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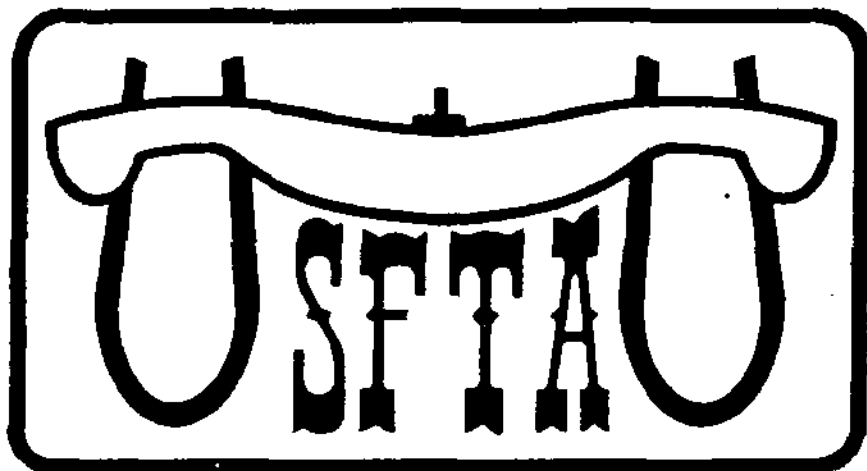


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**SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORMS
WILL BE MAILED TO SFTA MEMBERS
EARLY IN JUNE**

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

by Jan White

(Jan White, Council Grove, member of SFTA and Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter, is in charge of publicity for the 1999 symposium.)

ONCE again American Indians and Santa Fe Trail travelers will meet in "The Grove" during the SFTA Symposium at Council Grove: "Treaties, Trails, and Traders," September 23-26, 1999. Presenters include retired United States Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, the Chairperson of the Kaw Nation Wanda Stone, and many noted historians and authors.

On Saturday evening a cast and crew of over 100 people will present "Voices of the Wind People," an outdoor pageant celebrating the historical significance of Council Grove. The pageant, set in the Old Riverbed Amphitheater near the Neosho River Crossing of the Santa Fe Trail, features the history of the Trail, early-day Council Grove, and the Kaw (or Kansa) people for whom the state is named. It is preceded by a trail feed in the grove where the treaty with the Osage Nation, arranged by the Sibley survey party, was signed in 1825, granting safe passage for Trail travelers through their land.

Ron Parks, former curator of the Kaw Mission State Historical Site, created the pageant to bring alive the past from a cultural perspective. It is a multi-media presentation, combining living-history scenes, a slide show, and singing and dancing performances by the cast. The pageant also features the 1821 Becknell pack train, a wagon caravan, the signing of the 1825 treaty, trading at the old Seth Hays store, an ice cream social set in old Council Grove, a

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**WET/DRY CHAPTER SEMINAR
FORT DODGE, KS
June 4-5, 1999**

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
June 5, 1999**

**10TH ANNUAL SFT BICYCLE TREK
September 11-October 1, 1999**

**SFTA SYMPOSIUM
COUNCIL GROVE, KS
September 23-26, 1999**

SFTA ELECTION BALLOTS DUE JULY 15

THE nominating committee (Anne Mallinson, chair, Morris Alexander, and Lolly Ming) submits the following slate for officers and directors. Information about each candidate and the mail-in ballot are inserted in this issue. Please take the time to vote, and return the ballot to Secretary Ruth Olson Peters no later than July 15, 1999.

President (2-year term): Margaret Sears, Santa Fe

Vice-President (2-year term): Sam'l Arnold, Denver

At-Large Director (4-year term, vote for one): Anna Belle Cartwright, Kansas City MO; Jack William Nelson, Grand Junction CO

Colorado Director (4-year term): Phil Petersen, La Junta

Kansas Director (4-year term, vote for one): Helen Brown, Elkhart; Glenda Sours, Olathe

Missouri Director (4-year term, vote for one): John Atkinson, St. Joseph; Nancy Lewis, Blue Springs

New Mexico Director (4-year term): Faye Gaines, Point of Rocks Ranch

Oklahoma Director (4-year term,): E. A. "Mike" Slater, Alva

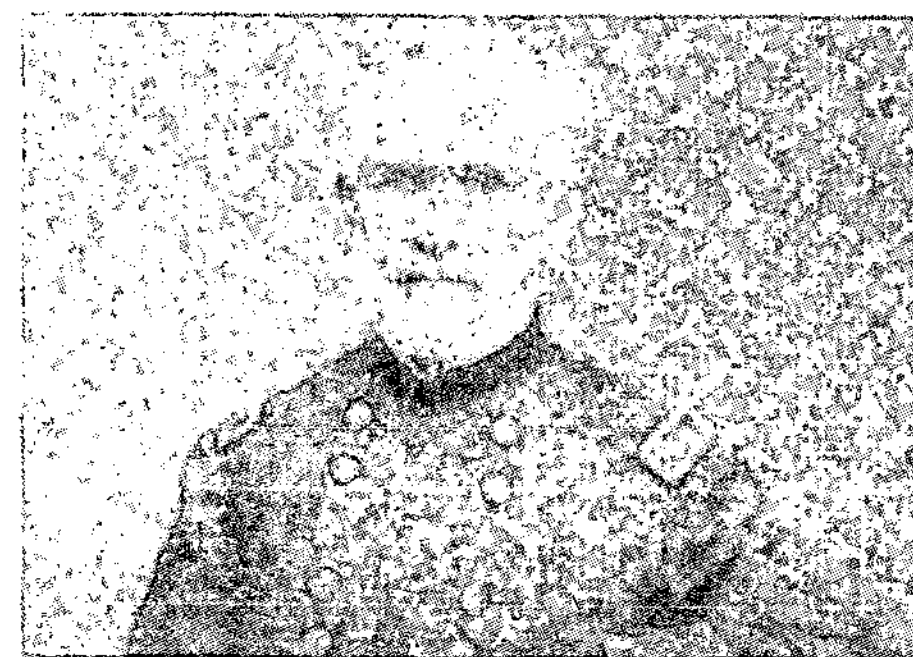
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DIARY OF WILLIAM ANDERSON THORNTON: MILITARY SERVICE ON THE TRAIL AND IN NEW MEX- ICO, 1855-1856, PART I

Transcribed by Stephen Clyde Blair
and Bonita M. Oliva

WILLIAM A. Thornton was born in Albany, NY, in 1802. He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, in 1825, and was appointed second lieutenant in the Fourth Artillery. Following artillery training at Fort Monroe, VA, he helped survey the Dismal Swamp Canal in 1826. He was an instructor at West Point, 1826-1829. He was on ordnance duty at Watertown Arsenal, MA, 1829-1831, and instructed at the Artillery School for Practice at Fort Monroe, 1831-1832. He accompanied the Black Hawk Expedition in 1832. He was stationed at Charleston Harbor, SC, 1832-1833, during South Carolina's threatened nullification, and was on duty at Watervliet Arsenal, NY, 1833-1836.

Promoted to first lieutenant in 1835, Thornton performed quartermaster duty during the Florida War, 1836-1837, after which he was stationed at various arsenals. He was promoted to captain of ordnance in 1838 and commanded several arsenals. He was also Inspector of Contract Arms, 1840-1854. He received the rank of brevet major in 1848.



WILLIAM ANDERSON THORNTON

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

AMONG the special perks attached to SFTA board membership are the frequent opportunities to head to Larned. Such was the case when Faye Gaines, Stephen Whitmore, and I drove to the midyear board meeting last month. These drives usually involve stops at Trail sites. This time we selected Morton County Museum at Elkhart, KS, once again to view the splendid Trail exhibit. Farther up the road we drove through Fort Dodge, and a few miles beyond viewed the Coronado Cross and gazed across the Kansas bottomlands toward the lower crossing of the Arkansas River. At Offerle we checked out the fine mural on the side of the local cafe. Both going and coming, we looked for the Wet/Dry markers along the highway. En route home we took time to swing by the contemporary sculpture, "The Plainswoman," on the Dodge City Community College campus. Finally, we stopped at Wolf Mountain in Oklahoma where we saw fine ruts.

Each of these stops, as on past excursions, produced its own special experience. Such experiences are being repeated continuously this year as SFTA members and others race up and down the Trail searching for locations where their Traveler's Credential can be stamped. This project is rapidly gaining momentum, and while getting another stamp which brings one closer to a sumptuous dinner at Sam Arnold's Fort Restaurant is on all travelers' minds, it is the wonder of standing in a rut or roaming about ruins that compels us to make the journey. If you have not been out on the Trail yet this year, get going before Y2K hits us!

Elsewhere in *Wagon Tracks* you can read more about that April board meeting, but several items are worth noting here. Jane Elder, SFTA's webmaster, gave us a preview of what has been done, what is coming, and the help that will be needed to produce a superior SFTA web page.

SFTA achieved a significant milestone by jointly arranging college credit with Emporia State University at Symposium '99. This puts us in the league with professional organizations that regularly offer continuing education courses at their conferences for their members' pro-

fessional advancement. Many of us in SFTA no longer need to worry about that, but think what we are providing to those who must. This is a major accomplishment, and we thank Joanne VanCoevern for the inspiration behind it and SFTA member Joyce Thierer of Emporia State University who will be the instructor.

David Gaines, superintendent of the National Park Service Long Distance Trails Group Office, announced that the FY99 Challenge Cost-Share Program applications is now open. There is not much time before the June deadline, so if you have a project that needs funding, contact John Conoboy at 505-988-6733 *immediately*. Undoubtedly, there are numerous improvements needed along the Trail: interpretive markers and wayside exhibits, archaeological surveys, and, high on the list, school curriculum packages. Chapter presidents have copies of the CCSP Guidelines. Peruse them carefully to see how your plans to improve the Trail in your area can take a huge leap forward with CCSP funding. Then, call John.

Member Marie Belt from California offered an intriguing idea. She suggested that SFTA provide a cemetery for those who wish their final resting place to be beside the Trail. Someone else suggested that SFTA could offer a place for cremated remains or provide a service to scatter ashes over the Trail. This sounded good to the board, and Anne Mallinson and Joanne VanCoevern quickly volunteered to explore the idea. If anyone else wishes to join the team, let me hear from you.

Project Compadres, with Anna Belle Cartwright at the helm, is moving along at a good clip. She is collecting a treasure-trove of information about the 49 museums along the Trail, which will permanently benefit the Trail and SFTA. For example, only four of these museum buildings were built for this purpose. It was hoped that a progress report would appear in this issue, but she is on the road again, visiting museums in west Kansas, Oklahoma, and Clayton, NM. We will expect to hear from her in the August issue.

Your nominating committee has completed a slate, and it is now the duty of all members to vote. See the

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information about the nominees accompanying this issue and return the ballot by July 15.

It pains me once again to report the death of a "family" member. Pete Gaines, owner with wife, Faye, of New Mexico's Santa Fe Trail jewel in the crown—Point of Rocks—died March 26. Pete and Faye have been model Trail landowners. Their exemplary support of SFTA and unwavering stewardship of the Point and all about it, have kept us mindful of what it is that draws us to the Trail. That was ever-present during the services for Pete, which were held at the base of the Point. Who could not help but be moved while gazing at that jumbled mass of rocks as we said good-bye to a dear friend. I am sure Pete's spirit is hovering about the ranch, and when we stop to say hello to Faye and visit the Point, Pete will be our companion and guide.

—Margaret Sears

PETE GAINES



Garrett Edward Gaines, known to his friends as "Pete," was born October 2, 1924, in Lamesa, Texas. He died March 26, 1999. He lived most of his life on his beloved ranch at the Point of Rocks, New Mexico. Pete attended school at Wheatland and graduated from the Farley School. He proudly served his country in the U. S. Army in World War II as a tanker. He married Olive Faye Griffith of Springer, NM, on December 23, 1944, and as a partner with her operated the Point of Rocks Ranch until his death.

Pete served as a Colfax County Commissioner for 8 years. During his term the Colfax County Hospital was built. He was instrumental in

obtaining telephone, television, and a rural fire department in the Farley area. He served as Colfax County Farm Bureau President, was a member of the VFW, American Legion, and the Santa Fe Trail Association.

