all difficulties and seems to enthuse one with new life.

Why a large proportion of the men who come to Colorado to mine are not more successful is because they know so little about the industry, yet after a very short time they feel they know it all. In any other business they would expect to learn something about it. Yet with all this, the fickle Goddess Fortune has been kind to the tender-foot.

The Melvina Mine of Salina carries with it a record of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and a more interesting tale of romantic hue than most of our dime novels, which so facinate the youth but often lead the their destruction, while the mining industry is a beautiful pursuit, introductive, of large returns financially, at the same time it educates the miner into the mysteries of the earth's products.

The famous Slide Mine of Gold Hill, which I operated during the Eighties is a wonderful revelation of what these mountains hold for man's endeavor.

In my workings of this mine I have come across gold in quantities sufficient to satisfy the most exacting and expectant. When I tell you that in one day we took forty five thousand dollars in gold ore from a pocket which underlay a granite cap, which showed no evidence of mineral.

One could write a volume on mining alone on this feature of Colorado's wealth and industry, but I have so much ground to cover I must pass on, simply giving a little record of the output of the mines in this County alone:

The Slide with output of	\$1,500,000.00
The Cold Spring " "	150,000.00
The Red Cloud " "	500,000.00
The Prussian " "	500,000.00

The American " " 500,000.00
The Yellow Pine " " 1,000,000.00
The Melvina " " 500,000.00
and many others of small returns, but which have made their owner a comfortable competence for their later years.

The early days of Leadville were days the equal of which were never known before or since. I doubt if such an experience could repeat itself. Stage after stage came into camp laden with all classes of people. Dance halls, gambling dens and Red Light Districts abounded. Every man was his own defense, no one thought of going unarmed and a man or two dropped off was of daily or nightly occurrence.

The poor man of yesterday was the rich man of today. Horace W. Tabor was then keeping a store. He and his first wife, Augusta worked together, but she did the most of the work. Tabor kept prospectors out whom he grub staked for one half, one third or one quarter, according to conditions and whatever they found was divided. The finds were large and his partners being honest Tabor's wealth grew rapidly and to an enormous amount.

He then built the Opera House at Leadville, the Tabor Block at Denver, Tabor Opera House and many other beautiful buildings. In fact as it was at this time that Denver was becoming very dull and many were leaving, and I who have seen it all will say that Denver owes its re-awakening and present growth largely to the public spirit of Horace W. Tabor, a man of simple manners and large heart. No one who has personally been in a mining camp can conceive its novelty and its life, unlike anything else. The uncertainty the hopes, the disappointments, the surprises. Many a romance could be written of those days stranger than fiction, and the old stage coach bore no small part in them.

Long lost sons and brothers were united. But on the whole, the toughest of all my stage lines was the one from Buena Vista to Leadville.

Moffat, Smith, Watson, Cheese-man, and many more of Denver's leading millionaires were then of little note or means. Lucky strikes on mines with early investments in real estate was the source of their for-

tunes.

An amusing story is frequently told of a German who was mining in the early days. He went on patiently until at last his money being exhausted, he was obliged to give up his mine. Another took it and after opening up ten feet came on to an immense body of ore which made him independently rich. The old German when he saw this, said with a sigh that he would alway go ten feet further. This is a true story and also one that is often repeated.

W. H. Cox, builder of the Albany, spent several thousands on a property at Leadville, only to have the ones that followed his work rewarded for all the effort made, while his work was a perfect loss to him.

But after all, isn't it often so in life? Ones efforts rewards another.

In the minds of many, the money that is put into now productive mines is called thrown away. But is it not the means of directly or indirectly opening up the treasure vaults of these mountains? Not every mine is a paying one, but every foot mined puts money into the pockets of the miner, encouraging him and helping him, then passing on its way to the trades people, while all the time the man who is putting his money in is having a reasonable chance of making a fortune. To me it looks like a square deal, and distributes the money in a fair way.

California Gulch leading into Leadville in the first five years of its history yielded \$300,000.00, and caused an excitement all over the world never known before or since.

In 1877 there were only six buildings in Leadville, ten years later the population was 35,000 people. A large hotel was erected and men seemed to tread on air and drink of hope and joy, which in a majority of cases brought fruition of all their hopes.

Post Office, Banks, Newspapers, Schools and Churches compared favorably in that short time to many a city a century old.

But this prosperity brought its usual reckless spirit of non control, and vigilance committee and lynching were a feature of the times. Chapters could be written on this feature alone of early life in Colorado.

