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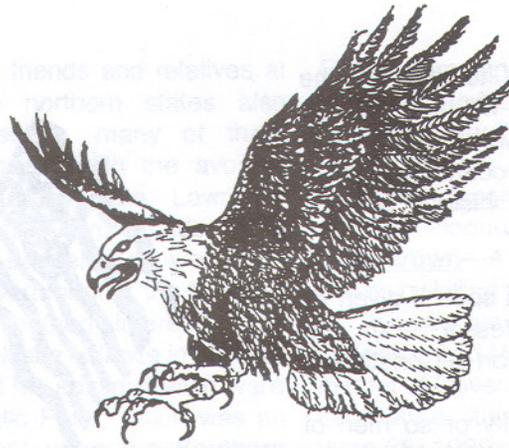
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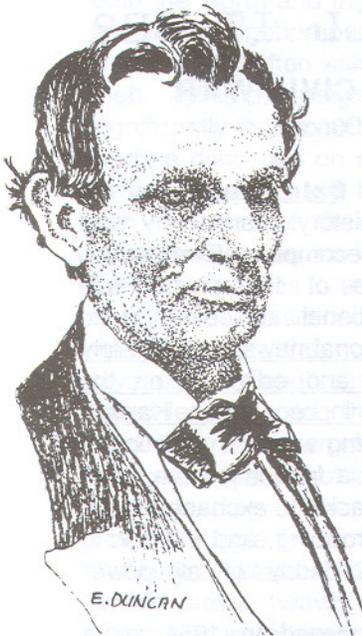


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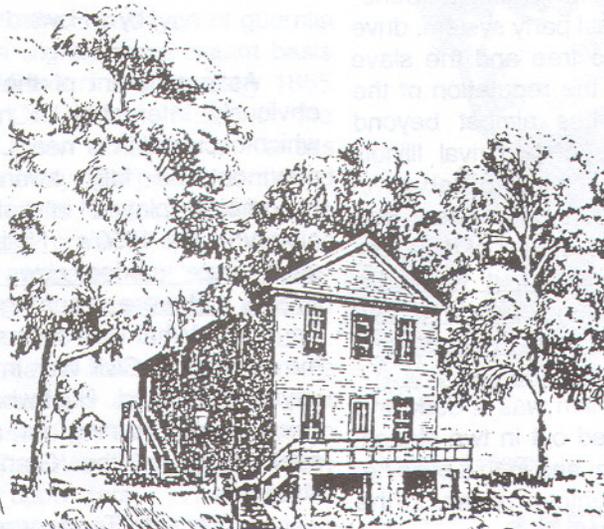
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LECOMPTON, KANSAS

SPRING, 1999



Abraham Lincoln



Constitution Hall



Stephen Douglas

BIRTHPLACE OF THE CIVIL WAR LECOMPTON, KANSAS

New York Herald: President Buchanan endorses the Lecompton Constitution.

Chicago Tribune: United States Senate approves Lecompton Constitution.

Washington Union: United States House of Representatives rejects the Lecompton Constitution by 8 votes.

Philadelphia Press: President Pierce sends pro-slavery government officials to Lecompton.

The above headlines are only a portion of the many newspapers who sent correspondents to Lecompton to cover the Lecompton convention

and later the debate in the congress of the United states in Washington D. C.

It is a little wonder why the "History and Government of Kansas" by E. H. Butler & Co. of Philadelphia in 1884 states that the name of no city in the world was ever such a party cry; and that from 1855 to 1859 "Lecompton" was spoken in as many languages as the names of London, Paris or Berlin.

Lecompton is without a doubt the birthplace of the Civil War and ranks in importance right along the side of Gettysburg, Ft. Sumpter, Lincoln-Douglas Debates and any other major Civil War event.

As you read this issue you will find substantial

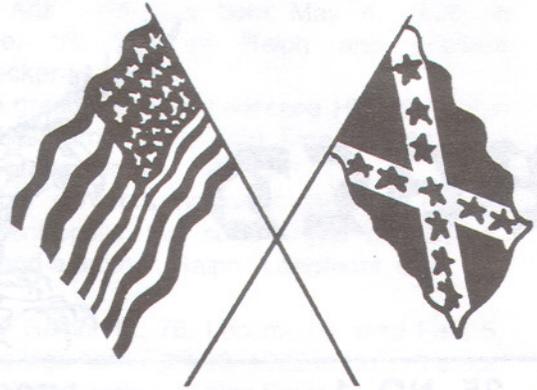
historical writings and opinions to support the opening headline. We hope you will take the time to visit Lecompton on our web site WWW Lecompton Kansas . com and become acquainted with one of the most important historic cities in Kansas, America and the world.

The following is a portion of a speech given by Robert W. Johannsen a Professor from the University of Illinois at the dedication of Constitution Hall in June of 1995.

