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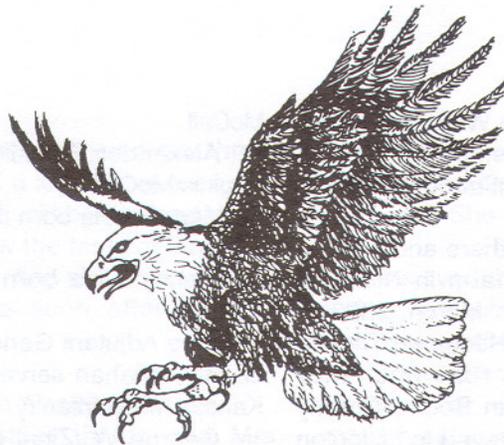
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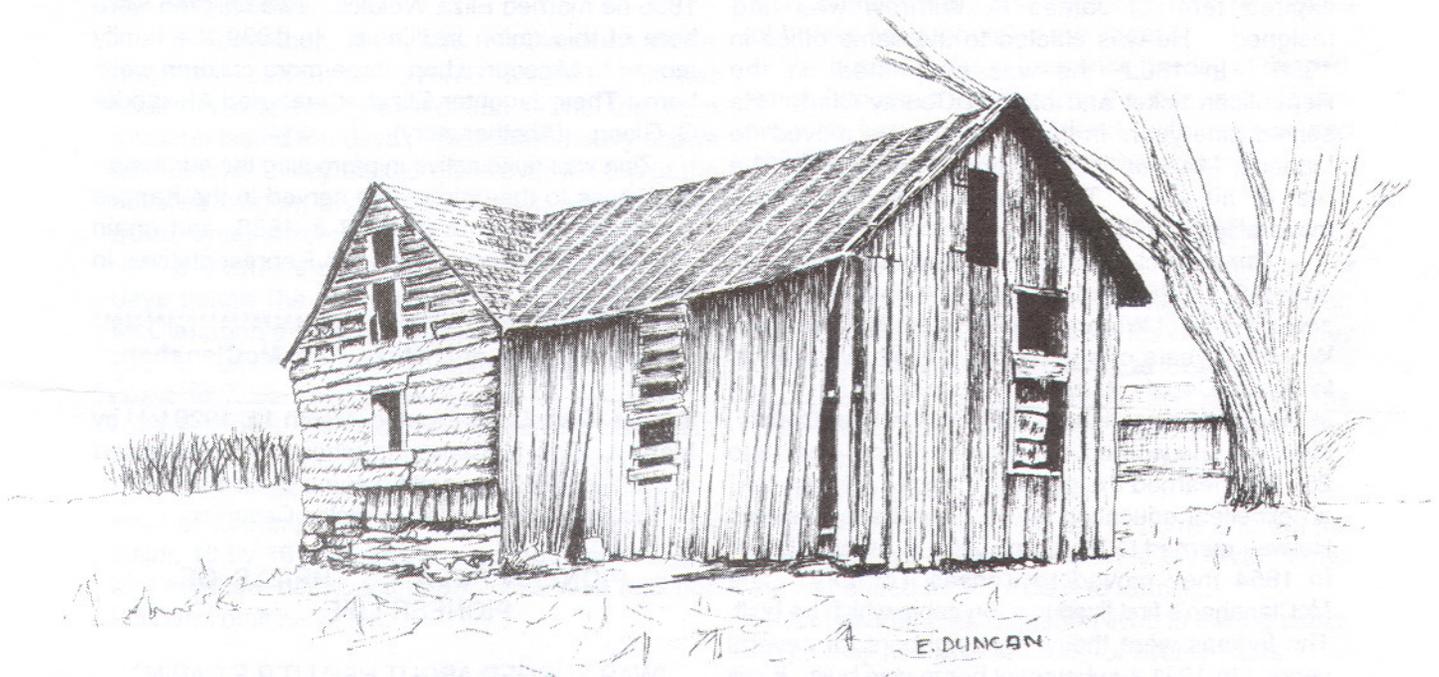


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## MC CLANAHAN LOG CABIN

Among the first settlers in the Lecompton area were George W. Zinn and John Green and Mary Ann Zinn McClanahan.

