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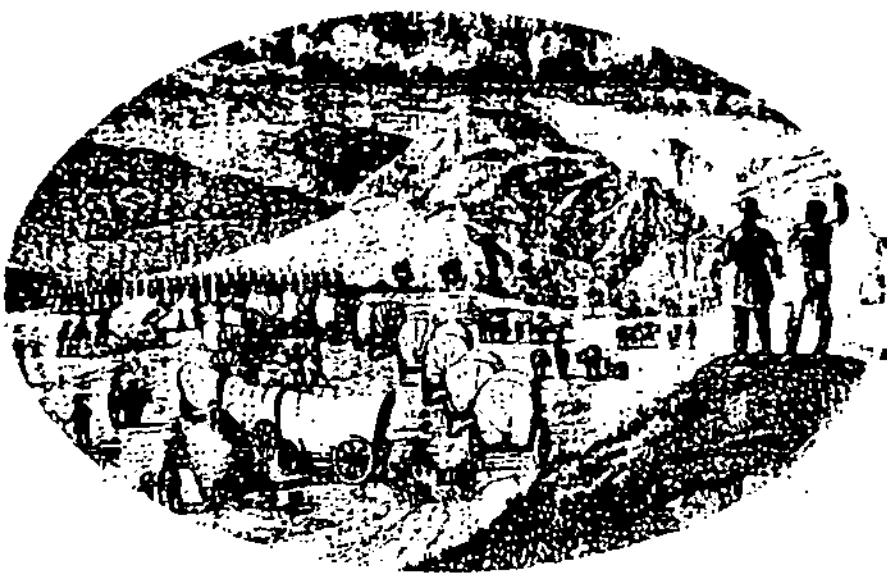
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# WAGON TRACKS

## SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOC. NEWSLETTER

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**1989 SYMPOSIUM  
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### REGISTRATIONS SOAR TOWARD RECORD

More than 250 people have registered for the Santa Fe Trail Symposium in Santa Fe and Las Vegas, NM, September 28-October 2, announced Symposium Coordinator Adrian Bustamante. At the end of July registrations from Kansas and New Mexico were running neck and neck, with Colorado a strong third, and Missouri and California tied for fourth. Other states represented by early registrants include Arizona, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

Registration since August 1 is \$20 per person. A highlight of the symposium, a dinner and *fandango* at El Rancho de las Golondrinas, a 400-acre outdoor museum at the last *paraje* (overnight stop) for Chihuahua Trail travelers northbound for territorial Santa Fe, is \$9 a person.

To register, please send a check or money order made out to the Santa Fe Community College/Santa Fe Trail Association to Dr. Adrian Bustamante, Santa Fe Community College, P. O. Box 4187, Santa Fe, NM 87502-4187. If you have questions, please call Bustamante at (505) 471-8200.

### CEREMONY AT DUNCAN'S CROSSING

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the site of Duncan's Crossing on the Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Trail on August 6 to rededicate the monument placed at that crossing in 1929 and to dedicate ten new markers erected at important sites along that branch of the Santa Fe Trail. SFTA member David Clapsaddle of Larned, coordinator of the project, presided over a program similar to that held at the

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### NPS MARKER

Pending final approval, this will be the marker used by NPS to designate the route of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. The signs will be used along highways and roads, at historic Trail sites, and along the historic routes of wagon travel. Please note that this is a registered service mark and may not be used without the permission of NPS. Additional information about the signs will be available following completion of the NPS management and use plan.

### SFNHTAC MEETING IN SANTA FE

*by Mark L. Gardner*

*[Gardner serves as the representative of SFTA on the advisory council.]*

The Santa Fe National Historic Trail Advisory Council held its first meeting in Santa Fe, NM, on June 21-22. There were 28 council members present, representing a full spectrum of Santa Fe Trail constituents, from landowners to historians. Also in attendance were several staff members of the National Park Service as well as members from trail organizations such as Franklin or Bust, Inc.

The meeting opened Wednesday morning, June 21, with a review

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### LOOKING FOR SITE OF HOLE-IN-THE-PRAIRIE

*by Marc Simmons*

On July 11 several SFTA members set out to search for the lost Santa Fe Trail site of Hole-in-the-Prairie, located on the Mountain Branch about 20 miles northeast of Trinidad, CO. In the party were Jesse Scott, Jr., Paul Bentrup, ranchers Richard and Willard Loudon, Mark L. Gardner, Marc Simmons, and two NPS employees attached to the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Area.

Hole-in-the-Prairie was a well-known camping place mentioned by early-day Trail travelers. Lt. James Abert in 1846 described it as a collection of small ephemeral pools, but mentioned no distinguishing landmarks that might help pin down the exact location. The Barlow & Sanderson stage company built a station at the site in late 1866, and it was traces of that structure that the search party hoped to locate.

About 20 years ago, the Loudens had accompanied the late Morris Taylor to the area in search of Hole-in-the-Prairie, but without success. Another try in April of this year by Scott, Gardner, and others also failed to pinpoint the station. Now though, Gardner had found surveyor's notes from the early 1870s (in the courthouse at Trinidad) that fixed the precise quarter-section in which the stage station was situated.

The search party spent the entire day walking the ground, an alkali flat on the southern branch of Van Bremer Arroyo (which flows east to the Purgatory River). Scattered shell casings from a Henry rifle, a very old metal canteen, a square nail, and arrowhead were found, but no concentration of artifacts that might suggest a stage station site.

Late in the day Bentrup interviewed Charles Shehorn, an old-timer in nearby Model, CO, who remembered as a boy riding horseback past the station. He said it was not on the flat but a dugout

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The inaugural issue of *Wagon Tracks* appeared in November 1986 and carried my first "President's Column." That column has appeared in every issue since, and this one represents my last since at the conclusion of the Santa Fe Symposium I will be turning over the reins to a new president. It has been a good three years for me and also, I believe, for our new Association. The membership, working individually and together, has accomplished a great deal and has set the direction for future efforts and projects.

We can take great pride in *Wagon Tracks*. The fine articles and published documents that have appeared in past issues make this not-just-another newsletter, but a periodical worth preserving and citing. Complete sets ought to be preserved in libraries all along the Trail. My thanks go to all contributors and to Editor Leo Oliva whose labor and dedication is chiefly responsible for *WT*'s success. (I read every issue several times!)

Ruth Olson, our secretary/treasurer, has done a splendid job in keeping our paperwork and funds in order, and she, along with her staff at the Santa Fe Trail Center, deserve the appreciation of the entire membership. So too does Mike Pitel, our publicity coordinator, who keeps the press releases flowing to the national media, and Adrian Bustamante, the program chairman for Santa Fe. It is people like these, plus our Board and volunteers who keep the SFTA productive.

As I did in the last issue, let me urge everyone who would like to get more involved in SFTA to attend the open Board meeting prior to the Symposium, Thursday September 28 in the Santa Fe (Sweeney) Convention Center, Meeting Room 2, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Expanded registration will be there in the lobby during the same hours. Then that evening attend the spectacular opening reception at the historic Palace of the Governors on the plaza. Our hosts will be the Santa Fe Historical Society and the Museum of New Mexico, and we expect to fill the old adobe building with reenactors from different eras of the Trail. You are encouraged (but not required, of course) to wear frontier dress at the reception and again at the Saturday night fandango. It will be colorful.

The book exhibits should prove to be the largest so far and there will be plenty of opportunity to build up your collection of Santa Fe Trail books and purchase copies for friends. A number of authors will be on hand to sign their works.

So many exciting events have been planned that some people will surely be unhappy that they have to make choices, but the organizers wanted to be sure that as many interests as possible are covered. It should prove a memorable Symposium and I look forward to meeting you at the end of the Trail.

—Marc Simmons

## SFNHTAC MEETING

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of public comments to the Santa Fe National History Trail Draft Management Plan and the showing of *All's Set on the Santa Fe*, an NPS-produced promotional film about the Trail. As a guideline for the rest of the meeting, the NPS presented the group with a list of 12 issues that they wished the council to address. This was done in a series of general session on both Wednesday and Thursday and a group discussion on Wednesday. Other topics beyond the 12 NPS issues were also discussed.

Some of the recommendations made by the council, in an abbreviated form, include (1) that the Cimarron Cutoff be recognized with an interpretive program located along that section of the Trail, (2) that the diverse human history of the Trail be the focus of future research and be included in the management plan so that all cultural affiliations with the Santa Fe Trail will be appropriately incorporated in the interpretation of the Trail, (3) that the plan provide for the publication, distribution, and sale of an authoritative and historically accurate handbook and guide to the Trail, and (4) that the NPS review with high priority federal laws pertaining to landowners' liability concerning trespass, vandalism, and related topics.