We were obliged to use these stringent measures in order to protect ourselves and the public from outlaws. To repeat here would be to fill a volume itself, so I pass this phase only to say that I was not wholly innocent in this mode of punishing offenders, and when the thieves were caught who had stolen my horses, I did not feel any scruples at seeing them hanged to the nearest tree. On a limb of a cottonwood tree I have more than once seen three of these outlaws strung up at once.

I am writing this book from memory and from data from my journals of that day and time, so I will not go back as far as it may be the readers' interest to know, but all previous history can be had from well known works.

In 1860 Denver had just began to start its growth. There were at this time a few tents and log cabins. There was nothing above Blake Street, four thousand people would be a liberal count. Our corrals, stables for horses and coaches were then on the corner of Blake street and Seventeenth, and we felt that we were away out on the prairie. Some years later when we sold this property, we received one thousand dollars for it. A few years later such was the advance in values, it was again sold, and this time brought eighty five thousand dollars. Such was the wonderful growth of this city away out in the midst of the Great American Desert.

With rapid strides have I seen this city grown, and volumes could be written of the strange and fickle pranks of fortune which has changed many a pioneer from poverty to wealth, but that is not my work.

In looking over old papers to jog my memory in writing this, I find the following list of losses by Indians, which may prove of interest to those who know of my efforts to secure payment from the government. As there is a solemn promise of the government to protect from and reimburse for losses by Indians, I am at present in hopes of receiving at some time some compensation for the following:

Taken by the Indians at Cow Creek and Little Arkansas stations,
17 mules @ \$200 each \$3400.00
1865 April 28.

For the following property taken by the Cheyennes and Arapahoes on the Upper Arkansas River at Spring Bottom Station on the Arkansas River,
2 bay horses @ \$100. \$200.00
August 5, 1866.

For the following property taken by the Cheyenne Indians Ammerm Ranch:

17 mules @ \$250. \$4250.00
May 12, 1867,

For the following property taken by the Cheyenne Indians from Pretty Encampment:

8 mules @ \$250 \$2000.00
2 mules killed @ \$250 500.00
May 25th.

For the following property taken by the Cheyenne Indians from Fort Dodge:

5 mules @ \$250. 1250.00
2 horses @ \$250. 500.00
May 15th.

For the following property taken by the Cheyenne Indians from Plum Creek Station:

4 mules @ \$250. 1000.00
4 horses @ \$250. 1000.00
June 29, 1867.

For the following property taken by the Cheyenne Indians from Cow Creek Ranch:

1 mule @ \$250. 250.00
Sept. 30, 1868.

For the following property taken by the Indians from the Rush Creek Station:

4 mules @ \$250. \$1000.00
August 8th.

For the following property taken by the Indians near Rush Creek Station:

5 mules @ \$250. \$1250.00
1 wagon and harness 250.00
September 4th.

For the following property taken by the Indians at Big Sandy Station:

2 mules @ 250. 500.00
September 8th.

For the following property taken by the Indians from Big Meadow Station:

1 mule @ \$250. 250.00
September 13th.

For the following property taken by the Indians from Cheyenne Wells Station:

1 mule @ \$250. 250.00
TOTAL \$17,850.00

Loss by the Indians by their depredations.

dations.

So little is understood about the Indian depredation claims that in telling in these pages about my own claim against the government it will also acquaint the reader with the general situation of these claims of which there are many similar to mine.

All of the Indian tribes are paid large annuities by the United States Government, from which annuities claims against each tribe is paid to those parties who suffered from their depredations. These tribes as a rule were friendly to the white man, but there were always some unruly ungovernable ones who would attack, and this caused trouble.

My claims, a part of which is detailed on another page, was originally \$47,000, which represents my actual loss by Indian depredations. But the government for some reason cut out all before 1866, and so cut mine to a small sum, comparatively.

Then the government used a strange logic. It claimed that while my stolen animals were worth \$250, at that time, money was not worth as much as it is now, and so "the said Secretary of the Interior recommended to Congress, as the currency of the country at the time of the taking of the property was depreciated, that the amount due should be ascertained by a comparative reference to the value of the currency at the time of the submission of the claim to him under said acts of Congress, and on this account and no other, recommended that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for each of said animals, which he found to have been their value at the time they were taken, should not be paid, but that the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars for each of said animals only, should be paid, which latter sum he estimated to be their value if paid in the currency of the country at the time of his adjudication.

