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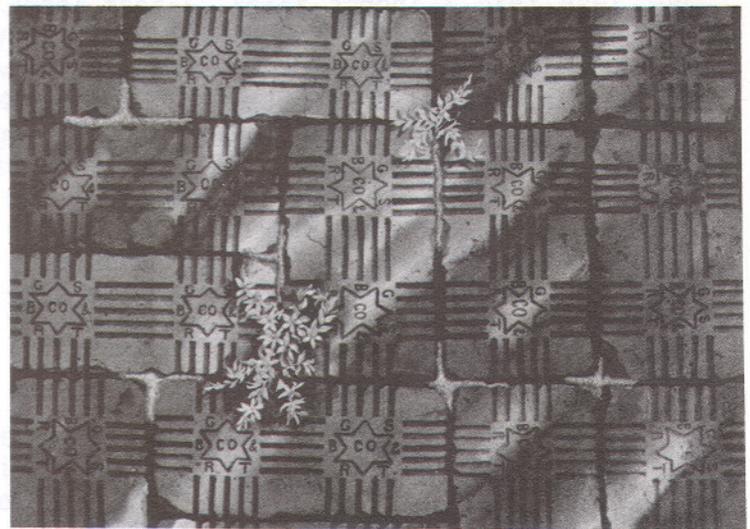
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City Sidewalks

Records of the Lecompton City Council prior to 1888 were either lost or no business was performed by them. There is a mention of a meeting held in 1866, and the officers elected there, but no records of regular council meetings until 1888. That year P.M. Lewis was elected Mayor, N.B. Bartlett, J.A. Weller, B.H. Leslie, Jacob Baughman, and David Kerns were elected council members.

The condition of the city streets and walks were of paramount interest to the city government. At their first meeting the council voted that all sidewalks should be four feet wide, and could be either stone or brick. If of wood, they must be of sound fencing boards, not more than six inches wide nor less than one inch thick, laid crosswise upon three stringers of solid oak or pine, two by four inches, set edgewise, the outer edges not more than three inches from the ends of the boards, all to be securely nailed with ten penny fence nails. Stone sidewalks were to be constructed of stone dressed to an even face, and edges dressed to make closed joints well bedded in sand, the outer edge to be in a straight line and all joints filled with clean sand.

The City Council had the power to order construction of a sidewalk and if it were not done in 30 days, they could order the street commissioner to do it and add it as a tax against the property owner. All



LECOMPTON BRICKS:
A WATERCOLOR BY ELLEN DUNCAN

streets and alley crossings were to be two feet wide, of smooth faced stone and bedded in sand. Streets could be widened or reopened, provided they did not violate the original survey. The city was to prepare the ground to get it ready for laying of brick, stone or wood. If walks were in bad shape and considered dangerous, the council could condemn them, and the owner be compelled to rebuild. All walks leading to and from the schoolhouse had to be in good repair. The street commissioner presented a lumber bill for a walk he built consisting of 500 ft of 1 X 6 each 16 ft long, 12 pieces of 2 X 4 each 16 ft long, 18 pieces of 1 X 12 each 12 ft long; cost \$10.43. Most of the bricks were purchased

from the Vitrified Brick and Tile Company, Lawrence, Kansas. They made their own brick. Certain walks were 4 ft in width, while others were 3 ft, 8 in., depending upon its location and the amount of foot traffic on it.