Geo. W. Zinn, the father-in-law, of John McClanahan had moved from a farm near Danville, Illinois in 1839 to Linn County, Missouri, where in August, 1846, he enlisted for service in the Mexican War which lasted 14 months. It was while he was on the way to the border Mr. Zinn was attracted to the country around Lecompton.

In June 1854 Zinn came to Kansas Territory and staked out claims west of Lecompton for himself and for the McClanahans. After erecting a long cabin on his own homestead he prepared a place for the McClanahans. They arrived in November 1854. They became the first white settlers in this

section.

John Green McClanahan's grandfather was Thomas McClanahan, an early settler in Kentucky, and was in the fort with Daniel Boone when they had to protect themselves from the indians. He had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War and fought under Colonel Thomas Marshall who was his uncle. His great grandmother was a sister to John Marshall the first Chief Justice of the United States. Nathaniel Green was a direct descendant and Stonewell Jackson was a cousin.

Thomas McClanahan married Nancy Green, a daughter of a gentleman from England, in Virginia, and was with him in the fort above mentioned. They raised a family of nine children, three sons and six daughters. Of these William Smith McClanahan, John Green McClanahan's father was

next to the youngest child. When William was two years old the family moved to Kentucky. William received his education and continued to reside there until he was twenty-one.

In September, 1822 he left there and went to West Virginia and settled on a farm in Nicholas County. Here he was married in March, 1823 to Elizabeth M. Triplett, daughter of Hedgman Triplett. They lived in West Virginia until 1830 when they moved to Missouri. They lived in Boone County until the fall of 1848, when they moved to Livingston County, where they remained a short time. William purchased land in Linn County in 1849 and moved there in 1850. In 1853 he was appointed and commissioned as County Surveyor to fill the unexpired term of James P. Withrow who had resigned. He was elected to the same office in 1856. In 1862 he was nominated on the Republican ticket and elected County Clerk. He served nine years in that position. He moved to Linneus, Missouri in 1862 and lived there for the rest of his life. The city honored him with a mayoralty in 1872-1873.

Our subject John G. McClanahan was born in June, 18, 1826 at Lexington, Kentucky, the second child of William and Elizabeth McClanahan. When ten years of age he moved with his parents to Boone County, Missouri. From there he moved in 1848 and established his home in Linn County, Missouri. He worked in the saw mill from age 18 to 25; then learned the carpenter trade. He received an excellent education under his father's tutelage. He was married to Mary Ann Zinn in August, 1850. In 1854 they moved to Kansas Territory. The McClanahan's first lived in a log cabin which he built. The Indians were their only neighbors for several years. In 1881 a substantial home was built. It still stands today and is occupied by the Larry Hunter family.

The farm was sold by the John and Mary McClanahans heirs in ---- to John French. The present owner Edgar Peck purchased the farm in 1988.

John and Mary Ann McClanahan's children are as follows:

1. Martha Ann born in 1852 married to Wm. A. Duncan.
2. George W. born 1853 (died in 1854)
3. William Smith born 1855 married Annie Spencer.
4. Elizabeth Triplett born 1858 and married to James McCollum.
5. Sarah Ellen born 1860 and married Hiram Gibbens and later Benjamin Crouse.
6. John Hedgman born 1862 and married Sarah

McCall.

7. Alexander Franklin born in 1865 and married Virginia McCall.

8. Mary Emma born in 1867 and married Thomas Hogg.

9. Nancy Eliza born in 1871 and married John Austin.

In the Adjutant General enrollment of soldiers, J. G. McClanahan served as Cpl. in Co. B. Reg. 3, Kansas Militia Infantry.