While this view of the case seems a very peculiar and unjust one to me and I think to every careful reader of the same, still after waiting all these years, I should be very glad to have the question settled and the matter closed, even at this rate of settlement. Just calculate what even the amount they recommend would be at compound interest, but the United

States Government pays no interest on deferred claims, as you or I would have to do.

Let me add here that there are pending against the Government thousands of just claims, somewhat similar to mine. Occasionally as we glance through the columns of the newspaper, we see where some one has at last received payment. I am glad for them, and it gives me hope that mine will come soon.

As long ago as 1892, judgment was rendered in my favor and I had every reason to soon expect my government draft. Then some one in authority put up what is called "The Amity Clause" and this step on the part of the Government officials retarded the payment.

If these men secure in the comforts and luxuries of their Washington positions could take one trip across the plains as I did, sleeping under coaches, buffeting the winds and storms of the prairie, with struggle and peril, without food when lost in a blizzard, if they could make one trip and then return to Washington with the tale vivid with danger, sacrifice and sometimes blood, I believe I should have my claim paid in twenty four hours.

If I sidetrack a little from the old Santa Fe Trail, and will make my story brief, I think my readers will bear with me and enjoy travelling over these smaller routes, which penetrated into the heart of this country. How the tourist of today would enjoy going in the old fashioned stage coach, breathing in the perfumed air of the spruce and the pines, watching the startled deer of which there were countless numbers, as we drove through these wooded glens and gazed with wonder and amazement on the large flocks of wild, native sheep of the mountain that abounded here by the thousands. Amid all this we drive on from Gunnison, west to Montrose and on to Ouray and south and west into Telluride.

At this same time another line of coaches is going from Montrose following the north fork of the Gunnison River through Delta, Roaring Fork, Grand River to Glenwood Springs, a beautiful fertile valley only occupied by an occasional hay ranch with herds of fine cattle rang-

ing over mountain and valley.

Marshall Pass, one of the most popular of all the trips of the tourist, both by the stage coach in the sixties and by the traveller of today on the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, which immediately followed us — taking our trail as we left it, we penetrating further into the untravelled country. From Poncha Pass up to the top of Marshall Pass, twelve miles of ascent, until at an altitude of 10856 feet, we reached the crest of the mountain. We ascended at the rate of 211 feet for every mile. This is the much talked of Continental Divide.

The passengers of our coach were always very quiet here. The grandeur and magnificence of the view and surroundings inspired them. There was a heavy growth of timber here, largely composed of aspen trees.

On the upward climb we skirted Mt. Shavano with Mr. [Mt.] Ouray just opposite. While on the descent into Gunnison, our next station, fifty miles away, the drive was one of the grandest possible to imagine. The first twelve miles from the top was somewhat alarming to one unused to mountain travel. It would have been a matter of peril to have attempted a straight descent and so we went by curves and what we called a snake road, first to the right and then to the left, until we came more to the level. We were gladdened by the clear waters of Tomichi Creek, where the plentiful mountain trout abounded, fearless of the approach of man.

From Gunnison our old route went on to Lake City and Ouray, and thus we travelled to all parts of the new country. Towns have been changed, new surveys made, routes sometimes shortened by the railroad, but I am writing as it was in the sixties when the West was young, and the mad rush of civilization had not taken hold on the people.

We passed through canons where the walls rise abruptly two thousand feet, again with a curve in the road to where we can look down into deep, dark meandering gorges. We often had to change our course on account of quicksands, one of the worst dangers to a traveller in a new country.

Once as we were fording the Arkansas River, just this side of Bents

Fort, our mules began to sink. We saw then that we had come to a bed of quicksand. It was somewhat by a growth of grass, which prevented us from seeing the whirlpool which otherwise would have warned us. We quickly unharnessed the mules from the coach and rolling them over and over, reached the banks of the river safely. Had we gone further in, there would have been no escape for either mules or coach, for the more one struggles in quicksand, the deeper in they go.

In studying the map of the Santa Fe Trail, you will notice at Cimmaron Crossing near Fort Dodge, the trail divides one line going south while the other continues in its westerly course to La Junta, when that takes a direct southerly course and unites with the other at Ojo De Vernal and from there on to Santa Fe. The reason of this is we changed the route on account of the many quicksands we came across, making it impossible to continue. Meeting with delays and accidents and so, although the present well known trail was much the longer, by something like twice the distance, we entirely deserted the southerly course and kept to the safer northern line.