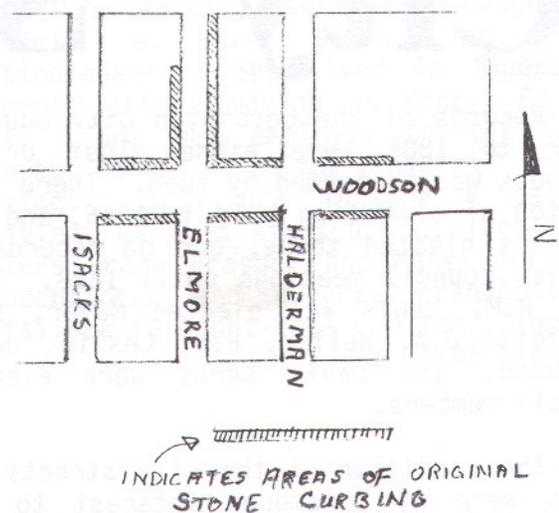
The Council was concerned by the inability to control the runoff of rain or snow on Woodson street from Isaac to Boone street which was known as the townhill. They checked what the curbing in Lawrence was like, and found some places on the main street were using two inch thick board of various lengths, put at an angle to the street area. That would not be effective on the Woodson hill so they voted to curb the street on both sides with rock, the work to be done in one month. The curbing and guttering to be: 20 feet from the street center, built of good flagging stone not less than 3 inches thick, 3 feet long, and 20 inches wide, the upper 10 inches dressed and rounded at all street corners on a uniform curve and be at a uniform grade with the street, and build a gutter 4 inches (4 feet?) wide of rock, at least 6 inches in width to adjoin the wall and roadway. If the work was not done within 45 days, the Street Commissioner was to do the work and have it reported to the council for tax assessment.

Lane University was given an extension on curbing and tiling. The Street Commissioner was to lay tiling in gutters on the north side of Woodson Avenue, at the southeast corner of Leamer's property and running across Halderman to the southwest corner of the Lane College campus, then north along the gutter far enough to clear the crosswalk. Elmore Street from Woodson to Third Street was to be curbed. The order was passed that no one was to cross the curbings or remove them to make an entry to a residence or business or they would be fined. Later the curbing included the north and south sides of Woodson from Isaac to Elmore.

In July of 1892 a poll tax to \$1 was liened upon each able bodied male resident of the city between the ages of twenty-one and fifty and payable by the first of July unless they had done eight hours of work on the streets of the city. This income was

for providing maintenance for the streets and sidewalks. The walks had been maintained in some areas as had the curbs. Some will need to be restored. The stone curbs were unique, few towns had them.

The stone curbs are still visible today in 1992 and are kept up by the citizens of Lecompton, as are the brick sidewalks. An order was passed back in 1888 that no one was to cross the curbings or remove them to make an entry to a residence or business or they would be fined. That order is probably still in effect today. The following map shows the location of the surviving curbing.



All the streets as they appeared on the original survey plat of the city of Lecompton for the town company, were declared open streets for public use and persons using or occupying them for other purposes were to be regarded as trespassers and ordered to move.

News items from three Lecompton newspapers: The Lecompton Monitor, The Lecompton Ledger, and The Lecompton Sun, concerning the walks and curbs, pretty well track the progress.

Monitor, Thursday, July 2, 1885 - B.H. Leslie is putting in a stone crossing on Woodson Avenue opposite his store. This work is to be commended, as it has been needed for some time.
Ledger, Friday, December 12, 1889 - The

authorities are putting in several much needed crossings on west Woodson avenue.

Ledger, Friday, December 12, 1889 - There are several broken boards in the sidewalk, leading west from the dormitory, a little repair in time might save not only a sprained ankle but save the city from the liability of paying for a broken limb.

Ledger, Friday, May 30, 1890 - A new sidewalk will soon be completed from the Ledger Office to the south terminus of Elmore Street.

Ledger, Friday, June 27, 1890 - Esq. Timmons arrested a stranger today for breaking the sidewalk, and fined him \$1.00 and damages, in all \$2.50.

Ledger, Friday, July 11, 1890 - Dr. Bonebrake is moving his stables to the rear end of his lots, preparatory to opening up Isaac Street. Isaac and Fourth Streets is ordered open and Myers will build a beautiful mansion at the junction thereof.

Sun, Thursday, April 24, 1902 - The people living on the east side of Elmore Street, south of the hotel, have voluntarily agreed to put in brick sidewalks, and the sand for the same is now being hauled.