On Thursday morning the council heard presentations from Denny Davis of Franklin or Bust, Inc., and from Ted Fisher of the Historic Arrow Rock Council. Fisher read a letter from the Historic Arrow Rock Council in support of the NPS draft plan and its provision for an interpretive program at the state

visitor center at Arrow Rock State Historic Site. The advisory council made no recommendations regarding the Franklin and Arrow Rock presentations.

The council meeting ended at noon on Thursday, after which many of the members participated in a special NPS tour to Pecos National Monument and Fort Union National Monument. The next meeting of the advisory council is scheduled for October somewhere along the eastern portion of the Trail.

## HOLE-IN-THE-PRAIRIE

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with a stone-wall front built into a low shale bluff on the southern extremity of the basin. After he had seen it, ranchers had removed the stone for building material. That description is highly plausible because it is known that Barlow & Sanderson built dugout stations in the bluffs of the Arkansas immediately to the north.

Late in the day the search party walked the shale bluffs just inside the fence of the Helen Torres ranch, but no trace of the remains of a dugout could be positively identified. Therefore, while the general location of the Hole-in-the-Prairie campsite is known, the site of the stage station remains a mystery. All was not lost, however, because the SFTA members had an interesting day "on the Trail."

## ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM IT WILL BE OUTSTANDING

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## MINUTES OF SFTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1987

*[The minutes of the last general membership meeting of SFTA are printed here so all members will have a copy and it will not be necessary to read them at Santa Fe.]*

The Hutchinson general membership meeting of the Santa Fe Trail Council was called to order by President Marc Simmons at 7:00 p.m., September 25, 1987. The minutes of the previous meeting held in Trinidad, Colorado, were read and approved.

President Simmons reported that the Council's membership now exceeds 450. He recognized the work carried on by the various members of the Council following his serious car accident in November 1986.

Flowers were presented to Barbara Peirce for her work coordinating the Hutchinson Symposium. An official thank you was also given the supporting organizations.

President Simmons reported that the Trail has had a good year in 1987. A bill was signed on May 8 by President Ronald Reagan designating the Santa Fe Trail a National Historic Trail. A bill has been introduced which would bring the Glorieta Battlefield under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. A review of the Coronado Trail is underway to see if it might qualify for official designation.

President Simmons reported that preservation of the Boggsville site has been slow. It is hoped that more progress can be made on this site. He also expressed a desire for the Council to draw more young people into its membership, and that there be more focus on the history of the Trail in the schools.

Future Santa Fe Trail Symposium sites were announced as Santa Fe, New Mexico (1989), Arrow Rock, Missouri (1991), and La Junta, Colorado (1993).

Ruth Olson extended an invitation to attend the upcoming Trail Rendezvous seminar at the Santa Fe Trail Center in the spring of 1988.

President Simmons presented the Santa Fe Trail Bill with President Reagan's signature as the first official piece of Council archives to Isabel Campbell and Ruth Olson of the Santa Fe Trail Center. The Center will house the

archives.

The Treasurer's report was given by John Tarabino. He reported a balance of \$5,600.40, with printing being the major expense during the year.

The newsletter report was given by Editor Leo Oliva. Four issues of *Wagon Tracks* have been mailed, with the fifth issue due out in November.

The report of the bylaws committee was given by Bill Pitts, chairman, who moved that the bylaws drafted by the committee be adopted. The question of changing the name from Council to Association was raised, a provision recommended by the committee. After some discussion, a vote was taken on the motion to amend the proposed bylaws to keep the name "Council." The motion did not carry. The vote on the motion to adopt the bylaws as submitted carried, and the name of the organization became Santa Fe Trail Association.

Mark Gardner, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted a slate of names for officers and directors. President Simmons called for additional nominations. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect those nominated. The motion carried, and the following officers and directors were elected: President Marc Simmons, Vice-President Joseph Snell, Secretary Ruth Olson, and Directors Adrian Bustamante, David Dary, Michael Duncan, Richard Forry, Mark L. Gardner, Doug McChristian, Sylvia Mooney, Bill Pitts, Joy Poole, David A. Sandoval, John Tarabino, and Timothy Zwink.

John Tarabino reported that the Association will soon file for 501(c)3 tax status, making it a not-for-profit corporation.

The 1987 Trail Awards were presented by President Simmons to Isabel D. Campbell, Jack D. Rittenhouse, Mary B. and Leo E. Gamble, Pauline S. Fowler, Roe Groom, Grace Collier, the Oregon-California Trails Association (Dick Ackerman), and the *Santa Fe New Mexican*. Special unannounced awards of "Santa Fe Trail Ambassador" were presented to Les Vilda and Paul Bentrup.

The business meeting was adjourned. A program of folksongs was presented by Tom Isern after a short intermission.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Olson, Secretary

## DUNCAN'S CROSSING

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site when the marker at Duncan's Crossing was dedicated in 1929.

Several people who were present at the 1929 program were present and were recognized. Representatives of the O'Loughlin and Duncan families (proprietors of facilities at the crossing during trail days) were present.

The 1929 address was given by Wichita newspaper editor Victor Murdock, and George Neavoll, SFTA member and editor of the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon*, did the honors this year. Congressman Clifford Hope, Sr., also spoke in 1929, and current Congressman Pat Roberts (introduced by Clifford Hope, Jr.) spoke briefly at the rededication. A time capsule placed in 1929 was opened, examined by the Hodgeman County Historical Society, and replaced within the restored monument.

Special markers, placed on stone posts prepared by Arthur Sayler, were erected at the following sites on this branch of the Santa Fe Trail that was active from 1867 to 1872: Fort Hays Historic Site, intersection with the Smoky Hill Trail, Smoky Hill River Crossing, Big Timbers Creek Crossing, Walnut Creek Crossing, a pristine set of ruts located southwest of Alexander (KS), Duncan's Crossing of Pawnee Fork, Buckner Creek Crossing, Sawlog Creek Crossing, and Fort Dodge. In addition, a sign was placed on US Highway 56 six miles south of Duncan's Crossing, directing travelers to the site of the toll bridge, trading post, and campground.

The Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Trail was laid out as a route for military supplies when the railroad built to Hays in 1867, and it carried much commercial freight as well. For almost two years most commodities destined for Santa Fe and beyond came by rail to Hays and followed this branch to the main Santa Fe Trail. The Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Trail was used heavily until the Santa Fe Railroad built to Dodge City in 1872. Congressman Roberts noted that this route was included as a branch of the Santa Fe Trail in the NPS management and use draft plan, and he promised that it would be part of the final plan. At that time the official signs of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail can be added to those fine markers recently installed.

## TRAIL FEATURED IN MAGAZINE ARTICLES

The Trail continues to receive attention in popular publications. SFTA member Danita Ross of Santa Fe produced an excellent piece, including a map and photographs, for the June 1989 issue of *New Mexico Magazine*, pp. 42-52. This article includes one page (with photo) on SFTA President Marc Simmons, and Ross calls attention to the "powerful spell of the Santa Fe Trail" which has overcome Simmons, herself, and numerous others.

The "Plum Buttes Massacre on the Santa Fe Trail," by Paul Hawkins, appeared in the July 1989 *True West*, pp. 20-23. Included is a photo of Ralph Hathaway standing in the famous ruts ("Ralph's Ruts") which cross his farm near the site of the massacre which occurred in 1867. In that Cheyenne Indian attack on the wagon train of Albuquerque merchant Franz Huning, Huning's mother-in-law and brother-in-law were killed.

Ralph Hathaway, his famous ruts, and the Santa Fe Trail were also featured in the February 1989 *K-Stater* (alumni magazine of Kansas State University, where Hathaway received a degree in agronomy in 1938), pp. 24-25. It is clear that Hathaway is one of the devotees captured by the "spell of the Trail."