"On September 7, 1857, fifty or so men of "ordinary respectability" gathered in this building to write a state constitution for Kansas. Without knowing it at the time, they set in motion a train of events that would make the name of Lecompton a household word, known to virtually every informed citizen in the country, that would disrupt national politics and turn Congress into a battleground; deliver a fatal blow to the political party system, drive the wedge that separated the free and the slave states even deeper; damage the reputation of the President of the United States almost beyond repair; promote the ambitions of two rival Illinois politicians and give them something to debate in their campaign for a United States Senate seat; and drive the American republic to the brink of disunion. In terms of the forces it unleashed, it would be difficult to find a more significant episode in mid nineteenth century American history. It became, in sort, a major event in the coming of the Civil War.

The Lecompton convention was a dark and ominous drama that was played out in two stages; the first, in Kansas, in this town, and in this building; and the sequel, its most portentous phase, in the national Congress in Washington, D. C.

These unusual circumstances attracted the attention of the nation's press, and correspondents were dispatched to Lecompton to report the convention's proceedings. The town's population swelled with the arrival of delegates, newspaper correspondents, and by standers of all varieties. The lodging facilities were swamped. The convention, complained one New York correspondent, "has brought to this little town a large number of people---some of them of the most excitable character." Lecompton was at the height of its prosperity and growth, buildings were everywhere under construction to house the government departments, stores, hotels, and homes were springing up. Local boosters boasted that the town would soon become "the crowning jewel in the grand diadem of Kansas Cities.



WHICH WILL IT BE?

PRELUDE TO CIVIL WAR

by J. Howard Duncan

As a recipient of the **Bald Eagle** you are obviously interested in history, particularly that which occurred in or near Lecompton. Even so you may not be fully aware of the pivotal role Lecompton played in national and even world history in the 1850's. National newspapers nearly each issue carried news and editorials on the events that were occurring in Lecompton, Kansas Territory. What was occurring was the gestation of the American Civil War in a fascination era when Jayhawkers and Bushwhackers exchanged the courtesies of burning out, robbing, and murdering each other in the Grand-daddy of all power struggles.

Kansas Territory opened in 1854 as a Congressional experiment for solving the question of whether or not slavery should be allowed to expand into the newly developing western areas. In theory the approach was a simple one in that the Kansas-Nebraska Act provided to let the people of newly opened Kansas Territory decide at the ballot box. In practice it led to the internal strife and violence which incubated our Civil War.

Missouri by its latitude and the origin of its settlers (from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky to a large extent) was a southern state. It was natural that as the large families matured, beyond the capability of the family farm to support, the newly married children moved westward seeking new land for making their farming fortune as they had done for generations. Thus for the first few years Kansas Territory was southern controlled assisted by established farmers making the horseback journey

from Missouri to help their friends and relatives at election time. But, the northern states also continued to pour in settlers, many of them financed by abolitionist grants, with the avowed purpose of making Kansas a free State. Lawrence and Topeka were free-state strongholds while Lecompton, Atchison, and Leavenworth were pro-slavery. The Territorial government in the first four years largely favored the southern interest. This was due to a quirk of the delicate balance in national politics. The President and his administration were controlled by the Democratic Party, which was an uneasy coalition dependent upon the Southern states to be able to remain in power.

In the Lecompton-Lawrence area, settlers from both the North and the South were homesteading in mixed neighborhoods. This led to an internal warfare, very often with cabin burning and livestock theft. While this neighborhood problem lessened significantly in late 1858, the same type of guerrilla warfare continued on a slightly more distant basis between Kansas and Missouri through early 1865 with the end of the Civil War. Many of the opportunists who had been attracted to Kansas Territory, like flies to an early July picnic, continued to apply their practiced skills for decades following the Civil War; the more physical type guerrillas favoring band and train robberies and the politically gifted leaders using the bloodless tactics of bond fraud and railroad promotion.

To allow people of today to have a more intimate understanding of the intensity of feelings in that power struggle for Kansas Territory, I have written the play *Prelude To Civil War*. The play is fiction which draws heavily upon fact. The cast of characters were never all in Lecompton and indeed could not have assembled in the same room and all come out alive. The characters are:

Abraham Lincoln---- An experienced politician who wants very much to become a Presidential Candidate.

Governor John Geary---A troubled man trying to keep Kansas Territory from murdering herself.

Berry Duncan---A homesteader from Missouri who wants to farm in peace without politics.

Dr. John Stringfellow---A vitriolic newspaper editor who wants Kansas to become a part of the Old South.

Dr. Charles Robinson---A paid agent with the assigned mission to make Kansas a free state.

Chauncy Skinner---An agitated Territorial legislator who wants to keep America exclusively for Americans.

General Jim Lane---A charismatic leader who labors at nourishing his ego.

Colonel Henry Titus---A soldier of fortune who see the advantages of owning slaves.

Frederick Douglass---A Former slave who has become an eloquent spokesman for freedom.