George W. Zinn, the father-in-law of John G. McClanahan was born in Indiana in 1809. In his young manhood he moved to Illinois. He was married in 1830 to Martha Cunningham who lived but a short time leaving one child, Mary Ann. In 1836 he married Eliza Weidick. Two children were born of this union in Illinois. In 1839 the family moved to Missouri where three more children were born. Their daughter Elizabeth married Alexander G. Glenn. (Another story)

Zinn was quite active in promoting the admission of Kansas to the union. He served in the Kansas Territorial legislature in 1857 & 1858, and again served in the Kansas House of Representatives in 1868.

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#### **John Green and Mary Ann McClanahan**

As you read the newspaper account in the Topeka Daily Capital, dated March 11, 1928 told by Mary A. Zinn McClanahan where it is mentioned about Sterling Price getting some of his horses.

This article was written by Helen Casebier.

#### **PIONEER RECALLS THRILLS OF PIONEER LIFE**

"WAR SURGED ABOUT HER LITTLE CABIN."

Ninety-five years old, Mrs. Mary McClanahan Settled on Farm Where She Now Lives When Only Neighbors Were Panthers and Coyotes, Some of Whom Were Human Species.

"She Braved the Perils of Early Day Life in Kansas"

Ninety-five years old and with much more than a spark of that vitality which carried her thru many years of pioneering under the hardest conditions, is Mrs. Mary McClanahan, who for 73 years now has lived on a farm near Lecompton.

She was here "before Lecompton was," and a long time before Topeka was, and she can tell you all about it, for her memory is remarkable. She can tell how she came to Kansas in a covered wagon, and settled on a farm, when her only neighbors were panthers and coyotes which howled at night,

how she saw Kansas City when they drove thru to Kansas, and it consisted of a log-house; a wooden warehouse and a saw mill, altho Westport was a thriving little town. She saw the tents of Lawrence and tents is all there were. And she entertained at dinner the two men who soon after founded Topeka.

#### **Pioneer Life Was Hard**

These and many other things can Mrs. McClanahan tell. She can tell of the hardships of pioneering of adventures, of makeshift ways of getting along, and tales of loneliness which convince one that the hardest pioneer stories are not exaggerated.

In November, 1854, Mrs. McClanahan drove from Missouri in a covered wagon, with her husband and her year-old son. The trip from Missouri lasted ten days. There were heavy snows all that time. They tacked quilts over the top of the covered wagon, and huddled down among other quilts, trying to keep warm.

They arrived at Lecompton, November 20, two days before the first election at Tecumseh. Mrs. McClanahan's father, George W. Zinn, who was later a member of the first territorial legislature, had come to Kansas in June, driving with him some cattle and pigs. He was probably the first white man to drive over the hills around Lecompton, and staked out a claim for himself and for his son-in-law west of Lecompton. He built a log cabin on his claim, 10 by 18 feet, with a puncheon floor. There McClanahan, her husband and child lived until her husband built his cabin.

#### **Loneliness Was Terrible**

Church was held in that log cabin every two weeks for a year, conducted by a cattle tender who was on Sundays a preacher. There were only three or four families who attended the services, for three or four families is all there were between Lecompton and Lawrence.

Lawrence itself was only a scattered settlement. People could not even buy groceries there. Once or twice each winter her husband had to drive to Kansas City, coming back with a wagon load of groceries. He bought flour, sugar, beans and coffee, only those provisions which were absolutely necessary, and sold them to the families living near by.

"Oh, we had hard times then," she said. "The loneliness was terrible. I remember the first days we came here. It was a moonshiny night. The country

was a perfect wilderness. I thought if I had to live here any length of time I'd be sick. And here I am 73 years." She laughed rather ironically.

#### **Raids All About Home**

She lived there all that stormy time before and during the Civil War, seeing the smoke of the raids and hearing the noise of the guns, learning from her husband how this man was killed for insulting the governor, and that man was killed for killing another, but coming no nearer to the trouble.