Old Dick Wootton [Richens Lacy "Uncle Dick" Wootton] of Raton Pass was a character all his own. He built a log house here and lived here until he died. He added to his revenue largely by collecting toll of every traveller who passed that way. The stage coach added to his income at the rate of one hundred dollars every three months. He had made the road and he was toll keeper and entitled to all he received.

Wootton was a noted Indian fighter and was one of my very best friends in that part of the country. This location is in the valley just this side of the top of the mountain which divides Colorado from New Mexico. There is a beautiful creek of fresh water, which added greatly to the comfort of the horses as we passed through it many times as it winds about in a winding twisting way until it flowed into the waters of the Purgatory River.

The scenery at the top of Raton Mountain is grand. We had our station at this point, and travellers never tired of gazing on the grand view before them. It was indeed a

sublimely beautiful view. On one side is seen the Spanish Peaks, upon which the snow never melts, while the other brings clearly to our view the Las Animas Valley. The intense blue of the sky, and the clearness of the atmosphere would cause one unacquainted with conditions to imagine the distance much shorter than it proves to be, on attempting to reach them.

Dick Wooton lived here with his family, building himself a adobe house, a large two story, very much after the homes on southern plantations. This house was burned about in 1894. He kept the station for us until we left off the coaches and the passengers were always sure of a first class meal when they stopped there. Dick Wooton lived here until he died.

He had done good work for himself and for the country, and his name goes down in history as one of the brave pioneers who has done his work in his own way for the benefit of coming generations. His earlier life which was full of adventure and enterprise has been written in other histories of the west.

We will now travel over the route.

Leaving Kansas City, we reach Council Grove, 120 miles, where the Indians who were friendly held council, hence the name. It was a beautiful restful spot with a fine grove of trees, making abundant shade and a fine stream of water, then called Big John.

From there we went on to Pawnee Fork, Indian name for Fort Larned, where soldiers were stationed, and supplies were distributed to the Indians and surrounding settlers. Now it was fifty miles from here across country to Fort Dodge, through a hard tough country, and it was just east of here that the Indians were slyly stealing my animals and denying their tribes professions of friendship to us, and proving false to their treaty. This was in 1867. The more particular statement is given in my chapter on the claim I now hold against the government for Indian depredations. From Fort Dodge to Fort Bent, via Fort Lyon was the next point along the journey. This was really the desert. We were obliged to have all our stock doubled.

We were often obliged to travel

under Government protection and it was always ready to serve us, for the U. S. mail must be guarded well, and always has the right of way. We built no stations until we reached Bent's Fort. From here to La Junta and on to Pueblo, where we established quite a station, and where we had our main office for many years.

The Purgatory River, which runs from Bent's Fort to near Raton, our next stopping place along the trail, has several names. The old priests called it "El Rio de las Animas Perdidas" which means "The river of lost souls," while the French called it "Le Purgatoire," but the old trappers and settlers have long called it "Pick-etwire."

This was the time and the place of the bandit, who had in mind the strong boxes of the express company and we were ever on our guard. Around Raton, was a dangerous place on account of large growth of trees, behind which they could conceal themselves, and then being so near the border of Nex Mexico, they could easily get out of the state if suspected. Some of the most daring of the stage robberies I remember occurred here in broad daylight.

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HOOOF PRINTS

—TRAIL TIDBITS—

The Okie-Tex Star Party at Camp Billie Joe, major fundraiser for the Cimarron Heritage Center in Boise City, OK, is scheduled for September 16-23. For more information, call 580-544-3479.

The 2007 Pikes Peak Regional History Symposium will examine extraordinary women who lived in the region. Proposals for papers for the June 9, 2007, meeting should be sent to Chris Nicholl, PO Box 1579, Colorado Springs CO 80901 before February 1, 2007.

The 2006 Pikes Peak Regional History Symposium on June 3 looked at the life and expeditions of Zebulon M. Pike. It was an outstanding program. The papers will be published. If interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Chris Nicholl at above address.

The Otero Players of Otero Junior College will be producing a radio

drama in the fall of 2006. *Voices Under the Wind* is an adaptation of an original historical play about Bent's Fort. For more information, contact RuAnn Keith at 719-384-6814 or <RuAnn.Keith@ojc.edu>.

PIKE'S COLUMN

[This special column will continue as a series in Wagon Tracks until the close of the Pike Southwest Expedition Bicentennial activities in 2007. It features documents, articles, bibliography, and notes which tell the story of Pike, his expeditions, and related topics. Submissions are solicited for this column.

There is one item for this issue: the fourteenth installment of Pike's journal. Keep informed with the Pike Bicentennial plans at <www.zeublonpike.org>. Please note that *Rendezvous 2006* is devoted to Pike.]