John Brown---A maniacal abolitionist who frees slaves by killing their masters if necessary.

This play have been presented to many groups in Kansas and Missouri and was recently performed in front of Governor Graves and the Kansas Legislature. It will be presented Territorial Day, June 26, 1999.



President Pierce



President Buchanan

AMERICA IN 1857

The "New York Times" of November 11, 1990 contained a review by Hugh Brogan of the book, AMERICA IN 1857, A NATION ON THE BRINK, by Kenneth M. Stampp.

According to this book there were numerous reporter's from Eastern cities in Lecompton during the crisis, representing their newspapers, reporting the events, particularly during the Lecompton Constitutional Convention. The debate concerning the admission of the Lecompton Constitution with or without ratification by the people of Kansas, and thus the admission of Kansas to the Union, lasted for months and was carried daily in the newspapers of all the states. Across the United States, Lecompton became a household name from Maine to California.

President James Buchanan by insisting on the Lecompton constitution, (and refusing to have the Lecompton Constitution put to the vote of the residents of Kansas Territory for ratification,) split his party and opened the way to disaster. In Mr. Stamp's opinion, his mishandling of the Kansas crisis was the fatal step that made disruption of the Union, and therefore civil war, all but inescapable.

News and World Report, January 21, 1991 reports an interview with the author Kenneth Stamp where it was again brought out how the handling of the Lecompton Constitution caused the irreparable split in the Democratic party enabling Lincoln to be elected president, and tearing asunder the Union, South from North, finally causing the Civil War.



LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES

Many historians believe the Lincoln-Douglas debates, which thoroughly discussed Kansas, Lecompton and the Lecompton Constitution lead to the election of President Lincoln.

BATTLE OF FORT TITUS

Col. H. T. Titus, from Florida, was another name that made the papers. He came to Kansas Territory filled with the Southern pro-slavery spirit and obsession for battle.

This battle raged on August 16, 1856 two miles south of Lecompton. A group of 200 to 400 free-state forces led by Capt. Samuel Walker attacked Colonel H. T. Titus residence and twenty defenders. The structure was a double log cabin. The free-state forces were victorious and took Titus and defenders prisoners. One defender was killed and Titus injured.

NATIONAL CELEBRITIES IN LECOMPTON

Other major national figures who went on to national fame that walked the streets of Lecompton include.



Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States visited Lecompton in the summer of 1857 on a protecting tour. He visited Gov. Walker's home and later at the dinner table was asked to defend a man who was accused of killing an individual the night before.

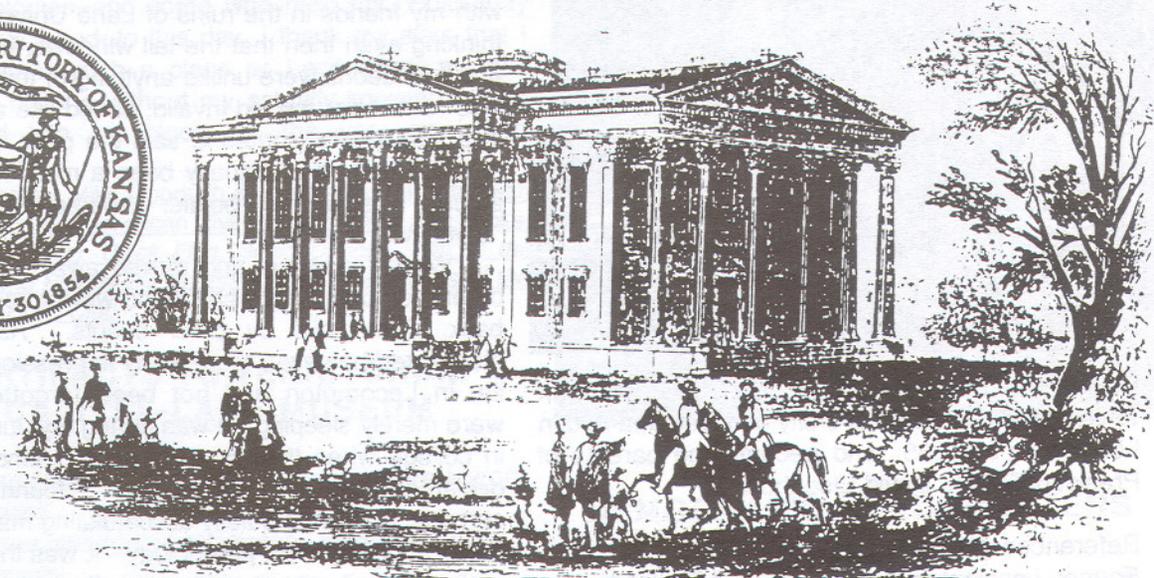


General J. E. B. Stuart, commander of the confederate Cavalry.

- Major T. W. Sherman
- General B. J. Smith
- General Delos B. Sackett
- General H. J. Strickler
- John Brown, Sr.
- John Brown, Jr.