## BENT'S OLD FORT EXPANDS PROGRAM

The Bent's Old Fort living-history support group, *La Gente de la Frontera*, was formed several years ago to provide trained and authentically-outfitted volunteer interpreters to tell the story of the Mexican Borderlands. Additional volunteers are being sought to help portray the rich Hispanic heritage of the area, and plans are being made for the 1989-1990 interpretive season. In both years the *Diez Y Seis De Septiembre* celebration falls on a weekend, providing additional opportunities for living-history activities. Other events at Bent's Old Fort in which *La Gente* volunteers will be involved include Kids Quarters, Fur Trade Encampment, and *Cinco De Mayo Fiesta* days. Anyone interested in this Volunteers in Parks (VIP) program should contact the staff at Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site, 35110 Hwy 194 East, La Junta, CO 84050-9623 (719) 384-2596. ◀

## OCTA CLASSIFICATIONS FOR TRAIL REMNANTS

The Oregon-California Trails Association is attempting to verify the routings of those historic trails. OCTA has developed classification categories for trail remnants as follows:

### *Class I—Pristine Original Trail*

The trail is unaltered by subsequent use or development. Clear physical evidence of the original trail remains in the form of traces, ruts, scarring, or swales, some of which may be eroded and visible only intermittently.

### *Class II—Used Original Trail*

The trail retains its original character although subsequently used by light vehicles. The road has not been crowned, graded, or otherwise improved and typically remains as a two-track ranch road traversing the original wagon trail.

### *Class III—Verified Original Trail*

The trail route is accurately known and verified from written, artifact, or topographic evidence, but due to subsequent alterations or erosion, no actual trail remains. What does remain is a near pristine trail corridor with no permanent development scars visible. Very short, intermittent sections of trail may be discernible along the route but not in any significant amount.

### *Class IV—Impacted Original Trail*

The trail route is accurately known but the trail itself has lost permanently its original physical and environmental integrity, usually due to being overlaid by improved light-duty or secondary roads.

### *Class V—Approximate Original Trail*

The trail route is no longer verifiable or accurately known.

## NATIONAL FRONTIER TRAILS CENTER

Construction at the National Frontier Trails Center in Independence, MO, is progressing well, with foundations poured and structural steel going up. The dedication is being planned for next spring. Planning continues on the exhibits. The pioneer woman statue is nearly completed and will be stored until it can be erected at the site. A new director for the Center is expected to be named by September 1 and to be on the job by October 1. ◀

## BOGGSVILLE

The Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County has received a matching-grant of \$2,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help finance the preservation of Boggsville. In addition, the Bent County commissioners have promised \$5,000 for each of the next two years to help with the restoration of the homes of Boggs and Prowers at Boggsville. Some stabilization work has been done, and an archeological investigation of the site, under direction of William Buckles, has been conducted this summer. The restoration committee needs contributions and is seeking a major grant to assist with the work.

## GLORIETA BATTLEFIELD

Proposals to designate a site at Glorieta as a national battlefield were heard in Santa Fe on July 29 in a hearing of the House Interior Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, which was chaired by Rep. Pete Kostmayer (D-PA). Rep. Bill Richardson (D-NM), who introduced the 1987 Santa Fe Trail Bill in the House, requested the hearing. He is a member of the committee. SFTA President Marc Simmons offered supporting testimony.

The Glorieta Civil War Battlefield, fifteen miles east of Santa Fe, includes the important adobe structure known as Pigeon's Ranch. Beginning in the 1850s, it served as a stage stop on the Trail. Members of SFTA have been working for several years to preserve this building which was recently damaged by vandals as reported in the last *WT*.

## PITEL SURVEYING TRAIL IN SANTA FE

SFTA Publicity Director Mike Pitel has been hired by the city of Santa Fe to survey portions of the Trail within the city limits. With funds from a state grant, Pitel is reviewing maps and conducting surveys to identify the route and remains of the Trail from Paseo de Peralta to the southern city limits.

Pitel hopes to complete the project by September 1. A map showing the results of the survey will be prepared for distribution to the public. City planner Linda Tigges hopes this information will result in recommendations for preservation of portions of the Trail. ◀



## NEED SUPPORT FOR TRAIL STAMP

Director Joy Poole has proposed that SFTA members launch a campaign to convince the US Postal Service to issue a Santa Fe Trail stamp and a booklet of stamps on historic trails to include four different trail stamps. She has learned that a massive letter campaign is necessary to gain consideration of such a request. She has offered to lead this effort and will have additional information at the Symposium. Those interested in writing a letter of request for such a stamp issue should address U. S. Postal Service, Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee Room 5800, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West SW, Washington, DC 20260-6352. For further information, contact Joy Poole, Farmington Museum, Farmington, NM 87401.

## COAL PROGRAMS AT BACA/BLOOM, TRINIDAD

A series of evening programs entitled "When Coal was King: Life and Mining in Southern Colorado" is scheduled by the Colorado Historical Society at the Baca/Bloom complex in Trinidad, CO, on August 3, 9, 17, 21, 24, and 31. Each program focuses on a different topic. For further information, contact Mark L. Gardner, Administrator, Baca/Bloom & Pioneer Museum, P. O. Box 472, Trinidad, CO 81082.

## CIMARRON CUTOFF

Representatives of two SFTA chapters (Cimarron Cutoff and Wagonbed Springs) and other interested persons along the Cimarron Cutoff gathered at Elkhart, KS, in June to discuss promotion of the route and the development of an interpretive center to tell the story of that branch of the Trail. Plans were made to develop a Cimarron Cutoff tour guide to help travelers find and appreciate this section of the historic highway.

Those attending launched a campaign to have US Highway 56 designated as the Santa Fe Trail Highway. The group, representing communities in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico, pledged to work together to bring more visitors to sites along the cutoff. They also expressed concern about the apparent neglect of the Cimarron Cutoff in the planning of the National Park Service for the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. ◀

## NEW SFTA BROCHURES

Gregory Franzwa, member of SFTA publications committee, designed handsome new membership brochures which are now available. President Marc Simmons authorized the printing of 10,000 of these with the hope that wide distribution will rapidly bring in new members. One new brochure has been included in the mailing of this issue of *WT*. Everyone is encouraged to use this attractive piece to recruit at least one new SFTA member. Additional brochures will be available at the Santa Fe symposium or may be ordered from Patrice Press, 1701 So. Eighth St., St. Louis, MO 63104. All institutions along the Trail are encouraged to make these available to the public.

## TRAIL DAY SEPT. 16 AT NEW FRANKLIN, MO

The New Franklin Area Businessmen's Association will host their 15th Annual Santa Fe Trail Day celebration on September 16, 1989. Events include a baby contest, kiddie games and carnival, hot cycle races, fashion contest, barbecue, pet parade, grand parade, magic show, musical entertainment, street dance, and beer garden. There will also be craft and food booths. For further information, contact Brent Dodson, Pres., RR 2, Box 188, New Franklin, MO 65274 (816) 848-2169 or 848-2355.

## TRAIL PROGRAM DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

In commemoration of National Library Week, April 10-15, 1989, the Kearny County Public Library (Lakin, KS) sponsored a program about the Santa Fe Trail. SFTA member Patricia Heath gave a presentation to the general public on Tuesday evening, to the Senior Citizen Center Wednesday afternoon, and to three classes of the fifth grade at the Lakin elementary school on Thursday.

She gave a brief history of the Trail and its routes as well as modes of travel and conditions encountered by the traders. She included a short biography of eight men and women who traveled the Trail. A map of the Trail and a bibliography were offered to anyone who wanted them.

The program was well received by young and old alike. The children were preparing for a field trip

to Bent's Old Fort the following week and were pleased with the preview of what was ahead. Several adults, including teachers, hoped that the library would sponsor additional programs on the Santa Fe Trail.

## CAMP TALES —CHAPTER REPORTS—

### Cimarron Cutoff

The Cimarron Cutoff Chapter has been active in seeking an interpretive center for this branch of the Trail. The chapter is urging the cooperation of all interested parties along the cutoff in the promotion of tourism along US Highway 56 and increased visitations at all historic sites.

### Texas Panhandle

No report received.

### Wagonbed Spring

The Wagonbed Spring Chapter sent representatives to a meeting at Elkhart, attended by members of the Cimarron Cutoff Chapter and other groups, to discuss promotion of the entire cutoff. The chapter joined with others in plans to increase visitations at sites along the route. The regular quarterly meeting of the chapter was held in Hugoton on July 13, where Maryruth Greenwood shared some of her Trail stories. Discussion centered on guidelines for improvements at Wagonbed Spring and certification of the site by the National Park Service. Wagonbed Spring is already a National Historic Landmark. Chapter President Fern Bessire wrote a fine article on Wagonbed Spring for the *Ulysses News*.

