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SFNHT ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTED

Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel announced the appointment of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail Advisory Council late last year. Two members, William de Buys and David Sandoval, were designated co-chairmen. Tentative plans call for the first meeting of the Council to be held in April. The National Park Service coordinator for the Advisory Council is David M. Gaines, Chief, Branch of Trail Programs, P. O. Box 728, Santa Fe, NM 87504-0728.

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Because of a contract with the National Park Service, one nominee has resigned to avoid an appearance of a conflict of interest, and a replacement has been nominated for consideration by new Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan. Reports of Advisory Council activities will appear in future issues as information is made available. Meanwhile, if anyone wishes to receive a draft of the SFNHT management and use plan, when it is available in a few weeks, and the locations, dates, and times for the public meetings to discuss the plan, contact David M. Gaines at the above address or phone (505) 988-6886. ◀

1989 DUES REMINDER

If you have not paid 1989 dues, this could be your last newsletter. The bylaws state that April 1 is the deadline for renewals. Please continue your membership and support SFTA projects. If you have not done so, send a check today to Ruth Olson, Sec-Treas, SFTA, Santa Fe Trail Center, RR 3, Larned, KS 67550. Thank you.

SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

by Adrian Bustamante

Plans are moving forward for the next Trail Symposium to be held in Santa Fe's downtown Convention Center, September 28 to October 2. Interest is already high and a good turnout is expected.

A Symposium announcement is included as an insert in this issue of WT. Members are asked to post it on a public bulletin board, at a library, museum, etc., where it will receive wide exposure. If you can find a place for them, more posters may be obtained by contacting WT editor.

The program committee hopes to send out the first mailing soon, with registration and lodging information. Be advised that motel reservations must be made early since Santa Fe, even in September, is a popular Mecca for visitors. Thus, it is not too early to start planning for the Symposium (see related article on lodging within).

Appropriately, this meeting will focus on two related themes: "Trails That Tie Us Together," the subject of SFTA president's opening speech, and "Where Cultures Meet," a good description of Santa Fe itself, since evidence of Indian, Hispano, and Anglo cultures can be seen on every hand. If you've never seen Santa Fe, prepare to be dazzled. Even if you're familiar with the city, get ready from some unusual events that will give you a new appreciation for this historic place at the end of the Trail. A tour of Trail-related sites will include Las Vegas and Fort Union National Monument. ◀

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The time has arrived for the president to comment upon the controversy that continues to simmer over where the National Park Service (NPS) might place an orientation program (that is, exhibits and a film) at the eastern end of the Trail. Many misstatements have appeared in the press and although the NPS has been precise and straight-forward in its public statements, confusion remains.

First, and most emphatically, there are not now nor have there ever been plans by the federal government to build a Trail center. SW Regional Director of NPS, John Cook, has said clearly that there was no Congressional intent in the National Trails System Act to mark the beginning of the Trail with a visitors' center or any other interpretive center. As he has pointed out, what the NPS can do is develop several orientation programs to be placed in existing locally constructed and operated facilities at Trail-related sites, so as to minimize federal expenditures. Echoing the last phrase is a reference in the Trails Act requiring that public programs be done at the lowest possible cost. At the moment NPS is considering orientation programs at both ends of the Trail and at Forts Larned, Bent, and Union.

In line with this specific legal mandate, which binds the NPS, David Gaines explained at a public meeting in Arrow Rock in late August 1988 that the NPS was then leaning toward installing one of its orientation programs in the proposed Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitors' Center, since that facility would meet the requirements under the Trails System Act, and toward placing an outdoor interpretive pavilion at the original head of the Trail on the Missouri River flood plain at the nearby site of Old Franklin. The idea was floated there to get public reaction and make clear the NPS's thinking early in the game. Gaines pointedly declared that this was a tentative planning proposal and that alternative suggestions that met federal requirements would be seriously considered.

Afterward, Cook reinforced that offer, stating that in the on-going review process, "we will consider the alternative of placing the orientation program at Old Franklin." He cautioned, however, that Federal Executive Order 11988 prohibits construction of build-

ings in flood plains and that cannot be set aside.

Although all of this seems fairly clear to me, in some quarters the motives and intent of the NPS appear to have been misconstrued. Several press statements, for example, have suggested that the NPS and Arrow Rock citizens have conspired to grab "an interpretive center" that ought to go to Old Franklin. In fact, Arrow Rock launched plans for its state-sponsored visitor's center in 1972. The project was just recently funded and efforts are under way to have the center completed in time for the 1991 SFTA Symposium.

The new organization, Franklin or Bust, Inc., according to the last WT, is seeking "to persuade the NPS and the Missouri Division of Parks and Historic Sites to place the main federal-state cooperative interpretive center at Franklin." But as I've indicated above, at the moment there is no such center provided for. Arrow Rock will have something else, a state-funded visitors' center for its park, and the NPS has tentatively proposed placing an interpretive program in it.

At this point, I would like to welcome Franklin or Bust as an institutional member. For the first time there is widespread and intense interest in the Trail in this area. I specifically invite the organization to join hands with all of us to resolve the questions that have generated public debate. In that way everyone benefits.

I would also like to underscore the main point of my remarks: that is, we should listen carefully to what the NPS has to say about its responsibilities and limitations with regard to interpretation of the Santa Fe Trail. I would especially warn against making the NPS a scapegoat when things don't go the way we would prefer. The NPS has done a commendable job in developing cooperation among individuals, organizations, and state and local governments. It has solicited differing viewpoints as part of the review process and has tried to build confidence. Let's do our part in this effort.

—Marc Simmons

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

by Marc Simmons

Doug McChristian has left his job as superintendent at Fort Union National Monument and is

now stationed at the Custer Battlefield in Montana. As a result, he has resigned as one of the two New Mexico representatives on the SFTA board. To fill his unexpired term, I have appointed Dan Murphy of Santa Fe, pending approval of the board.

I have also appointed a nominating committee that will put together a list of candidates for office and present it to the general membership at our business meeting during the Symposium. Those members wishing to submit nominations will find instructions in a later WT.

In response to a story in the last WT, concerning Independence's efforts to raise money for a Pioneer Woman statue to be placed at the new Three Trails Interpretive Center, I have authorized our treasurer, Ruth Olson, to send a donation of \$100 from the SFTA's marker fund. Monies in that fund were raised through the book raffles at our first two Symposiums and through private donations, including a substantial one in memory of Amelia Betts of Baldwin City, KS. The new Pioneer Woman statue is a worthy project and deserves wide support.

Treas. Ruth Olson recently received notification from the IRS that SFTA is approved as a tax-exempt organization under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, section 501 (c) (3). This means donors may deduct contributions and bequests to SFTA for federal tax purposes.

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SYMPOSIUM PLANS

Symposium Coordinator Adrian Bustamante has released tentative plans for the September 28-October 2 conference at the western end of the Trail. The program will begin with registration at the Sweeny Convention Center late Thursday afternoon, Sept. 28, followed that evening by a reception and entertainment at the Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe plaza.

On Friday, Sept. 29, SFTA President Simmons will speak on "Trails that Tie Us Together," to be followed by sessions on "Hispanic Culture at the End of the Trail," "Western Branches of the Santa Fe Trail," and an introductory slide presentation on the Trail. A portion of the afternoon will be available for visits to museums and historic sites in Santa Fe, with a late afternoon reception at the National Park Service headquarters building and an update on the SFNHT plan. The keynote address will be given Friday evening by Stewart Udall, former Secretary of Interior and author of *To the Inland Empire*.

Saturday, Sept. 30, will begin with a theatrical presentation, "Susan Shelby Magoffin," by actress VanAnn Moore. The SFTA business meeting will follow. After free time to visit Santa Fe sites, we will journey to El Rancho de las Golondrinas Harvest Festival, 15 miles southwest of Santa Fe, with an evening dinner and fandango at Golondrinas.

On Sunday, October 1, we will tour Trail sites between Santa Fe and Las Vegas in the morning, visit Watrous and Fort Union National Monument during the afternoon, and have an evening session on "The Railroad and the Santa Fe Trail" in Las Vegas. For those staying over in Las Vegas, there will be a walking tour on Monday morning, October 2, which will conclude the symposium.

Additional information and registration forms will be sent to all SFTA members soon. You are encouraged to register and make motel reservations early.

TRAVEL AND LODGING

Those planning to attend the Symposium in Santa Fe can request free tourist information, according to SFTA Publicity Coordinator Mike Pitel. They should ask for the *1989 Santa Fe Visitor Guide* by contacting the Santa Fe Convention & Visitor Bureau, P.O. Box 909, Santa Fe, NM 87504 (800)

777-CITY.

Then they should order the *1989 New Mexico Vacation Guide* and an official highway map of New Mexico from the New Mexico Tourism & Travel Division, Room 751, Joseph M. Montoya Bldg., 1100 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87503 (800) 545-2040.

"They're pragmatic as well as pretty," Pitel explained. "Last year, Santa Fe's annual supply of guides was depleted by June, and the state tourism office had an 80 percent increase in inquiries that made supplies tight by September. By ordering these things this far in advance, people can have them in hand as well as have them to help plan the symposium trip."

Pitel also recommends early motel reservations for Santa Fe, noting that there was an 82 percent room occupancy rate in the city in September 1988. This rate is typical of the "City Different" in the fall; other cities have much lower rates. "Our capital is riding the crest of a wave of domestic and international popularity the size of a tsunami," he explained. "People who want to come here often book their room reservations months in advance."

Pitel explained that the average rate of most of the hotels in the historic district exceeds \$75 a night. However, many of the outlying properties have rates below \$45 a night. The lodgers' tax rate in this city of 56,000, the oldest (founded in 1609) and highest-elevation (7,000 feet above sea level) capital in the U.S., is almost 9.7 percent.

"For those who like historic properties, there's the 160-room La Fonda, a former Fred Harvey property built in 1920," Pitel said. Its rates begin at \$75 for a single and \$85 for a double. The Hotel St. Francis, an 82-room property built in 1922, has rates beginning at \$50 for a single and \$60 for a double. "Both are on the National Register of Historic Places. Both are a 10-minute walk away from the convention center and spill onto streets full of shops, galleries, and gourmet restaurants."

The La Fonda, like the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, is a member of the Association of Historic Hotels of the Rocky Mountain West. Pitel recommends two toll-free room-reservation services that are linked to more than 40 of Santa Fe's 50 lodging facilities (there is no price markup passed on to travelers): Santa Fe Central Reservations at (800) 982-7669 and

Santa Fe Detours Hotel Hotline at (800) 338-6877.