LECOMPTON!

Symbol of an Impending Crisis
1855-1861



NEW CAPITAL OF KANSAS, AT LECOMPTON CITY

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE CAPITOL AT LECOMPTON

Gov. Shannons Remarks

Gentlemen: In pursuance of an old and venerable custom, which has long been observed in the civilized countries of the world, at the commencement of edifices designed for public use; we are about to perform the ceremony of breaking the ground for the future capitol of the Territory of Kansas, (there the ground was broken.)

Upon this beautiful plat of ground, surrounded by hill and dale, woodland and prairie, is destined to soon rise, a building which in appearance and utility will do honor to the architect and credit to all who are concerned in its design and construction.

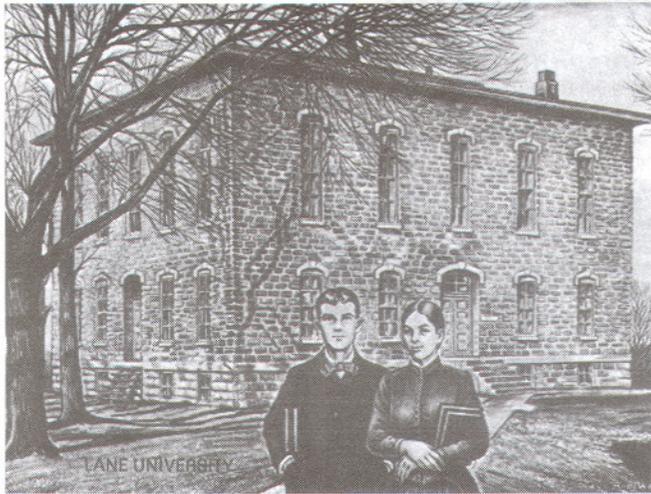
I congratulate the citizens of Lecompton and surrounding country, and the people of Kansas on the prospect of a speedy completion of the work which we have this day commenced, and hope that nothing may occur to defeat or postpone the realization of our present prospects and expectations."

GOVERNORS OF THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS

Name	Term in Office
Andrew H. Reeder.....October 7, 1854	August.....16, 1855
Wilson Shannon.....September 7, 1855	August.....18, 1856
John W. Geary.....September 9, 1856	March.....12, 1857
Robert J. Walker.....May 27, 1857	November.....16, 1857
James W. Denver.....May 12, 1858	October.....10, 1858
Samuel Medary.....December 18, 1858	December.....17, 1860

Denver, Colorado was founded by people from Lecompton

It should be noted that Governor James W. Denver wanted to locate a city at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. He sent a group of men from Lecompton to locate and plat out a city and on their return to Lecompton, named it in honor of Governor Denver.



David Dwight Eisenhower and Ida Stover who met while attending Lane University and were married in Lecompton in 1885 and became the parents of President Dwight David Eisenhower.

References: Kanhistique-July 1986

Former: Lecompton Historical 's Bald Eagles

Lincoln & Douglas drawings: by local artist Ellen Duncan.

Pres. Paul Bahnmaier

LIFE IN LECOMPTON

By Mike Goodrich

Historical Writer and Author

I've often thought to myself: Had I grown up in another place, say Perry or Hoyt or Richland, or maybe Dover (where I now live), would I be what I am? Had I spent my formative years in any of the above towns, and not Lecompton, would I harbor such a passion for history as I do? Would I have been so moved by the past, so much so as to actually spend much of my life writing about it? The answer to my question is: I seriously doubt it.

As a kid growing up in Lecompton during the 1950's, I certainly wasn't overwhelmed by my town's history. Unlike today, when every other Lecomptonian you meet is seemingly a keeper-of-the-historical-flame, back then I don't think three people could have been found who knew anything accurate about their community's past. No, back then the sense in me for Lecompton's place in time was something subtle and vague, something unspoken; a general feeling that sometime "way back when" mighty and mysterious things had here occurred. There were the rumors we kids heard of chains and slave shackles beneath the Odd

Fellows' Hall; there was a time, almost-hidden graveyard on the ridge east of town where I used to roam, and the inscription on a headstone, "Died of Drowning, 1857"; I remember to chasing pigeons with my friends in the ruins of Lane University and thinking even then that the tall windows, high walls and wild debris were unlike anything of this world; I also remember the old invalid; curled like a cocoon in a baby's crib--someone said the poor, shriveled creature had once actually been a man, had once actually been a strong soldier who had fought in the "Silver War" (Civil War).

When I grew up and moved away, these and other memories of my childhood were forced to the back of the bus by other events. As I later discovered however, those early impressions of my life in Lecompton had not been forgotten; they were merely sleeping. It was during my Junior year in college when they finally awoke. Although my declared major was psychology, I found, to my surprise, that I was quietly accumulating many more hours in history than psychology. It was then that I realized my heritage, my roots, if you will, were subconsciously reasserting themselves.