### Heart of the Flint Hills

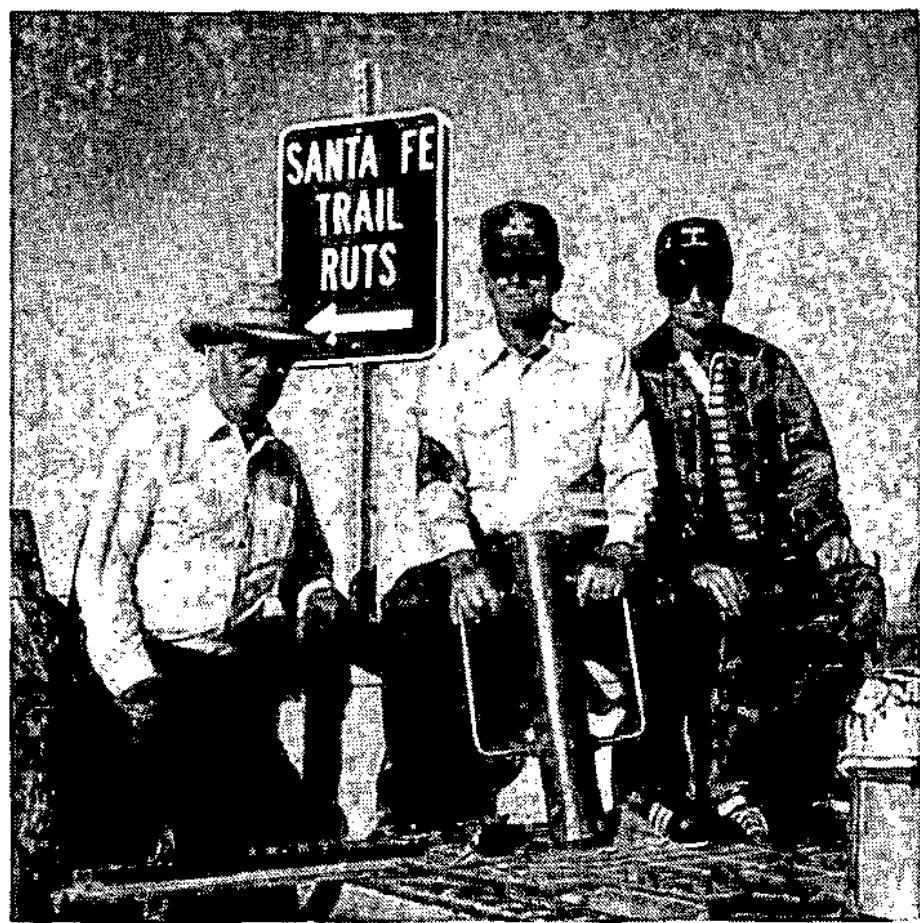
by Joleen Day

The Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter has erected signs along the Trail pointing out the location of ruts and conducted the annual Trail Ride through the region.

The '89 Trail Ride began at 11:00 a.m., June 7, along the Trail three miles north of Durham, KS, to the sounds of "Gedi Up! Whoa! Watch your kicker, then head 'em out."

Thus the Third Annual Santa Fe Trail Ride headed east to view historic spots in Marion, Morris, Lyon, and Osage counties of Kansas, and to give the public an educational overview of the Trail.

There were 53 participants when the trip began, including one carriage, two walkers, and five wagons. After lunch in the park at



Heart of the Flint Hills Chapter President Don Cress (on left), Raleigh Sill, and Wesley Markley with the sign they installed near Six Mile Crossing.

Tampa, those interested visited the old Hackler House Hotel, being restored by Mark Roberts, and the old Duggan House, being refurbished by Pat Vogts, both located near the park.

The day was cool and cloudy as they moved toward Lost Springs. At a railroad crossing two near runaways occurred, keeping up the excitement for the day. Arriving at Lost Springs camp at 4:30 p.m., there was the usual hustle to get horses watered, tents up, and the portable Johnny set. The evening meal was catered by Meiers Coffee Shop and followed by old-time music by the Crab Grass Band and a historical review of Trail days "around Lost Springs" presented by Virginia Shields. The Shields family was our host, as they own the property containing Lost Springs. During the night more riders arrived.

June 8 was announced at 5:30 a.m. by the braying of the mule ridden by Kate Rader. By 7:30 breakfast was over and the riders started moving their support vehicles to the camp near Diamond Springs 16 miles to the east. At 9:00 the ride headed out, following roads close to the Trail, which is identified by markers and crossing signs placed years ago by the Marion County Highway Dept. The noon stop was at Six Mile Crossing where there was, in the 1860s, a mail and stage station. From there we began to see signs in Morris County recently placed by the chapter to point out where ruts are close to county roads. We traveled through a pasture where more ruts were visible and arrived at camp on the Lloyd Burns's farm at 4:00 p.m. Muller's Pork Wagon served roast pork for

the evening meal, and Bonnie Sill gave a detailed report on the Trail days in the Diamond Springs and Six Mile Crossing areas. During the evening music was provided by Don Lee, and one of our own, Joe Taylor, joined in. More riders arrived for the next day.

After moving vehicles to Council Grove the morning of June 9, the ride resumed at 9:00 with 73 riders, including several from out of state. The noon stop was in the park at Wilsey. Cameras were out much of the day, taking pictures of the countryside and riders. A TV station covered us for two days and the *Salina Journal* was on hand one day. As we approached Council Grove in the pasture from the northwest, many ruts could be seen that were made 150 years ago by heavy freight wagons traveling the Trail.

Saturday was spent in Council Grove, participating in the annual Wah-Shun-Gah Days.

Sunday morning was a mess after 36 hours of rain. Most of the pickups and trailers were in the mud and had to be pulled and pushed out to the gravel. This resulted in a late start for 142 Mile Creek and, because of the rain, there were no wagons and only 33 riders. The 19-mile ride was made in good time, with a brief noon stop in a pasture, and the day's journey was completed by 5:30 p.m. After a nice meal prepared by the Allen Methodist Ladies, Joleen Day presented a program on Trail sites in Lyon County. This information was gathered by her father, Donald Schiesser, and included information on 23 locations. The Wheat Ranch, our host at 142 Mile Creek camp, had moved a DAR marker from a field, where it was unseen, and placed it so all can see it now.

Monday, June 12, was the final day, with only eight riders following the Trail and viewing the ruts toward Burlingame. The noon stop was made near the deep ruts (50 feet wide and 3 feet deep) on the Phil Workman place. Stops were made at Wilmington to see the stone schoolhouse built at the end of the Trail period and now being restored, at Soldier Creek Crossing where ruts may still be seen in the creek bank, at the Havana Stage Station, ruts in Clayton Shepard's pasture, and the rock crossing of Dagoon Creek. We arrived at Burlingame at 5:00 p.m. for the haul back home, thus completing another interesting ride on the Santa Fe Trail. <

## JOHN HOUGH HOUSE IN LAS ANIMAS, CO

by Jesse Scott, Jr.

While in Las Animas, CO, doing research on another Santa Fe Trail project, I was directed to C. P. (Jerry) Bryant, Jr., an abstractor. I left him a copy of the February 1988 *Wagon Tracks*. Within a few minutes he called me at the courthouse and said he had additional information on the Kit Carson coat pictured in that issue. He also asked if I would be interested in seeing the oldest surviving structure in Las Animas—John Hough's house. Two rolls of color and black-and-white film later, I was even more interested in this old house located at 710 Moore Avenue. The street and nearby tract were named after Florida Bent (of the Bent's Fort family) Moore.

Even today this home, built by a remarkable man associated with the Santa Fe Trail (see Mark L. Gardner's "John Simpson Hough: Merchant on the Trail," *Wagon Tracks*, February 1988, pp 10-12), retains its original charm. John Hough's good taste and sense of artistic values show in this modest dwelling, built at a financially declining period of his long and eventful life. It does not compare with the large two-story Greek Revival style house he built in Trinidad in 1870, during one of his financial peaks, and which later came to be known as the Baca House.

Regarding the Baca House in Trinidad, I have a copy of a deed dated March 22, 1873, recorded in the Las Animas County, Territory of Colorado, Clerk and Recorder's office, in which John S. Hough conveyed a property to Maria Dolores Baca. The present deputy clerk and recorder has certified that this is the historic Baca House property.

The deed to the property in Las Animas on which his later home was built is dated 1888, and it could be assumed that construction started that year as Hough was too astute a businessman to buy a vacant lot and let it remain such. This was the third time for him to reside in Las Animas, if historic Boggsville is included as one—his first. He left Las Animas and presumably this house in 1895 or 1896.