She saw the smoke at Lawrence when the town was sacked by Quantrill's band in 1863. It was not until two weeks later she visited Lawrence. "The town was a sad sight," she said. "The buildings were burned down, and there were charred bodies of horses lying around in the street."

Her husband was in Lawrence the day of the raid, which happened very early in the morning. He saw wagons hauling off the dead, with women and children clinging screaming to the wagons.

#### **Entertained Holliday - Chase**

The men who located Topeka had dinner at her house. These two men, C. K. Holliday and Enoch Chase, were walking thru from Kansas City. They had planned to buy up claims at Lecompton, but found the land too high priced, and gave up the idea. They stopped at her house and she fed them; then they continued their walk to Topeka where they staked out claims.

Mrs. McClanahan stayed at home and ran the farm, while her husband was in the Civil War. When the war ended he went back to farming.

Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan lived in the log cabin, which they had built in 1861, for twenty years. The cabin is still standing, about 100 yards west of the house. In 1881 they built the house in which Mrs. McClanahan now lives.

#### **Horse Thieves Plentiful.**

She still has the old spinning wheel with which she spun the wool for the family's clothes. They raised their own sheep, sheared them, washed and carded the wool, and Mrs. McClanahan spun it into wool, sending it to a professional weaver.

The McClanahans never had any trouble with the Indians. It was the white people with whom they were always having trouble.

"Robbers were always stealing our horses," said Mrs. McClanahan. "They took the horses once which I used to haul water from the Kaw river, for we did not have water any closer. I had to pack my clothes down to the river, wash them there, and

carry them back."

"Another time we were both sick with chills. You people now probably don't know what they are, but they were terrible. My husband was lying near the door on a couch, and I was lying in bed. A man ran up to the door and said, I've come to tell you bad news. They've come to burn your house and take your horses. We looked out and saw a man at the barn driving away our horses. We hadn't had a bite to eat since morning, and we were sick at that, but we walked three miles to our neighbors, and stayed there that night. They didn't try to burn the house and we went back the next day,"

#### **Life Still Worth Living**

Mr. McClanahan died in 1905, Mrs. McClanahan took charge of the farm. She has 111 living direct-descendants, six children, 27 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

She enjoys life today as she never did back in those old days when the war surged about her little farm, with human life always hanging upon the whim of rascals who created terror in the hearts of early settlers. Yet--there is a flash of fire in her eyes as she recalls those stirring times that tried the souls of men and women, and she says she would endure the hardships again--if necessary to create her home, or protect it.

Note: Mary Ann McClanahan died Dec. 21, 1928 at age of 95 years.

References: Submitted by Kathleen Schneider and McClanahan family Genealogy.

Topeka Daily Capital-March 11, 1928 by Helen Casebier.

#### **NORWOOD FAMILY**

George Washington Norwood and Americus McCall Norwood were the parents of Robert Moses and George Ray Norwood. George Washington lived at Lincoln, Iredell County, North Carolina. This was in the 1800's with his first family. His first wife was Casey Wilson. George Washington served in the Civil War. Due to the many hardships, the family moved to Kansas in possibly the later part of 1860's with four daughters and one son. Their home was near Williamstown, Kansas. George was a carpenter and built several houses while in Williamstown. He was an exceptionally good carpenter. Casey, his wife passed away. Then George Washington married Americus McCall. After their two sons were born they moved to Lecompton where George had a carpenter shop in the basement of the Rowena Hotel. He walked with

a cane from their home (now Evelyn Goodrich's home) to and from his shop. The home of Albert Paslay is one of the houses still standing that was built by George Washington. The carpenter tools used by George W. will be given to Lane Museum in the future. Of course they are nothing like carpenters tools used today, but they were the best tools for that time of life. George and Americus are buried in Perry Cemetery, Perry, Ks.

George Ray Norwood was born at Williamstown and died February 23, 1962.