As the Santa Fe Trail ran through his land, so too did it run through his blood. His mother was from the Watrous area along the Trail and before Pete was born moved to Colfax Country. The Point of Rocks Ranch was an important Santa Fe Trail site with an ever-present spring and good campgrounds. Pete opened his ranch and heart to people from around the world who were interested in the site and shared his knowledge and love of New Mexico history, geology, and stories of his life.

Pete was a kind and gentle man who dearly loved his family, friends, and fellowship with God every day as he worked on his ranch. Pete is now part of the land he loved. As people visit the Point of Rocks they will still be welcomed by Pete Gaines, whose spirit now forever resides there. Memorial services were held at Point of Rock Ranch Wednesday, March 31.

He is missed by the family and uncounted friends. Sympathy is extended to his family. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of their choice.

Faye thanks everyone who sent cards, extending love and sympathy to her and the family. She says, "It means so much and is greatly appreciated."

SFTA BOARD MEETING

by Ruth Olson Peters, Secretary

THE SFTA board met at the Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned, KS, on April 17, 1999. All members were present, except Sam Arnold, Morris Alexander, David Hutchison, and Mary Gamble, and there were several guests. A summary of the meeting follows.

Officer and committee reports were received and accepted. A committee was authorized to recommend a policy for exhibitors at symposiums. Another committee will study a proposal to sell the SFTA membership list. The proposal to establish a cemetery on the Trail and/or provide a service of dispersing cremated remains at Trail sites was assigned to

a special committee.

The marker committee was directed to approve requests for new markers only after the mapping is completed for that location. Membership is down because of nonrenewals, but there have been 90 new members this year. New efforts are needed to keep old members and to develop business memberships. The policy of an additional registration fee for nonmembers was waived for the Council Grove symposium.

The Organization Task Force (Jane Mallinson, chair, Virginia Fisher, Leo Oliva, Mike Olsen, Ramon Powers, and Marc Simmons) completed its assignment with the following recommendations for board consideration: (1) establish chapter boundaries solely for purposes of mapping and marking, (2) re-evaluate the life membership category, (3) establish an endowment fund, (4) remove ambassador section from bylaws and assign it to awards committee, (5) see that national press releases are sent to all chapters, (6) combine Trail states of Oklahoma and Texas and have one representative on the board from each state, (7) employ a webmaster for the SFTA web page, and (8) consider possibility of an internet chapter. The task force was thanked and discharged.

Jane Elder, current webmaster, explained the SFTA web page and asked for policy recommendations. The SFTA address is <www.santafe-trail.org>. Jane may be reached at <jelder@mail.smu.edu>.

David Gaines reported on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, noting that cost-share applications are due in June. Anna Belle Cartwright explained the Compadres Project, a survey of museums along the Trail. Ross Marshall reported on the Partnership meeting.

More work will be put into estate planning. SFTA member Mike Patterson, director of planned giving at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, has offered to assist with this effort.

The Symposium/Rendezvous Review Task Force (Steve Linderer, chair, Helen Brown, Nancy Lewis, and Ruth Olson Peters) completed its assignment and recommended that the dates for both events be in

late September. The board accepted this recommendation, and the committee was discharged.

The board approved purchase of general liability insurance for SFTA and all chapters and special liability insurance for directors and officers. A revised budget was adopted. The board adopted a policy that any revenue surplus from a symposium will be divided equally between the sponsoring chapter and SFTA, and in case of a revenue shortfall SFTA will stand the full loss.

The speakers' bureau is being revitalized, and more information will be available soon. Following comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

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Kaw Indian village, and the final removal of the Kaws from Kansas.

The narration shifts back and forth between the principal chief of the Kaw from 1867 to 1883, Chief Al-le-ga-wa-ho, and the Indian-trader founding father of Council Grove, Seth Hays. Wife of the missionary teacher at the Kaw Mission, Eliza Huffaker, narrates the ice cream social scene, describing life in the bustling Trail town.

The Kaw Nation of Oklahoma has officially endorsed the program and provides tribal members as actors and dancers. Luther Pepper, vice-chairman of the Kaw Nation, narrates the story of his great-grandfather Chief Al-le-ga-wa-ho.

Other SFTA members are Director Joe Glotzbach, drama coach at Council Grove High School, and Wagonmaster Don Cress, well-known local Trail historian.

The pageant will be a highlight, but participants will be busy every day. On Thursday evening they will dine on the banks of the Neosho River overlooking the SFT crossing. After dinner they will move to the Stella/Ritz Theater for the evening SFTA meeting, awards presentation, introductory talk on treaties, and the Trail-side Jamboree featuring Les Gilliam, the Oklahoma Balladeer. Gilliam backed up by the BJ 4 Band will sing songs of the American Cowboy.

A dinner at the nationally acclaimed Hays House precedes the

Friday evening entertainment for participants. The Hays House stands on the original site of the log cabin built by licensed Indian trader Seth Hays in 1847. In 1857, Hays moved the cabin to his ranch and built the Hays House. Currently owned by Rick and Alisa Paul, it was restored in 1974 by SFTA members Charlie and Helen Judd. There will be two seatings for dinner, featuring their famous brisket, before the program. Local merchants will remain open for browsing and shopping until show time.

The Friday night entertainment features Jim Hoy, noted Kansas folklorist from Emporia State University, who will illustrate the story of the Kansas cowboy through folk songs and tales, and Don Coldsmith, nationally known author of historical fiction set in the Flint Hills, who will present an overview of the Trail as it relates to regional history.

Sunday morning circuit rider Rosey Clymer, Methodist lay minister, will conduct an ecumenical church service at the Old Stone Barn one mile east of Council Grove, following an optional Trail breakfast.

Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker will review the working of the public/private partnership that made the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve possible. After a presentation on the plans for the park by park rangers, participants are urged to tour the park on their own at the conclusion of the symposium. The park is 16 miles south of Council Grove on State Highway 177.

The registration fee covers evening meals, entertainment, and historical and informative presentations. Tours, noon meals, and Sunday breakfast are optional at an additional charge. Partial funding for the symposium is provided through a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council. An article describing the optional tours in detail is in this issue.

The Symposium Book Store, open during Friday and Saturday, features publications about the Trail, books by presenters, and works of art. The paintings of noted artist Charles Goslin will be displayed. Many of his paintings have been incorporated in the wayside exhibit signage at the 10 National Park Service sites in Council Grove.

A demonstration of the Santa Fe Trail school computer project will be held Thursday at the Stella Theater, and a demonstration setup will be on display at the Book Store. Persons interested in having their work for sale or on display in the Book Store should contact Betty Barker, D 27 Lake Rd, Council Grove 66846, or by phone at 316-767-6683.

Additional presenters are William McKale, curator/historian of the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley; Dr. James O. Selby, retired school superintendent; Katie Davis Gardner, curator/assistant director of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum; Kansas State Historical Society archeologist Randall M. Thies; Thomas A. Witty, retired Kansas State archeologist; Dr. Donna Roper, adjunct associate professor of anthropology at Kansas State University; Dr. Homer Socolofsky, professor emeritus of history at Kansas State University; Dr. Ron McCoy, professor and director of the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State University; Robert K. Blasing, area archeologist for Texas-Oklahoma Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Dr. Sara Tucker, professor of history at Washburn University; Kenneth W. McClintock, Council Grove attorney and local historian; and Kelley Kindscher, ethnobotanist of the Kansas Biological Survey.

College credit is available in conjunction with the symposium through Emporia State University. The admission office is at 12th and Commercial Street, Emporia KS 66801. The phone number for additional information is 877-444-8777.

Registration forms will be mailed in early June to all SFTA members. For additional forms and information, contact Shirley Rees, 427 W. Main St, Council Grove, KS 66846 or 316-767-6293. For lodging information, contact the Council Grove/Morris County Convention and Visitors Bureau 212 W Main St, e-mail at www.visitors@councilgrove.com, fax 316-767-5553, or phone 800-732-9211. Camping information at the Council Grove Reservoir is found in a separate article in this issue.

Everyone is urged to bring their lawn chairs because most evening activities take place at Trail sites. Hay bales will be available for seating.

SYMPOSIUM TOURS

by Doris Cress

(SFTA member Doris Cress, Council Grove, is a member of the Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter and serves on the symposium committee.)

TOURS will be a major part of the 1999 SFTA Symposium at Council Grove, September 23-26, 1999. All will be by bus, with a tour guide. The noon lunch is provided for those going on the out-of-town tours. Cost of the tours, including lunch, is \$15.

The Thursday morning tour of Fort Riley will leave at 10:35 from the Congregational Church. Fort Riley is a military post that was established in 1853 to provide protection for both the Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail. The fort is an active major military installation. Lunch will be at 11:30 at Riley's restaurant. A speaker will tell you about the connection between Fort Riley and the Santa Fe Trail. Following the talk, there will be a bus tour of the historic area of the post and a tour of the U.S. Cavalry museum. The round trip is about 80 miles. You will be back in Council Grove about 4:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday morning tours of sites on the Trail, east and west of Council Grove, will leave at 10:45 a.m. from the high school bus yard. The west tour will go directly to the town of Lost Springs where lunch will be provided at a Mexican cafe. The group will visit Trail sites and ruts starting two miles west of town at the Lost Spring. Six Mile Stage Station and crossing will be the next stop. A DAR marker and remains of the building are still there. Next stop will be the famous Diamond Spring where there is a DAR marker and the spring from which water still flows at the rate of 400 to 500 gallons per minute. The tour guide will provide interesting information about the spring and surrounding area. This site is on the Diamond Spring Ranch and accessible only by permission. The next sites visited will be the stone corral and Trail ruts.

Near Council Grove is the newly-reset DAR marker. Those who go on the Saturday tour will take part in the rededication of the marker. The round trip will be about 80 miles. You will be back in Council Grove

about 5:00 p.m.

The east tour bus will go directly to Burlingame, KS, where lunch will be served at the Federated Church. Steve Dobson will tell about the Harris-McGee Stage Station which was several miles east of Burlingame. Following his talk the buses will follow the Trail back to Council Grove, with a view of the Havana Stage Station, Private Samuel Hunt's grave, the remains of the town of Wilmington, many trail ruts, the remains of a dugout, and 142 Mile Creek where Charles Withington had a store, stage stop, and blacksmith shop. Information will be given about Arthur Baker and Bloody Bill Anderson and Big John and the Fremont Spring area. The round trip will be about 90 miles. You will be back in Council Grove about 5:00 p.m.

Bus tours of Council Grove sites and museums will leave from the high school bus lot at 1:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Each bus will have a tour guide. The cost is \$6.00. The time will be about two hours.

Sign-up for all tours will be on the registration forms sent out in June. For those not going on a tour, there will be lectures to attend, the book and art room to visit, and a special exhibit at the Kaw Mission Museum at 500 N. Mission.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES AT COUNCIL GROVE RESERVOIR

COUNCIL Grove Reservoir has one of the most beautifully landscaped facilities in the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers lake system. Situated only one-half mile north of town, this 3,200-acre lake is known for its outstanding facilities and friendly management.

A total of 46 camping sites have been set aside for the SFTA Symposium in three different areas. Each camp area has a central group shelter surrounded by campsites.

Canning Creek Group Shelter #1 has 50-amp service with water and sewer hookups. The other two shelters, Santa Fe Trail and Canning Creek #2, have 30-amp service and water hookups.

Reservations may be made for the group campsites by calling the Council Grove Corps Lake Office at 316-

767-5195. Individual campsite reservations can be made through the National Recreation Reservation System, toll free, 1-877-444-6777.

Rick Sellers, lake manager, notes that the lake office has brochures available describing the sites and can answer questions concerning campsites and facilities.

CHAPTER BOUNDARIES

by Carlton R. Damonte

(SFTA member Damonte is former president of the End of the Trail Chapter and is chair of the ad hoc committee on boundaries.)

SFTA does not have a chapter boundary policy. Initially, as new chapters were formed, boundaries were not a matter of concern. As a result, some confusion now exists over the boundaries between most chapters. In many cases they are vague, overlapping, or nonexistent. Several chapters share portions of the Trail and cooperate in watching over it.

This was not an important issue until Phil Petersen's mapping committee attempted to determine who should be mapping what sections of the Trail network. To resolve this situation, SFTA President Margaret Sears has asked Jeff Trotman, Wagonbed Springs Chapter, and Carl Damonte, End of the Trail Chapter, to serve as the chapter boundaries ad hoc committee and work with chapters to clearly define their boundaries for mapping purposes only.