Sun, Friday, November 20, 1903 - The bricks are on the ground for the sidewalk south of Dr. Snyder's residence.

Sun, Friday, July 8, 1904 - E.G. and E.P. Day put down a new walk in front of the Elmore street church last week.

Sun, Friday, January 17, 1908 - The council is going to order in sidewalks on Elmore in front of Frank Kerns' residence and in front of the lots north of Mrs. Iliff's owned by William Leamer.

Sun, Friday, March 6, 1908 - E.G. Day is laying a brick walk around his house.

Sun, Friday, April 21, 1911 - J.W. Kreider has had the brick walk in front of his property relaid.

Sara Walter & Iona Spencer

Wanted : Photographs

The Lecompton Historical Society intends to publish A History of Lecompton Through Photographs. The book will include pictures of early Lecompton businesses, events, residences, and group pictures. If you have any photos that could be included in the book, you may send them to the Lecompton Historical Society. They will be returned to the owners. We would like to have them by July 15, 1992.

Paul Bahnmaier

HOW LECOMPTON GOT ITS TREES

April 7th, 1892 was a day of activity on the part of our citizens. At 8 A.M. a large crowd armed with picks, spades, shovels and other useful weapons, gathered on the college campus. Under the direction of Mayor Greene the crowd was divided into three parties. Each party with a team and wagon struck for timber and before noon over 200 elms had been secured and distributed along the principal streets. After dinner the citizens and students assembled on the campus and at 1 o'clock the exercises began. The preps were the first to plant and dedicate a tree. This was followed in regular order by the classmen.

As their turn came the classes gathered around their trees and mounting their orator on an inverted tub listened with open mouths to the words of eloquence as they flowed from the lips of their chosen speaker. Of course every one was best as was evinced by the lusty cheering at the close of each speech. When the class exercises were over, Mayor Greene delivered one of his forcible and eloquent addresses, then everybody went to work with a will setting the trees that had been provided.

This was the first time Lecompton ever celebrated Arbor Day, but when the work was done every one looked with pride upon the long lines of young elms that betokened pride and public spirit. With the spirit of push now manifested by the majority of our citizens it will not be long until we have one of the most beautiful towns in Kansas. (Taken from the Lecompton Sun of April 14, 1892.)

In 1894 the council asked the City Improvement Committee to examine the parkings and make recommendations for their further care. Many trees had been planted between the curbs and sidewalks, but many had died. So on Arbor Day 1895 Mr. George Brown furnished one hundred and ten elm trees, and the citizens of the town and all students of both sexes were invited to help

plant the trees. If necessary, the city would have individuals to help. However almost the entire population turned out to take part in the enterprise. The Lane faculty adjourned and dismissed classes to enable them and their students to assist and business was practically suspended while the planting was in progress. As a result all the trees were planted at a cost of 2¢ each with a total cost of \$2.50. The council then recommended that all people along the streets where the trees were planted, put in hitching posts so that any horses or mules could be securely tied so they did not eat on the trees as they had in the past. The trees grew well and added greatly to the beauty of the town.

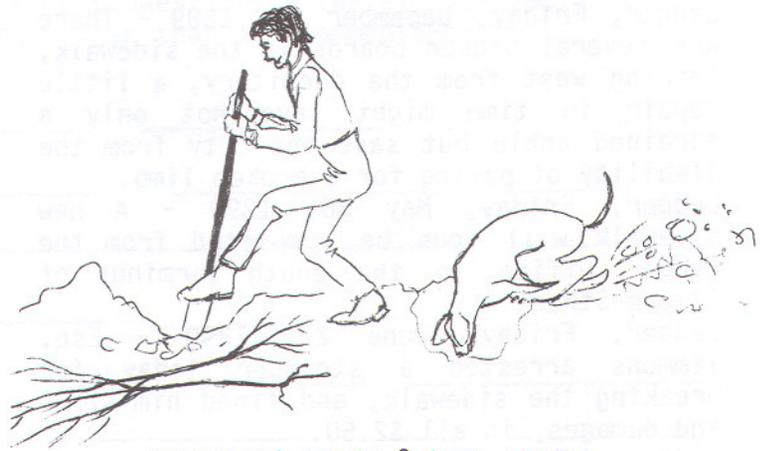
Arbor Day Proclamation

The following proclamation was posted by Mayor Greene on Last Tuesday Morning;