PIKE'S JOURNAL, PART XIV

This reprint of Pike's journal of the expedition of 1806-1807 continues, starting with the entry for April 16, 1807, while Pike was a "guest" of the Spanish officials in Chihuahua City.

Pike's Journal

16th April, Thursday.—Spent the evening at the secretary's Don Villamil's.

17th April, Friday.—Sent my letter to his excellency. Spent the evening with my friend Malgares.

18th April, Saturday.—Spent the evening at Caberarie's, &c. Wrote to governor Allencaster.

19th April, Sunday.—In the evening at a Fandango. [This is the third fandango Pike mentions in his journal.]

20th April, Monday.—We this day learned that an American officer had gone on to the city of Mexico. This was an enigma to us inexplicable, as we conceived that the jealousy of the Spanish government would have prevented any foreign officer from penetrating the country; and what [that?] the United States could send an authorised agent to the vice royalty, when the Spanish government had at the seat of our government a charge des affairs, served but to darken the conjectures. The person alluded to was Mr. [Walter] Burling, a citizen of Mississippi Territory, whose mission is now well known to the government. We likewise received an account of a commercial

treaty having been entered into between Great Britain and the United States, which by the Dons was only considered as the preliminary step to an alliance offensive and defensive between the two nations.

21st, April, Tuesday.—Presented the commanding general with a letter for general Wilkinson, which he promised to have forwarded to the governor of Texas.

22d April, Wednesday.—Spent the day in reading and studying Spanish; the evening at captain Villamil's.

23d April, Thursday.—Dined at Don Pedro Vallois; the evening with colonel Maynor; bid him adieu as he was to march the next day. In the evening received a letter from the commandant general, informing me my papers were to be detained, giving a certificate of their numbers, contents, &c. &c.

24th April, Friday.—Spent the evening at Zuloaga's with his relations. About sun down an officer of the government called upon me, and "told me that the government had been informed, that in conversations in all societies, Robinson and myself had held forth political maxims and principles, which if *just*, I must be conscious if generally disseminated, would in a very few years be the occasion of a revolt of *those* kingdoms; that these impressions had taken such effect as that it was no uncommon thing (in the circles in which we associated) to hear the comparative principles of a republican and monarchical government discussed; and even the allegiance due (*in case of certain events*) to the court called in question; that various characters of consideration had indulged themselves in those conversations, *all of whom were noted and would be taken care of*; but, that, as it respected myself and companion, it was the desire of his excellency, that whilst in the dominions of Spain we would not hold forth any conversations whatsoever, either on the subject of religion or politics." I replied, that "it was true I had held various and free conversations on the subjects complained of, but only with men high in office, who might be supposed to be firmly attached to the king, and partial to the government of their country. That I had never gone amongst the poor and illiterate, preaching up

republicanism or a free government. That as to the catholic religion, I had only combated some of what I conceived to be its illiberal dogmas; but that I had spoken of it in all instances as a respectable branch of the Christian religion, which as well as all others, was tolerated in the United States; but that, had I come to that kingdom in a diplomatic character, delicacy towards the government would have sealed my lips. Had I been a prisoner of war, personal safety might have had the same effect; but being there in the capacity which I was; not voluntarily, but by coercion of the Spanish government, but, who, at the same time had officially notified me that they did not consider me under any restraint whatever—therefore, when called on, should always give my opinions freely, either as to politics or religion; but at the same time with urbanity, and a proper respect to the legitimate authorities of the country where I was."

He replied, "Well you may then rest assured your conduct will be represented in no very favorable point of view to your government."

I replied, "To my government I am certainly responsible, and to no other." He then left me, and I immediately waited on some of my *friends* and notified them of the threat, at which they appeared much *alarmed*, and we went immediately to consult — who, to great attachment to his friends, joined the most incorruptible loyalty and the confidence of the government. Our consultation ended in a determination only to be silent and watch events.

We suspected — to be the informant, but whether just in our suspicion or not, I will not pretend to determine, for Robinson and myself frequently used to hold conversations in his presence purposely to have them communicated; but he at last discovered our intentions, and told us, that we calculated on making him a carrier of news, we were mistaken; that he despised it.