For mapping purposes, the intent is to encourage each chapter to review its traditional boundaries and establish precise boundaries in cooperation with neighboring chapters for mapping purposes, in order to insure that no overlap or open segments of the Trail remain in the mapping project.

The ultimate goal is to have every county through which the Trail passes to be mapped by a chapter. A letter addressing this matter was sent to each chapter president on March 7, 1999. A timely response to the ad hoc committee will be greatly appreciated so that a final report may be presented to the September board meeting. This will facilitate the work of the mapping committee and assure that no portion of the Trail is omitted.

NPS CHALLENGE COST-SHARE PROGRAM-1999

CONGRESS has provided funding to the National Park Service for Challenge Cost-Share projects. Through the efforts of the Partnership for the National Trails System, the national historic trails and national scenic trails receive about \$600,000 under this program. Over the past several years a number of projects along the Santa Fe Trail have benefited from the program, including the murals at the National Frontier Trails Center; a wayside exhibit at Fort Osage; remote sensing archeology at Boggsville, CO; painting of the Alexander Majors house; and about 20 other projects. The most recent project to receive funding is Anna Belle Cartwright's museum survey for the Santa Fe Trail Association (Project Compadres).

Challenge Cost-Share funds are not a grant but are funds for mutually agreed upon national historic trail projects, which require a 50-50 match of federal and nonfederal funding. The nonfederal match can include the value of volunteer time and other in-kind services, such as donated equipment and supplies. Projects should support the programs and goals of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail as set forth in the Comprehensive Management and Use Plan. Site specific projects can, generally, only be funded for certified sites. Projects can be related to resource protection and management, visitor use facilities, interpretation, education, or research. If you have a possible project, even if you are not sure your project will qualify, initial contact must be made with John Conoboy at the Long Distance Trails Group Office in Santa Fe by June 1. John will assist you in completing the application in time to meet the June 30 deadline.

The is a short deadline, but it is highly likely that funding for this program will continue in the future. Now is a good time to think about future year projects.

You can reach the National Park Service Long Distance Trails Group Office at PO Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0728, by phone at 505-988-6888, by fax at 505-986-5214, or by e-mail at lodi_administration@nps.gov.



Trail marker on Camino Pinones, with George Myers and grandsons, 1 to r, Eric, Blake, and Reese.

TRAIL CROSSING MARKERS GO UP IN SANTA FE

ON February 26, 1999, four years minus two days from the day the project began, 18 Santa Fe Trail crossing markers were erected along southeast Santa Fe streets by the Santa Fe Public Works Department. Initially, the End of the Trail Chapter Marker Committee, which managed the project, set completion date during the 175th anniversary of the Trail. However, the complexity of the job precluded such an ambitious goal.

The marker design, which incorporates the National Park Service Santa Fe National Historic Trail logo, was adopted by the SFTA Board of Directors on May 30, 1996, as the standard for urban and rural rights-of-way signage.

Funding for the project was obtained through the Federal Highway Administration's scenic byways program. FHWA underwrote 80 percent of the cost, with the balance matched by the chapter. The City of Santa Fe

will assume ongoing maintenance of the signs. A dedication ceremony is scheduled on July 11, 1999, during which the markers will be formally presented to the city.

FORT LEARNED —TEACHERS' TRADING POST—

by Karla French, Editor

Chris Day and Marcia Fox of Wamego, KS, have brought life on the Santa Fe Trail alive for nearly 500 students and are preparing to do so for another 86 students and 18 sponsors for 11 days this summer. The highlight of the project is the semiannual trek down the Trail to visit the sites that they learned about in the classroom. So far these intrepid educators have completed eight trips to Santa Fe (and one trip on part of the Oregon Trail.)

SFTA members Day and Fox set up a program that allows any fifth- or sixth-grade student in the Wamego school system to go on the 10-12 day trip, following the path of the traders. Every other summer the group follows the Cimarron and Mountain routes to and from Santa Fe. During the preceding two school years, the students have the opportunity to raise money for their trip.

All of the fund raising, organization, itinerary, travel arrangements, programs, and sponsors are handled by these two teachers and the able helpers they have gathered together over the years. Their biggest fundraiser is Tupperware sales. They hold the record for the most sales in the Kansas and Oklahoma division.

Chris Day teaches music at West Elementary School in Wamego. She teaches third through fifth-grade students Trail and Civil War songs, games, and dances which follow their history of western expansion curriculum as well as the other required curriculum. Music of the Trail is practiced in the evening classes just before the students leave on their trip.

Marcia Fox is a sixth-grade teacher at Wamego Middle School and teaches the historical aspect of the western expansion and history of the Santa Fe Trail in evening classes shortly before the trip begins. During the year she teaches world history.

Students research Trail person-

alities and those who participate in the trip reenact their character when they reach the area of their historical counterpart. Chris Day usually "appears" as Marion Russell to tell about her life on the Trail.

These teachers have made arrangements with private landowners and Trail enthusiasts in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado to share their love of the Trail with the students. They also use videos and games to enhance the educational experience. In addition to Trail sites, students visit Bandelier National Monument, Bradbury Science Museum at Los Alamos, and Capulin Volcano. Their studies encompass prehistoric times to the atomic bomb.

Taking a large group of adolescents and sponsors on a trip of this magnitude requires much advance planning. Teachers wanting to take students on such a trip would do well to obtain adult support early in the project. There are many opportunities for students to raise money for such a trip.

The students camp in regular campgrounds and prepare their own meals. This requires considerable equipment, which these Wamego teachers have accumulated over the years from donations and purchases so that subsequent trips are easier to arrange. Younger elementary students look forward to the time when they will be old enough to participate in the Santa Fe Trail "Trip" of a lifetime.

POST OFFICE OAK

—LETTERS—

Editor:

Since the February *Wagon Tracks* was mailed to me, I have decided to renew my membership for 1999.

My great-grandfather, James McIlvain, served as a ferrier in the Union Army from Kentucky. For his service he received land just outside Council Grove. He moved his family there and worked as a ferrier toward the end of the active use of the Trail.

I had many relatives in Council Grove and we visited them often. Then the elders died and the younger ones moved away.

This year the Symposium is there. It is unlikely that I can attend. My

husband and traveling companion died two years ago. My only other living relative is my son in Indianapolis. This is probably my last year of membership.

I wish the Santa Fe Trail Association continued growth and success.

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Thank you. I hope an Amarillo member will bring you to the symposium.

Editor

Editor:

I have read the February issue of *Wagon Tracks* with interest. My wife and I were particularly impressed with the Teachers' Trading Post article. We think that Janice Klein's work with her classes, including such a wide range of ages, is nothing less than wonderful. As long as we have skilled, imaginative, and energetic teachers like Ms. Klein in our public schools, we can have hope that our children will receive the excellent education that they deserve.

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Janice Klein received the SFTA Educator's Award at the 1997 symposium, a small honor for the great job she is doing.

Editor

THE WAGON TONGUE

—OBSERVATIONS & OPINIONS—

In reference to the article "Railroads and the Santa Fe Trail: A Transition in Technology" by Frederick Friedman which appeared in the February 1999 issue of *Wagon Tracks*, Friedman is in error about the size of the 1880 boxcar, which was typically 30 to 36 feet in length instead of 40 feet. I found a couple of other errors. Standard gauge track is 56.5, not 57.5 inches as stated on page 20.

Also on page 20, the U.S. mainline trackage figures are in error for 1890, which was 163,605 instead of 93,000 miles (1887 was the year of greatest construction) and 1920 was 252,865 instead of 234,000 miles.

Also, on that page the weight of a 3000 h.p. diesel locomotive is about 195 tons maximum for a six-axle SD-

40 and 140 tons for a four-axle GP40. If it is a comparison with a steam locomotive, a 2-8-2 similar to the AT&SF 3160/4000 classes which developed about 3000 h.p. weighed 168 tons without tender. A loaded tender's weight varied, obviously, depending on its size. A 12,000-gallon water/4000-gallon fuel oil tender weighed about 120 tons loaded, but locomotive weights were never based on a fully loaded tender. Anyway, if he is talking about a medium-size steam locomotive, with a loaded tender, the weight of 300 tons is almost right. Since the statement is "Is guided by," one would think the comparison was with a present-day diesel, and the weight is way off.

The statement about an eight-car freight train is subject to so many variables—such an arbitrary figure should not have been made. The oldest Santa Fe tonnage ratings I have are for 1927, at which time all of the old 4-4-0s of the 1870s had been superseded. Some figures for the 221 class 4-6-0s built in 1891, with 18,900 pounds tractive force, show ratings of 590 tons on one-percent grade. Between Dodge City and La Junta, ratings were 650 tons west and 850 tons east. The 4-4-0s of the 1870s had from 10,800 to 14,200 tractive force so they would have handled about 370 to 480 tons west between Dodge City and La Junta, and 480 to 640 tons east. With the small cars of that time, a 4-4-0 could bring 30 cars of livestock into Dodge City, and probably take 30 empty stock cars west. On the 3.6% grade of Raton Pass, after the switch back was eliminated, a 900/1600 class 2-10-2 with 74,800 pounds tractive force could handle only 650 tons, but of course helper engines were used and probably were also used in the 1870s. Maybe a 4-4-0 could have handled 8 empties up the Pass single, but hardly more. So, to make a statement that railroad trains of that era were commonly at least 8 cars in length is a rather nebulous statement with little meaning.

Otherwise, I enjoyed reading the story and if I can help any more than what I have written, please let me know.

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WE DID IT!

by Richard Poole

(SFTA members Richard and Lynn Poole, Stillwater, OK, recently traveled the Trail, filled their Traveler's Credential, and qualified for the SFTA Traveler's Certificate and the gift certificate for The Fort Restaurant. Richard's enthusiastic report should encourage others to get out on the Trail.)

WITH the surname Poole, we are delighted to qualify for the SFTA Traveler's Certificate since the chair of the Traveler's Passport Committee is Joy Poole (official "Mother of the Santa Fe Trail Association"). Unfortunately, however, we have been unable to identify any family ties to this well-known leader. Since SFTA has been a stimulus for our interest in the Trail, do you think Joy, as the Association's mother, would consider adoption of a 71-year-old son?

My wife Lynn and I had a great time following the Trail from New Franklin to Santa Fe. The first half of the Trail was traveled in February and the second half in March. With the exception of two intense but short-lived snows the weather was beautiful. The absence of foliage at this time of year enabled us to clearly identify ruts, ruins, river crossings, etc. that are often obscured.

We followed the route outlined by Greg Franzwa in his *Maps of the Santa Fe Trail* and *The Santa Fe Trail Revisited* (including all backroads and two-tracks as well as the maze of streets in metropolitan Kansas City). The foregoing guidance was supplemented by detail on routes and sites presented in such helpful publications as: (1) *Following the Santa Fe Trail* by Marc Simmons, (2) *A Self Guided Auto Tour of the Santa Fe Trail In Pawnee, Edwards and Ford Counties, Kansas* as marked by the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter SFTA (script by David Clapsaddle), (3) "Trace of the Blues: The Santa Fe Trail, the Blue River, and the True Nature of the Old Trace in Metropolitan Kansas City," by Craig Crease, *WT* (Aug 1997): 8-15, and (4) numerous other articles from *Wagon Tracks*.

During our SFT exploration we met many hospitable landowners who gave us personal tours or per-



Richard Poole at the restored marker near the site of old Franklin, MO, commemorating the first newspaper, *The Missouri Intelligencer and Boon's Lick Advertiser*.

mission to view swales and historic sites on their property. Bill Seitz of Allen, KS, and Greg Brown who lives on the site of the Allison-Peacock Trading Post epitomize the friendliness of SFT landowners we met. All were happy to share their knowledge of the Trail with us. We are in their debt. As a result of our journey over the SFT we now truly understand Marc Simmons's renowned statement: "For those who follow the fading wheel ruts now, the spirit of adventure survives and the old Santa Fe Trail lives on."

In addition to the landowners, we met many other friendly, helpful, and interesting people on the Trail. Following are a few examples. The gentleman at the New Franklin Post Office was pleased that we asked for his credential stamp (he said we were the first to request their stamp). The Arrow Rock State Historic Park Visitor Center was closed for repairs so we went to the Post Office in search of a stamp for our Traveler's Credential. A most helpful lady at the Post Office called the Visitor Center and they opened the museum's back door. After stamping our credential they invited us to tour their excellent displays, which we did even though we had been through their center on two previous occasions. When we stopped at the

Cave Spring Visitor Center in Klein Park to get a credential stamp, I was invited to go to their conference room to meet and visit with another Trail traveler, Anna Belle Cartwright who is visiting museums along the trail for the SFTA.