Many interesting features of the one-story Las Animas house are readily discernible. At the front is a shallow bay window, with glass windows on each end and windows on each side of a solid





Front view of John Hough house in Las Animas, showing full-length porch and the bay window at the left.



Corner view of the House house, showing the oriel and some of the decorative detail on the porch.

panel in the center. On the south end of the house is an oriel, a bay window not reaching to the floor, supported by a sturdy corbel (see bottom photo above). Across the full length of the front is a porch having wood-post columns with ornate cut out capitals. An intricate frieze extends along the front and ends of the porch and arching brackets rise to the cornice. Gable ends have a small finger-tip trim and filigree corbels support the roof ends. All of the aesthetically-interesting detail is painted turquoise blue.

The front door has paneling below, an upper frosted floral pattern glass pane, and a border of small stained glass panes. A transom is another feature in keeping with styles of the era. Currently asbestos shingles cover the original drop siding. Corrugated metal roofing has replaced wood shingles.

Had Agnesa Reeve not presented me with her new book, *From Hacienda to Bungalow* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1988), I might not have been so aware and appreciative of such old houses and their appointments. And if traders on the Santa Fe Trail were as easily led off the track as some of us later Trail followers, they would never have made it from Missouri to Santa Fe.

Not to leave anything hanging, here is the text of a note Jerry Bryant wrote about the coat shown in Gardner's article: "John Hough's (Kit Carson) coat was for a time held by Charlotte Gardner of Las Animas. She returned it to Mr. Hough. Apparently Mrs. Gardner and the Hough family were good friends."

Modern Trail travelers may want to stop in Las Animas to see this modest home built by John Hough (which is private property and not open to the public) as well as visit the Baca House in Trinidad. Both are direct connections to the career of a merchant in the Santa Fe trade. <



## CONVERSE OF THE PRAIRIES —BOOK NOTICES—

Gregory Franzwa, *Maps of the Santa Fe Trail*. St. Louis: Patrice Press, 1989. 196 pp. Illus., maps, index. Cloth, \$24.95; loose-leaf binder, \$29.95, plus \$2.95 shipping. Order from Patrice Press, 1701 So. Eighth St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

This set of 99 map panels, with a foreword by Secretary of Interior Manuel Lujan and commentary by Franzwa, is one result of the NPS survey of the Trail during 1988, as required by the legislation elevating the route to National Historic Trail status. The routes of the Trail and many of its branches are laid on county road maps, showing as near as possible the location of the historic road across each section (one square mile) of land.

This is the best set of maps available on the Trail, but additional corrections are still being made by the NPS and Franzwa. When those are completed, we can look forward to a new edition of this publication, incorporating the latest information. Anyone following the Santa Fe Trail will find these maps indispensable.

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John W. Reys, *Saint Louis Illustrated: Nineteenth-Century Engravings and Lithographs of a Mississippi River Metropolis*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1989. Illus., notes, maps, index. Cloth only, \$38.00.

Although St. Louis was not on the Santa Fe Trail, it played an important role in the Santa Fe trade and should be considered as an eastern extension of the Trail. Steamboats carrying traders and goods tied up at its levee, St. Louis craftsmen J. Murphy and Louis Espenschied built freight wagons for the Trail, and St. Louis merchants filled countless orders for Hispanic and Anglo Santa Fe traders.

St. Louis boomed as a commercial hub for the West during the Santa Fe Trail's sixty-year span, and nowhere can one get a better feel for St. Louis during that period than in Reys's beautiful *Saint Louis Illustrated*. This excellent book contains 125 illustrations,



## POST OFFICE OAK -LETTERS-

Editor:

We have been following Marc Simmons's book on the Trail in spurts and recently came from Council Grove to the Kansas City area on one of our short vacations. We found most everyone we talked to about the Trail was friendly and chatty and delighted with the opportunity to talk. Please send a membership brochure.

Helen and Beecher Henderson  
1535 Grant Rd.  
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Editor:

I learned of the SFTA through the Santa Fe Trail article in the June issue of *New Mexico Magazine*. I have always been interested in the Santa Fe Trail, particularly since my great-grandfather, John Hibbard, born in 1806 in Knox County, Kentucky, and who came with his parents to Boone County, Missouri, about 1820, was one of many persons who hauled merchandise by wagon over the Santa Fe Trail from Missouri to New Mexico. My father, J. R. Hibbard, who had a photographic memory, recorded some of his recollections of the stories his grandfather told him when he was a small boy of his experiences on the Santa Fe Trail, which follow.

"In 1830 John Hibbard went to Westport, Missouri, . . . and there engaged his services to a Mr. Head, who was raising a company of men to go to Taos. . . . Every caution was observed, wagons corralled, stock inside, and guards on duty every night.

"For quite a while, every morning when camp was broken, the Indians would rush in and clean up the crumbs and the remains of the camp site. A doctor traveling with the company suggested this should be stopped, so at the next stop a lot of bread was cooked and left as if by mistake. It was nicely stacked and doped with strychnine. The supposition was that it had the desired effect, as they were troubled no more by that bunch.

"The Mexican Cavalry met them two days journey out of Taos and escorted them in. John Hibbard spent four years in the northern states of Mexico, and learned to speak Mexican quite well. He almost died of smallpox. Mose Carson, brother of Kit Carson, was captain of the company from Westport to Taos. While he was

in Taos, he decided to organize a company to prospect for gold. Eighteen men and two Mexican guides composed the company commanded by Mose Carson. John Hibbard was one of the eighteen.

"While on this trip they were attacked by Indians. Just before dark on the afternoon just previous to the fight they had stopped on a small ridge of land, heavily timbered. A pack saddle had to be repaired, and the company halted for the repairs. They moved as soon as they could and camped on lower ground. After camp was pitched, one of the men discovered he had left his pocket knife on the ridge. . . .

"He invited John to accompany him on the trip, but, for some reason, John declined, and another of the party went with him. On reaching the ridge where they had stopped, they found Indians waiting to ambush them. The men ran from tree to tree down the hill toward the camp, but they were soon killed. The Indians then charged the camp.

"Mose Carson instructed the men not to fire until they could see the whites of their eyes. They fired and killed two Indians. No one was hurt in the camp. The Indians, armed with bows and arrows, quickly retreated.

"Brack Callahan, one of the company, remarked he needed a new razor strop, and he rushed out immediately after the battle, and cut a long strip of hide from the back of one of the Indians before he was dead.

"This company traveled through New Mexico, Chihuahua, and Coahuila going at least as far as Monterrey. They found some gold in small quantities, and also discovered some copper near the present city of Bisbee, Arizona, but nothing of great importance was derived from this trip. John Hibbard returned to his home in Boone County, Missouri, in 1834 or 1835."

I have searched for records of this wagon caravan formed by a Mr. Head and captained by Mose Carson that went from Westport to Taos in 1830, and of the gold expedition into Mexico for about four years led by Mose Carson, but have been unsuccessful in my efforts. If anyone can provide information, it will be greatly appreciated.

Clark Hibbard  
917 Davis  
Ardmore, OK 73401

many in color, which trace the development of St. Louis from a small river community to a major city. Along with detailed histories of the views and viewmakers, Reps also includes several contemporary descriptions of this famous metropolis. A majority of the lithographs and engravings picture the busy river front, filled with steamboats, drays, wagons, and piles of goods.

This is a superbly printed, large-format volume. It is highly recommended.

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Danita Ross, *I Remember the Old, Old Trail, From the Memoirs of Marian Sloan Russell*. Santa Fe: Trails West Publishing, 1989. Audio cassette, 93 minutes. \$12.95, plus \$.90 postage. Order from Trails West Publishing, P. O. Box 8619, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Quantity discounts available.

Danita Ross has selected passages from Marian Sloan Russell's Trail classic, *Land of Enchantment*, and she reads them with the poetic tone and emotion they deserve (Marian would surely be pleased). This tape is introduced by Marc Simmons, whose admiration for Marian is legendary, and Ross is accompanied by musician John Eddy.

The result is a faithful and dramatic rendition of the lives and adventures of Marian, her mother, and her brother as they traveled back and forth on the road to Santa Fe. The family crossed the plains between Missouri and New Mexico five times during the decade following 1852, an important era in the history of the West and the Trail. Marian knew several famous Trail personalities, including Francis Aubry and Kit Carson. She accompanied her new husband to Camp Nichols in 1865 and provided much of what is known about life at that Trail post.