25th April, Saturday.—At eleven o'clock called on his excellency, but was informed he was engaged: about three o'clock received a message from him by lieutenant Walker, informing me that he was surprised I had not returned, and to call without ceremony in the evening, which I

did, and presented him with a letter. He then also candidly informed me my party would not join me in the territory of the king of Spain, but that they should be attended to punctually, and forwarded on immediately after me; but requested that I should give orders to my sergeant to deliver up all his ammunition, and dispose in some manner of the horses of which he had charge. I stated in reply, "that with respect to the ammunition, I would give orders to my sergeant to deliver (if demanded) all they possessed, more than was necessary to fill their horns; but that as to the horses, I considered their loss was a charge which must be adjusted between the two governments, therefore should not give any directions respecting them, except as to bringing them on as far and as long as they were able to travel." He then gave me an invitation to dine with him on the morrow.

26th April, Sunday.—Dined at the general's. In the evening went to Malgares, Zuloaga's and others. Wrote to my sergeant and Fero; to the latter of whom I sent ten dollars, and to the other 161 dollars 84 cents, to purchase clothes for the party. We had been for some time suspicious that the doctor was being detained, but this evening he likewise obtained permission to pursue his journey with me, which diffused general joy through all the party.

27 April, Monday.—Spent the day in making arrangements for our departure; writing to the sergeant, &c. I will here mention some few anecdotes relative to —, with whom we boarded during our stay in Chihuahua. When we came to the city we went to his quarters, (by order of the general) and considered ourselves as guests, having not the least idea that we should charged with board, knowing with what pleasure any American officer would receive and entertain a foreign brother soldier situated as we were, and that we should conceive it a great insult to be offered pay under similar circumstances. But one day after we had been there about a week, he presented me an account for Robinson's and my board, *received*, and begged if the general enquired of me, that I would say I had paid it. This naturally led me to demand how the thing originated; he with considerable em-

barrassment observed, that he had taken the liberty to remark to the general, that he thought he should be allowed extra allowance, in order to be enabled to threat us with some little distinction. The general flew into a most violent passion, and demanded if I had not paid him for our board? to which the other replied no, he did not expect pay of us. He ordered him immediately to demand pay, to receive it, sign a receipt and lodge it in his hands; and added, he would consult me if the thing was done, but which he never did, yet I took care every Sunday after that, to deposit in the hands of Walker, a sum which was considered the proportion for Robinson and myself. Malgares and several other of the Spanish officers having heard of the thing, waited on us much mortified—saying, with what pleasure they would have entertained us had not the designation of the general pointed out his will on the subject—had living with him an old negro, (the only one I saw on that side of St. Antonio) who was the property of some person who resided near Natchez, who had been taken with Nolan. Having been acquainted with him in the Mississippi country, solicited and obtained permission for old Caesar to live with him. I found him very communicative and extremely useful. The day I arrived, when we were left alone he came in, and looked around at the walls of the room and exclaimed, "What! All gone." I demanded an explanation, and he informed me that the maps of the different provinces as taken by — and other surveyors, had been hung up against the walls, but the day we arrived they had all been taken down and deposited in a closet which he designated. W— gave various reasons for his having left the United States and joined the Spanish service; one of which was, his father having been ill-treated as he conceived by G. at Natchez. At Chihuahua he had charge of the military school, which consisted of about 15 young men of the first families of the provinces; also of the public water-works of the city, on a plan devised by the royal engineer of Mexico; of the building of a new church; of the casting of small artillery, fabrication of arms, &c. &c. Thus, though he had tendered his resignation, they knew

his value too well to part with him, and would not accept of it, but still kept him in a subordinate station, in order that he might be the more *dependant* and the more *useful*. And although he candidly confessed his disgust to their service, manners, morals, and political establishments, yet, he never made a communication to us which he was bound in honor to conceal; but on the contrary fulfilled the station of informer, which in that country is considered no disgrace, with great punctuality and fidelity. In this city the proverb was literally true, that "the walls had ears." For there was scarcely any thing could pass that his excellency did not know in a few hours after. In the evening I was notified to be ready to march the next day at three o'clock.

(continued next issue)

LAST CHANCE STORE

by Leo E. Oliva, Manager

THERE seems to be a mystery about the SFTA Last Chance Store. Where is it? What is it? Who does it? Why?

Occasionally someone calls and wants to visit the "store." We explain there is no "store," that everything is stored in our basement, that this is a mail-order business, and it exists for the benefit of SFTA.

When SFTA was founded, Bonita and I operated a mail-order book service called Western Books (still in existence). We visited with founding President Marc Simmons about using this to offer Trail books to members, and he suggested we set up a "store" for SFTA. We took the Trail-related inventory from Western Books, added to it, and started the Last Chance Store (inspired by the Trail store of that name in Council Grove). We provided the funds to start and operate the "store."