The staff at the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site was most helpful. I inquired about the Baptist Mission that later became a stage stop and is mentioned several times by Charles W. Fribley in his diary of mail trips on the SFT (starting on page 1, *WT*, Aug 1998). The staff showed us a recent picture of the DAR marker at that site and gave us directions. The staff said they had just received information on the SFTA Traveler's Credential program and I encouraged them to participate. I did use their address stamp for our credential.

Finally, I tip my hat to the ladies at the Cimarron Heritage Center in Boise City, OK, who braved the remains of an overnight 12" snow to give us a tour of their outstanding displays and show us a new video about the SFT in Cimarron County. The foregoing are a few examples of the many positive contacts we made on the Trail—contacts that made our trip a memorable experience.

By the way, this was our third trip over the SFT. As a result of many in-



Richard Poole in Santa Fe with his stamped Traveler's Credential, beside the DAR bronze Trail plaque on the side of a building on Santa Fe Trail street opposite La Fonda and a few steps from the Plaza.

formative articles in *WT* (thank you, Editor Oliva), and books by Simmons, Franzwa, William Brown, and David Lavender (to mention a few) and the SFT classics by Josiah Gregg, Susan Magoffin, Marion Russell, Matt Field, and James J. Webb, we have become SFT addicts. Ambassador Paul Bentrup must also take partial blame for our addiction. We were privileged to meet him on our first trip over the Trail at Charlie's Ruts in 1996. He took us to the Kearny County Museum where we met Pat Heath, and he gave us directions to Indian Mound.

Based on our trip I have one suggestion. The people manning the information desk at the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe were not well acquainted with the credential program. We did however succeed in getting them to stamp our Traveler's Credential. Perhaps President Margaret Sears could touch base with them.

Well, enough rambling. We look forward to receiving our Traveler's Certificate as well as the gift certificate from the Fort Restaurant.

Please accept the appreciation of two SFT addicts. We look forward to meeting fellow Trail junkies at the 1999 Symposium in Council Grove.

BENT'S FORT CHAPTER PRESENTS BOOKS TO SCHOOLS

THE education committee of the Bent's Fort Chapter recently completed 28 notebooks entitled *The Santa Fe Trail in Southeast Colorado* and presented them to grade schools in the five-county area that the Santa Fe Trail passed through. The notebooks contain an introduction to the history and importance of the Santa Fe Trail, a short history of each of the four routes of the Trail that passed through Southeast Colorado (Mountain Route, Cimarron Route, Aubry Route, and the Granada-Fort Union Military Trail), and educational material and leaflets gathered from the Comanche National Grasslands, local chambers of commerce, Fort Lyon VA Medical Center, and other sources.

Luella Marlman and Lolly Ming gathered the information and leaflets and wrote the introduction and histories. Luella, Lolly, Bill Marlman, and Emery Murray put the notebooks together and chapter members distributed them to the schools. The notebooks were well received by the teachers. The chapter got many favorable comments and thank yous for this project.

NEW SAND CREEK SITE?

A bill to fund a National Park Service (NPS) study of and search for the Sand Creek Massacre site was pushed through Congress last fall by Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who is part Cheyenne. The search committee, comprised of Robert Tabor, vice chairman of the Cheyenne-Arapaho in Oklahoma, Laird Cometsavah of the Southern Cheyenne, NPS coordinator Rick Frost, and representatives of the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho, landowners, and the Colorado Historical Society, must report their findings to Congress by August 2000.

The search for the actual site was stalled recently by the renewed debate over the disposition of artifacts and human remains that may be at the site. According to Colorado law, items found at a historic site belong to the landowner if they are not funerary objects associated with the burial of a human being.

Three potential sites of the massacre, located in Kiowa County, north of the town of Chivington, have been identified for further exploration by the National Park Service, with the cooperation of the tribes and the Colorado Historical Society. Those sites include the Dawson site, considered historically to be where the massacre occurred. Work at this site during the past year did not reveal anything conclusively. The Cheyenne consider this to be the site of the massacre. A second site along Sand Creek south of the Dawson site is thought by the Arapaho to be the massacre site.

A new site is now being considered. Approximately one and one-half miles north of the Dawson site is land owned by the Bowen family that has never been examined by professional archeologists. Over the past year owners Chuck and Sheri Bowen of Lamar have spent many hours researching books, maps, and other historical information relating to the incident. They have explored the location they believe to be the site with metal detectors and uncovered significant artifacts. During the last week in April, the Bowens shared their information with representatives of the NPS and the tribes during meetings held in Lamar, CO. For the first time, park service personnel

and tribal representatives have been granted permission to investigate the Bowen property. Aerial photography of all the sites and core sampling on the Bowen site will be conducted.

In May the NPS plans to complete a draft report on the extent and location of the massacre site, based on historical records and archives. The next step will be archeological work and excavation at the three potential sites. A final report on the location that incorporates the historical and archeological information collected should be completed by August 1999, according to the NPS.

BURYING PRIVATE EASLEY

by David K. Clapsaddle

(SFTA Ambassador David Clapsaddle, Larned KS, is program director of the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter and overseer of the chapter's extensive marking program. He is a frequent contributor to WT.)

ARRIVING at the Santa Fe Trail crossing of Pawnee Fork on August 5, 1847, several companies of the First Illinois Infantry, marching to New Mexico, went into camp. Within hours, Private Robert Easley of Company C died and was buried near the crossing, a victim of what was simply described as a "fever." The course of the Pawnee has long since changed, obliterating any trace of the grave.

Private Easley, however, will not be forgotten, thanks to the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter SFTA. A military-style tombstone, with an appropriate inscription about Easley's service record, was recently placed some 500 yards northeast of the probable grave site. The stone is located on the east side of the U.S. 56 bridge over the Pawnee River at the south edge of Larned, KS.

Also at this location are two other markers placed by the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter: a bronze plaque mounted on a limestone post, identifying Pawnee Fork Crossing, and an interpretive marker which describes the crossing and tells of the death and burial of Private Easley. This is the first of five such markers which the chapter is installing to help the public better understand the Wet and Dry Routes of the Trail which traversed the area between present Larned and Dodge City, KS.

RARE JACKSON COUNTY TRAIL SWALES DISCOVERED

JOHN Mark Lambertson, director of the National Frontier Trails Center, Independence, MO, could scarcely believe what he saw in January while walking in an unfrequented area of the historic Bingham-Waggoner Estate located just south of the Trails Center. He was staring at an undulating series of subtle parallel depressions in the earth, with a generally north to southwest orientation, which to Lambertson, experienced in viewing Trail remnants, looked like ten short swales grown over with grass. "Trail swales still appear from time to time on the prairie, but to have some appear so close to the heart of Independence was astounding," said Lambertson.

The Bingham-Waggoner Estate is directly south of Independence Square, which placed it in the path of freighters and other Trail travelers who, unimpeded by fences, usually took the most direct route possible. By researching road records and the recollections of the late landowner, Harry Waggoner, Lambertson found evidence that efforts were made to detour Trail traffic around the estate in 1846, nearly two decades after Trail traffic began leaving from Independence. These swales are west of Osage Street and slightly north of Linden Street. The intersection of these two streets forms the southeast corner of the estate property, where there is a pronounced curved berm of earth which resulted from wagon use after the 1846 realignment of "the Santa Fe Road," designed to make a detour around the eastern and southern borders of the Bingham-Waggoner Estate.

Lambertson is of the opinion that the swales, although never part of an official Santa Fe Road alignment, probably reflect early local and Santa Fe Trail traffic leaving the crowded Independence staging area in what was the most direct and expedient route possible. Most likely the swales developed before there was a farmstead on the property, and they may have been used until the mid-1840s, depending on the absence or erection of fences. It is also probable that the 1846 Santa Fe Road realignment and the 1848 Pleasant Street extension (along the

west side of the Bingham-Waggoner property), may have been attempts to divert wagons from cutting across the farm.

Lambertson suggests several reasons why these swales have remained undiscovered. First, it is possible that members of the Waggoner family who owned the property for nearly a century knew the ruts existed but did not consider them worthy of mention. Also the grounds were preserved as a private estate, with limited public access, for generations. The activities of the Waggoner family were focused on the area around the house, separated from the swales by a ravine. Second, the swales lie on a hillside in such a way as to be hidden from view from all surrounding streets. The fringe of trees to the north also blocks them from view from the Bingham-Waggoner residence.

Third, and perhaps most surprising, Lambertson found no Trail scholar or local historian who claims to have walked over that hillside, save one. Patrick O'Brien, former Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Independence, said he had only visited the area in summer when it was covered with waist-high grass.

Finally, Trail swales have taken on a much greater significance in recent years, especially in Jackson County where they are rare. Perhaps, in the late nineteenth century, there were several other Trail-related swales still visible in the county, so these were not considered particularly significant. Their quiet, gradual demise to urban sprawl, seen then as civic progress, would have also coincided with the passing of the last generation who knew of their location.

Lambertson considers these ruts to be significant, historically, for several reasons. First, they are located in the very heart of Independence, a major "jumping off" point for the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails. They are so close to the core of Independence that, from the swales, one can see buildings on the original 1827 town square, the very hub of the Trail outfitting and staging area.

Second, although the swales are

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THORNTON DIARY

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In 1855 Secretary of War Jefferson Davis appointed Thornton chief of ordnance for the Department of New Mexico, where he served until 1857. The following diary, June 1855-November 1856, covers his trip from St. Louis to New Mexico via Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, and the Santa Fe Trail and a portion of his term of service in that department. The diary is printed as written, with corrections and explanations in brackets.

Thornton left New Mexico in 1857, returned across the plains, and contracted a lung condition from which he never fully recovered. He served several places with the ordnance department until the Civil War, when he was promoted to major and placed in command of Watervliet Arsenal, NY, until 1863, when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and, shortly thereafter, colonel of ordnance. During the remainder of the war he served as Inspector of Contract Arms and Ordnance. He received the rank of brevet brigadier general in 1865. After the war he commanded New York Arsenal at Governor's Island, where he died April 6, 1866.

Stephen Blair, Silver Spring, MD, is a great-great-grandson of William A. Thornton. He currently has possession of the original leather-bound diary. Special thanks to Blair for making it and his transcription available for publication here. It is one of the better Trail diaries.

Thornton was quite observant, appreciated the land through which he passed, and experienced many of the hazards of a trip across the plains. His party lost many to Cholera (his diary recorded Cholera as the cause of death of 28 men and two women). They experienced severe floods, and one man drowned. The fire that burned their camp at Cow Creek was nearly a disaster (one man later died of a wound received there, but more lives were probably saved because

the recruits had not been trained to load their muskets properly).

Had the Indians known how inept the commander and new recruits were, they might have annihilated the entire party. After a near encounter with Comanches and Kiowas on July 28, Thornton wrote, "if a fight had taken place, it is presumed by all that our Command would have been wiped out."

Thornton never named the commander of the detachment of recruits he accompanied, although he clearly considered that officer to be incompetent. In fact, the detachment was led by Captain Israel B. Richardson, Third Infantry. The recruits suffered much and arrived at Fort Union, New Mexico, in a weakened condition. They were considerably fewer than when they started, as more than 20 had died and at least seven deserted along the way. The survivors were met near Fort Union by Brigadier General John Garland, commander of the Department of New Mexico, who was disappointed in their state of being. "They were in a bad plight," he wrote, "having lost most of their clothing by fire on the plains." Many of them suffered from scurvy. The infantry recruits were described by Garland as "about the poorest set of recruits I have ever seen."

Thornton apparently was in agreement, for he wrote on July 17, "we are the worst organized and armed body of men ever Sent by Government to Santa Fe, and if we get through Safely it is More than is expected by Many of the officers." Whether there was a direct connection or not, Richardson resigned from the service on September 30, 1855. He returned to the army during the Civil War, became a major general of volunteers, and died November 3, 1862, from wounds received at Antietam on September 17, 1862.