This beautiful recording is an ideal companion while driving along the Trail, or anywhere for that matter, and it will appeal to all ages. Those who have read Marian's memoirs will appreciate this professional and evocative adaptation, and those who have not read the book will enjoy this fascinating introduction to Marian and her Trail experiences. This outstanding production is highly recommended; every Trail enthusiast should have one and give copies to relatives, friends, and public and school libraries. You will want to listen to this again and again. <

# COUNCIL GROVE ON THE SANTA FE TRAIL

by Nada Burton

[Ed. note: This is the eleventh in a series on museums and historic sites along the Trail.]

Located in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills where Highway 177 intersects Highway 56 (the Santa Fe Trail) is the beautiful little city of Council Grove, a community with many Trail connections and historic sites. Early writers spoke of the beauty of this area thus, "Council Grove was one of the most beautiful spots in the western country." Groves of oak, beech, elm, maple, hickory, ash, and walnut trees, wild flowers, streams of water, and wildlife delighted the early travelers of the Trail and delight today's travelers as well.

The Neosho River, a source of water, and the tallgrass prairie, mainly bluestem, for grazing, plus the lumber source for wagon repairs made Council Grove the natural point of rendezvous for many traders heading to Santa Fe. Susan Magoffin, one of the few women to travel the Trail before 1850, wrote in her diary, "Council Grove may be considered the dividing ridge between the civilized and barbarous." At this rendezvous, caravans were organized with elected officers, guard details, and rules of travel. Here travelers also cut lumber for repairs on the road, prepared firearms and extra ammunition for future game hunting and protection from unfriendly Indians, and made use of the Neosho River for washing clothes and bathing. They knew supplies of water and wood would be scarce farther west.

The name of the town is closely tied to the history of the Trail. In 1825 the US commission hired to survey the road to New Mexico met with a group of Osage Indians in a grove of oaks on the Neosho River to negotiate a treaty. The Osages agreed to allow the route through their lands for \$800 in cash and merchandise. The commissioners gave the place the name of Council Grove.

Today the remaining stump of the Council Oak, under which the agreement was signed, is attractively enshrined on the site at 210 E. Main St. The tree is listed in the national registry of historic trees.

Besides the Council Oak, two other famous trees in Council Grove are listed as national his-



Stump of the famous Council Oak with a section of the trunk suspended above.

toric trees. They are the Post Office Oak and the Custer Elm. The Post Office Oak, located a block west of the Council Oak, served as an unofficial post office from 1825 to 1847. Letters left in a cache at the base of the tree were to be picked up by the next wagon train. The stump of the Custer Elm is a shrine six blocks south of Main St. on Neosho St.

During the early months of the Mexican War, in the summer of 1846, the army sent a blacksmith and assistant to Council Grove to operate a repair shop for government supply trains. A soldier recorded on August 29, 1846, that there was a government blacksmith shop at the site. This was the first known white establishment at what became the settlement of Council Grove, but the actual location of the shop is unknown.

As travel increased on the Trail, Council Grove was the natural place for a trading post. According to Louise Barry's *Beginning of the West*, "Albert G. Boone and James G. Hamilton of Westport, Missouri, opened a store (by virtue of their Kansas trading license) placing bachelor Seth M. Hays in charge" in April 1847. Hays built a log house that was the trading post. In 1857 he built a tavern and hostelry to serve travelers on the Trail, and on that same location is the Hays House Restaurant and Tavern today. It is just one of many historic landmarks of the city.

Located one-half block west of



DAR Madonna of the Trail statue in Council Grove.

the Neosho River on Main St., the remodeled Hays House contains much of the original building. It is a fine restaurant exuding interesting history and excellent cuisine.

Seth Hays, the founder of the city, was a great-grandson of Daniel Boone and a cousin of Kit Carson. He lived in Council Grove from 1847 until his death in 1873, acquiring various properties. His last home now is preserved by the Morris County Historical Society and is on the tour of historic places to visit. It is decorated and furnished much as it was originally. Corn husk mattresses, woven rag rugs, floral striped wallpaper, and a pot belly cast-iron stove and cookware help visitors visualize a pioneer home.

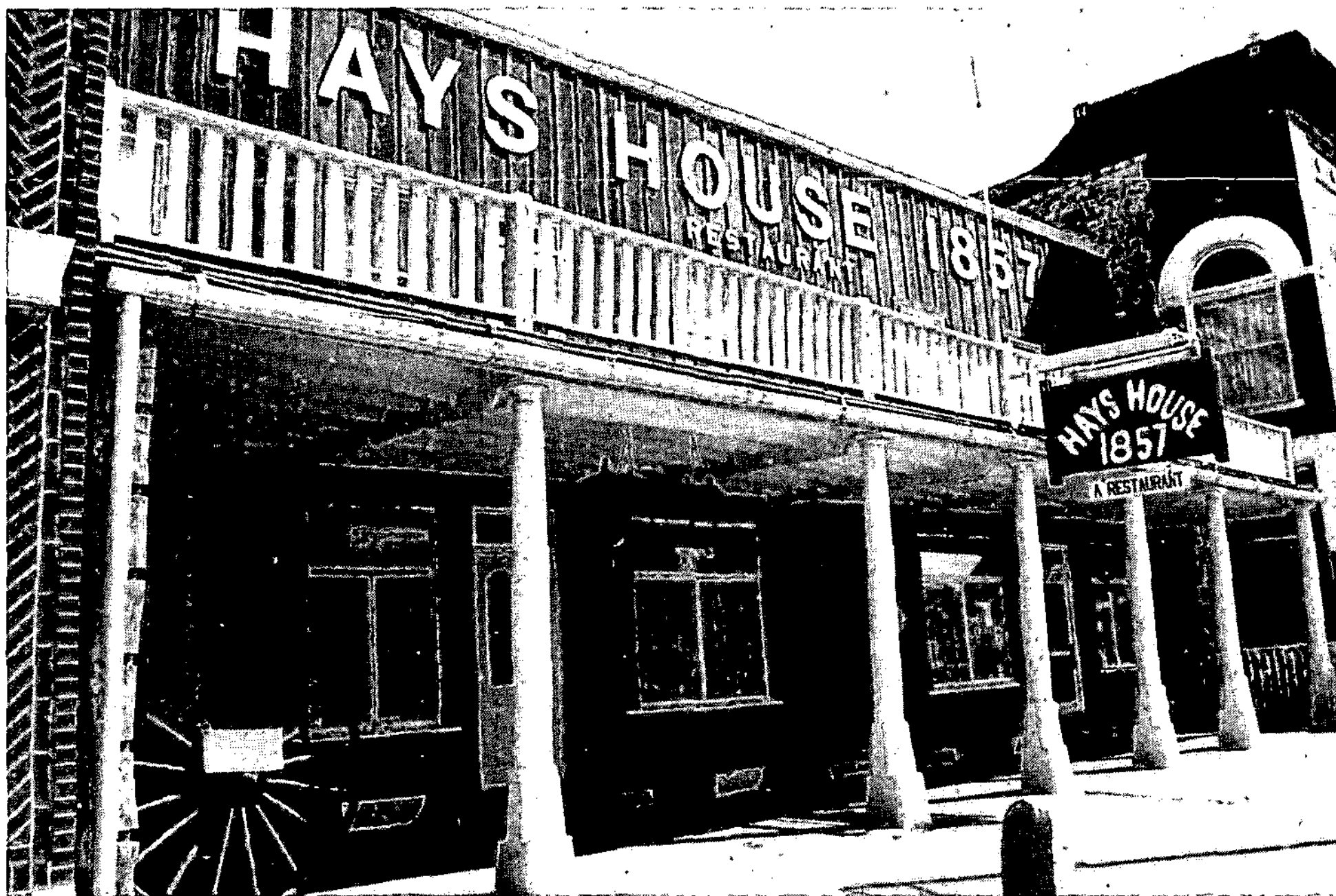
East the Neosho River, on the site of the old Santa Fe Trail campgrounds, the DAR placed their Kansas "Madonna of the Trail" monument. The setting is a beautiful park area, and the statue of the pioneer woman facing west commemorates the courage of women who forged homes from the vast American West.

In addition to Seth Hays's trading post, other important stores were established in Council Grove to serve Trail travelers. The Mal-





Post Office Oak in front of old brewery which is now the Morris County Historical Society Museum.