Symposium participants may stay where they desire, but SFTA President Marc Simmons has established the colorful El Rey Inn as the anchor lodging facility for members. It is attractively built in traditional Santa Fe style with beam ceilings, corner fireplaces, Spanish tiles, and gardens. The management will be happy to make your arrangements and send you a handsome color brochure. The address is 1862 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87501; phone (505) 982-1931. Rates start at \$42 for a room with double bed and that includes a continental breakfast. Suites are available that sleep up to six people, providing a saving for groups.

The El Rey has only 56 units and should fill rapidly. Two other adjacent lodges are recommended: Alamo Lodge, next door at 1842 Cerrillos Rd., phone (505) 982-1841, where rates start at \$28 for a single; and Garrett's Thunderbird Inn, across the street and down half a block from El Rey, at 1821 Cerrillos Rd., phone (505) 983-4397, where rates start at \$24 for a double. Both places are also built in Santa Fe style, but a little less elegant. As a backup, Motel 6 with 104 rooms can be recommended one mile south at 3007 Cerrillos Rd., phone (505) 473-1380, where the single rate is \$21 and the double is \$27.

According to Simmons, "those persons planning to attend the entire Symposium should make reservations for Sept. 28, 29, 30. The opening event is the reception at the Palace of the Governors on the plaza at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 28. First-timers to Santa Fe should come a day early to do some general touring before the Symposium starts. Members of the hospitality committee will be at the El Rey to provide assistance. The El Rey also has parking for buses."

The Symposium moves to Las Vegas on October 1, and those wishing to reserve a room there might contact the Plaza Hotel, 230 on the Old Town Plaza, Las Vegas, NM 87701 (505) 425-3591. For a free brochure about Las Vegas, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 727 Grand Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701.

Additional information on lodging and restaurants will be sent out with registration materials. Make plans now to be in Santa Fe this fall.

CAMINO REAL PROJECT

The Camino Real Project, a not-for-profit cultural group established in 1987 to identify, mark, and promote the historic Royal Road between Santa Fe and Chihuahua, received grants from the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities and the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Dept. in 1988. The objectives of these grants included determination of the historic Camino Real with relation to modern highways, designation of an official Camino Real auto route, development of a series of explanatory highway markers to identify historic sites along the route, and preparation of a map showing the route and the location of the markers with an accompanying text to explain the importance of the route and the historic sites within the broader context of New Mexican history.

Much was accomplished, including the collection of relevant historic maps and modern topographic maps, identification of sources of aerial photography and evaluation of their potential for trail research, development of research methodologies, compilation of a bibliography, completion of a preliminary reconnaissance of the Chihuahuan section of the trail, compilation from written records of descriptions of most of the historic encampments, location of the Camino Real auto route, composition of the preliminary text for 30 markers, and completion of a preliminary aerial reconnaissance of the Jornada del Muerto.

The Camino Real Project has worked closely with universities and with local, state, and federal agencies, and its work has been endorsed by scholars and interested citizens. Cooperation with Mexican authorities has been established, and agreements have been reached regarding archaeological investigations, marking the trail on both sides of the border, selection of a mutually acceptable logo to identify the markers, and collaboration on a quincentenary map. Additional grants are being sought for an archaeological survey, research at historic archives in Mexico, and a photographic essay of the historic trail.

The Camino Real Project will participate in the SFTA Symposium at Santa Fe, at which the theme "Where Cultures Meet" will highlight the connection between

the Santa Fe Trail and the Camino Real/Chihuahua Trail. At the session on Hispanic Culture, Joseph Sanchez will speak on "The Chihuahua Connection."

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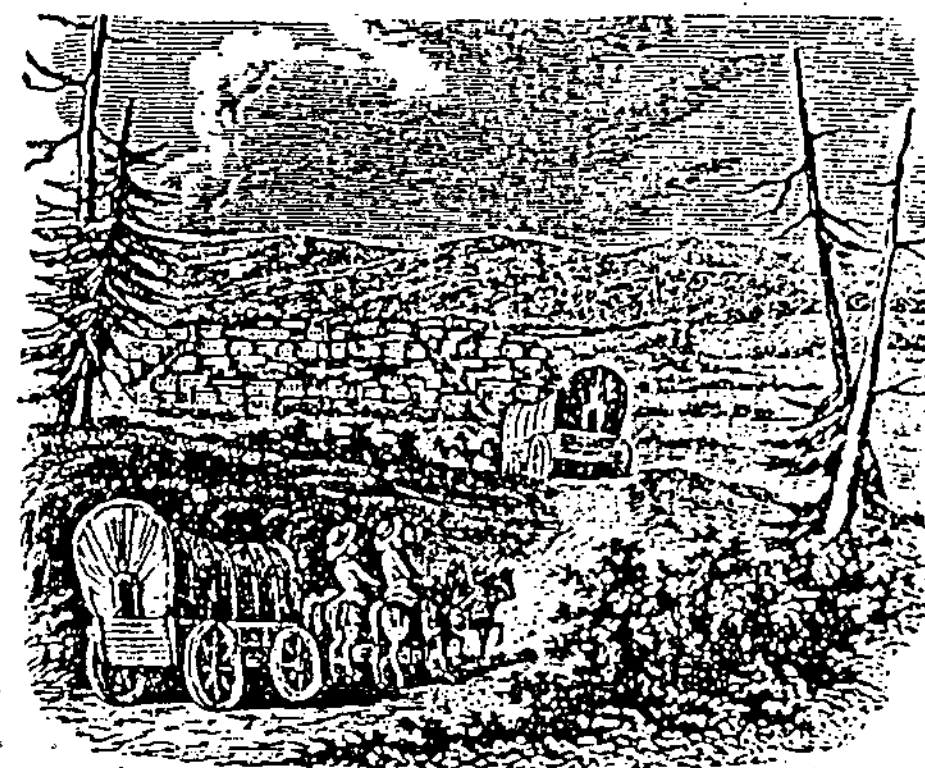
Symposium keynote speaker Stewart Udall has been honored by King Juan Carlos of Spain with the Knight Commander Isabel La Católica Award, in recognition of Udall's book, *To the Inland Empire: Coronado and Our Spanish Legacy*. Udall documented the impact of Spanish explorers in America, a subject generally ignored in the history of the U.S. His book and the award help focus attention on the significant Hispanic heritage of the nation. Udall will undoubtedly have more to say about the Spanish legacy in his address on September 29 in Santa Fe.

EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS FEATURED

El Rancho de las Golondrinas (The Ranch of the Swallows), a Spanish colonial living-history museum depicting 18th- and 19th-century rural life which will be on the Symposium schedule on Sept. 30, is featured in an article in *American West*, February 1989, pp. 62-66. The site, known as Old Cienega Village Museum, was a stopping place on the Camino Real (the Royal Road) from Santa Fe to Chihuahua and beyond. The Santa Fe Trail connected with the Camino Real at Santa Fe, and many traders followed the old highway into northern Mexico. Those planning to attend the Symposium may want to read this piece by Susan Bayer Ward and note that the annual Harvest Festival will be in progress on Sept. 30. In addition, participants will be treated to a dinner and fandango during the evening of that visit. Here is another opportunity to gain a better appreciation of the rich Spanish heritage of the region.

SFNHT BUDGET

The last budget that President Reagan sent to Congress requested \$75,000 for the SFNHT in fiscal 1989-1990 (beginning October 1989). These funds, if voted by Congress, will be used for continued administration of the Trail, expenses of the advisory council, more public meetings, and the hiring of an assistant to work on the project. ◀



Caravan entering Santa Fe
(Henry Howe, *The Great West*, 1852.)

SIMMONS AND TRAIL

SFTA President Marc Simmons and his Trail publications were praised in an article by David Dary, SFTA board member, in the January 1988 *New Mexico Historical Review*. The piece, "Marc Simmons' Santa Fe Trail: A Review Essay," pp. 63-70, provides biographical information about the noted scholar and evaluations of his several books on the road to Santa Fe. SFTA members may want to read this article to gain a better understanding of why, as Dary concludes, Simmons is "the leading modern authority on the Santa Fe Trail."

FT. LARNED OLD GUARD

A Fort Larned National Historic Site support group, known as the Fort Larned Old Guard in honor of the units of the Third Infantry that served at the frontier outpost, was founded in December 1988, with SFTA V-P Joe Snell as first chairman of the board. Other SFTA members serving on the board include Al Campbell, Bill Chalfant, Leo Oliva, and Ruth Olson.

The purposes of the Old Guard include assisting Fort Larned NHS in preserving, restoring, developing, and interpreting the site's natural, historical, and cultural resources for the benefit of the public and posterity. Anyone interested in this group may join by sending dues (\$15 per calendar year for an individual, \$25 for a family, or \$100 for a business or institution) to Treas. Al Campbell, P. O. Box 354, Larned, KS 67550.

The first annual meeting of the membership is planned for April 22, 1989, with Senator Nancy Kassebaum as featured speaker. For additional information, contact the above address or Fort Larned NHS, RR 3, Larned, KS 67550 (316) 285-6911. ◀

BOGGSVILLE PROJECT BACK ON TRACK

by Mark L. Gardner

After a lull of several months, supporters of Boggsville convened in Las Animas, CO, on October 26, 1988, to organize a plan of attack to save the rapidly-deteriorating remains of the Boggs and Prowers homes. Present at the meeting were representatives of the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County, Colorado Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Southern Colorado Heritage Conservancy, Santa Fe Trail Association, and other local and government agencies.

The emergency nature of the Boggsville project was stressed to those present, and the Boggsville Restoration Committee was formed at that time with the immediate goal of winterizing the structures before any more deterioration can take place. The committee meets twice a month and has made some headway. Recently, the open window frames of the Boggs house were covered, thus preventing snow and rain from entering the home.

The committee has made an agreement with Dr. William Buckles of the University of Southern Colorado whereby a team of student archeologists will conduct an archeological survey of the Boggsville site this summer. Once the survey is completed, work crews will be allowed to install protective braces against the leaning north wall of the Prowers house.

Much work still awaits the committee. For those interested in contributing volunteer hours or donations, contact Marge Huffman, Chair, Boggsville Restoration Committee, P. O. Box 68, Las Animas, CO 81054 or call (719) 456-1131.