Less and less did I study psychology and more and more did I read about the past, especially the Civil War, Kansas, and Lecompton's impact on both. The deeper I probed the subject the more I realized that the quiet, little town where I grew up was really a giant in disguise--not only did Lecompton have a unique and colorful past, but it had an earth-shaking, earth-shaping history all out of kilter to its tiny size. For a brief moment in time, my little town was the lead actor on the great world stage of human events.

As I continued my reading and research, something else kept occurring to me: Though it might seem a stretch to some; I think Lecompton could file a legitimate claim to being the birthplace of the American Civil War. While several other points on the map could--and no doubt would--hotly dispute the claim, a very forceful argument could be made that had there been no Fort Titus, there would have been no Fort Sumter; had there been no Sam Jones or Jim Lane, there would have been no Abraham Lincoln or Jefferson Davis. Simply put, the assertion might be made that had there been no Lecompton and the circumstances surrounding it, there would have been no Civil War.

It was while toying with such intriguing notions as this that old memories of my boyhood came flooding back. I was thrilled by the thought that I had actually walked and played and lived where dramatic, thundering events had occurred; that

long before my time; high history had stalked the very same streets, hills and ravines as I. From that point on there was little doubt what I wanted to do with my life. Although I might have made a decent psychologies--and some who read my books may wish that I had--to this day, I thank my stars that I grew up in such a place as Lecompton; a place whose history, without my actually knowing it, had seeped into my blood via the very air I had breathed.

Editor notes: Mike Goodrich is a professional writer with a focus on the American Civil War and West. His books, *Bloody Dawn, Black Flag, Scalp Dance, War to the Knife, and Bloody Bill Anderson* are all selections of the History Book Club.

ARTIFACTS TO TERRITORIAL CAPITAL-LANE MUSEUM

1. Wire potato scoop used in grocery store-Myron Powell
2. Three glass jars-Lecompton United Methodist Church
3. Box of Real estate deeds & Tax Receipts-Dorothy Calhoun
4. Package of old phonograph steel needles.
House Journal of Representatives of Territory of Kansas 1855
Picture of Shirley house, & clipping of old barns by Robert & Dana Shirley
5. Two Folders-Charter of the City Lecompton
Minutes of the Common Council 1858-1888
Early years of Lecompton and Life story of Dena Florence Baughman, Sehon, Heinz.
6. Word Processor by Richard Holderman
7. War records of Lieut. Edward J. Garich, Jr. son of E. J. Sr. and Hazel McClanahan Garich.
Another son Lee F. Garich served in Air Corps.
by Jody Thompson

No 4, in the Winter issue!, three boxes of Civil War History & ect. was given by Sara Walter

LECOMPTON MOVING UP

A major residential development has been proposed by J. Stewart for a 900 acre area southeast of the present city of Lecompton. He plans to build 2,000 homes in the next 20 years. Properties includes a large portion of the Minnie Sutton, Gantz property and McClures'. The property will need to be annexed into the city. This certainly is an exciting and challenging time for Lecompton.



DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS

The building has recently been restored with a roof and addition of the front porch. The cost to the Lecompton Historical Society was \$10,240.00. A number of donations have been received at this writing. Donations are tax deductible and checks should be made payable to the Lecompton Historical Society and mailed to :

Betty Leslie, Treasurer
625 E. 7th St.
Lecompton, KS 66050

CLASS OF 1965

Mike Goodrich memories of high school are expressed in a poem as follows:

Rosalee's soft voice-Rosalee Walter
and the hot tember of Joyce-Joyce Bahmaier
Linda Ruth's even smile-Linda Stauffer
and Godfrey, full of wile-Paula Godfrey
The red blush of Dick-Richard Kahle
and Wright, full of tricks-Richard Wright
Linda Kitt's hair spray-Linda Kitt
the giggle of Donna Ray-Donna Andes
not to mention the bubble-gum
of Linda Kay-Linda Andes

I also remember:

Ronnie's "blond" hair-Ronnie Miller
and Connie's savoir faire-Connie Norwood
Fish's thin frame-Donna Fish

and Birky's weird name-Birk Griffith
 Bill's big wave-Bill Neuschafer
 and Stockwell, quite grave-Oliver Stockwell
 Sylvia of few words-Sylvia Walter
 and Dennis' big bad bird-Dennis Leslie
 Sweet Georgia's brown eyes-George Simmons
 and Screw Lewey, "that ain't no lie"-Sara Harrell
 The cheeriness of Dee-Dianna Sanford
 the sway of Dorothee-Dorothy Kent
 The pretty complexion of Cree-Marilyn Cree
 the intellect of Lee-Lee Keating
 The laugh of Bonnee-Bonnie Decker
 and last and least I remember the poor poetry of
 me!-Mike Goodrich

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LIFE MEMBERS:

Perkins, David Robert
Perkins, Betty (Wilson)
Leslie, Jim by his wife Gena
Treanor, Bob
Treanor, Carey (Graber)
Piculell, Dee (Wagner)
Burgess, Betty Jo (McClanahan) by son
 Robert D. Burgess D.D.S.