There is a family story regarding Thornton's service in New Mexico. Thornton was at West Point at the same time as Jefferson Davis (who graduated in 1824). According to family lore, he reported Davis for an infraction of rules regarding smoking. Years later, when Davis was secretary of war, it is said he sent Thornton on assignment to New Mexico as retribution for the earlier

incident. Perhaps it was due to Davis's resentment that Thornton's diary exists.

THORNTON'S DIARY

Friday June 15th 1855, took passage on the Steamer Edenburg, from St Louis for Fort Leavenworth: with Major Nickoles [William A. Nichols, assistant adjutant general] and family, Lieut. Schrodder [Henry B. Schroeder, Third Infantry] and family, Doctor Perian [Glover Perin] and family, and 137. U.S. troops. All destined for Santa Fe New Mexico. Weather very warm. Entered the Missouri River at 8 P.M. Current Strong, causing much difficulty in Steaming against it, and in finding the Channel. Ran all night, but frequently Struck Snags and Sand bars. Water quite low and Muddy.

June 16th 1855

Continued to ascend the river. Country a perfect wilderness, but in many places the Scenery very beautiful. Struck a bar Snag but received no material damage, and frequently hard aground on Sand bars.

June 17th 1855—Sunday

Reached Jifferson City the Capital of the State of Missouri: 173 miles from St Louis. The Site is too hilley, and therefore although the State House and Prison are pretty buildings of blue lime Stone; Still the town does not Show thrift or make a favorable impression as you approach it. Here the Steamer Cataract with U.S troop on board was hard aground. Passed her but Made but little progress during the after noon and night: owing to Snags and Sand bars and to Shallow water.

Had to discharge part of the cargo during the night, to lighten the boat, and leave a guard with the property.

June 18th 1855

The days work commences at Grovesborough hard aground, where we remained five hours, until we obtained help from the Steamer Cataract. Passed Bonsville [Boonville] at noon. The town Shows very well from the river and appeared to be prosperous. At 4 pm again passed the Cataract hard aground. The day closes with one case of Cholera, a laundress of the detachment. The night dark with vivid lightening, continued to run notwithstanding and at 11 pm. Struck a Snag with great force, which came near Sinking us. Passed the Steamer Australia which had been Snagged about three weeks previous and Sunk in nine feet water: having a large amount of Government Stores on board. Tied up for the Night, it being too dark to run with Safety.

June 19th 1855

Morning cool and cloudy. our Cholera patient Still alive. At 8 A.m. our boat Sheared and ran into a raft of Snags, whereby we came near loosing our guards and horses, that were lodged on them, as well as Sinking the boat. The Cataract close behind us at the time. Sun down five cases of Cholera. Passed Lexington, 354 Miles from St Louis at 1 A.m. having been much impeded by Snags & Sand bars.

June 20th 1855

Landed at Camden 375 miles from St Louis for wood and bury a man and woman who had died during the night of Cholera: the others inking [sinking?], and Some Sickness among the citizen passengers. The weather oppressively warm. Night dark and Stormy and for the latter cause could not run.

June 21st 1855

Got under way early and reached Kansas city about Sun down, where we landed much freight and left at 9 p.m. Ran about 10 Miles and Stopped to bury a woman and two men who had died of Cholera. Wooded and left, but had Soon to tie up owing to a Severe thunder Storm. Started at daylight and reached Leavenworth city at 11 A.m. and landed at Fort Leavenworth at 1 P.m. with Eight men sick with Cholera. distance 430 Miles.

June 22nd 1855

Sickness on the increase, buried three men who had died of Cholera, employed during the day in getting ready to march for Santa Fe New Mexico.

June 23rd 1855

Buried one man who had died of Cholera. Doctor Perrin [Perin] Sick, time employed in Making ready to March. Weather very warm. Slightly indisposed; but received much Kindness from Major M. S. Howe [Marshall Saxe Howe, Second Dragoons] with whom I am staying, also from Major Sibley [Ebenezer Sprote Sibley, quartermaster department] and Doctor Cuyler [John Meck Cuyler].

June 24th 1855—Sunday

Buried one man who had died of Cholera weather warm, but continued to make arrangements for my tramp across the Plains.

June 25th 1855

Buried two men Who died of Cholera. Two Companies of Cavalry reached here. Ready to march but detained by the non arrival of funds, which is to go with us to Santa Fe.

June 26th 1855

Buried one man who died of Cholera. Ready to march but detained as before named.

June 27th 1855

Buried three men who had died of

Cholera. Doctor Cuyler and Major Sibley quite ill, Lieut. Shepard [Samuel Turner Shepperd, Second Dragoons] dangerously So with Cholera. Weather very warm.

June 28th 1855

Buried Lieut Shepard & two men who had died of Cholera. Doctor Cuyler & Major Sibley better. Col. Sumner [Edwin Vose Sumner, First Cavalry] and family with many other officers reached Fort Leavenworth. Marched at Noon. Route over a beautiful Prairie and encamped on Strangers Creek distance—12 Miles.

June 29th 1855

Marched at 7 A.m. and reached Hickory Grove at Noon. encamped. the weather very warm with high wind. Men Much fatigued. Country a rolling prairie and beautiful. Wood and water plenty. Thunderstorms after encamping. Buried one man who died of Cholera. Two others very Sick—distance—15 miles.

June 30th 1855

Marched at 7 A.m. weather cool, road very muddy. One man taken Sick with Cholera. Reached Grass Hopper creek at 11 A.m. 10 Miles, and Rock creek at 1 P.m. encamped. with plenty of wood & water. Country as before a rolling prairie and beautiful between the creeks. Thunderstorm at the close of the day. The man died of Cholera distance—15 miles.

July 1st Sunday

Marched at 6 A.m. Crossed the little and big Muddy Creeks, 3. & 5. Miles. weather very warm reached Soldiers Creek at Noon, and encamped about one Mile beyond it. Saw during the day on our right the wood land bordering the Kansas River. Met Col Alexander [Edmund Brooke Alexander, Tenth Infantry], Lieut Surges [Samuel Davis Sturgis, First Dragoons] and families, 24 days from Santa Fe—three men taken with Cholera. distance—15 Miles.

July 2nd 1855

Marched at 6 A.m. morning cloudy and prospect of rain, route S.W. 10 Miles and West 6 Miles, on the left Side of the Kansas [also Kaw] River. The prairie or valley of the Kaw River about three Miles Wide. Beautiful locations. the ridges rise about 50 feet. It is here that Governor Reeder [Kansas Territorial Governor Andrew H. Reeder] is Said [to] own 1200 acres purchased at 90 cents the acre. encamped at noon at Cross Creek, left two Men behind when we Marched very Sick with Cholera, and had many others Sick in our wagons. day very warm without rain. Suffered much from burnt lips, general health good. Afternoon closed by the death and burial of two men. Thunder Storm during the night, distance—16

Miles.

July 3rd 1855

Marched at 6 A.m. and reached a Potawatime village know[n] as the Mission [Pottawatomie Catholic Mission at St. Marys] at 8 A.m. the buildings of logs, whitewashed externally, giving them an air of neatness, School House and Chapel. Many children, well clad and at play. General appearance of the people very comfortable, distance 6 Miles. reached Lost Creek at 11½ A.m., 15½ [miles] encamped at 1 P.m. on Vermillion Creek. day oppressively warm distance 19 Miles.

July 4th 1855

Marched at 5½ A.m. Morning warm & cloudy. Rained during the day. Met many Delaware Indians returning from a Buffalo hunt, loaded with Skins & meat. reached the Big Blue River at 1 oclock Cross on a fine bridge and encamped. Sickness less and Men in better Spirits, Suffered Much from burned lips and Nose. A heavy thunderstorm which lasted five hours. One man died of Cholera. distance-22 Miles.

July 5th 1856

Marched at 8 A.m and encamped at 2 p.m. on three Mile Creek, weather warm and cloudy. Country very beautiful, Men Much fatigued by travelling over a muddy road, & wet grass. One Man died of Cholera-distance 16 miles.

July 6th 1855

Visited Fort Riley and loaded our Supply train, and made preparations for Crossing the Republican fork and Smokey Creek. Also, Shod our Animals preparatory for a long march to Fort Union.

July 7th 1855

Commenced Crossing our Wagons over the Republican for[k] and Smokey Creek. the first by a bridge and the 2nd by a Roap Scow [ferry boat]. At noon the Supply train Safely over, and at 2 p.m. troops and baggage in Motion to make the Crossing, and at 9 p.m. all over, and encamped about three Miles from the ferry.

July 8th 1855-Sunday

Marched at 10 A.m. and in half [hour] we reached the foot of a high piece of table land or mesa over which our route lay. It was not possible for our teams to ascend by the road, and we had to wind round in a Spiral route, and with much trouble and fatigue gradually to reach its Summit.

By So doing we missed the true road and found much difficulty in getting forward. The day was oppressively warm: the wind high, and as it was driven in our faces, it felt as if it had been blown from a furnace, Causing much pain to our Eyes. No Water Could

be found and the Men were Madened for a drink. Many Sank under the heat, and finally we turned aside from our route and Marched for Some woodland, about five Miles to our left, where we found water and encamped. dispatched horsemen back with Canteens of water to those who were left behind exhausted, and wagons to bring them in, and it was not, until Some time after night fall that our Command were finally assembled distance-18-Miles.

July 9th 1856 [1855]

We remained encamped, to enable the Men to recover from the great exhaustion Caused by the previous days heat. Lt Mercer [John Thomas Mercer, First Dragoons] overtook us and reported for duty. One man died of Cholera and another taken Sick.

July 10th 1856 [1855]

up at 3 A.m. expecting to March at Sun rise, but was prevented by the death and burial of the Man that was taken ill the day previous. Marched at 5 A.m, route South of South West. Saw Some Antelope during [the day?] and a few deer and Soon expect to See Buffalo. encamped at Clarks Creek. Thunder Storm after encamping. Men in better Spirits. My own health good distance-18 Miles.

July 11th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 5 A.m. but road badly defined. Morning cloudy. Thunder Storm during the March. Struck the Santa Fe road about 5 Miles from Diamond Spring about 9 A.m. and reached the lost Spring at mid day.-Troops Come up at 2 p.m. and encamped. To Council Grove about 35 miles and to Fort Union 550 Miles. Saw Some game during the day and Marched about 18 Miles. Saw Some travellers who reported Indians ahead. poor place to encamp on account of wood, water and grass. lost a man who died of Cholera. distance-18 Miles-

July 12th 1856 [1855]

Marched 5½ A.m. Morning Cloudy and warm. reached Cotton Wood Creek at ½ past one and encamped. Found a party of Kaw Indians encamped at the Creek Curing Buffalo Meat. Had a visit from a chief and Squaw, who wanted Money, flour & Sugar. Made a Small Contribution to there Wants and told them to go. Gave them bread and meet, the latter they threw away, and lef[t] in a thunder Storm, distance 18 Miles.

July 13th 1856 [1855]

Marched a 5½ A.m. and encamped at Turkey Creek, bad water, no wood, fresh indications of Buffalo. Saw Some Antelope, but So wild I could not obtain a Shot at them. weather very warm, but the men in good Spirits. distance--

19 Miles.

July 14th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 3 A.m. Crossed the little Arkansaw at 3 P.m. Water poor & no grass. A horse would not fill himself by days grazing over twenty ackres. prospects depressing. no Indications of Indians; but plenty of Buffalo. Men Much fatigued by days march, road [rode] at least 38 Miles in aiding to find a good encamping ground. distance March-[ed] by the Troops-28 Miles.

July 15th-Sunday

Remained in Camp until 4 p.m. then Struck our tents and advanced about 6 Miles, and bivouacked to let our Animals graze. No water but what we had in our Kegs. distance 6 Miles

July 16th 1856 [1855]

Resumed our March at day light and encamped at 10 A.m. about 22 Miles from the little Arkansaw on Cow Creek. Many Buffalo and Indians in our Neighbourhood. At Noon a fire broke out, Caused by neglect of Some Servants in lighting the dry grass. The wind was high & a [it] Spread rapidly, and in a few Moments we lost all of our Company tents and Most of the Men's Knap Sacks, and baggage. Also about 60 of our Muskets were badly burned, and by the firing of Some of them had four Men wounded one dangerously So. Fortunately Many of the Muskets had been loaded by the introduction of the ball before the powder, which fortunately Saved Many lives. The Mishap has very Much weakened our Strength. All the Serviceable Arms, carefully examined and loaded, and the men not on Guard, Caused to Sleep on their arms to be ready in Case of a Surprise by the Indians who it was thought Might take advantage of fire to approach our Camp at night. distance 16 Miles.