A faithful observance of Arbor Day for several years past, has demonstrated its value to the village of Lecompton. The planting of trees along our principal streets is no longer an experiment, but a pronounced success. A few more years of patient labor in the direction so well indicated, will make of this place one of the most attractive in the Kansas Valley. In time our streets will be canopied by interlocking elms and those who walk in their grateful shade will bless the memory of the men and women who were thoughtful enough to have planted them.

In compliance therefore, with the request of the Governor of the State and for the further reason that it is an eminently proper thing to do anyway, all citizens are hereby invited to spend the whole or a part of Thursday, April 11th, in planting elm trees along the streets of this town. It is not proposed to lay out any new work this year, but merely to fill up the gaps where trees have died a natural death or been killed by scalawags who had not the fear of God or man before their eyes. There will be no music, flags or free lunch, but persons who mean business will bring sharp spades and come as soon as possible. A.R. Greene, Mayor -- Official, J. H. Bonebrake, City Clerk.

The students and citizens turned out in response to the proclamation and planted



EVERYONE HELPS PLANT TREES

many thrifty young elms. You can readily see that Lecompton is up to date and is not dead as many think for neither an evergreen nor a weeping willow was planted. After dinner those who labored were given free transportation across the river by Mayor Greene where they journeyed by the new bridge and spent the afternoon in picnicing and making merry. Prof. Ingham acted as chaperone. (Taken from the Lecompton Sun, Friday, April 12, 1895.

About 80 years later the Dutch Elm disease attacked these elm trees and killed almost every one of them in town. Other trees have been planted, but have not achieved the beauty of the elms.

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TERRITORIAL DAY

Our 1992 Territorial Day will be Saturday June 27th. Plan to return to Lecompton on that day for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances and remembering the days gone by. Without question Lecompton is the most historic city in Kansas and one of the most historic in all of America because of the events which occurred here and nearby and which led to the Civil War.

The Territorial Day celebration will last most of the day, starting with games in the morning and ending with the street dance. Structured events like the Parade and the Ice Cream Social are just a part of the fun. Some of the truly great times are to be had by informally visiting in Rowena park.

The Ed Harris Family

The Bald Eagle likes to occasionally feature some family that participated in Lecompton's early history. Recently several news items concerning the Ed and Sarah Harris family were found causing the staff to decide to share them with our readers.

The Harris home - Elm Heights - was on the county road about two and a half miles west of the City of Lecompton at the present site of a Christmas tree farm. They lived there from 1867 until 1902 when they purchased the frame house at the top of Coon Creek hill on the south side of the road. Mrs. Harris wanted some changes made in the house, so while that was being done, she and her two granddaughters, Corina and Vernice Harris stayed at the Hotel Windsor with her daughter and husband, Corina and Fred Hill who were managing it.

Corina enjoyed working with the town's young people and had numerous parties and other activities for them at the hotel. Once she helped them write and plan a play that featured a dying child. Faye Todhunter was to be that actor, but she decided she didn't want to play that part and refused at the last minute, so someone else did it. Another actor was Esther Ingham, who upon maturity played parts in a theater in New York, on Broadway. To see the play you paid 3 pins.

Mrs. Sarah Harris died in 1911 and her granddaughters went to Topeka to live with their Aunt Corina Hill. At present, her granddaughter Corina Harris Vausbinder who is 90 years of age, her two sons, Charles and John Vausbinder, and daughter Ann Vausbinder Lasswell live in the Topeka vicinity and all are Lecompton Historical Society members.