The SFTA Last Chance Store (LCS) offers books and other items related to the Trail, with an order form inserted in every issue of *WT*. The funds generated from this "store" help fund SFTA publications and other projects.

The paper for all inserts in *WT*, plus the toner for printing copies, is paid by the LCS. Publications, including symposium papers in *Confrontation on the Santa Fe Trail*, were paid by LCS. When funds were

needed beyond budget for web site development, payments were made by LCS. LCS helped fund some cash awards made by SFTA. When the National Park Service approved sale of SFNHT logo signs for chapters to place along streets and roads, the LCS purchased these (most of which remain in inventory). The LCS owns a large quantity of the commemorative coins created by OCTA (most of which remain in inventory). The SFT note cards, featuring the 13 paintings of Doug Holdread, were printed entirely with LCS funds (taking all the cash reserves). The gift of life membership to Marc Simmons was paid by LCS (we've sold more than a thousand of his books). The LCS helps supply books for some museums to sell, providing small quantities at a discount. Discounts are also given to libraries.

No one has received any compensation for running the "store," and volunteers have assisted with LCS sales at symposiums and rendezvous. Shipping orders requires time and effort. The hard work is packing and setting up at conferences. The "store" inventory today is worth more than \$10,000.

As soon as all the paper work is completed, the Last Chance Store will go online as part of the SFTA web site, with a larger selection of items and a secure way to order with a credit card. Remember, when you patronize the LCS, you are helping SFTA.

CAMP TALES

—CHAPTER REPORTS—

Cimarron Cutoff

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The April meeting was a visit to the Historic Adobe Museum in Ulysses for a program by the Wagon Bed Spring Chapter, featuring Jeff Trotman portraying Jedediah Smith. SFTA V-P Joanne VanCoevern attended the meeting and explained several projects. The program ended with a visit to Wagon Bed Spring.

The chapter planned to meet in Amistad, NM, on July 15. Amistad is 40 miles south of Clayton and celebrating its centennial. Contests included chicken roping, goat dressing, and horse shoeing. After a short

business meeting at 1:00 p.m., Clifford Copeland was scheduled to lead a caravan to the old Tascosa-Springer Road.

Texas Panhandle

Inactive.

Wagon Bed Spring

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In April the chapter hosted the Cimarron cutoff Chapter for a program by Jeff Trotman portraying Jedidiah Smith. Joanne VanCoevern brought information from SFTA. The group visited Wagon Bed Spring.

Heart of the Flint Hills

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No report.

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There was an error in the last report. Faye Gaines serves as chapter vice-president and Henri Vander Kolk is program chair.

Wet/Dry Routes

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In recent months the chapter installed six additional interpretive markers in Ford County, co-sponsoring with the Fort Dodge / Dodge City / Cimarron Chapter. Markers were placed at: the September 10, 1847, camp of the U.S. Survey team, Lower Crossing, Point of Rocks, also Fort Atkinson, Fort Mann, and the September 9 campsite of the U.S. Survey team. Thanks go to Mildon Yeager and Ray Wetzel for their help in preparing the markers and to Dale Otte, Tom Giessel, David Clapsaddle, and Don Prescott for their work in the in-

stallation of the markers, also to Bill Bunyan of the Fort Dodge/Dodge City/Cimarron Chapter.

The chapter recently installed a stone marker in Larned to identify the home of a Zebulon Pike relative, Matilda Adams, Pike's grand-niece. Mr. Adams assumed the presidency of the Larned Town Company and later was elected the city's first superintendent of education. The Adams home was moved in 1957 from its original location at 14th and Grand (now Broadway) to its present location at 207 East 16th. Thanks go to Larned's First State Bank for donating the bronze plaque and Mildon Yeager for his work on the project. Thanks also to the property owner, Paula Smith. The May issue of *Wagon Tracks* published information relative to the chapter placing a marker at the home of Mrs. Sarah Sturdevant, the niece of Pike.

Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron

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The May 6 tour to the Scully ruts was rained out, but a hastily-arranged program was substituted. Pauline Sharp, a descendant of the Kaw tribe, showed a video and gave an interesting lecture on the Kaws, including a historical picture display.

The Kaws or Kansa, for whom Kansas is named, had a reservation west of Topeka, then moved to a res-

ervation at Council Grove, and in 1873 were moved to a reservation in Oklahoma. Following the program, a dinner was at the Main Street Cafe in Durham.