CLASS WILL OF 1955

Roy Harding's recent untimely death drew our attention and remembrance to the class of 1955. We thought it might be interesting to reprint the class will. It was Roy's leadership which brought about the entire 1955 class to be life members of the Lecompton Historical Society.

We, the Senior Class of Lecompton Rural High School, being of sound mind and otherwise stable, do hereby make this our last will and testament. We are leaving all our worldly goods to others who are less fortunate.

John Bahnmaier wills his neatly combed hair to Orus Robuck and his basketball suit to John Harrison.

Leroy Chiles wills his track ability to Richie Glenn and his love for Sociology to any innocent boy.

Alan Fenstemaker wills himself to Sonnie Wizer and his Dad's Ford to Coach.

Janet Gerleman wills her ability to get along with a certain boy to Myrna Shaner and her hair style to Chalice Robuck.

Francie Kibbee wills Phil to Elsie if she is woman

enough to get him, and her ability to go steady to Don Matney.

Susie Hagen wills her flirty ways and big blue eyes to Lueva Oldham and her ability to get along with everyone to Sondra Wizer.

Roy Harding wills his build and football ability to Eugene Sumner, but he thinks he will keep Donna for himself.

Gus Hildenbrand wills his algebra ability to Bob Holloway and his space on the honor roll to anyone who can get it.

Regina Myers wills her job of Editor of the Annual to any junior crazy enough to get hooked.

John Nilsen wills to any unlucky junior the job of writing up next years's will.

Maynard Person wills his extensive use of bailing wire to anyone who owns a Ford.

Carol Plumb wills her swaying walk and flirty ways to Betty Allen.

Duane Robison wills his curly hair and way with girls to Jim Oldham and his quiet mood to Bob Lopez.

Rosalie Rogers wills her sweet personality to Sharon Cole.

Larry Sanford wills his ability to pat his own back to Keith Noe and his smart remarks to Elsie Bahnmaier.

Freddie Smith wills his artistic writing to Karen Sanford and his football ability to Richie Smith.

Virginia Smith wills her pleasant personality and co-operativeness to Gala Ortis and her basketball ability to Tiny Myers.

Loena Spena wills her musical ability to John Harrison and her sweet ways to Gala Ortis.

Willie Turner wills his ability to stay away from girls to Earl Kasson and his memory of football plays to Larry Workman.

Phil Wizer wills his spelling ability to Larry Mathews and his locker to Sondra to carry down to Bob.

Duane Wyatt wills his ability to detain Lillian Roll from gettin on the bus to anyone who has a car to take her home.

June Wyatt wills her cheerleader outfit to anyone lucky enough to get it and her silly laugh to Connie Hickey

Coach Nelson wills his job as Senior sponsor to any teacher who will take it.

"Herald of Freedom-Lawrence, 1-3-1855"-Rumor states that the Executive and Judicial officers of Kansas has selected a place between Douglas and Tecumseh, twelve miles above this point as the seat of government.

Bleeding Kansas

A series of talks on the violent conflict over the slavery issue
in Kansas Territory 1854 through 1861

AT CONSTITUTION HALL STATE HISTORIC
SITE IN HISTORIC LECOMPTON, KANSAS



FREE
ADMISSION

SUNDAYS
2:00 PM

LAW-AND-ORDER MEN.

February 14....."PAWNEE: KANSAS TERRITORY'S BLOODY LEGACY" by Major Scott Price, Author and Historian.

February 28....."A PUNITIVE CRUSADE: NATHANIEL LYON AND HIS WAR IN THE WEST, 1861" by Christopher Phillips, Assistant Professor, Emporia State University.

March 14...."FT. SCOTT'S BLEEDING KANSAS WAR" by Arnold Schofield, Historian, Fort Scott National Historic Site.

March 28....."THE NEW FREEDOM ROAD: SHATTERING THE SHACKLES FROM THE LAND OF BONDAGE" by Tim Westcott, Adjunct History Professor, Baker University - Overland Park.

April 11....."BLEEDING KANSAS, MISERABLE MISSOURI: DOCTORS IN TERRITORIAL KANSAS" by Dr. Herschel Stroud, Historian and Reenactor.

April 18....."COLONEL JOHN RITCHIE: TERRITORIAL FREEDOM FIGHTER" by Second Lieutenant Dave Young, Kansas Air National Guard.

April 29....."PRELUDE TO CIVIL WAR" a play by J.Howard Duncan, performed by the Lecompton Reenactors. (Note: Performance on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.)

For more information, contact Constitution Hall at 785\887-6520.
The Kansas State Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis
of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs.