Hays House Restaurant.

colm Conn "Stone Store," located in the building erected in 1858 and still standing and in use at the southeast corner of Main and Neosho, was the largest emporium in Council Grove for several years (see Mark L. Gardner, "Malcolm Conn: Merchant on the Trail," *Wagon Tracks*, February 1987, pp. 7-8). The better-known Last Chance Store, built of native stone in 1857 and still standing without many changes, was located on the west edge of the then town. It claimed to be the last chance for those headed to Santa Fe to stock up on "beans, bacon

and whiskey."

A large area of Council Grove is designated a National Registered Historic Landmark, and a number of early buildings have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two of these are the Farmers and Drovers Bank and the Morris County Bank buildings, both located at the intersection of Main St. where Highway 177 (Prairie Parkway) and Highway 56 (Santa Fe Trail) intersect. One block north of that intersection an old hotel has been restored. The Cottage House, a modified Victor-

ian style building of the late 1880s, is a comfortable inn with history and hospitality.

Other places of interest include the stone building at the site of the Post Office Oak, which served as a brewery and the home of the F. X. Hebrank family and is now being restored by the Morris County Historical Society as a museum; the Kaw Methodist Mission and Museum several blocks north of Main on Mission St., which is operated by the Kansas State Historical Society and includes one exhibit on the Trail; the Calaboose, the first jail in Council Grove; Belfry Hill and bell, northwest of the business district; Hermit's Cave, where the religious mystic Giovanni Maria Augustini reportedly resided for a few months in 1863 before walking to New Mexico with a Trail wagon train; and Father Padilla Monument located southwest of town, commemorating the priest who accompanied Coronado to Kansas in 1541 and returned the following year to become the first Christian martyr in Kansas.

At the public library, corner of Main and Mission streets, there is a small monument and plaque commemorating William Becknell's opening of the Santa Fe Trail in 1821. The library cornerstone contains an inscription about the treaty signed at Council Grove in 1825.

Council Grove takes great pride in its many authentic historical places of interest. The city has an annual three-day celebration called Wah-Shun-Gah Days, held the the second weekend of June. Wah-Shun-Gah was the last chief of the Kansa or Kaw Indians when their reservation was at Council Grove and remained chief after they were moved to Oklahoma in 1873. The Kaw Indians join in the present celebration, bringing their crafts and having a powwow. The three-day event is a community celebration of its heritage and includes a wide variety of activities. Participants in the annual Santa Fe Trail ride through the region join in the festivities.

Visitors in Council Grove may see many Trail-related sites and either take a self-guided tour or have one of the volunteer guides from the Philomathian Club conduct the tour. Information about the city, its points of interest, and tours may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce, 117 W. Main, P. O. Box 227, Council Grove, KS 66846, phone (316) 767-5413. ◁





## HOOF PRINTS —TRAIL TIDBITS—

The price for the Rice County Historical Society map of the Trail and related features in the county, noted in the last *WT*, is \$1.50 postpaid. Order from the Society, 105 West Lyon, Lyons, KS 67554.

New Mexico ranch hand Pat Mudgett of Clovis, NM, rode a horse and led a pack mule over the Trail from Council Grove to Santa Fe this summer. He reported that his major problem was truckers honking and frightening his mule.

Barton County Community College, Great Bend, KS, is conducting a bus tour of the Trail, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, including attendance at part of the Santa Fe Symposium.

Dallas psychologist Dr. Peggy Ladenberger and her daughter Susan Garza will make their first drive over the Santa Fe Trail, via the Mountain Branch, to attend the Symposium in September. They are respectively the sister and niece of SFTA President Marc Simmons.

Enterprising gentlemen of Trinidad, CO, are marketing official Trail dirt in a clear plastic box. A handsome label on the lid reads "Antique Dirt From the Actual Route of the Santa Fe Trail." We hear they are besieged by eager buyers!

A late report from Greg Franzwa has it that the ranch road leading to McNees Crossing, NM, has been fenced off by the owner and is no longer accessible by car. People who visit this site should walk anyway.

Angelo Stieven of Herington, KS, reports finding what appears to be a DAR Trail Marker behind the garage at 406 So. D St. in Herington. Where it came from remains a mystery.

Trail buffs "dressing the part" will be interested in the "Bingham Shirt: Cutting and Construction Directions." This shirt is shown in various paintings of George Caleb Bingham as worn by settlers, traders, and trappers in the early 1800s. To order, send \$3.00

(postage paid) to Virginia Lee Fisher, Arrow Rock, MO 65320.

The recent appropriations bills passed by Congress included \$400,000 for the Spanish Colonization Act to complete the second year of study examining Spanish colonization in New Mexico and other borderlands between 1540 and 1825.

An archeological search for the remains of an adobe cabin at Boggsville in which Kit Carson was believed to have resided failed to find any evidence of the structure.

The recent quarterly newsletter of the Western History Association included information about the upcoming Trail Symposium.

Editor Leo Oliva has shaved off his beard, which he had worn for more than 20 years. Anyone looking for him at the Symposium will have to rely on his nametag for identification or find Bonita (who still has some difficulty recognizing him since she had never seen him without it before).

## COUNCIL TROVE —DOCUMENTS—

### DISTANCES, 1859

The *Westport Border Star*, January 28, 1859, carried the following table of distances from Westport to Pike's Peak, a time when goldseekers were following the Trail to Bent's Fort to reach the Rocky Mountains.

From Westport	Miles
Brush Creek .....	2
US Mail Station No. 1 .....	4
Indian Creek .....	6
Bull Creek .....	20
Black Jack Point .....	10
Willow Springs .....	11
Palmyra .....	3
Rock Creek .....	6
Bone Yard .....	7
110 Mile Creek .....	4
Burlingame .....	8
Dragoon Creek .....	5
Soldier Creek .....	2
Chicken Creek .....	6
Logchain Creek .....	2
Elm Creek .....	2
142 Mile Creek .....	3
Bluff Creek .....	7
Rock Creek .....	6
John's Creek .....	5
Council Grove .....	2
Elm Creek .....	8
Diamond Spring .....	16
Lost Spring .....	13
Little Muddy Creek .....	10
Cottonwood .....	7
Running Turkey .....	19
Big Turkey .....	8

Big Muddy .....	15
Little Arkansas .....	3
Chaves Creek .....	9
Owl Creek .....	4
Little Cow Creek .....	2
Big Cow Creek .....	3
Big Bend of Arkansas .....	17
Allison's Ranch .....	6
Pawnee Rock .....	16
Ash Creek .....	6
Pawnee Fork .....	6
Forks of Santa Fe Road .....	6
Arkansas River .....	75
Gunnison's 1st Camp .....	2
2nd Camp .....	19
3d Camp .....	20
4th Camp .....	22
5th Camp .....	24
6th Camp .....	21
Big Timbers .....	7
7th Camp .....	13
Trading Post .....	1
8th Camp .....	12
Purgatory Creek .....	3
9th Camp .....	12
Bent's Fort .....	3
10th Camp .....	21
Mouth of Huerfano .....	11
Puebla .....	24
Pike's Peak .....	48
[TOTAL] .....	624

### COLORADO LOOKS AT NEW MEXICO, 1864

The *Rocky Mountain News* (Denver), January 13, 1864, carried this item.

Our business with New Mexico is daily on the increase and ere a few more years is bound to be a big thing, of mutual advantage to Colorado and the rich commercial cities and sections of our celebrated sister territory, all the way along from Fort Union and Taos, to Las Vegas, Mora, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Peralta, Mesilla and even to El Paso in Chihuahua, and Tucson in Arizona. During the past season the enterprising traders of that lower country had to buy mostly all of their goods of the heavy houses of Santa Fe. Many of the merchants through New Mexico have been purchasing their goods at St. Louis, Kansas City and Leavenworth, thus having to spend in many instances, for comparatively small stocks, several months time on the tedious trip to the Missouri. With a good, direct wagon, express and mail road from this place to the great city of Santa Fe, the go-ahead *commerciants* of that ancient capital, and scores of other towns north and south of it, could obtain fresh, desirable supplies from the extensive emporiums of this market at much less cost of time and money than by going away to the east. Let the proper attention be given by the proper authorities and parties towards opening a channel of social and commercial relations between these two territories. Our journal having now an immense circulation among the business men in the several sections of that territory,

from Taos to El Paso, it will prove an advertising medium of the greatest power and advantage to the merchants of Denver and the Missouri river cities, to lay their facilities before New Mexico, and it will also prove the great engine for the Santa Fe wholesalers to use in appearing before the *Rio Abajo* and *Rio Ariba* public.