July 17th

Weather hot with high wind. A whirl wind passed through our camp doing Some damage among our wagons.

Men employed in repairing and cleaning our damaged arms. Also two drills ordered to instruct the Men how to load. Indians Seen about us. Buffalo plenty but none yet Killed by any of the Command. We will be able to use about 46 of the Muskets burned, but we are the worst organized and armed body of men ever Sent by Government to Santa Fe, and if we get through Safely it is More than is expected by Many of the officers.

July 18th 1856 [1855]

Marched at Sunrise. Crossed Cow creek, a small but beautiful Stream. Lost 4 Dragoons by desertion, who pretended to remain behind to water their Horses. Weather warm. Saw Many Buffalo and wounded three but got none

of them. Encamped at 3 p.m. about Six Miles from Walnut Creek on the great bend of the Arkansaw. Stream low, no wood but good feed for our Animals distance about 18 Miles.

July 19th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 7 A.m. and Crossed Walnut Creek and encamped on the Arkansaw about 12 Miles from the creek. Saw thousands of Buffalo and Killed three, and a calf. Three Infantry Soldiers deserted with their Arms. 80 Men in our Sick wagons Caused by eating wild plumbs. No wood but good grass. Passed a Surveying Party at Walnut Creek, locating a position for the establishment of a Mail Depot.

A fine Spring at the creek. Prospects of a thunder Storm. tired from horse riding but quite well—distance about 18 Miles.

July 20th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 6 A.m. reached Pawney Rock 6 miles at 9 Am. Crossed ash Creek at Noon 12 Miles and encamped after Crossing Pawney fork. Morning Cloudy with rain, day Cool and the Men travelled with much more ease. passed a party of Gold finders, who had had 8 horses stolen by Indians during the Night. Few Buffalo Seen during the day. Pawney Rock rises about 100 feet above the Surrounding prairie, and affords a fine view. No Indians Seen but they are around us. the night rainey. our Camp is about two Miles to the left of the road beside ponds of bad water, distance 18 miles.

July 21st 1856 [1855]

Marched at 7 Am. Morning rainey. Crossed Coon Creek about Noon turned to the left and advanced to the river, and encamped at 3 p.m. This days march was peculiar hard on the Men, as it rained heavily almost all the time. 120 Men Sick in the wagons. Stampede of our train Shortly after Crossing the Creek. Crossed it at the upper foard [ford]. Good grass on the river but no wood. The Country on the right bank of the river very level, but on the other bank rising in Sand hills. The river foardable [fordable] and was crossed by Men to obtain wood. No Buffalo Seen during the day. And but little other game on the prairies. distance about 18 miles.

July 22nd 1856 [1855] Sunday

Marched at 6 A.m. and encamped at 3 p.m. day warm and foggy until about 10 A.m. and closed by a heavy thunderstorm. our Cattle lost during the Night, but recovered during the day by a party of 20 Dragoons commanded by Lieut Mercer. Grass & Water but no wood to be found near our encampment. Water rising in the Arkansaw, which may trouble us when we have to Cross—Distance about-18 miles

July 23rd 1856 [1855]

Marched at 7 A.m. and encamped at 2 p.m. route close along the river. Country rolling with lime Stone hills resembling chalk. No game or Indians Seen. day warm and partly Cloudy and Closes with a thunderstorm. Buried a Dragoon who died of Cholera. distance 16 Miles.

July 24th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 6¼ A.m. and passed Fort Atkenson [Fort Atkinson, just west of present Dodge City, founded 1850 and abandoned 1854] at noon, and encamped about 3 Miles beyond it, day very warm and cloudy. Country a rolling prairie, the most desolate we have passed through. No game. Seven Indians Seen watching us from the opposite Side of the river. Fort Atkinson is a Sod Work, put up but a few years Since and abandoned about a year Since. It is in the Middle of the Indian Country and was once in great danger of being taken by the indians. It is on the left bank of the Arkansaw and close up to it. Its position on the road to New Mex[ico] may have been good, but it is too remote from its Most Needful Supply, that is wood: which Could not be obtained Short of 18 miles from the post. In case of trouble with the indians, it would require the entire Command of the Post as an escort, to obtain a few loads of wood. distance—18 miles.

July 25-1856 [1855]

Marched at 6 A.m. over a lime Stone ridge and rolling prairie. very barren. passed a train encamped on the River, having Annuities for the indians. Come in Sight of the 7th Infy. Comanded by Col P. [Pitcairn] Morrison. Found we could not reach their encampment, and therefore we turned to the left and encamped. In looking [ab]out our position we Came up[on] a large Camp very lately occupied by the Indians, Supposed to be in force at least 3000 Strong. Fire and thunder Storm during the afternoon. At Sun down a large train of wagons Seen Coming over the hills. It proved to be contractors train 10 days from Fort Union, and we Sent letters by it to the States. Distance about-18 miles.

July 26th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 7 A.m. and encamped at noon. A few Indians in our neighbourhood who moved across the river. Sent Lieut Carr [Milton T. Carr, First Dragoons] forward with a party of Dragoons to examine the water in the Cimaron River, and if he found a Supply to report by Sending back Some of his Men.—Crossed the Arkansaw during the day and encamped. distance-6 miles.

July 27th 1856 [1855]

Our express has returned, and Lt. Carr reports that we cannot obtain wa-

ter on the Cimaron route. Day very hot. Commenced recrossing the river at 5 p.m. and encamped. A heavy thunder Storm, at 7 p.m. lightning took effect near one of our trains, and caused a Stampede among our Mules, found much difficulty in locating our Camp in the dark which was done at 10 p.m.—distance about 11 Miles.

July 28th 1856 [1855]

Marched at Sun rise and reached a body of Comanche Indians 2500 Strong and of Kiowas 1500 Strong.

As we approached their position they broke up their camp, Packed their animals and Sent their families away, and formed in line Close to the road. All well mounted & Armed with rifles, bows & arrows. At this disposition our wagons were formed in two Columns and Closed up.

The space between our leading wagons was about 30 yards. A Strong rear guard formed close up to the rear wagons. Our 100 Dragoons each leading a horse Kept the road and marched directly in front of the leading wagons, with directions that if the Indians made an attack, to fall back between the wagons to obtain protection for their horses. Our Infantry Marched by a flank with bayonets fixed. This arrangement was defective, as it threw the infantry too far in advance and placed it in the power of the Indians to have Arrowed our Animals before the infantry Could have given any protection. Our defense Should have been wagons in two Columns and the Dragoons between them. The infantry in two lines Marching as flankers on the right and left Sides of the wagons. A front and rear guard close on the end of the Column; and thus in case of an attack they would have been met promptly at all points by the fire of the infantry. our position was critical but fortunately there was no overt act on either Side, but the indians for Miles pressed hard on our left flank and rear. and if a fight had taken place, it is presumed by all that our Command would have been wiped out, but they would have had to work hard for it. The[y] left us about noon and we encamped at 3 p.m. Our position Strong having the River in our rear and our wagons in a Semicircle from flank to flank for our front. Our Camp visited by the Chiefs, of whom Old Shave[d] head, the King of the Comanches was one. White Eagle & Buffalo Hump were the principle after him. Our talk was through a Mexican boy, presumed to be a girl, whom they have in Captivity. Gave them Some hard bread Some Sugar and they left our Camp without causing trouble—distance 20 miles.

July 29th 1856 Sunday

Marched at 5 A.m. and encamped at 2 p.m. Position a little below Chotoes [Chouteau's] Island in the Arkansaw. Not troubled during the day with the Indians but Crossed many fresh trails. The day warm but men in good Spirits. Country more rolling and wood increasing in quantity along the River. Should have remarked, that in addition to the body of Indians whose encampment we passed on the 28 inst, there was a large party, Supposed to be at least a thousand Strong, encamped on the opposite Side of the river, who did not break up on our approach, but turned out on the Sand hills to See us pass. If trouble had taken place between us and the party on our Side of the river, the two bodies could have united their Strength on us in ten Minutes. distance 22 Miles.

July 30th 1856 [1855]

Marched at 7 A.m. and encamped at 11 A.m. a little above Chotoes Island, preparatory to Crossing the Sand desert by the Aubry route. Lieut Davis [Benjamin Franklin Davis, First Dragoons] sent out with a party of 20 Dragoons to examine the Supply of water at Bear Creek. Indians discovered watching our movements. Two Signal fires lighted by them. A party of Dragoons sent to examine the Condition of a large prairie fire, which had been lighted by the Indians, and appeared to be approaching us. this was about nine o'clock at night. The party returned in an hour and reported the fire on the opposite Side of the river and from Sixty to Eighty Indians at it—distance 12 Miles.

July 31st 1855

Still in Camp but No News from Lieut Davis. Apprehensions for his Safty. At Noon Council Called, and resolved to follow the Lieut. At 4 p.m. Crossed the Arkansaw and took up our line of March, following the route Lieut Davis had taken.

The watch fires lighted by the Indians when we left the river. At Sun down a violent thunder Storm Set in, which became So violent that at 11 p.m. we were forced to halt. Corralled our wagons as we best could in the dark to protect our Animals. This was to [the] most violent thunder Storm I think I ever witnessed. and the nights tramp we had in it will be long remember[ed] by all of us. distance 18 miles.

August 1-1855

Marched at day light and reached Bear Creek at 1 p.m. Wood and water plenty and but little grass. Passed a dead horse having a Saddle and bridle and all attached to him. Shortly after reach a train of wagons from which the Indians had stampeded the Animals, and was presumed by us that the horse

we passed must have belonged to the train. distance 22 miles.

August 2nd Marched at 8 A.m and encamped at 3 p.m. Volcanic hill near our Camp. Copper and Iron indicated. Water scarce, wood plenty; but grass very poor. Buried a Man who died of Cholera. I Should have noted, that we found Lieut Davis, the day previous, at bear Spring, awaiting our arrival; the man he had Sent back had halted with the teamsters of the train we passed distance 18 Miles

August 3rd 1855

In Camp recruiting our Strength for a forced March of 40 Miles across a Sandy desert, which must be made without water.

August 4th 1855

In Camp to let a man recover Strength for the March, after a Surgical operation of Amputation of an arm at the Shoulder Joint. This poor fellow was one of the men wounded by the firing of Muskets, caused by the fire we had in Camp on the 16th of July.

August 5th 1855—Sunday

The Man Sank under the wound, and has been buried. Marched at 5 p.m. Weather warm, indication of a Stormy night. The Men Marched rapidly until Mid Night, and then became disorderly by leaving the ranks. Halted until morning. distance 26 Miles.

August 6th 1855

Resumed our March at day light, and we reached the Cimaron Creek at Noon, and encamped. Men Mutinous. No grass bad water, plenty of wood. Country hilly and volcanic. distance about 14 Miles.

August 7th 1855

Marched at 7 and encamped at 11 A.m. at the upper Spring Cimarron River, Country hilly and volcanic. Grass and water very good but no wood. The Mail from Santa Fe reported to be about 2 Miles above us at an other Spring. At 2 p.m. Sent our letters by express to the Mail, and had them placed in the bags. The Mail passed our Camp, and the agent Made us a visit at 5 p.m. He Said he would travel about ten Miles further, and when it became dark, he would turn off from the road and without lighting fires encamp for the Night. Distance about 9 Miles.

August 8th 1855

Marched at 6 A.m. and encamped at noon at the Springs of Cedar Creek. Had to open the Springs & dig for water. No wood, but grass pretty good. A Noted place where train and the Mail have been attacked by Indians. Made preparations accordingly. Rabat [Rabbit] Ear Mountains Seen at a great distance. On our right but very remote, the Ratoon Mountains Seen rising like

black Clouds above the prairies. distance about 16 Miles.

August 9th 1855

Marched at 6 A.m. and Crossed McNeees Creek [McNees Crossing] at 10½ A.m. & encamped on the Cottonwood Creek at 3 p.m. the Country more rugged and therefore more interesting and beautiful. Volcanic Mountains of various form Seen in the distance of at least 50 Miles looming up higher than the Crows Nest at West point. But little water at McNeeses Creek, grass poor and no wood. Grass good in Camp. Water good, but not Certain with a Scant supply of wood. Saw Many Antelopes during the day and Indian fires in the Mountains. We are in a hostile Indian Country, viz the Utaws and Apaches, and at all the watering places from Cedar Creek to Santa Fe, trains and Mail parties have been cut off by Said Indians. Day part Cloudy and warm. Distance 20 Miles

August the 10th 1855

Marched at 7 A.m. and encamped at Rab[b]it Ear Creek at 2 p.m. day very warm, grass very good Water and wood plenty. Met a War party of Che-manchus [Comanches] returning they Said from a trail after the Utaws. Not painted but in their War dresses. Country becoming More interesting by lofty Mountains before us. distance about 16 Miles.