LAS VEGAS EXHIBIT

A special exhibit, "Las Vegas and the Santa Fe Trail," comprised of historic photographs and artifacts from the area, including Fort Union, will be on display until the end of March 1989 at the Antonio Sanchez Cultural Center in Las Vegas, NM. The Center, at 166 Bridge, is just off the Old Town Plaza in Las Vegas and on the route of the Santa Fe Trail through the city. It is open Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm and 2:45 to 5 pm. The exhibit demonstrates the importance of the Trail

to the region. Anyone in the area and those traveling I-25 should visit this fine Trail exhibit.

HIGHWAY MAPS SHOW OLD SANTA FE TRAIL

Modern highway maps in all five Trail states will soon show the historic Santa Fe Trail. The respective departments of transportation maps in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Colorado have shown the route in previous years. SFTA Publicity Coordinator Mike Pitel succeeded in getting the Trail on new New Mexico maps, which are now in print. Gregory Franzwa, who is preparing new maps of the Santa Fe Trail, contacted Ramon Powers, executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society, and Kansas Governor Mike Hayden with requests that Kansas make it unanimous. The Trail will be on the Kansas maps now being printed. Hats off to Pitel, Franzwa, Powers, Governor Hayden, and the departments of transportation in all five states.

PRAIRIE MONUMENT IS AUDUBON SOCIETY PLAN

The National Audubon Society has signed an option to buy a 10,894-acre Kansas Flint Hills Ranch and hopes that Congress will appropriate funds to create a prairie national monument. Located south of Council Grove, only a few miles from the route of the Santa Fe Trail, the Spring Hill Ranch (also known as the Z Bar Ranch) contains a large block of pristine tallgrass prairie, fine hills, and a flowing stream. There is a large stone house, stone barn, a one-room schoolhouse, and other buildings.

Ron Klataske, regional vice-president of the Audubon Society, would like to see the ranch preserved and developed into a national monument with a living-history ranching operation, historical exhibits, and areas designated for hiking and horseback riding. Other possibilities include wildlife management and nature trails. The major portion of the ranch could continue to be used for livestock grazing.

The Society is seeking support for this project and plans to raise the money to purchase the ranch if Congress does not. For further information, contact Ron Klataske, West Central Regional Office, National Audubon Society, 200 Southwind Place, Manhattan, KS 66502 (913) 537-4385. ◀

TRAIL FESTIVAL SET FOR TRINIDAD, JUNE 10 & 11

Trinidad's annual Santa Fe Trail Festival returns in 1989 with many of the same features which made it popular with Trail buffs in the past. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 10 & 11, the festival will highlight Trinidad's historic ties to the Trail with art, music, antiques, good food, and living-history demonstrations.

On Saturday, June 10, the Baca House and Pioneer Museum will be open free to the public. Tours of the Baca House, built by Santa Fe Trail merchant John S. Hough, will be given every half hour from 10 am to 5 pm. Demonstrations, including Hispanic cooking and adobe construction, will take place in the courtyard of the Pioneer Museum throughout the day.

A special concert is featured Saturday night, when the cowboy band *Horse Sense* will perform on the Bloom House grounds, former home of Trinidad cattleman Frank G. Bloom. *Horse Sense* is famous for a scholarly and entertaining look at the historic music of the cowpuncher. Many herds of Texas cattle were driven north through Raton Pass, and this concert will be a fitting reminder of those days.

During both days of the festival, booths will line Trinidad's Main and Commercial streets, offering traditional foods, antiques, and handcrafted items. The ninth annual Quilt Show, always well attended, will again coincide with other festival activities.

For further information about events and requirements for booth space, contact Trinidad Downtown Area Development Corp., 100 E. Main #304, Trinidad, CO 81082 (719) 846-4550. See the flyer enclosed in this issue of WT.

TRAIL ISSUE DUE SOON

The April 1989 issue of *Journal of the West* will be devoted to "The Mexican Road: Trade, Travel and Confrontation on the Santa Fe Trail." Edited by Mark L. Gardner, the issue will include articles by Marc Simmons, David Sandoval, Jere Krakow, Katie Davis Gardner, and six others.

Additional details and ordering information will be provided in the next WT. Later, in time for the Symposium, a book edition of these articles plus two more will be released by the publishers of *Journal of the West*. ◀

WILLIAM BENT NOMINEE FOR U.S. STATUARY HALL

William Bent has been nominated to be honored with Colorado's second statue in the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building, according to SFTA board member David Sandoval, a member of the Colorado Statuary Hall Committee. Bent was engaged in the Santa Fe trade and operated Bent's Old Fort and built Bent's New Fort, both located on the Mountain Branch of the Trail.

The nomination will soon be considered by the Colorado legislature and governor. If approved, Bent's statue will join that of Dr. Florence Sabin as the Colorado representatives in the Statuary Hall, where each state is permitted two statues.

The *Pueblo Chieftan* carried an article on December 5, 1988, stating that the Bent nomination would be challenged when it reaches the legislature. In support of the nomination, the *Chieftan* carried a feature article on Bent on Jan. 1, 1989, and printed a series of informative articles written by Sandoval about Bent and Bent's Fort, Jan. 1-5. Anyone interested in helping persuade the legislature to approve Bent's nomination should contact Dr. David A. Sandoval, University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, CO 81001-4901 (719) 549-2188. The SFTA supports the Bent nomination and thanks Sandoval for his efforts.

CAMP TALES —CHAPTER REPORTS—

Although active chapters are out there working, all were too busy to file a report for this issue of *WT*. Word was received from Don Cress at Council Grove that SFTA President Marc Simmons has extended conditional recognition to the Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter and final action will be taken at the next SFTA board meeting on Sept. 28. Cress sent a copy of a fine membership brochure they designed and reported over 40 members in the chapter. Welcome to the Association.

By this time the Wagonbed Spring Chapter may also be off and running. If there are other potential chapters under consideration, please send information to *WT*. The reporters in each chapter are hereby notified that the deadline for the next issue is April 25; please share your activities with the rest of the members. ◀

MARKERS REPORTED



The request for information about more of these markers brought two responses. Anne C. Jones, Curator of Collections at the Johnson County (KS) Museum, wrote: "The Johnson County Museum System in Shawnee, Kansas, owns one of these markers. It was originally located at the Lanesfield School in Edgerton, Kansas. The Lanesfield School is one of the three sites operated by the Johnson County Museum System. The school is currently being restored and will open to the public in late April 1989."

SFTA Ambassador Les Vilda states, "I have seen one attached to the side of the school house in Wilsey, KS. It hangs next to the main entrance to the school." Vilda also reported one of the signs is in a private collection in southwest Kansas but would leave it up to the collector to decide if he wanted information about it made public.

This accounts for a total of eight of these markers. If anyone knows of another, please send a report. Thanks to Anne and Les for their help. Trail travelers will want to add the Lanesfield School Historic Site to their list of places to visit.

COBBLESTONE PLANS A SANTA FE TRAIL ISSUE

Cobblestone, a monthly magazine about American history for young readers ages 8-14, devotes each issue to a particular topic. The Oregon Trail, for example, was the theme for December 1981. The Santa Fe Trail will be featured in the May 1990 issue.

The magazine solicits proposals for articles suitable for the topic and age group. The deadline for proposals is October 9, 1989. A copy of the "writer's guidelines" may be obtained by writing to Editorial Dept., Cobblestone Publishing, Inc., 20 Grove St., Peterborough, NH 03458. This is a great opportunity to share some of the

fascinating stories of the enchanted Trail with receptive young readers.

RALPH'S RUTS TO BE FEATURED IN ARTICLE

The impressive Trail ruts on Ralph Hathaway's farm in Rice County, KS, will receive further publicity when an article by Paul Hawkins, with photographs by Herb Stormont, is published in the May 1990 issue of *Kansas Magazine*. Titled "Ralph's Ruts: Get Your Feet Where the Wagons Rolled," the article will focus on the Trail, the ruts, and Mr. Hathaway.

Hawkins and Stormont, both of Hutchinson, KS, have another article about an event that occurred at Ralph's Ruts, "Plum Buttes Massacre on the Santa Fe Trail," accepted by *Old West/True West*, publication date not announced yet. Ralph's Ruts are easy for travelers to find, located four miles west of Chase, KS, on US Highway 56 and ¾-mile north on a paved road.

SITE VISITATION REPORT

The response to the request in the last issue for reports of numbers of visitors at sites along the Trail, to help all involved in planning, was truly underwhelming. Either the "help wanted" section is not being read or site administrators are waiting for someone else to respond. The request for information still stands and data will be presented as it arrives for future issues. The one report received, thanks to the staff at Fort Union National Monument, follows.

Total annual visitors at Fort Union National Monument, 1980-1988:

1980	10,787
1981	11,720
1982	12,176
1983	12,413
1984	13,105
1985	13,362
1986	13,441
1987	14,435
1988	18,141

The staff at Fort Union noted that a new sign on I-25, calling attention to the Santa Fe Trail as well as the fort, contributed to the recent increase at the site located eight miles from the interstate on a highway that must be retraced after the visit. Many visitors in 1988 specifically inquired about or expressed interest in seeing the Trail ruts so visible at this national monument. ◀

JOSEPHINE LOUISE BARRY TRAIL SCHOLAR

by Joseph W. Snell

[Joseph W. Snell is Emeritus Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society and SFTA vice-president.]

Serious students of the history of the Santa Fe Trail, and of the development of the American West, are familiar with Louise Barry's *Beginning of the West*. A ponderous volume of 1,296 pages, it is actually a detailed annals of the area that would become Kansas, from 1540 to June 30, 1854.

Those same students know that Barry was also the author of several articles dealing with early road ranches and Trail crossings in Kansas, but few know anything about the author, her background, or her credentials. It was my pleasure to be on the staff of the Kansas State Historical Society with Louise Barry from 1957 until her death in early 1974.

To the newcomers on the staff Louise was somewhat of a mystery because she did not work the same hours or in the same place as the rest of us. We never saw her but her reputation permeated the Society like an all-encompassing spirit. Some mornings, when we came to work, we would see evidences of her presence but we never saw her. Because of an illness she had been fighting for some years, the director of the Society scheduled Louise's work as half-time and directed that it be performed at home and in what is now the Kansas Center for Historical Research after hours. With that schedule, no telephones to bother her, and a strict work ethic, Louise produced a prodigious amount of historical research and writing.

Born near Manhattan, Kansas, in 1910, she obtained a bachelor's degree from what was then Kansas State College in 1931 and three years later earned a B.S. in library science from the University of Illinois. It was as a librarian that she joined the staff of the Kansas State Historical Society in May 1936.