Mrs. Sarah F. Harris was born at Maramec, Missouri, November 29, 1839 the daughter of Jardin and Sarah A. Naylor Davidson. She came to Kansas in 1856 with her parents, residing in Douglas county. Mrs. Harris held various positions of responsibility and trust. At different times she represented the Woman's Relief

Corps as delegate both to state and national conventions. For a number of years she was a member of the board of trustees and the executive committee of Lane University. She was a member of the city council for a number of years, and was also a member of the board of trustees of the United Brethren church.

The following stories were taken from the Lecompton Monitor of October 29, 1885 and the Lecompton Sun of October 28, 1910. They give us a glimpse of life in Lecompton in 1860, 1885 and 1910.

From the Lecompton Monitor, October 29, 1885:

SILVER WEDDING

Twenty-five years ago the 22nd of this month, E.P. Harris and S.F. Davidson were married at Lawrence by Dr. Cordley. Last Thursday a few of their friends were invited to help celebrate their silver wedding. The day was beautiful; "just such a day as it was twenty-five years ago," the hostess was heard to remark. The friends gathered in by half-past three, and at four were led to dinner by the host and hostess. The table was loaded with all that was good, and it seemed that there was enough for twice such a sized party. Having done justice to the dinner, the guests were invited outside to take a view of the surrounding country. There is no better place in the township for it. We gazed with admiration upon the scenery of the Kansas valley, and as the setting sun threw its slanting rays across the green wheat fields, the many colored woods and the distant hills, we thought it a fit picture for an artist. The Capitol, State University, Lecompton, Big Springs, Williamstown and Grantville can all be seen from the door-yard.

In the evening the little folks enjoyed themselves playing games, while the gentlemen went off coon hunting, led by J.A. Davidson, the same that led the coon hunt twenty-five years ago that night.

Although the invitations said "no presents," a number of beautiful presents were received. The most noticeable were a handsome silver teapot from G.T. Storms,

and a beautiful silver waiter from Mrs. F.L. Connell.

Among those present we noticed Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Dignon and family, Mrs. W.H. Reed, F.B. Reed and Miss Cohn, of Topeka, Mrs. & Mrs. T.H. Ward, Mrs. J.H. Bonebrake, Mrs. Witt, Mrs. F.L. Connell, Mr. & Mrs. F.J. Hill, and J.A. Davidson. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing many happy returns of the day.

From the Lecompton Sun of Friday, October 28, 1910:

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Payson Harris celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Saturday, by receiving from 3 to 10 p.m. During this time at least one hundred and fifty of their friends and neighbors called to pay their regards and add their wishes for many more years of life. They were the recipients of many presents.

Miss Sarah F. Davidson and Edward P. Harris were married at Lawrence at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Davidson, October 22, 1860, by Dr. Richard D. Cordley, pastor of the Congregational church of Lawrence. Henry A. Davidson was the only one present, Saturday, who was present, fifty years ago. Mrs. Mary Burnette, of Oregon, S.M. Thatcher, and Mrs. Richard Cordley, of Topeka, are the only ones living, who witnessed the marriage ceremony. Mrs. Cordley wrote them a beautiful letter.

In 1867, they purchased their Elm Heights farm, which was their home until about eight years ago, and it is still in their possession. Mrs. Harris has always been a very active woman, managing their various farms and other interests, while Mr. Harris was employed in the city. Mrs. Harris is a native of Missouri, having been born in 1839, and moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1856. Mr. Harris was born in Hudson, New Hampshire, in 1834. In 1853, he began work with the Lowell (Mass.) American as an apprentice. Afterwards he worked on newspapers in Worcester, Mass. and New York. When the struggle to make Kansas a

free state came, he responded to the call for free-state settlers, and came to Lawrence in 1856, taking an active part in the struggle of the territory. Later he was invited by John Brown to be a member of the historic, but ill-advised Harper's Ferry movement. This invitation he declined. Mr. Harris worked on Lawrence papers until 1862 when he went to the foremanship of Jacob Stotler's Emporia News. In a year or two he returned to Lawrence as foreman of the State Printing office under George W. Martin. In 1891 he was offered a better position with Crane & Company, and is still with them. (He stayed with them until his death in 1916.) For many years he has had the reputation of being the best proof-reader in the United States.