DO YOU REMEMBER

PROGRAM

—BY—

LECOMPTON GRADE SCHOOL

High School Auditorium

Thursday Evening, May 5, 1927

PART I—HOLLAND

1. Songs—"Land of the Dutch"—Boys and Girls of Holland
Dutch boys: Mable Dunn, Lorene Hildenbrand,
Hazel Wingfield, Edythe Slavens, Wilma Shaffer,
Dutch girls—Margaret Williamson, Lucille Hilden
brand, Garnet Messenhiemer, Theopolis Holmes,
Helen Shaffer.
2. Dutch Game Dutch Boys and Girls
3. Song—"Wynken, Blyken and Nod".....
..... Dutch Boys and Girls
4. Exercise—In Holland Dutch Boys and Girls
5. Dutch Dance..... Wilma Shaffer and Helen Shaffer

PART II—OPERETTA

Peter Rabbit—Adapted from the story of Peter Rabbit
by Beatrix Potter Milo Harris

SCENES

- ACT I.—Home of the Rabbits—Early morning.
ACT II. Mr. Gregory's garden—Midday.
ACT III. Home of the Rabbits—Evening.

CHARACTERS

Peter Norman Lasswell
Flopsy Henrietta Slavens
Mopsy Marie James
Cotton-tail Dale Foree
Mother Rabbit Wilma Gibbens
Mr. McGregor Oliver Wingfield
First Lettuce Meade Harris
First Carrot Eugene Harding
First Pea Milo Harris
Smallest Beans Junior Maust and Agnes Williamson
Biggest Bean Harold Leslie
Carrots—Joe Garcia, Betty Jane Traxler, Homer Mc-
Clanahan, Ruth Morriss, Tolbert Dunn, Ruth Nor-
wood, T. D. Porter, Rachael Norwood, Chester Gib-
bens, Ida Mae James, Wesley Crady, Wina White.
Peas—Milo Harris, Margaret Jean Gibbens, Denzel,
Gibbens, Marv Nell Lasswell, Searl Taylor, Margie
Dillon, Albert Baughman, Elizabeth Garcia, Wilma
Williamson.
Lettuce—Frankie Ireland, Norma Jane McClanahan,
Sammie Richardson, Violet May Dunn, Johnnie
Traxler, Jessie Norwood, Bobby Norwood, May
Norwood, Virgil Ireland, Loretta Garcia, Cecil Ar-
nett, Florence Richardson.
Beans—Elmer Robison, Arthur Moore, Ralph Hilden-
brand, Hedgerman McClanahan, James Clark, Ron-
ald White, Donald Baughman, Vernon Richardson.

"THE FOREST COURT"

An Operetta as Presented by

THE LECOMPTON GRADE SCHOOL

High School Auditorium, April 23, 8:15 P. M.

CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Tommy Kenneth Dick
Children Delos Renshaw
..... Loretta Garcia
..... Jessie Norwood
..... Katie Kuester
..... Martha Smith
..... Florence Richardson
..... Hedgerman McClanahan
..... Vernon Richardson
First Elf Chester Gibbens
Second Elf Homer McClanahan
Fairies Ida Mae James
..... Juanita Dick
..... Georgia May Kuester
..... Maxine Taylor
..... Violet Mae Dunn
..... Sara Fayler
Brownies Joe Garcia
..... Sammy Richardson
..... Robert Norwood
..... Russell Sehon
..... Wesley Crady
..... Johnny Traxler
Cheer-Up-Cricket Junior Maust
Spirit of Stream Naomi Beatty
Rippling Waters Edith Slavens
..... Wilma Shaffer
..... Edythe Kuester
..... Garnett Messenheimer
..... Hazel Wingfield
..... Mary Frances Kuester
First Leaf Mabel Dunn
Leaves Mae Norwood
..... Johnny Dick
..... Tolbert Dunn
..... Theopolis Holmes
..... Virgil Ireland
..... Velma Taylor
..... F. D. Porter
Blue Bell Helen Shaffer
Rose Henrietta Slavens
Buttercup Margaret Williamson
Poppy Rachael Norwood
Daisy Wilma Williamson
Judge Owl Oliver Wingfield
Owls Meade Harris
..... Howard Lasswell
..... Donald Baughman
..... Eugene Harding
..... James Clark
..... Ronald White
..... Ralph Hildenbrand
..... Russel Hildenbrand
Rabbit Dale Force
Tortoise Norman Lasswell
Sunflower Mary Drake
Silver Wings Lorra'ne Hildenbrand
Fairy Queen Lucille Hildenbrand
Bee Milo Harris
Butterfly Norma McClanahan

LECOMPTON ALUMNI BANQUET
SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, 1999
 Honoring classes: 1919-1929-1939-1949-1959-
 1969-1979-1989-1999

TERRITORIAL DAYS - SATURDAY,
JUNE 26TH, 1999

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, Francis N., 73, Overbrook, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 1998.