A special board meeting was held June 1. Clive Siegle was present and provided much information about signage along the Trail. Also discussed was the potential changes and upgrading of the Lost Spring site. The stone marker has deteriorated and needs refurbishing.

Another board meeting was held June 22 to plan chapter activities and meetings. A joint meeting with the Quivira Chapter is scheduled for August 14 in Galva, KS, with a program by Jack Fletcher on the Cherokee Trail.

Bent's Fort

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No report.

NEW SFTA MEMBERS

This list includes new memberships received since the last issue. Those received after this printing will appear in the next issue. If there is an error in this information, please send corrections to the editor. We thank you for your support. Membership rosters are available for \$5 post-paid from Last Chance Store.

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TRAIL CALENDAR

Everyone is invited to send notices for this section; provide location, date, time, and activity. This is a quarterly. The next issue should appear in November, so send information for December and later to arrive by October 20, 2006. Other events are listed in articles, "The Caches," and chapter reports. Thank you.

Sept. 15-16, 2006: Voices of the Wind People Pageant, Council Grove, KS.

Sept. 18-23, 2006: National Frontier Trails Museum bus trip on the Santa Fe Trail, details at 816-325-7577.

Oct. 27-29, 2006: Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous, Larned, KS, including SFTA board meeting and membership meeting.

Oct. 29, 2006: Dedication of Zebulon M. Pike Plaza, Larned, KS.

Sept. 27-29, 2007: SFTA symposium, Trinidad, CO.

FROM THE EDITOR

Special thanks are extended to all who have contributed to this issue (I had hoped to hear from many more who were involved in the "early years" of the SFTA) and to all who have contributed over the last 20 years. You have made this a publication that has served SFTA and the Trail well. No one is more surprised at what *Wagon Tracks* has become than this old editor.

When I volunteered to undertake editing and publishing a Santa Fe Trail quarterly at the founding in Trinidad in 1986 (where the name

Wagon Tracks was selected), I had no experience to qualify me for such a project (nor any idea of the time involved), and I believed each issue would be six or eight pages in length and serve a membership of some 300 to 400 members. Most issues have run 28 pages and membership reached well over a thousand a few years ago (currently about 800). In addition, nearly 200 copies of each issue are sent free to public and school libraries along the Trail corridor, other trail associations, legislators, and historic sites.

When I accepted this position, I announced that anyone who was not happy with the results would become the new editor. Very few people have ventured to criticize, although many excellent "suggestions" for improvement have been received. There have been numerous errors of omission and commission, for which I beg and am thankful for forgiveness. I apologize again to Alma Gregory for the most egregious editorial misjudgment of 20 years.

For several years I did this for no compensation (I was learning and the SFTA had few resources), and now the compensation rewards me for the time (approximately 120 hours per issue) and any skills I've gained in producing 80 issues. Every issue is a challenge, and I have never felt like I know what I am doing. Perhaps, as Clive notes in his column, it is magic.

From the beginning, I have produced camera-ready pages for the printer, doing all the layout as well as editing the text (there were a few times when I spent several days "im-

proving" a submitted article, with only a few complaints from the authors, and, if done properly, no reader should know it). My greatest fear remains that we will run out of Trail material, but so far that has not happened.

The objective has always been to provide information for both serious and amateur students of the Trail, including Trail history and documents (my primary interest), SFTA activities (including the chapters as they were added over the years), and Trail-related events. Many writers have provided material, some of it groundbreaking (I consider the most significant article to be the diary of Pedro Gallego, edited by Mike Olsen and Harry Myers—November 1992) and all of it interesting, which has made my work a pleasure. Plans are to post a number of articles from back issues on the new, improved SFTA web site as time permits. Several regular columns have developed, including book reviews, documents, chapter reports, "hoof prints," Trail poetry, education, museum activities, and the recent "Scouting the Trail Online" and kids' activity insert. "Pike's Column" will continue through the bicentennial.

You may have noted no photos in this issue. There was no space (each photo cuts out a thousand words).

All back issues of *Wagon Tracks* are available (only four issues are photocopies) for \$3 each postpaid.

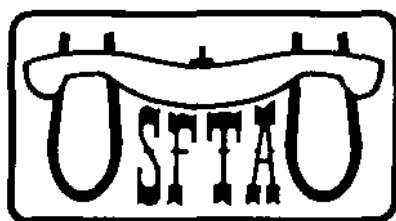
Happy 20th Anniversary SFTA. For the 80th time, here is my closing wish to you:

Happy Trails!

—Leo E. Oliva

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