#### NEW MEXICO VIEW OF TRADE & TRAVEL, 1864

The *Santa Fe New Mexican*, April 2, 1864, carried the following two items about the Trail.

The Merchants and Freighters have started or are preparing soon to start to the States to prosecute their business. In former years, it would have been considered as a very serious and dangerous enterprise, but now it has become a matter of business, so now crossing the plans from two to four times a year with the "big wagons", and long trains of oxen or mules, make the spring, summer and fall employments of owners and laborers. A correct statement of the number of wagons, oxen and mules employed in this business, would surprise the quiet, house farmer of the States. From Santa Fe to Kansas city or Leavenworth, is over 800 miles. The road, however, is the best natural road, of any thing like similar extent, upon the face of the earth. It runs, until it reaches Las Vegas, coming this way, one dry vast plain. The laboring Mexicans, generally, like to go trips as teamsters and in other service across the plains. The procuring of such men, this year, is more difficult than usual. This is much owing to so many peons and laborers, having entered the volunteer service. The United States soldier's pay, much exceeds the former prices for Mexican labor, in New Mexico. A large number of peons, have extricated themselves from their thralldom as servants, by going into the United States volunteer regiments. Owners and masters of freight trains, now have to pay a fair price, to obtain Mexican teamsters and herders.

Formerly the sheep in this country were never sheared, except a few had some wool "jerked" away for domestic uses. Now the shearing for wool has become a matter of profit. The wool is taken to the States, in the wagons that are sent for goods. Some trains will not leave until the shearing time shall be over, so they can carry the wool at a low freight. Thus the traffic of the country continues to enlarge, and the comforts and property of the people to increase.

**NOTICE TO FREIGHTERS.** Bridge Completed Across The Kansas River at Lawrence.

New Mexican traders and freighters will take notice that the Bridge

across the Kansas River, at Lawrence, is completed and ready for use. The rates are below the prices charged at the Ferry, and together with the saving in time, make it of much importance to the persons who have made arrangements to freight from Leavenworth City.

### HELP WANTED

We are seeking information of any type about the death of a stagecoach driver named Snowden (first name unknown) who was killed in the line of duty somewhere between Fort Dodge and La Junta, CO, about 1870.

Finney County Museum  
P. O. Box 59  
Garden City, KS 67846

The Boggsville Restoration Committee of the Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County, CO, is searching for information on Boggsville and its inhabitants for the period 1865-1900. There are still two buildings standing from 1865 and 1867 and restoration is pending. Early-day pictures, stories, documentation, and tidbits will be helpful. Thank you.

Phil Petersen  
P. O. Box 357  
La Junta, CO 81050-0357  
(719) 384-8113 days, 384-5555 evenings

I am seeking information about the Trail site known as Flag Spring in Douglas County, KS. Any help will be appreciated.

Glen D. Norton  
P. O. Box 152  
Overbrook, KS 66524

### NEW SFTA MEMBERS

This list includes new memberships received since the last issue up to August 10. 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. If you know of people who may be interested in the Association and are not a member, please urge them to join. We thank you for your support.

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**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.

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**Sept. 2-4, 1989:** Fort Larned NHS Labor Day Weekend Living-History Programs. Contact Supt., Fort Larned NHS, RR 3, Larned, KS 67550 (316) 285-6911.

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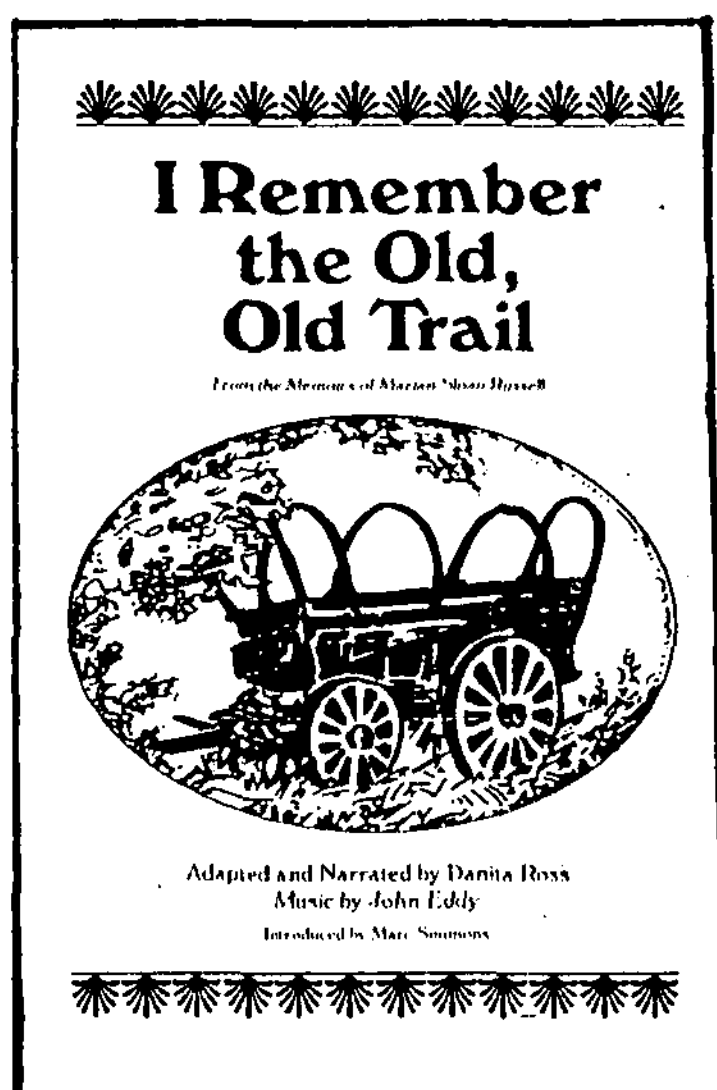
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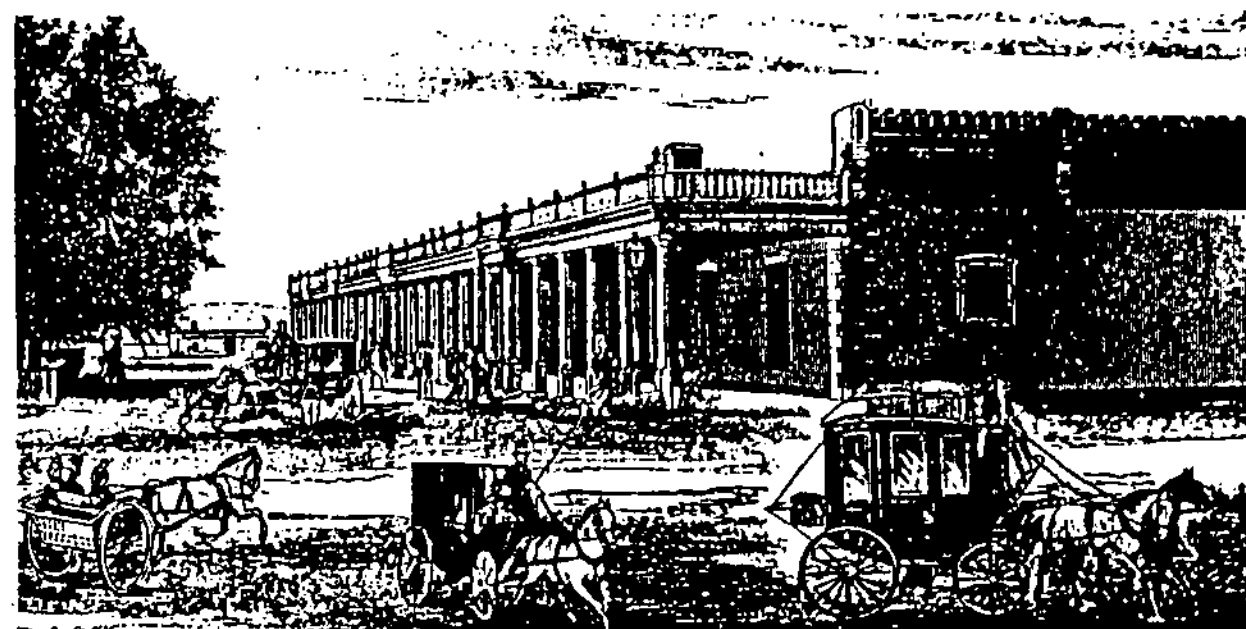
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