He was born July 27, 1925, in Stull, to George and Jessie Moore Anderson. He attended Mound Grade School and was graduated from Lecompton High School in 1941.

He served in the Navy from 1945 to 1947, he then served in the Marine Corps from 1950 until 1954 in North and South Korea where he saw action in the Inchon-Seoul and Wonsan-Hungnam-Chosin campaigns.

He was married to Mildred S. Teixeira Oct. 17, 1953, in San Diego, Calif. She survives. A son, Randall S. Anderson, died March 3, 1998.

Other survivors include a son, Kendall R. Anderson, Baldwin; a daughter, Leilani F. Kelley, Enid, Okla.; a brother, Thomas E. Anderson, Overbrook; sisters, Buena Vista Lohman, Lawrence, and Mary Turley, Cody, Wyo.; and 10 grandchildren

A Topeka Marine Corps Reserve unit conducted inurnment services at Overbrook Cemetery.

BROWN, Henry E., 81, Phoenix, AZ. died Nov. 27, 1998 in Glendale. He was born at Lecompton the son of Walter E. and Beulah Grace Brown Brown.

He attended the Glenn Church while living here before they moved to Arizonia in June, 1954. He attended one year at Lecompton High School.

He was married Nov. 23, 1939 to Oneta Glenn. She survives

Henry and Oneta adopted a family of three who survive: Martha L. Marias, Bethany, OK; Mary A. Ruddick; and Robert D. Brown of Phoenix. Three grandchildren preceded him in death, leaving 8 grandchildren and 2 stepgrandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Burial in ResthavenPark Cemetery at Glendale, AZ.

HARDING, Roy R. Jr., 61, Topeka, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999.

He was born April 2, 1937, in Ozawkie, the son of Olive M. Turpin and Roy R. Harding, Sr. He graduated from Lecompton High School in 1955.

He was married to Donna J. McClanahan on June 9, 1956, in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Ronald J. Harding and William G. Harding, both of Topeka, his mother, Olive M. Harding, Topeka, three sisters, Betty Beeler, Grantville, Jean Smith, Las Vegas, and Nita Pickens, Buffalo, Mo., and six grandchildren. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery in Lecompton.

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CARR, Harry W., Jr. 76, Lawrence, died Wednesday, January 27, 1999.

He was born March 28, 1922, in Leavenworth County, the son of Harry W. and Mae Armstrong Carr. He graduated from Lecompton High School in 1941

He was married to Marion I. Deskins, Dec. 1, 1943 in Lawrence. She survives.

Other survivors include six daughters, Donna Johnson and Betty Nichols, both of Lawrence, Barbara Wright, Wichita, Judy Carr, Wellsville and Janet Hornberger and Kathy Hodson, both of Perry, a sister, Ruth Wyatt, Lawrence, 11 grandchildren and 12 Great-grandchildren.

TIBBS, Wilma Berniece, 91, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 1998. She was born Aug. 9, 1907, in Tecumseh, the daughter of William B. and Sarah L. Wimer Glenn. She graduated from high school in the old Lane University building in 1926.

She was a member of the Tecumseh United Methodist church.

Other survivors include a stepson, Orville L. Tibbs, Tecumseh; a stepdaughter, Janice Brown of Lagunna Niguel, Calif.; seven step grandchildren and 15 great step grandchildren; a niece, Iona Spencer of Lecompton; a nephew; Norbert Herschell of Tecumseh.

Burial in Walnut Hill Cemetery at Grove, north of Silver Lake Ks.

HUBBEL, David E. 60, died Nov. 25, 1998, in Dewey, Ariz. He was born May 4, 1938, in Lawrence, the son of Ralph and Marjorie Longanecker Hubbel.

He graduated from Lawrence High School in 1956. He married Mary Arce June 1, 1982. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include a daughter, Lavana Smith, Centropolis; two sons, David and Daniel, Baldwin and a brother, Ralph, Longmont, Colo.

DAVIS, Ralph F., 76, Lecompton, died Feb. 5, 1999. He was born April 18, 1922 in Hoyt, the son of Frank H. and Josie A. Sallee Davis.

He was a member of the Eagle Point Grace Bible Church near Perry. He served on the board of the Lecompton Historical Society.

He married Donna J. Cook in 1944. They were divorced. He married Clarice Atkinson in 1951, they were divorced. He married V. Jean Skinner Guy on May 26, 1977, in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include sons, Larry E. Davis, Mubi, Nigeria; Bob Hixon, Ozawkie; Larry A. "Bud" Davis, Wichita, Tim Davis and Ron Davis, both in Colorado Springs, Colo.; daughters, Debbie Spreer, Perry, Vickie Harding, Tucson, Az. Loretta O'Trimble, Lawrence and Anita Porter, Topeka.; brothers, Elmer Davis, Topeka and Charles Davis, Visalia, Calif.; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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