Though she performed her duties well, she gave little indication of her future status as an historian until 1942, when her first article, dealing with the military road from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Gibson, appeared in the Society's journal. It was about this same time that she was made head of

the Society's manuscript division which was then considered a library position.

Within the next 15 months five more articles appeared in *The Kansas Historical Quarterly* but suddenly they stopped, for Louise had obtained a commission in the United States Naval Reserve and spent the next three years on active duty in Washington, Denver, and California.

It was during her military service that Louise contracted the disease which plagued her the remainder of her life. I understand she was in both naval and Veterans Administration hospitals until 1947, when she returned to the Kansas State Historical Society as a part-time staff member. Almost immediately her articles began appearing in the *Quarterly* again.

Her illness forced her to take another leave of absence from 1951 until May 1954, when she returned to the staff as a half-time worker under the conditions mentioned above. From that point on she began to produce prodigious amounts of work.

In addition to her duty of preparing the annual index of *The Kansas Historical Quarterly*, Louise was assigned the task of compiling a detailed index of all the Society's periodic publications which were issued from its founding in 1875 until the *Quarterly* began publication in 1931. Called the *Comprehensive Index, 1875-1930, to Collections, Biennial Reports, and Publications of the Kansas State Historical Society*, it was published in 1959. (*Collections* referred to the *Kansas Historical Collections*, an annual journal which preceded the *Quarterly*.) Three years earlier the Society had published the second volume of its *Annals of Kansas, 1886-1925*, which Louise had also indexed.

In 1961 began the publication of her material which was later described by the *Colorado Magazine* as "a tremendous historical pageant of the early far western frontier." The first installment of what would later become *The Beginning of the West* appeared in the Spring 1961 issue of the *Quarterly* as "Kansas Before 1854: A Revised Annals." It continued without pause for a total of 24 installments (six annual volumes) of the journal.

As the publication continued, Kansas State Historical Society Director Nyle Miller recognized

its value as a resource to historians and dreamed of publishing the parts as a single volume. He had little success in obtaining an appropriation for the project, however, and at times it seemed as if it were doomed. One year, however, Nyle found some "extra" money in the Society's budget and ordered, without legislative authority, that typesetting begin.

With that underway he went to the governor, the division of the budget, and the legislature to plead for funds with which to complete the project. Though he was gently chastised for exceeding his authority, his reputation for integrity among state leaders carried the day and, in 1972, the volume appeared.

Though there were those on the staff, I particularly, who thought the ponderous and difficult style of the book would make it unacceptable to the general public, historians lauded its content. Don Russell, the grand old man of amateur historians, wrote that it was a book "no library can afford to be without." The *Tri-State Trader*, a genealogical publication, predicted it would become "a 'classic' source book of Western Americana." The *Missouri Historical Review* called it "a fascinating volume . . . [which] has to be examined before one can really appreciate the tremendous range and scope of its content."

The American Association for State and Local History recognized the book as a "monumental annals" which embraced over 300 years of the Trans-Mississippi West and presented Louise an award.

Good as it was, though, sales dragged and we were all disappointed that the 6,000-volume inventory seemed to remain constant when it reached the 4,000 mark. Even today the Society's makeshift storerooms devote a great deal of space to this excellent source book which few people buy.

With the publication of the book, Louise began writing articles for the *Quarterly* once more and in the next few months produced a series of them which were offshoots from her *Beginning of the West* research.

Then suddenly, as though her life's work was completed, Louise Barry died in February 1974. I was then curator of manuscripts for the Kansas State Historical Society. With Nyle Miller, I went to Louise's west-side

Topeka home to collect her papers. Thinking we would find a mountain of notes from which dozens of articles could be written, we were actually appalled at the dearth of material we found. Apparently she had written all she intended to write and had, indeed, reached the end of her career.

Through the pages of *The Beginning of the West* Louise Barry achieved an immortality few of us will ever obtain. Every time anyone consults the volume, history will be saying a silent "thank you" to one of the most outstanding historical researchers who ever lived.

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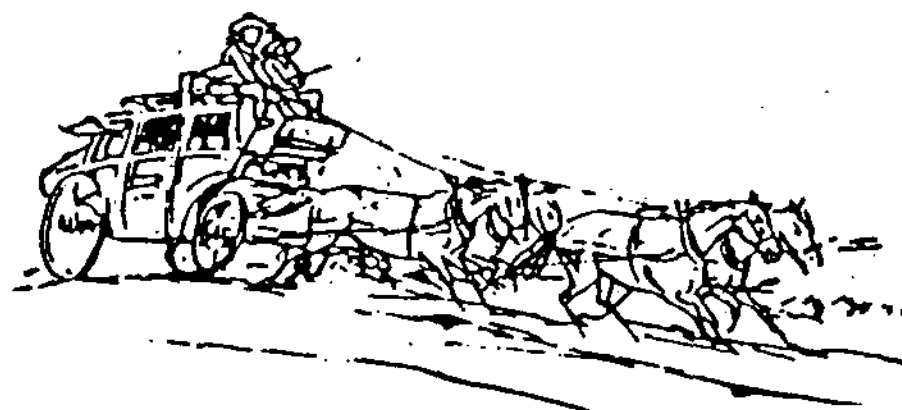
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The Beginning of the West is available from the Kansas State Historical Society, Center for Historical Research, 120 West Tenth, Topeka, KS 66612 for \$10.95 each. A shipping charge of \$1.00 is made for mail orders, and Kansas residents should add \$.55 sales tax. Louise Barry articles are available from the same source.



POST OFFICE OAK —LETTERS—

Editor:

I am interested in joining the SFTA. I had a lot of ancestors who came from Madison County, Kentucky, in 1817 and settled in what is now Howard and Boone counties, Missouri. Several of them engaged in merchandising in Santa Fe over the Santa Fe Trail. Most of them lived out the rest of their lives in and around Howard County and are buried in the cemetery at Roanoke, MO, which is near Old Franklin, the starting point of the Trail.

My great-grandfather Rice Patterson made eight trips over the Trail. He started before he was of age and had to get permission from his father. He started about 1826 as a mule skinner and next as a merchant. He took thirty or forty wagons in a caravan loaded with goods for sale in Santa Fe and as far as Chihuahua. He stayed in Santa Fe three years and learned to read, write, and speak Spanish fluently. He was an interpreter for the Spanish servants of Antonio José Chávez, in his murder trial at St. Louis in 1844.

I am also related to the Gentry family that was active in the Santa Fe trade. Richard Gentry made several trips beginning in 1827. Reuben Gentry made his first trip in 1832 and was active for the next fourteen years. Nicholas Gentry made his first trip in 1825 and was actively engaged in the Santa Fe trade for the next thirty years.

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Welcome to SFTA Mr. Patterson. I hope you will share further details about your trading ancestors with our readers. An article about Richard Gentry appeared in the August 1987 WT. Would you provide similar pieces about the others you mentioned for future issues? Thanks for your interest and the information.

Editor

Editor:

In the last WT Don Blakeslee's article, "The Rattlesnake Creek and Walnut Creek Crossings of the Arkansas," states that William Becknell probably crossed the Arkansas near the mouth of Rattlesnake Creek on his second trading mission in 1822. At the Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons there is a large Rice County map which shows a "Kanses crossing Place"

near the mouth of Rattlesnake Creek. This map is the excellent work of the late Parker F. Parish and is extremely accurate in every detail. This crossing is probably the same one referred to by Prof. Blakeslee.

While showing a photographer around the Trail remains in my area, I recently discovered on private property south of Plum Buttes, at the "gunsight notch," ruts that are even more profound and dramatic than those on my property. There are four ruts that converge into two deep ruts up the east slope of the ridge, giving a whole new concept of the volume of traffic that obviously traveled the Trail. They cross the ridge very close together and separate and become four ruts again on the west slope of the ridge. I'm still amazed at all the Trail evidence that remains in Rice County.

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COUNCIL TROVE —DOCUMENTS—

TRAIL TRIP, 1841

(concluded from last issue)

The first part of this journal by an unidentified traveler, originally printed in Charles J. Folsom's *Mexico* (1842), appeared in the last *WT*. It covered the trip to the crossing of the Arkansas. The concluding part, with the table of distances, follows. The original spelling has not been changed, and the distances are somewhat exaggerated (the total mileage given is approximately 100 miles farther than the actual distance). This list of distances was published two years before Josiah Gregg's famous table and has different names for many campsites.

From the Arkansas river, the scarcity of water commences, and even the little to be had is so deeply impregnated with salt, sulphur, &c., that stern necessity alone brings the traveller to the use of it. On the Simerone river there are one or two good springs, at one of which we met 500 warriors of the Arapahoe Indians, who treated us with a proper friendship, being elated with their success ten days before, when in battle they killed seventy-six Pawnees. We gratified them by encamping on the battle-ground, where the unburied bodies were yet almost unbroken. The next day we visited their lodge, six miles from the battle-ground, where we had a full view of savage life in a perfect state of nature; amongst 500 women and children, there were but few who had ever

before seen the dress and equipage of the white man.

After leaving these friendly Indians, we were cheered in 8 or 10 days with the far distant appearance of the Rocky Mountains. From day to day, as we approached them, the beauty of the scenery increased, and when within twenty miles, the reflection of the sun through the snow that eternally crowns their highest peaks, is splendid beyond description. Here the traveller beholds a chain of many hundred, nay, thousands of miles, varied with nothing but the white caps of snow and rough and terrific precipices, until you reach the crossings of Red River, at the foot of the mountains; and here the pine and cedar tree on the mountain side and in the valley again greet the eye. On this plain we encountered about 300 Eutaw warriors; but after repeated skirmishing, they were fain to retreat without effecting any damage of consequence. From here to the good town of Bogas, we found water, wood, and good cheer. We arrived in this city on the 2d July, all in good health, in less than two months, the quickest trip ever made over the desert.

Santa Fe is situated in a valley 10 miles long, and from 2 to 5 wide, surrounded by immense mountains covered with pine and cedar trees, and affords the most beautiful scene the eye can conceive, or the mind imagine. It is the seat of government of New Mexico, and is commanded by a governor-general. It is also a military post, port of entry, and depository of all the ancient archives of the neighboring states. The houses are built of unburnt bricks, two feet long, six inches deep, and one foot wide, made with straw and mud, and dried in the sun; and such is their durability, that many houses are standing more than 200 years old, and look well; they are only one story high, handsomely white-washed inside, with dirt floors. Even the palace in which his excellency resides, has no other than a dirt floor, but they are generally covered with carpets; the houses are covered with stones and dirt, and are flat-roofed, perfectly weather-proof. The town contains six churches, generally richly fitted out. The population is about 8,000, all rigid Roman Catholics. It is situated on a small branch of the Rio Grande del Norte, about 14 miles from the main river, which is here near the size of the Wabash, at Vincennes.