August 11th 1855

Marched at 6 A.m. and reached Rock Creek at 1 P.m. and encamped at White Creek at 5 p.m. Poor water and grass at both creeks and no wood. Many Antelopes and Rattle Snakes. Visited Rabbit Ear Mountain [either this occurred earlier, for they were miles beyond the Rabbit Ears, or Thornton was confused about the name of the peak they tried to climb this day] and attempted its ascent, but it was too abrupt, & about 1000 feet high. Earth piled in all Shapes and forms by volcanic action around us; blackened by fires and gray with age. Distance 25 miles

August 12th 1855 Sunday

Marched at 6 A.m. and reached Point of Rocks at 11 A.m. No water but wood and poor grazing. had to return four Miles to find a Camp, which we established at 1 p.m. poor grass, but little wood plenty of fine water. Horses Stampeded about 3 p.m. and for a time it looked as if we would loose them all; as well as our Mules. Men Sent out in every direction in persuit of them. Fires lighted as Signals for the Men to return by. About Mid night Many horses and Mules brought back; distance 12 Miles

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HOOF PRINTS

—TRAIL TIDBITS—

Hollis Heagerty, Aurora MO, who contributed the diary of his great-grandfather, William Heagerty, for publication in the August 1994 issue of *WT*, died September 14, 1998. Leo and Bonita Oliva visited Heagerty at his home in Missouri shortly after the publication of the diary and were shown the original diary, the revolver carried by his great-grandfather on the Santa Fe Trail, and a razor found near the Heagerty farm in 1855 shortly after the departure of federal troops commanded by Robert E. Lee. These were Hollis's prized possessions.

SFTA Publicity Coordinator Michael Pitel will retire from the New Mexico Department of Tourism on May 31, 1999, having worked in the state tourism office since 1977. In recognition of Pitel's 22 years of service, he was inducted into the New Mexico Tourism Hall of Fame on April 22, 1999. Noting that Pitel left a legacy of creativity, enthusiasm, and hard work, he was recognized for the development of the first toll-free fulfillment line for the state, initiation of group press tours, development of a tracking system for advertising-generated inquiries, and being the first professional to systematically track and study trends and attendance at major events, thus, playing a major role in the growth and sophistication of New Mexico's tourism industry. SFTA owes a debt of gratitude to Mike for his promotion of the Santa Fe Trail while at the tourism office, and looks forward to his continued support.

Ambassador Paul Bentrup did it again! On his way to the SFTA Board meeting at the Santa Fe Trail Center in April, Bentrup was stopped by the Highway Patrol for going 75 mph. The fast-talking Ambassador got off with a warning ticket (again). Earlier on the way he had a diabetic insulin reaction. At Jetmore he gave himself an insulin injection. He continued on to Larned, maybe too much

injected, and was caught by the patrolman. Because he escaped the fine (again), Bentrup placed an advertisement (again) in the *Larned Tiller and Toiler* recounting his experience and the hazards of diabetic drivers, noting that one was the cause of Marc Simmons's near fatal crash in 1986. Thank you, Ambassador, for this safety tip. Slow down, Bentrup.

Marc Simmons is promoting the 50th anniversary of the publication of Jack Schaefer's *Shane*. In 1974, for the 25th anniversary, Simmons chaired a committee to promote the occasion through exhibits, press releases, and writing articles. *Shane* has been printed in 70 or more editions, 30 foreign languages, and has been adopted in many high school and college courses as a student text. Simmons considers it worthwhile to read or reread this contemporary classic.

Marc Simmons has written the foreword to Nasario Garcia's new book, *Brujas, Bultos y Brasas: Tales of Witchcraft and the Supernatural*, to be published in June 1999.

Tom Steele of Santa Fe, End of the Trail Chapter member and newsletter editor, was an extra in *The Hi-Lo Country*, a movie shot mostly in the Santa Fe area. All his close-ups ended on the cutting-room floor. Steele saw himself about seven times in the film, "but too quickly for anyone else to notice!"

The Friends of Arrow Rock are celebrating their 40th anniversary (Congratulations!) by refurbishing the Dr. John Sappington exhibits. Sappington's Anti-Fever Pills, with quinine, were used by Trail travelers.

Plans are underway to renovate the Kit Carson Cemetery at Taos, NM. Headstones will be repaired, sunken graves filled, a flagpole erected, and a handicapped-accessible trail added throughout the two-acre cemetery.

Southwest Museum Services prepared a video for the Cimarron Heritage Center, Boise City, OK, of the story and sites of the Santa Fe Trail in Cimarron County. This is a fine asset to the CHC exhibits.

CAMP TALES

—CHAPTER REPORTS—

Chapter presidents with e-mail, please provide that address to *WT*.

Wet/Dry Routes Chapter Webmaster Larry Mix has offered to put all current chapter newsletters on the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter web page. Send him your newsletter by e-mail or on disk (he will not keyboard from your hard copy) to 202 N Gray St, St John KS 67576.

Cimarron Cutoff

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The regular quarterly meeting was held January 16 at the Cimarron Heritage Center in Boise City, OK. A hearty stew or chili luncheon and some excellent entertainment by twelve members of the Felt High School speech department was enjoyed by 29 members and guests.

President Brown reported that 21 persons, representing four chapters and nine communities, attended the mapping seminar held November 14.

Brown handed out a survey asking members opinions on changes in meeting dates and chapter direction as well as asking members to serve on committees. Nomination forms for the Presidential Awards to be presented on April 24 were included. Members indicated that they were interested in more trips and outings. The consensus was that chapter members are really interested in the history/education of the Santa Fe Trail on the Cimarron Cutoff.

There was a discussion on whether "cutoff" should be eliminated from the name of the chapter, since the Cimarron Route was not a cutoff and the term is not historical, and members overwhelmingly voted to keep the name Cimarron Cutoff.

It was reported that Leo Gamble had major surgery before Christmas and was recuperating at home and on dialysis. The April 24 meeting was held in Clayton, NM.

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No report.

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No report.

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The quarterly meeting was held at the court house in Council Grove the evening of April 22. Al Bunting reported that the stem for the Wilmington school house wall was poured and we are looking for someone to help re-lay the stone wall that was pushed out three years ago by vandals. We have confirmation that the chapter liability insurance will cover the activities of the Symposium September 23 through 26, 1999. The Symposium committee has been meeting every month and has everything well in hand.

The 1999 trail ride plans are complete. It will leave Burlingame June 8 and arrive in Council Grove June 11. Anyone wanting to come sooner may participate in cloverleaf rides from the Burlingame Rodeo grounds June 6 & 7. For registration forms write 130 W. Main St., Council Grove or call 316-767-5826 or 785-793-2248. Camp sites: June 8, 4 miles west of Harveyville; June 9, Chalk Mound; June 10, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Alta Vista; June 11, Council Grove. We will be in the Wah-Shun-Ga parade June 12.

End of the Trail

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Formal dedication of the Santa Fe Trail crossing markers will be Sunday, July 11, 1999. Mayor Larry Delgado, city works' officials, and residents who allowed installation of the signs will be our official guests. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Willam and Peggy Jones, 825 East Zia Road (2/10 mile from the intersection of Old Santa Fe Trail and E. Zia). Signs will be posted. There is plenty of parking space.

Santa Fe Public Works Department installed the 18 Trail crossing signs on Santa Fe's southeast side the week of February 22, 1999. Craig

Watts, Traffic Division Director of Public Works, worked closely with the chapter on this project that took nearly four years to complete. See separate article and photo of sign.

Signs are at the following locations (if you don't have Mike Pitel's "Historic Santa Fe Map," a city map will help you): Coronado and Old Pecos Trail, Camino Cacto, Camino Rancheros at Garcia and also at Old Santa Fe Trail, Carmelite Monastery lot at Camino del Monte Sol and Old Santa Fe Trail, Trail Cross Court, 825 E. Zia Road, 696 E. Zia Road, Calle Espejo at Calle Cacique, Calle de Leon at Fort Union Dr., and Camino Pinones near Old Pecos Trail. Seven locations boast two signs, the remaining four have one.

Over 60 people attended a joint meeting of the Salida del Sol Chapter and the End of the Trail Chapter March 20. Chautauquan Bart Barbour, historian for the National Park Service, portrayed John L. Hatcher, mountain man, speaking from the year 1856. He described setting off on the Santa Fe Trail in 1835 to become a trapper and trader for William Bent and Ceran St. Vrain and an adopted member of the Kiowa nation. Hatcher was acquainted with others who left their mark along the Trail, such as Kit Carson, John Fremont, Jim Beckwith, and others. Hatcher moved on to California in 1856. Historian Barbour discussed bigotry and racism within the context of the period.

A field trip to San Miguel del Vado (sponsored by EoT and Corazon chapters) is planned for May 15 as part of NM Historical Preservation Week. Frances Levine, ethnohistorian and division head of SFCC, will present a historical summary from the time of the original land grant and settlement in the late 1700s to 1848 when the U.S. took possession of NM. Alice Bustamonte will lead a tour of the Custom House and area.

Corazon de los Caminos

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The chapter has many plans for a new season of activities on the Trail. Bev and Hal Jackson have planned an exciting schedule of events. The board has met twice. Trail mappers,

led by Pat and Michael Macklin, have been busy. Trail crossing markers will be in place this spring, thanks mainly to Nancy Robertson.

We have our own website at <www.nmhu.edu/research/sftrail/corazon.htm>. Alma Gregory, Sara Hanna, and Mike Olsen worked hard on this. Jean Hinkle has signed on as chapter historian, and Wink Winkel will again author our newsletter. Planning continues for Symposium 2001 in Las Vegas, led by Steve Whitmore, Mike Olson, Harry Myers, Faye Gaines, and Milt Swenson.

The season's first meeting was well-attended at the Santa Clara Cafe in Wagon Mound, NM. Dennis Schneider of Cimarron gave a first-rate presentation on Rayado. For a time Rayado was the home of Kit Carson and Lucien Maxwell.

On April 11, 38 chapter members traveled to scenic Mills Canyon. Jack Urban gave some background information on Melvin Mills during the time Mills was a lawyer in Elizabethtown and subsequent Colfax County seats. Pat Macklin gave a summary of the prehistory and geology of the canyon, and Harry Myers gave a brief sketch on Lt. Abert's account of the canyon.

Santa Fe Trail Heritage Day was celebrated on the Las Vegas Plaza on Sunday, May 1. Thanks especially to Frances Casey and Mary Whitmore for helping with the chapter's booth which drew much attention. President Stephen Whitmore and VP Faye Gaines attended the SFTA board meeting at the Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned, KS, on April 17.

May 15 a joint meeting with the End of the Trail chapter to commemorate New Mexico Heritage Preservation Week will be held at San Miguel del Vado. On May 16 Jack Urban will host the chapter meeting at the Elizabethtown Museum.

Wet/Dry Routes

President Rusti Gardner
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On January 3 the winter meeting was held at the Municipal Building in Kinsley, KS. Reports were given by the mapping/marketing, chuck wagon, T-shirt, and seminar committees. Officers for 1999 were elected: President Rusti Gardner, Vice-Pre-

sident Howard Losey, Secretary/Treasurer Ida Yeager, and Program Director David Clapsaddle. Appointed to the Faye Anderson Committee were: Alice Clapsaddle, Ann Warner, LeVeda Cross, Joyce Losey, and Virginia Walters. Howard Losey was appointed to the Mapping/Marking Committee, and Janice Klein was appointed to service as the 1999 judge for the chapter's Kansas History Day Award.

In other business, the Chapter voted (1) to expend \$500 for five interpretive markers; (2) to prepare and serve the lunch for the Fort Larned Old Guard meeting on April 24 (ed. note: they also prepared and served the dinner), (3) to sponsor Shirley Stein for the SFTA Teacher Award and Sibley's Camp for the Landowner's Award, and (4) to begin mailing 200 copies of *Traces* at bulk rate.