Sara Walter & Iona Spencer

**DON'T FORGET
TERRITORIAL DAY
SATURDAY --- JUNE 27, 1992**

Alumni Banquet

The Lecompton Alumni Banquet will be May 23, 1992. Honored classes not previously named include 1912 Le Port Spangler, 1922 Ruth Schroyer Cole & Elizabeth McClanahan Bradfield, 1952 Armond Adell, Jane Rothwell Childs, Duane Chiles, Lois Hildenbrand Condley, Dale Gregg, Amelia Hartman Hagen, Don Lamb, Irene Kibbee Dark, Marjorie Hildenbrand, Mary Rose Myers Manis, Robert Laqua, Henry Messenheimer, Paul Packer, Lloyd Wyatt, Galen Sanford, Darrell Pearce, Barbara Forester Smith, & Dorothy Powell Woods, and 1962 Doris Chinn Decker, Darel Burd, Bob Christmas, Dennis Gowing, Gary Miller, Joyce Kraft Robuck, Walter Confer, Bob Decker, Becky Doane DeMarea, Margie Hudson Gish, Bruch Nilsen, Millie Higgins Hein, Nadine Matney Litton, Daniel Morris, Jim Pierce, Vernon Schloetzer, and Butch Schmitt. Our earlier listing of the class of 1942 was in error by the omission of Clifford Deister.

Paul Bahnmaier

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WINTER SCHOOL:
A WATERCOLOR BY ELLEN DUNCAN

(Taken from the Lawrence Journal-World of Thursday, February 9, 1922.)

The following program was given at the (Winter) school house Monday afternoon. Story of Quivera by Teresa Anderson. What the first explorers saw and thought of Kansas, Billie Schroyer. Kansas' part in the slavery struggle, Harry Mull. What the discovery of gold did for our Kansas, Herschel Hiddleston. The negro population in Kansas, Edith Banks. Things I like about Kansas, Mary Anderson. A Kansas prophecy, Lelia Banks. Many Kansas Characters were given and the rest guessed the person. The first, second and third grades gave a short talk on "Why they liked Kansas." Much interest was aroused besides the motivation of Kansas history for all grades. Mary Anderson wrote the following paper on "Why I Like Kansas."

Kansas my beloved Sunflower state, the teacher had asked me why I like you. Do you think I can express in words the tender and fond feeling I hold in store for you. The answer would invariably be "no". I like you because you're the state of my birth. You have a very grand climate, your winters are very mild and springs are very glorious, followed by the beautiful summer days with its cool evenings which refresh us so much. You're God's own country. Our beautiful alfalfa fields, the waving corn fields, wheat fields, and the greatest pastures in the world with some of the finest cattle in the world and fruit growing in an abundance, makes you dearer to every Kansas citizen.

You mean a great deal to me because of your well improved farms, well kept roads, the abundance of wood and coal, also the well supplied railways. Your educational institutions are of the very best. You are a great state, great in size and wealth, great in industries, resources and government. Great things have been accomplished, but there is much yet to be done. The pioneers solved their problems and if we are worthy of the Kansas they have given us, we will strive to solve ours and we will keep alive the Kansas spirit.