The inhabitants are honest—perhaps more so than those of the same class in the United States; and proud and vain of their blood, both the descendants of the ancient Spaniards of unmixed descent, and those of the Spaniards and Indians. The pure blood cannot hold office here; the present

governor-general and all the officers of state, are of the mixed blood of Montezuma. In this place there is but one officer of justice, the alcalde, and he has nothing to do.

The commerce of Santa Fe is certainly very considerable; and although there is but one gold mine worked here now, and one copper mine, yet the daily receipts afford about 600 or 700 dollars nett. The number of hands employed at work is from 100 to 220. The revolution has set every thing back here in the mining departments, as they are generally held by natives of old Spain, and accounted forfeits to the general government after the revolution.

I start in two or three days for California. Our company consists of about 200 Americans and Spaniards, to co-operate with the Columbia caravan on 1st January, 1842, at Monterey, on the bay of St. Francisco. We expect the governor will allow us to settle, and concede to us certain lands.

Table of distances on the route from Independence, (Missouri,) to Santa Fe.

	Miles.
To Camp Grove,	16
Big Blue river ford,	16
Round Grove,	14
Belmont,	20
Left-hand Grove,	18
Right-hand Grove,	18
Elk Creek,	5
Marie des Cignes,	11
Rock Creek,	5
Prairie Camp,	13
Indian Camp,	9
High-water Creek,	15
Council Grove on Neosho,	8
Plain Creek,	5
Diamond Spring,	8
Prairie Spring,	8
Hook's Spring (in prairie),	8
Cotton-wood Grove,	18
Lake Camp,	13
Small Creek,	20
Little Arkansas,	18
Branch of Cow Creek,	12
Main Cow Creek,	13
Arkansas river,	15
Walnut Creek,	20
Ash Creek,	24
Pawnee fork of Arkansas,	8
Plain Camp,	15
Little Pond,	21
Small Drain,	20
Anderson's Caches, on the Arkansas,	20
Pond Camp, west of the Arkansas river,	7
The Two Ponds,	22
Several Ponds,	19
The Lake,	12
Sandy Creek,	12
Zone Pond,	14
Small Pool,	22
The Semiron,	8
Nitre Camp,	21
The Willows,	7
Saltpetre Camp, in view of Sugar-house mound	10
Upper Semiron Spring,	10
Seven Mile Creek,	7

Drain Camp,	8
Two Pools,	17
Rocky Pool,	8
Bad Water,	7
Sugar Loaf,	5
Kiawa Camp,	10
Sabine Camp,	15
Round Mound,	4
Rocky Branch,	12
Summit Level, in view of	
Rocky Mountains,	8
Hart's Camp,	6
Point of Rocks,	10
Deep Hollow,	7
Canadian Fork,	15
Mule Creek,	6
Pilot Knobs,	19
Tar Kiln Grove,	20
El Moro	10
El Sapioto	2
Rio las Guienas,	18
San Magil, (village,)	25
Santa Fe,	40
[Total]	877

TRAIL & INDIAN RECOLLECTIONS OF ADDISON W. STUBBS, 1927

Don Cress at Council Grove sent this item from the *Kanas City Journal-Post*, March 20, 1987. Cress reports that, "as a boy I played in the old Indian cabins that were built for them [Kaws] by the government. With my uncle I have stopped at Fremont Spring for a drink of cold water."

A broad highway between 100 and 300 feet wide, beaten by hoofs and wheels until hardly a blade of grass reared its head over the entire route and lined on both sides with millions of wild sunflowers.

Such was the historical old Santa Fe trail of the Civil War period, as recalled by Addison W. Stubbs, . . . Kansas City, Kas.

Graphic word pictures of the famous route to the Southwest are painted by Mr. Stubbs, who as a youth attended an Indian school at Council Grove, Kas, on the Santa Fe trail, and who also was the youngest official Indian interpreter in the history of this country.

Mr. Stubbs officiated in the conferences that led to the removal of the redmen from the trails and from all of Kansas to Indian territory. He is a first cousin of former Gov. W. R. Stubbs of Kansas and now is 72 years old.

Addison Stubbs came to Kansas with his parents in 1863, when he was 8 years old. His father, Mahlon Stubbs, had been chosen at the yearly meeting of the Friends (Quakers) of Indiana to take charge of the mission for Kanza Indians near Council Grove.

After reaching Leavenworth, in a long journey partly by boat and partly by rail, the company, in two wagons, proceeded to the Santa Fe trail and then moved westward over that historic highway to the mission buildings near Council Grove.

The journey was made in the early autumn and the millions of yellow blossoms bordering the white and dusty road impressed Addison Stubbs greatly.

Young Stubbs was walking ahead of the wagons with Miss Mattie Townsend, who later became a teacher in the mission school, when he had his first sight of Indians.

A woman and boy were crossing the trail ahead. The boy's head was shaved and was painted a bright red. It looked like blood and young Stubbs was so frightened he ran back to the wagons screaming. He learned afterward that the woman was one of the wives of Allegawahu, later head chief of the Kanzas, and the boy was their son.

The mission included two buildings, each 30 by 60 feet, two stories high. One was the residence of the missionary and his helpers. The other was the school, with sleeping rooms for the Indian pupils on the second floor.

It was necessary for the elder Stubbs to ride over a wide territory before he could enlist enough pupils for the school and when it opened there were forty Indian children in attendance, all but two of them boys. A. W. Stubbs attended school with the Indians, joined in their sports and games and during the three years of this experience, became proficient in their language.

Mahlon Stubbs served as head of the Quaker mission at Council Grove for three years, at the end of which time he was appointed federal Indian agent. He held the position for one year, when he was succeeded by a Democrat appointed by President Andrew Johnson. Then the family removed to a farm near Lawrence.

In 1869 Ulysses S. Grant . . . inaugurated the Grant plan for the treatment of Indians. General Grant was convinced from reports made to him that the Indian troubles in the West during and after the Civil war were provoked largely by white persons (a conclusion with which A. W. Stubbs fully agrees) and determined to turn over the management of the Indians to the churches, in the hope they might be treated more fairly. The Kanzas fell to the supervision of the Quakers.

The churches were asked to select their own agents. For the Kanzas, they selected Mahlon Stubbs. . . . The headquarters of the new Indian agent was Kaw agency, near Council Grove.

Then began a series of conferences with the Indians to bring about more amicable relations with the white invaders, and because Addison W. Stubbs had gone to school and played with Indians from the time he was 8 years old until he was 16, he frequently was call-

ed into these conferences to act as interpreter. Finally, at the youthful age of 16, he was appointed official interpreter at a salary of \$400 a year. He thus became the youngest official Indian interpreter America ever had.

When Mahlon Stubbs left his farm near Lawrence to resume his work as Indian agent near Council Grove, he invited his younger brother to come from Iowa and take care of the land. With this brother came his son, W. R. Stubbs, who later on became governor of Kansas.

A. W. Stubbs again made the trip over the Santa Fe trail to Council Grove. While driving along they began to notice how numerous grasshoppers were and young Stubbs amused himself by flicking them with the long whip he carried.

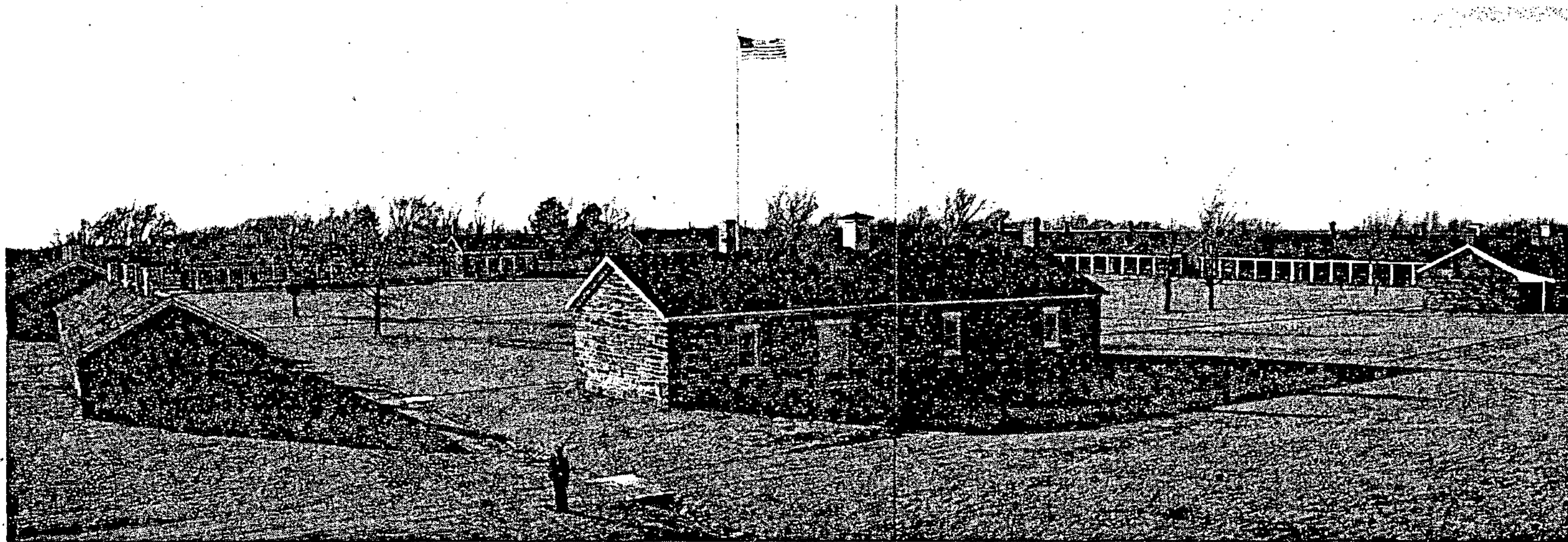
Before they reached their destination they saw that every sprig of vegetation had been eaten clean by the vastly increased number of grasshoppers, with the exception of sorghum. The insects would not touch that. This was the first visitation of grasshoppers in the history of Kansas.