A special award was presented to Max Zimmerman of St. John for his assistance with the chapter's internet efforts. Clara Goodrich was honored with the Faye Anderson Award. Following the business session, a well received program was presented by Manhattan artist Jerry Thomas.

The chapter's spring meeting was held April 4 in Garfield. Following a hearty frontier meal of roast elk, the chapter considered a number of business items. Reports were heard regarding the mapping-marking project, chuck wagon meals to be served at the annual FLOG meeting, the upcoming seminar, Faye Anderson Award, and Kansas History Day Award. Discussion was conducted relative to T-shirt sales, bulk mailing permit, and SFTA awards. Also discussed were liability insurance for the chapter and the geographical boundaries of the chapter.

After the conclusion of the business session, members of the chapter toured the original Dry Route. Sites visited included three recently-identified rut locations.

The high intensity aluminum interpretive markers voted on at the January meeting measure 18 by 24 inches and are mounted on 4 X 4 cedar posts. Locations to be marked include: (1) the Pawnee Fork Crossing near Larned, (2) Forks in Santa Fe Trail, (3) the Junction of the Fort Larned Military Road and the Wet

Route at Coon Creek crossing near Garfield, (4) Roadside park in Offerle, (5) the Junction of the Wet and Dry Route east of Fort Dodge. Plans call for an additional five such markers to be placed in the year 2000.

Thanks to Larry Mix and the assistance of satellite photographs, three more ruts have been identified on the original Dry Route which ran to the Caches two miles west of present Dodge City. One rut is located near Bellfont, the other near Spearville, and another near Offerle.

David Clapsaddle led a two-day traveling seminar dedicated to the 1867 Hancock Expedition April 17-18, 1999. From Larned, the group traveled to Fort Riley to follow the route taken by Winfield Scott Hancock, stopping at sites en route to the Cheyenne/Sioux village site in south east Ness County. Clapsaddle is preparing a series of articles about frequently mentioned streams on the Santa Fe Trail for Wet/Dry Chapter newsletter *Traces*. The first article on the Pawnee River appeared in Vol. 6 No. 2 (Spring 1999).

Sibley's Camp is selling tickets for a raffle to raise funds for the operation of the historic site in Larned. To be raffled is a framed print of Jerry Thomas's painting "Bold and Fearless." Tickets are \$5.00. The proprietors of Sibley's Camp appreciate SFTA support.

Dodge City/Fort Dodge

David Kloppenborg
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Bucklin KS 67834
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On May 7 the chapter met at noon at the Gunsmoke Restaurant to hear SFTA President Margaret Sears present a program.

The chapter is planning another event in conjunction with the Fort Dodge third annual July 4th celebration. On Saturday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall, we will sponsor Marla Matkins in a first-person presentation of Elizabeth Bacon Custer, "Libbie's Story."

Missouri River Outfitters

President Roger Slusher
1412 South St
Lexington MO 64067
(660) 259-2900

MRO met on Sunday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the National Frontier Trails Center in Independence, MO.

Member Julie Daicoff presented her program on historical gardening. A Johnson County, Kansas, Extension Master Gardener, Julie is in charge of the award-winning garden at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farmstead in Olathe. She is knowledgeable about plants of the time period and their uses as herbs, dyes, and food. Julie's presentation surely motivated gardeners to begin spring planting.

New officers were elected: President Roger Slusher, Vice-President Nancy Lewis, Secretary Anne Malinson, Treasurer Glenda Sours, Historian John Atkinson, and board members Anna Belle Cartwright, Jane Mallinson, Sandy Slusher, Lou Schumacher, Jr.

Kudos to John Mark Lambertson for his work uncovering the ruts by the Bingham-Waggoner House. After the meeting, members hiked to the site and toured the find. See separate article in this issue.

Congratulations to member Roberta Bonnewitz for her years of work with the Rice-Tremonti House. It was recently officially certified by the NPS in a lovely ceremony at the house.

Quivira

President Wayne Smith
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The annual meeting was held February 28 at the Ellinwood Museum. A short business meeting was held and officers re-elected: President Wayne Smith, Vice-President Linda Colle, Barton County Director Robert Button, McPherson County Director Bruce Palmer, Rice County Director Pat Hall. A tour of the museum and the tunnels was enjoyed by participants. The tunnels and buildings in this area of Ellinwood were on the Trail as it headed for the Arkansas River. Pitts Grove was at the northernmost point of the Big Bend before the river makes its drop to the southeast.

On April 18 the chapter met at Canton to tour the Maxwell Game Preserve where buffalo and elk were seen. Afterward a number of sites in the Canton area were visited that need mapping and signage, such as the Ed Miller grave east of Canton, Fuller's Rancho south of Galva (this

is the crossing of Running Turkey Creek), the crossing of Turkey Creek on Duane Embers property, and the Kaw Treaty site on Soya (Dry Turkey).

On June 4 the chapter will join the Coronado-Quivira Museum, Lyons, in presenting a program featuring Alan Minge who had the Don Antonio Chávez provisions box in his collection. This is the only known artifact from the Chávez murder in 1843.

June 13 will be a tour to Morris and Lyon counties. Pat Hall has put together a tour that includes the site of the A. I. Baker store and ranche and the homestead of Bloody Bill Anderson. For this tour we will meet at the Hays House in Council Grove between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Other tours later in the summer will include the military roads leading to and connecting with the Santa Fe Trail.

Cottonwood Crossing

President Vernon Lohrentz
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No report.

Bent's Fort Chapter

President Lolly Ming
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Chapter members enjoyed a social/educational meeting at the Rocky Ford Museum, March 6. Doug Thompson, curator, gave a brief tour of the facilities. A short business meeting was held and the 1999 budget was approved. Luella Marlman reported that most of the educational notebooks have been delivered and that the schools were very happy to get them (see separate article in this issue). Dale Kesterson presented the tour schedule for the year.

Dub Couch was the first individual in the nation to submit a completed SFTA Traveler's Credential. He reported on the interesting experiences he had along the Trail as he collected the required stamps and applied for the \$200 gift certificate to The Fort Restaurant. He plans to take his brother to The Fort since he is the one who got Dub interested in the Trail in the first place.

LaDonna Hutton narrated a slide presentation prepared by Donna Ab-

ert on "Early Rocky Ford." After a brown bag lunch with drinks and dessert furnished by the Rocky Ford chapter members, the group was treated to a trek to the original site of the "Rocky Ford" crossing of the Arkansas River.

Chapter member Frances Keck of LaJunta, CO, has recently published a book, *Conquistadors to the 21st Century: A History of Otero and Crowley Counties, Colorado*. The book traces the history of the area from the time of the early Spanish explorers to the present. The Colorado Historical Society recently released *La Gente*, a history of Hispanic people in Colorado. Richard Loudon, a member from Branson, Colorado, authored a section of the book with a story about Elfido Lopez, an early settler in the Purgatory Canyon.

The Las Animas High School sponsors Santa Fe Trail Day each year. This is the oldest continuously held school event in Colorado. Don and Lolly Ming are helping the student with the square dance part of the program. This year there is an increased emphasis on the history of the Trail. Lolly Ming recently presented the chapter's slide show, "Wagon Tracks Across Southeast Colorado," to the entire high school, and Richard Carrillo gave a talk on Boggsville.

The next activity will be a tour May 8 to Point of Rocks Ranch and the Dorsey Mansion in New Mexico. Harry Myers will speak at Point of Rocks. Becky Sauble and Dixie Odom will host the tour. June 12 Lolly Ming and Richard Loudon will host a tour of the southern part of the Granada-Fort Union Trail.

NEW SFTA MEMBERS

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

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TRAIL CALENDAR

Everyone is invited to send no-
 tices for this section; provide loca-
 tion, date, time, and activity. This is
 a quarterly. The next issue should
 appear in August, so send informa-
 tion for September and later to ar-
 rive by July 20, 1999. Thank you.

June 4, 1999: Quivira Chapter
 meeting at Coronado Quivira Mu-
 seum, Lyons KS.

June 4, 1999: Santa Fe Trail Daze
 Tour, Cimarron County OK, (580)
 544-3479.

June 4-5, 1999: Wet/Dry Routes
 Chapter Seminar, "Trading Ranches
 on the Santa Fe Trail," at Fort Dodge
 KS.

June 5, 1999: National Trails Day.

June 5-6, 1999: Springer NM Fi-
 esta, contact Maria Ortiz, (505) 483-
 2998.

June 5-7, 1999: Old Spanish Trail
 Association national conference, Las
 Vegas NV.

June 6, 1999: Wet/Dry Chapter
 meeting, Larned.

June 8-12, 1999: Heart of the Flint
 Hills Chapter Annual Trail Ride.

June 12, 1999: Bent's Fort Chapter

tour of Granada-Fort Union Trail,
 (719) 523-6968.

June 13, 1999: Quivira Chapter
 tour to Morris and Lyon counties.

June 19, 1999: Kid's Quarters,
 Bent's Old Fort. Call (719) 383-5010.

June 19, 1999: Tour First Fort Un-
 ion. Call (505) 425-8025.

June 19-20, 1999: Corazon Chapter
 meeting at Trinidad CO.

June 26-27, 1999: Bullwhacker
 Days, Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop &
 Farm, Olathe KS, (913) 782-6972.

July 3-4, 1999: Celebration at Fort
 Dodge.

July 4, 1999: Old Time Independ-
 ence Day, Fort Larned NHS.

July 4, 1999: Hispanic Fiesta, Las
 Vegas NM, (800) 832-5947.

July 10-18, 1999: Santa Fe Trail
 Rendezvous, NRA Whittington Cen-
 ter, Raton NM, (800) 638-6161.

July 11, 1999: Dedication of Trail
 crossing markers, Santa Fe, 4 p.m.

July 17, 1999: Cultural Encounters
 on the Santa Fe Trail, Fort Union
 National Monument, 505-425-8025.

July 17, 1999: End of the Trail
 Chapter meeting at Albuquerque
 Museum, 1:30 p.m.

July 18, 1999: Corazon Chapter Las
 Vegas area field trip.

July 30-Aug. 1, 1999: Santa Fe
 Trail Encampment, Bent's Old Fort.
 Call (719) 383-5010.

Aug. 11-15, 1999: Oregon-California
 Trail Association annual conference,
 Chico CA, contact Kathy Conway,
 (816) 252-2276.

Aug. 12, 1999: National Park Serv-
 ice Day, free admission to parks.

Sept. 11-Oct. 1, 1999: 10th Annual

SFT bicycle trek. Contact Willard
 Chilcott (505) 982-1282 or <Chilcott
 1@aol.com>.

Sept. 23-26, 1999: SFTA Sympo-
 sium, Council Grove KS. Contact
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 Council Grove KS 66846 (316) 767-
 6994.

Oct. 9, 1999: Candlelight tour, Fort
 Larned NHS, required reservations
 accepted starting Sept. 20.

FROM THE EDITOR

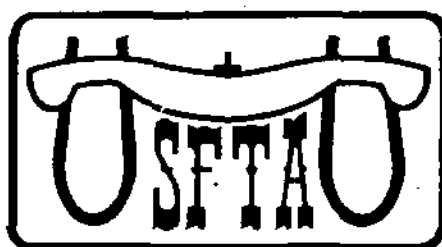
The Fort Larned Old Guard had
 an outstanding meeting on April 24,
 with speakers, living-history activi-
 ties, and 15 tipis at the Indian vil-
 lage site on Pawnee Fork. Total reg-
 istration was 177. A highlight was
 the unveiling of Jerry Thomas's
 painting of the village site, "Bold and
 Fearless," showing the Cheyenne
 and Sioux charging out of the village
 on the morning of April 14, 1867, to
 go meet General W. S. Hancock's
 military expedition. This was a ma-
 jor event in Trail history and the
 story of Indian-white relations on
 the Plains, carefully captured by the
 artist..

The Old Guard is selling 1,000
 limited-edition prints of this mag-
 nificent painting (numbered and
 signed by the artist) to raise funds to
 purchase the Indian village site, pre-
 serve it, and eventually donate it to
 Fort Larned NHS. If you would like a
 brochure showing the painting and
 including prices and an order form
 for the prints, please contact me, PO
 Box 31, Woodston KS 67675 or call
 toll free (888) 321-7341.

Happy Trails!

—Leo E. Oliva

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