President's Report

Nearly 220 people attended the Christmas Vespers December 1, 1991. Music was provided by the Lecompton Community Singers under the direction of Kim Stewart with musical assistance from Joy and Don Flanner, Sarah Paul, Bobby Aprill, Cindy Daniels and Frances Sanford. Thanks to the following people who helped decorate or served at the reception: David & Darlene Paslay, Ross & Margaret Wulfkuhle, Opal Goodrick, Dorothy Shaner, George & Arloene Simmons, Rich & Karen Mc Connell, Ron & Diane Meier, Ione Spencer, Helen Norwood, Bruce & Joyce Beresford, A.K. & Charlene Winter, Marguerite Bowman, Ralph Davis, Mae & Wally Holderman, Dorothy Delfelder, Sherri & Stephanie & Lindsey Neill, Maxine & Ben Bisell, Jeff Goodrick, Rick Paslay, and David Lee Paslay.

Thanks to the following people for placing artifacts and momentos in the museum: (1) Pictures and wooden egg crate from Helen Norwood, (2) Carpenters' apron and daily record book from Marge Schmitt, (3) School Books from Iona Spencer, (4) two Lane Plates from Dorothea Kline, (5) Book about James Lane by Mrs. Lois Duffy, (6) Christmas Ornaments from Rita Mack, Kelly Bird, Craig & Sherri & Stephanie & Lindsey Neill, Georgia & Sherri & Ed Teets, Doris Sindt, Geraldine Harrell, Lura Mc Alexander, Janice McAlexander, Vera Bylaska, Debbie Wells, Janice Wells, Dorothy Delfelder, Maxine Dark Bisel, Wally & Mae Holderman, Fay & Lloyd Talley, Clyde & Helen Kampschroeder, Rick & Ann Paslay, Art & Suzanne Steinman, and Warren Gibbens, (7) A book by Jack & Elaine Oreich, and (8) different items by Erin & Tracy Litherland.

HAVING FUN WITH THE NAMES OF KANSAS COUNTIES

Using the names of Kansas counties, answer the following questions. Note that the same county may be used as an answer to different questions. Two of the counties are used phonetically or as a variant spelling rather than the common spelling.

Name two present-day automobiles: _____

Name 8 American Presidents: _____

Name two colors: _____

Name 12 Indian Tribes: _____

Name two drinks: _____

Name 5 rivers in Kansas: _____

Name 6 men on U.S. money: _____

Name two animals: _____

Name two occupations: _____

AL	ALLEN	AN	ANDERSON	AT	ATCHISON	BA	BARBER
BT	BARTON	BB	BOURBON	BR	BROWN	BU	BUTLER
CS	CHASE	CQ	CHAUTAUQUA	CK	CHEROKEE	CN	CHEYENNE
CA	CLARK	CY	CLAY	CD	CLOUD	CF	COFFEY
CM	COMANCHE	CL	COWLEY	CR	CRAWFORD	DC	DECATUR
DK	DICKINSON	DP	DONIPHAN	DG	DOUGLAS	ED	EDWARDS
EK	ELK	EL	ELLIS	EW	ELLSWORTH	FI	FINNEY
FO	FORD	FR	FRANKLIN	GE	GEARY	GO	GOVE
GH	GRAHAM	GT	GRANT	GY	GRAY	GL	GREELEY
GW	GREENWOOD	HM	HAMILTON	HP	HARPER	HV	HARVEY
HS	HASKELL	HG	HODGEMAN	JA	JACKSON	JF	JEFFERSON
JW	JEWELL	JO	JOHNSON	KE	KEARNY	KM	KINGMAN
KW	KIOWA	LB	LABETTE	LE	LANE	LV	LEAVENWORTH
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PN	PAWNEE	PL	PHILLIPS	PT	POTTAWATOMIE	PR	PRATT
RA	RAWLINS	RN	RENO	RP	REPUBLIC	RC	RICE
RL	RILEY	RO	ROOKS	RH	RUSH	RS	RUSSELL
SA	SALINE	SC	SCOTT	SG	SEDGWICK	SW	SEWARD
SN	SHAWNEE	SD	SHERIDAN	SH	SHERMAN	SM	SMITH
SF	STAFFORD	ST	STANTON	SV	STEVENS	SU	SUMNER
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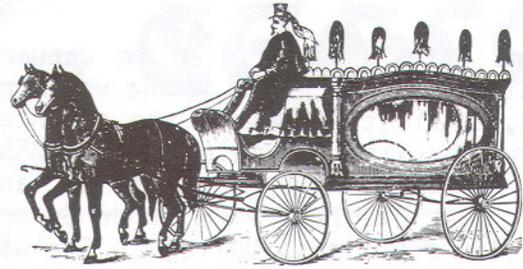
Our appreciation and thanks for the quick renewals of your memberships. Our Life and Memorial memberships are growing as the following will show.