Government officials came from Washington to the Quaker mission at Council Grove, calling together a great array of Indian chiefs and head men to negotiate treaties for the removal of the tribes to Indian territory. The 16-year-old interpreter acted as intermediary and his work went into the public records.

Addison W. Stubbs wrote a romance of the Kanza Indians in verse, which was published in book form by the Gorham Press, Boston. It traces the removal of the Kaw Indians from the junction of the Missouri and Kaw rivers to their reservation near Council Grove. A love story is interwoven in the narrative. Of the old Santa Fe trail, as he learned of it from the Indians themselves before white men had come to use it extensively, Mr. Stubbs wrote:

Day by day the mighty concourse,
Moving slowly to the westward,
Crossed the gently rolling prairie,
Camped at night on rippling brooklets
Where they feasted on the wild deer,
Antelope and swift jack rabbits
That were brought in by the hunters
Skirting either side the old trail
That was afterward made famous
By Fremont, the old pathfinder.
And the freight trains heavy laden
Bearing goods to mountain regions,
Bringing back the gold and silver
That the paleface had discovered
In the gorges and the canons
Of the rugged Rocky mountains.
Six days out they reached a river,
Largest one they had encountered.
Here they found in countless thousands
Herds of bison in the valley,
On the border of the river
Which they called, still call, Neosho,
Meaning there is water in it.
Here they camped and long they feasted.

More might be quoted from *The Indian Princes*, Me-Nung-Gah, concerning the Santa Fe trail in the old days, . . . but this excerpt gives the outline of the picture. ◀



Panoramic view of Fort Larned National Historic Site, December 1988.

FORT LARNED NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

by George Elmore

[Ed. note: This is the ninth in a series on museums and historic sites along the Trail. George Elmore is a resource management specialist at Fort Larned NHS.]

In the heart of the vast rolling prairie of Kansas, near Pawnee Fork, is located the best-preserved 1860s-1870s military post on the Santa Fe Trail, Fort Larned National Historic Site. Today the nine original sandstone structures have been restored on the exterior to their appearance in 1868. The reconstructed block-house and flagstaff help complete the feeling that you have stepped back into time.

Fort Larned came into existence on October 22, 1859, in response to the need to protect the constantly increasing traffic and the recently-established stage stations on the Trail from the resistance of the Plains Indians. The post was first called "Camp on Pawnee Fork." On February 1, 1860, orders were issued changing the name to "Camp Alert" because the small garrison of about 50 men had to remain constantly alert for Indians.

In May 1860 the garrison was increased to 160 men, and Captain Henry W. Wessells arrived with orders to build a permanent post. He selected a new site about 2½ miles upstream and requested the name to be changed to Fort Larned to honor Colonel Benjamin F. Larned, U. S. Army Paymaster General (1854-1862). The new name became official on May 29, 1860.

By the year's end the soldiers had constructed an adobe fort. It

consisted of an officer's quarters, two combination storehouses and barracks, a guardhouse, two laundresses' quarters, and a hospital. Later additions included a bakery, meat-house, and shops building. For the most part these buildings were poorly constructed and inadequate. However, with the eruption of the Civil War in 1861, these structures were to remain until appropriations for new permanent structures could be made in 1866.

The Civil War affected Fort Larned in several ways. The immediate effect was the removal of regular army troops from the post, who were sent to fight in the East, and the gradual replacement of them with volunteer troops from Kansas, Colorado, and Wisconsin.

The Plains Indians took advantage of the opportunity to strike, while the Civil War diverted military attention to the East. Indian raids and harassment of travelers along the Trail increased, forcing travelers to seek protection at Fort Larned. On July 17, 1864, Kiowa Indians raided Fort Larned and were able to steal 172 horses and mules from the corral. They were pursued but never caught. In 1865 a system of escorting wagon trains was established, and all merchants were forbidden travel westward beyond Fort Larned without an armed escort.

Starting in 1862 and lasting until 1868, Fort Larned served as an agency of the Indian Bureau and a distribution point for annuities. Indian agents Edward W. Wynkoop, for the Cheyenne, Arapaho,

and Plains Apache, and Colonel Jesse Leavenworth, for the Kiowa and Comanche, located their offices at Fort Larned. After 1868, when the Indians were placed on reservations in present Oklahoma, the agencies were relocated to Fort Cobb, Indian Territory.

The foundations for peace were laid throughout the 1860s with the 1861 Treaty of Fort Wise and subsequent treaties of the Little Arkansas in 1865 and Medicine Lodge in 1867. However, continued Indian raids, coupled with rumors and false reports of Indian uprisings being planned, caused the military to withhold some annuities such as arms and ammunition. This withholding of annuities, which had been promised in return for a peace settlement, caused the Indians to conclude the treaties were not being honored by the United States.

In the spring of 1867, in an attempt to defeat the Plains Indians who had not moved onto their assigned reservations, Major General Winfield S. Hancock organized a force of 1,400 troops to march along the Santa Fe Trail and deal with Indians as necessary to enforce the treaties. His command included four companies of the newly-organized Seventh Cavalry under Lieutenant Colonel (Brevet Major General) George A. Custer. This campaign was Custer's and the Seventh's introduction to Plains Indian warfare. The campaign resulted in General Hancock's burning a Cheyenne and Sioux village of about 300 lodges, located approximately 30 miles up the Pawnee Fork from

Fort Larned.

As a result of Major General Philip H. Sheridan's winter campaign in 1868, including Custer's destruction of Black Kettle's Cheyenne village at the Washita on November 27, 1868, most of the Indians in the Fort Larned area were forced onto reservations.

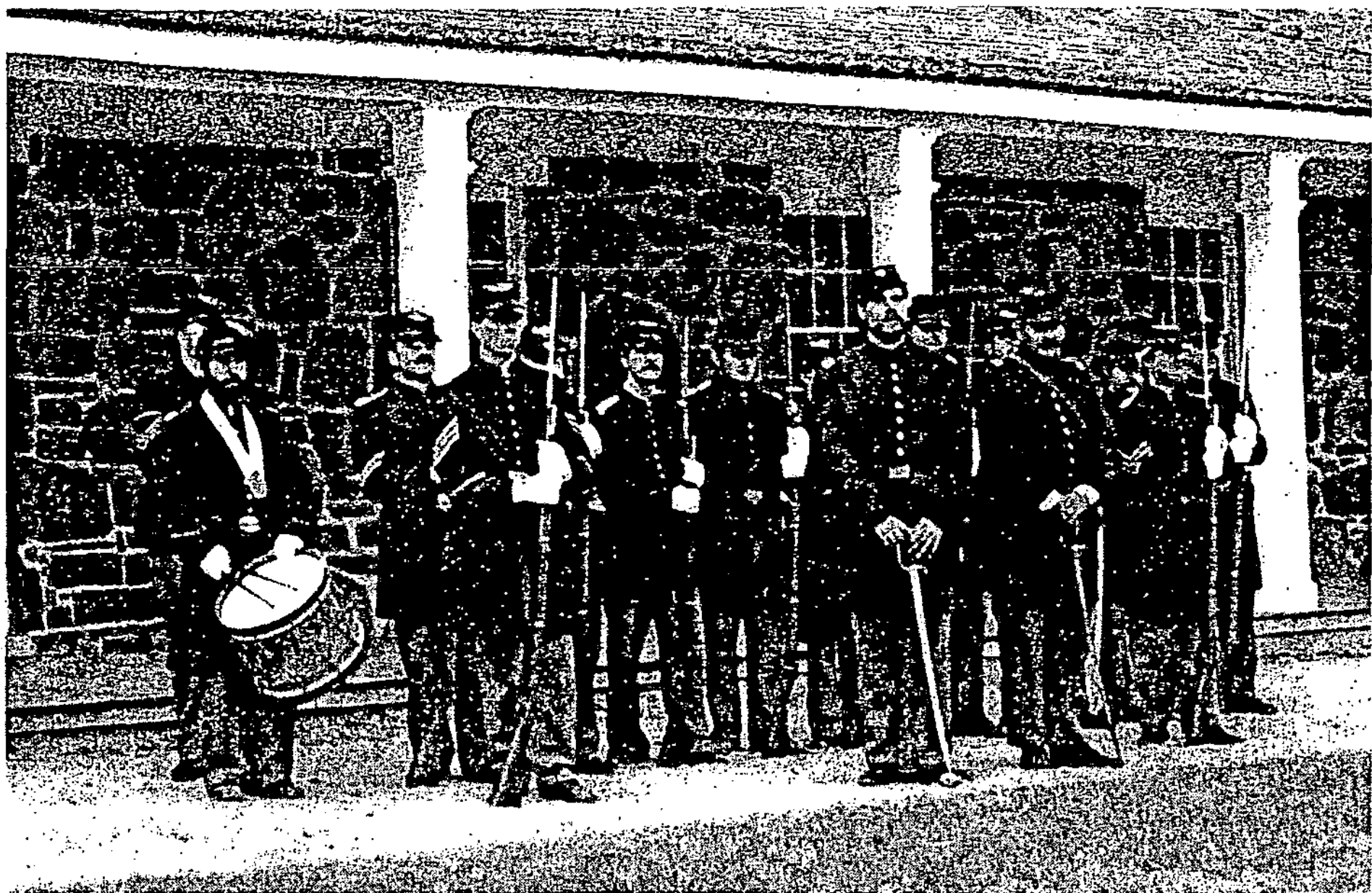
From 1866 to 1868 the sod and adobe structures at Fort Larned were replaced by the sandstone buildings that survive today. Henry M. Stanley, later well-known for his rescue of David Livingstone in Africa, wrote after his second visit to Fort Larned in October 1867, "a complete change has been effected at Fort Larned. . . . The shabby, vermin-breeding adobe and wooden houses have been torn down, and new and stately buildings of hewn sandstone stand in their stead." When compared to many of the other frontier posts in the late 1860s and 1870s, Fort Larned was an impressive military complex.

By 1871 escorts were not needed for wagon trains using the Santa Fe Trail. However, survey and construction crews of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad were given protection. The road of iron rails, with its cheaper and faster transportation, quickly replaced the wagon road of dust and mud. By the end of 1872 the Santa Fe Railroad had pushed all the way across Kansas.

With the military importance of Fort Larned gone, the post was abandoned on July 13, 1878, except for a small guard force to protect the buildings. On March 26, 1883, the Fort Larned Military Reservation was transferred from the War Department to the General Land Office, Department of the Interior. The buildings and land were sold at public auction in 1884.

For the next 80 years the old fort was utilized in ranching and farming operations. The buildings were altered to meet the needs of the private landowners. Fortunately they realized the historic value of the place and did much to preserve the structures.

Attention was drawn to the historical significance of the post in 1957 when the Fort Larned Historical Society was founded to develop and open the site as a tourist attraction. In 1961 Fort Larned was designated a National Landmark. In 1964 Congress authorized the National Park Service to incorporate Fort Larned as a unit of the National Park System.



Living-history soldiers in front of barracks at Fort Larned NHS.



Even in the 1860s paper work was endless. Living-historian Charles Smith in the orderly room at Fort Larned NHS.

Today, as you visit Fort Larned NHS, you can still experience many of the same sights and sounds that greeted travelers on the Santa Fe Trail. Through restoration of the extant buildings and reconstruction of the well houses, fences, flagstaff, and blockhouse, the post has assumed its 1868 appearance. Through the park's living-history programs, today's visitor can catch the aroma of meals being prepared in the barracks kitchen,

watch and listen as soldiers drill on the parade ground, and talk with an officer's wife in her quarters.

The park's museum exhibits, audio-visual program, furnished buildings, and book sales area all help commemorate the history of this military post. It takes only a little imagination to capture a feeling of what the soldiers and the travelers, traders, merchants, buffalo hunters, miners, and others who traveled the Santa Fe

Trail experienced.

Fort Larned NHS has several special events each year, the foremost occurring on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends. On these weekends the fort comes alive with living-history activities and demonstrations. During the summer months park rangers and volunteers present a variety of living-history programs, talks, and guided tours. Throughout the year visitors may choose to explore the fort on their own and/or take a walk through Kansas prairie along the park's one-mile "history trail." Only a short drive from the fort, visitors can see extensive Santa Fe Trail wagon ruts in a 44-acre detached section of the park.

To obtain more information about Fort Larned or make advance arrangements for a visit, you can write to Superintendent, Fort Larned NHS, RR 3, Larned, KS 67550 or call (316) 285-6911. Entrance fees are \$1.00 for individuals 17 to 61 years of age or \$3.00 per carload. The park is open every day of the year, except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day. Park hours are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm the remainder of the year. Fort Larned is located six miles west of Larned on Highway 156.



CONVERSE OF THE PRAIRIES —BOOK NOTICES—

Virginia Lee Fisher, *et al.*, *Arrow Rock Places: The Architecture and Environs of Arrow Rock, Missouri, a National Historic Landmark*. Arrow Rock: Historic Arrow Rock Council, 1988. Pp. 98. Illus. Paper, \$8.00 postpaid. Order from HARC/PLACES, Arrow Rock, MO 65320.

Arrow Rock Places is a visual and narrative description of the present village of Arrow Rock, founded in 1829, in terms of the environment in space and over time. It includes the role of Arrow Rock in westward expansion and the history of Missouri. Architectural features of buildings, some 150 years old, and changes over time are noted. Historical highlights include old records of builders and of the Black community

in the village. This handsome volume contains 78 illustrations.

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Sharon Niederman, *A Quilt of Words: Women's Diaries, Letters & Original Accounts of Life in the Southwest, 1860-1960*. Boulder: Johnson Books, 1988. Pp. 221. Illus. Cloth, \$15.95, plus \$2 postage. Order from Johnson Books, 1800 So. 57th Court, Boulder, CO 80301.

All fifteen accounts of women's experiences in the Southwest presented here are useful and readable, but the one that will interest SFTA members is Flora Spiegelberg, "Reminiscences of a Jewish Bride of the Santa Fe Trail." Mrs. Spiegelberg traveled the Trail by stagecoach and army ambulance in 1875 in the company of her new husband, Willi. She says that she was the eighth American woman to take up residence in Santa Fe. Most of the chapter deals with her life there. This volume has no notes nor index.

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Howard Bryan, *Wildest of the Wild West: True Tales of a Frontier Town on the Santa Fe Trail*. Santa Fe: Clear Light Publishers, 1988. Pp. 269. Illus., maps, bibliog., index. Cloth, \$17.95, plus \$2 postage. Order from Clear Light Publishers, 823 Don Diego, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

This handsome book contains short tales that form part of the early history of Las Vegas, NM. Many of the episodes deal directly with the Santa Fe Trail, including events surrounding Kearny's march and its aftermath, the killing of an Apache maiden at the Wagon Mound, adventures of Kit Carson, and arrival of the AT&SF in 1879.

The latter part of the volume focuses on the many colorful outlaws who plagued Las Vegas citizens in the post-railroad days. Illustrations are vintage black-and-white photographs from historical photo archives. (Note: The author will be on hand to sign copies at the book exhibit during the next Symposium.)

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Roy L. Swift and Leavitt Corning, Jr., *Three Roads to Chihuahua, The Great Wagon Roads That Opened the Southwest, 1823-1883*. Austin: Eakin Press, 1988. Pp. 398. Illus., maps, notes, bibliog., index. Cloth, \$24.95, plus \$2 postage. Order from Eakin Press, P. O. Box 23069, Austin, TX 78735.

The first of the three roads considered in this book is the Santa Fe Trail. But only a brief overview is provided, up to the year 1846. Those versed in the Trail's history will find no surprises or new information. The second road is the one pioneered by merchant Henry Connelley's party in 1839, from Chihuahua City diagonally across Texas to Fort Towson in southeast Oklahoma. It never caught on, partly because of water shortages.

The story of the third road begins on page 43 and engages the authors' attention for the rest of the book. Starting at Indianola on the Texas Gulf coast, this route went to San Antonio, then wound through western Texas, crossing the Rio Grande in the Big Bend, and following Connelley's earlier trail to Chihuahua City. The authors call this "The Chihuahua Road" and claim it carried more traffic between 1850 and 1877 than the Santa Fe Trail!

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John M. Townley, *The Trail West: A Bibliography-Index to Western American Trails, 1841-1869*. Reno: Great Basin Studies Center, 1988. Pp. 309. Map, index. Cloth, \$29.95, plus \$1.50 postage. Order from Great Basin Studies Center, 7115 Pembroke Dr., Reno, NV 89502.

Over 7,500 diaries, journals, recollections, books, articles, and graduate theses have been comprehensively indexed in this new bibliography. This is a straight listing with no annotations. Still western scholar Dr. Gene Gressley of the University of Wyoming calls it a magnificent accomplishment. Main emphasis is on the Oregon and California trails, but other routes are covered for the inclusive dates mentioned in the title. Among them are the Santa Fe Trail, Gila Trail, Old Spanish Trail, Pikes Peak Trails, and Mexican Trails. This is a useful reference work.

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Jack Schaefer, *Company of Cowards*. Reprint, New York: Bantam Books, 1988. Pp. 166. Paper, \$2.95. See your bookstore or order, add \$2 for postage, from Bantam Books, 414 East Golf Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

This novel, by the author of *Shane*, was first published in 1957 and has been out of print for some time. This fiction will be of interest to many SFTA members because the "company of cowards" travel the Santa Fe Trail, are

stationed at Fort Union, and participate in Kit Carson's fight at Adobe Walls in 1864. Descriptions of the Trail, Fort Union, and the campaign are historically accurate, and the story of the fictional unit is told well. Excellent writing like this can stimulate readers to want to know more about the history in which the fictional characters participated. So enjoy a good story about honor and courage and stimulate your historical interests.

Leo E. and Bonita M. Oliva, *Santa Fe Trail Trivia*. Third edition, Woodston: Western Books, 1989. Pp. 68. Map, bibliog. Paper, \$2.95, plus \$1 postage. Order from Western Books, P. O. Box 1, Woodston, KS 67675 (quantity discounts available).

The third edition contains more than 600 questions and answers about the Trail, almost a 20% increase over the last version. The list of suggested readings is expanded, and information and membership applications for SFTA are included. The compilers hope the material will encourage readers to seek more information about the Trail by reading historic accounts and visiting Trail sites.



HOOF PRINTS —TRAIL TIDBITS—

The Friends of Arrow Rock put out a handsome and professional-looking "Newsletter." They also print and sell a beautiful George Caleb Bingham calendar, the 1989 edition of which features a Bingham "character study" each month. For information write them at Box 124, Arrow Rock, MO 65320 or call (816) 837-3231 or 3350.

Member Mike McDonald has written a book, his first, called *New Mexico Trivia*, due in May. Count on finding numerous items therein dealing with the Trail. We'll hope to see copies at the Symposium book exhibit.

The Kansas State Historical Society will be submitting a proposal to the legislature recommending construction of a new Center for Historical Research near the Museum in Topeka. Good luck to the Society in this effort.

Katie Davis Gardner, Denver,

who will be a featured speaker at the next Symposium, published an article, "Woven Across Time, The Rich Legacy of Colorado's Hispanic Textile Tradition," in *Colorado Heritage* (1988, no. 3).

SFTA Ambassador Les Vilda recently spoke to the Omaha Corral of the Westerners about his trips by donkey and by wagon over the Trail.

SFTA Ambassador Paul Bentrup published an article, "Nun's Grave Research," in *The Sequoyan* (Sept. 1988), newsletter of the Finney County Kansas Historical Society. On Jan. 30, 1989, he was a guest on KANZ-FM, public radio station at Pierceville, KS, talking about and answering questions about the Santa Fe Trail. He extolled the virtues of membership in SFTA.

SFTA board member Mark L. Gardner, Trinidad, recently attended a week-long banjo seminar in Tennessee. We will draft him to play a historical number or two at the Symposium fandango.

Joan Myers presented a lecture at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City in connection with the Smithsonian exhibit of her Trail photographs there.

The *Wichita Eagle-Beacon*, Dec. 29, 1988, carried a feature article about the Trail and the exhibit of Joan Myers's photographs at Kansas City. Included in the article were recommendations of books to read about the Trail, places where Trail ruts may be visited, how to obtain information about the SFNHT plan, and how to join the SFTA.

The Wyoming Centennial Commission is raising funds by selling square-foot plots of a Centennial Acre near Independence Rock on the Oregon Trail for \$10. If you wish to invest, write the WCC, 122 W. 25th, 1st Floor East, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

SFTA board member David Dary has been appointed head of the University of Oklahoma School of Journalism and will be moving from Kansas to Oklahoma in May. Congratulations Dave!

The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) has published a gift catalog, including books, bumper stickers, and back issues

of the *Overland Journal*. SFTA members may want to obtain the Spring, Summer, and Fall 1986 issues of *OJ* which contain a three-part article by Marc Simmons, "The Old Santa Fe Trail." For a catalog or membership in OCTA, write P. O. Box 1019, Independence, MO 64051-0519.