Life Members: John M. Cather, Beverly (Baughman) Haefle, H.H. Hall and wife Kathleen M. Hall, Gary E. Price, Betty (McClanahan) Greene, John A. Baldwin, Jr., Robert Hildenbrand (by mother Helen), Beverly A. Kipp, Calvin P. Hartman, Karen Levings, Donna (Hildenbrand) Levings, and Cynthia E. Schott.

Memorials: Viola (McKenzie) Glenn by Howard and Vera McKenzie (nephew & wife), Thelma L. Baldwin by husband J.A. Baldwin, Jr., and Hazel McClanahan by children Norma Winburn, Alice Lewis, Walter, Fritz & Homer McClanahan.

Membership Chairman Iona Spencer

Obituaries



Elizabeth Bahnmaier passed away January 8, 1992. She was born the daughter of George Jacob and Mary Elizabeth Neis Bahnmaier. She attended Douglas County schools and Bonebrake Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She was employed as a cook at the Kansas Union, Theta Tau fraternity, and Varsity House at Kansas University. She was a member of the Big Springs United Methodist Church and several quilting groups in Lawrence. Elizabeth enjoyed sewing quilts and growing flowers.

THE LECOMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Lecompton, Kansas 66050 is a non-profit corporation for the preservation of historical sites. We are eager for continued membership and new members!

Dues are \$4 per year for individual membership and \$6 for a couples membership. The dues year is from December to December. Life membership is \$50 per individual. Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the Lecompton Historical Society, and mailed to Mrs. Iona Spencer, R.R. #1, Lecompton, Kansas 66050.

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- \$6 Annual Couples Membership
- \$50 Individual Life or Memorial Membership
- Other Contribution \$ _____

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Survivors include a sister, Ester Matney, and several neices and nephews. Burial was in Stull Cemetery.

Lavina Bates Chegwyn died in January 1992 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was born August 19, 1920 at Tecumseh, the daughter of Jim and Caroline Bahnmaier Bates. She attended Shawnee County schools and graduated from Highland Park High School and Strickler's Business College. She was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Kansas and Minnesota. She was a member of Peace Church United Church of Christ in St. Paul and held several positions in the church. She was very active in Toastmistress International and the Order of Eastern Star, having held statewide positions in both organizations. Lavina's hobby was writing family geneology. She is survived by her husband John, a sister Ula Armstrong, three brothers Alfred, Ira and Wayne. Burial was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

William H. Penny, Lawrence, passed away January 18, 1992. He was born January

13, 1919 in Kansas City the son of Corbon and Myrtle Peebles Penny. He graduated from Liberty Memorial High School and attended Kansas University. He was a retired farmer and mail carrier. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, National Association of Letter Carriers, Retired Federal Employees, and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife Mildred L. Johanning of the home, three daughters Cheryl Miles, Nancy Muller, and Beverly Dragastin; three brothers, James, Lawrence, and Lowell; and six grandchildren. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ruth Thomas passed away January 19, 1992 in Kansas City. She was born January 3, 1899 in Axtell, Kansas, the daughter of Frederic W. and Sarah Jane Truan Bertschingeer. She lived in Topeka and Lawrence before moving to Kansas City in 1974. She was employed by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Internal Revenue Service. Survivors include a daughter Genevieve Lane, a stepson W.E. Thomas, two sisters Grace Brasher and Mabel Briggs, 8 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka. Paul Bahnmaier

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