Bent's Old Fort Historical Association publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Fort Report*. They also publish a mail-order catalog. For information or to join, write Bent's Old Fort Historical Association, 35110 Highway 194 East, La Junta, CO 81050-9523.

Among changes at Bent's Old Fort NHS are additions to the Susan Magoffin room, including a blue and white wool bed coverlet and a decorated chamber pot.

Fifteen La Junta, CO, junior high students in the gifted and talented program are involved in a special project to learn about life at Bent's Fort. They spend one day a month at the site. What a way to study history!

SFTA Ambassador Paul Bentrup reports that visitors to "Charlie's Ruts," the name given to the Trail remains. Bentrup donated to the Kearny County Historical Society, have been signing the guest book and taking SFTA brochures. Bentrup has available a nice postcard, "Shadows of the Past," featuring artwork of the site by Diane Bentrup. Paul hasn't said the cards are for sale, but he likely could be persuaded to sell some if you are interested. Contact him at Box 11, Deerfield, KS 67838.

Ralph Hathaway reports that Herb Tappan identified the spot where the Trail crossed Cow Creek in Rice County, KS. It was just south of the present bridge, where faint ruts may still be identified on the west bank. During the drought of 1988 it was possible to see rocks placed in the muddy bottom by travelers to prevent wagons from becoming mired.

RV PARKS IN SANTA FE

Those with recreational vehicles planning to attend the fall Symposium in Santa Fe should know there are two nice parks located on Cerrillos Road: Trailer Ranch (505) 471-9970 and Los Campos (505) 473-1949. There are several other parks in the Santa Fe area. ◀

HELP WANTED

Before the members of the SFTA Awards Committee can enjoy the warmth and hospitality of Santa Fe this fall, we need your help. (Although I cannot speak for the other members of the committee, I feel that after spending a winter in Wisconsin I deserve a few days in New Mexico.) We need you to look around in your communities and to spend some time deep in thought for people, business, and organization who deserve to be recognized by the Santa Fe Trail Association. Did a local Scout troop clean up a nearby section of the Trail? Did a downtown business raise money for a monument? Can you think of a person who has dedicated time to preserving Trail sites? If so, please let us know.

To nominate a candidate for an SFTA Award or an Ambassador Award, please send the name, address, and phone number, if possible, and a short paragraph on why they are worthy of recognition. Send the nominations to me, Awards Committee Chairman. Thank you for your help and we hope to see you in Santa Fe this fall.

Betsy Crawford-Gore
9343 Wood Road
Shullsburg, WI 53586

This is a repeat request for information about the number of visitors at sites along the Trail. Will someone at each site send actual figures or a reliable estimate of visitor numbers? Please. If you are not connected with a site but know someone there, bring this request their attention. Information for the last several years would be helpful but data for 1988 is most important. I will compile what arrives by April 25 for the May issue. Thanks for your help.

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ROSTERS OUT SOON

The new roster of SFTA members will be mailed within a few days after this issue is sent. Because all new memberships received since the last WT will be in the roster, no listing of new members is included here. When the roster arrives, please check to see that your listing is correct. If not, send corrections to WT editor. If you do not receive a copy of the

roster within a reasonable time, please send word so the problem can be rectified. New memberships received after the roster is printed will be included in the next WT.

All matters relating to *Wagon Tracks* should be addressed to the editor:

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All inquiries regarding membership should be directed to the secretary-treasurer:

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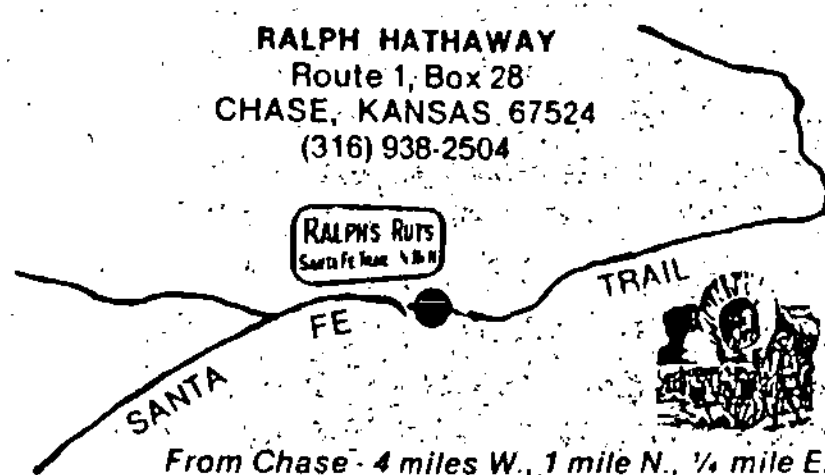
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TRAIL CALENDAR

Everyone is invited to send notices for this section; provide location, date(s), time(s) and activity. Remember this is a quarterly. The next issue should appear in May, so send information for June and later to arrive by April 25. Thank you.

Jan. 20-March 31, 1989: Exhibit "Las Vegas and the Santa Fe Trail," Antonio Sanchez Cultural Center, 166 Bridge, Las Vegas, NM, Mon-Fri 9 am to 1 pm and 2:45 to 5 pm.

Jan. 28-Feb. 26, 1989: Petroleum Museum, Midland, TX, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition—"The Santa Fe Trail: Photographs by Joan Myers."

March 18-19, 1989: "Historic Cookery on the Santa Fe Trail," Barton County Community College. Contact Elaine Simmons, BCCC, Great Bend, KS 67530 (316) 792-2701, ext. 214.

March 18-April 16, 1989: Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, WI, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition—"The Santa Fe Trail: Photographs by Joan Myers."

March 23-26, 1989: Bent's Old Fort Winter Quarters. Teachers, writers, historians, and fur-trade re-enactors spend four days and nights at the fort and experience first hand what life was like on the frontier. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy 194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

April 14-15, 1989: "Hancock Expedition Tour," Barton County Community College. Contact Elaine Simmons, BCCC, Great Bend, KS 67530 (316) 792-2701, ext. 214.

April 22, 1989: Fort Larned Old Guard Annual Meeting, Senator Nancy Kassebaum featured speaker. Fort Larned NHS, RR 3, Larned, KS 67550 (316) 285-6911.

May 6-7, 1989: "The Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Road Tour," Barton County Community College. Contact Elaine Simmons, BCCC, Great Bend, KS 67530 (316) 792-2701, ext. 214.

June 3-4, 1989: Las Vegas, NM, "Trails and Rails" Celebration. Contact Chamber of Commerce,

727 Grand Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701.

June 3-4, 1989: Fort Union Living-History Demonstrations, including musket demonstrations, women on the frontier, infantry, cavalry, Civil War, and the Santa Fe Trail. Contact Superintendent, Fort Union National Monument, Watrous, NM 87753 (505) 425-8025.

June 3-4, 1989: Santa Fe Trail Daze, Boise City, OK. Contact Joan Walton, Chamber of Commerce, Boise City, OK 73933.

June 10-11, 1989: Santa Fe Trail Festival, Trinidad, CO, see article on p. 5. Contact TDAD, 100 E. Main #304, Trinidad, CO 81082 (719) 846-4550.

June 10-11, 1989: Bent's Old Fort Artists in the Park. A number of the West's finest artists will be at the fort to paint, exhibit, and interpret their work. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy 194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

June 24, 1989: Fort Union, "The Santa Fe Trail, the Early Years." Dragoons, infantrymen, and traders will tell the story of the early days along the Trail. Contact Superintendent, Fort Union National Monument, Watrous, NM 87753 (505) 425-8025.

June 24-July 23, 1989: Museum of the Great Plains, Lawton, OK, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition—"The Santa Fe Trail: Photographs by Joan Myers."

July 4, 1989: Bent's Old Fort Old Time Fourth of July. Frontier-style celebration with period speeches, games, activities, and living-history demonstrations. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy 194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

July 28-30, 1989: Bent's Old Fort

Dragoon Encampment. Dragoon re-enactment featuring some of the finest military historians. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy 194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

July 29-30, 1989: Fort Union, "Soldiering on the Santa Fe Trail." Historians and re-enactors will portray garrison life in the 1860s. Contact Superintendent, Fort Union National Monument, Watrous, NM 87753 (505) 425-8025.

August 12, 1989: Bent's Old Fort Kid's Quarters. A program for children, featuring skills, games, and activities of another era. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy 194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

August 12-Sept. 10, 1989: Western Illinois Library, Galesburg, IL, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition—"The Santa Fe Trail: Photographs by Joan Myers."

August 26, 1989: "An Evening at old Fort Union." Participate in vignettes from Fort Union's past; reservations required and will be accepted beginning June 1. Contact Superintendent, Fort Union National Monument, Watrous, NM 87753 (505) 425-8025.

Sept. 1-4, 1989: Bent's Old Fort Fur Trade Encampment. The eighth annual encampment, interpreting the Rocky Mt. Fur Trade. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy 194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

Sept. 16, 1989: Bent's Old Fort Diez y Seis de Septiembre. A celebration of Mexico's independence from Spain in 1821, with special programs for children. Contact Superintendent, Bent's Old Fort National Monument, 35110 Hwy

194 E, La Junta, CO 81050 (719) 384-2596.

Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1989: Santa Fe Trail Symposium, Santa Fe and Las Vegas, NM. Contact Adrian Bustamante, Symposium Coordinator, P.O. Box 4182, Santa Fe, NM 87502 (505) 471-8200.

Sept. 30-Oct. 29, 1989: Canon Communications, Hermitage, PA, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition—"The Santa Fe Trail: Photographs by Joan Myers."

FROM THE EDITOR

Everything points to an outstanding Symposium in Santa Fe and Las Vegas this fall. It is my hope that you will be able to follow the Trail to New Mexico in September and enjoy the flavor of the Southwest. The location is ideal and the program is excellent. Adrian Bustamante and the many who have worked with him obviously know the value of careful planning. When you receive the advance registration information within the next few days, make your plans early to attend. You will not be sorry.

Because of other commitments our Heritage Tours will not be offering a bus tour on the Trail this year. We intend to do another in 1990 if there is sufficient interest.

The office of *Wagon Tracks* will be closed and the Olivas will be gone until late March. Please continue to send items for the next issue, but do not expect a reply to any inquiries until April. This also means that book orders for SFTA and Western Books will not be filled until April.

Happy trails!

—Leo E. Oliva

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