Robert Moses Norwood was born Aug. 30, 1889 at Williamstown, Kansas. Robert was a red headed, freckled face boy that always seem to find mischief, according to his mother. Since Robert's parents were older Robert started working as a farm hand at an early age. He did some work as a carpenter with his father, who taught him well. He did attend school in Lecompton because the family moved from Williamstown to Lecompton while Robert was quite small. Robert told his mother he wanted to have twelve children when he got married. She told that on Robert a few times. Farm work seemed to be the most interesting to Robert. He met Bessie Edith Jackson while she was teaching her first year at Winter school. They were married on March 6, 1910.

Robert and Bessie did have twelve children, seven boys and five girls. They were: Helen, George (deceased 6-25-1988), Mae, Jessie (deceased, 4-8-1975), Ruth, Rachel Lee (deceased, 5-22-1944), Robert (deceased 8-8-1992), John Albert (deceased 9-4-1988), Roy (deceased, 8-20-1978), Jack (deceased 1-11-1987), Wesley, and James.

Robert was a good provider for his wife and large family. He worked long hours at farming, raising livestock, trading horses and cattle and selling them at sales. He even bought and sold walnut logs during the first World War. Robert and his dear wife, Bessie, endured many hardships through the years---illness of children, drought, floods, and the depression years. They both gave the best possible to their children by seeing that they had food, clothing and were able to attend schools as well as attending the local Sunday School and Church. (United Brethren.) The greatest shock came to Robert and Bessie when Lt. Rachel Lee was killed by an army truck hitting her at Camp Kilmer, N. J. during World War II. At that time three of the boys were in the service--Army, Navy and Marines.

Those were difficult times but by the grace of God, Robert and Bessie kept the home a pleasant and

welcome place for their family that seemed to grow up and accepted various jobs. Some moved to their own homes if they got married through the years. Robert was kind and wanted the best that he could possibly provide for his family. He let his children each have a part in the work that was to be done.

Of the twelve children, eleven of them were born on the Wenrich farm east of Lecompton, except Helen, who was born in a small three room house, now torn down, south of Lecompton, then known as the Fred Nace farm. In 1943 Robert and Bessie purchased a 60 acre farm one-fourth mile west of the home of many years. In 1945 Robert and Louise Webber were married and moved on the Wenrich farm. They purchased the Wenrich farm later.

Robert Moses and Bessie moved to the smaller farm in 1945. Robert better known as "Speck" died 10-22-1969. Bessie lived five years longer. She passed away 10-22-1974. Both are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery west of Lecompton.

**Helen**, the first child of Robert & Bessie was born 8-15-1912, attended Lecompton schools and graduated from High school in 1930. Helen started teaching the Douglas county Rural schools out of High school. Those schools were Jones, Crowder and Lecompton Grade School. She attended many summer schools at Emporia State Teachers college for her first degree, then received her Masters' degree from Kansas University. She taught a total of 47 years. Fourteen of those years were teaching at Pinckney School and was the first principal at Schwegler school for 21 years. She retired in 1978. Helen lives on the farm her parents purchased last. She is a Life Member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

**George Ray** the second child of Robert and Bessie was born Dec. 26, 1913. George was a logging trucker in Calif. and later a truck driver in Washington. He grew up in and attended Lecompton public schools and graduated from High School in 1932. He moved to California many years ago. He was a member of the United Methodist church in Lecompton and a Masonic Lodge in Grandview.

He married Evelyn Ward July 25, 1942. Evelyn was a teacher at Lecompton High School.

He had two sons, George Ralph deceased and Robert, Dallas, Tex., and two daughters, Marel Norwood, Seattle, Wash. and Christine Chalker, York, Pa. He died 6-25-1988 at Grandview, Wash. His wife died 4-19-1997, both are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**Mae** the third child of Robert and Bessie was born 8-2-1915. She attended Lecompton Schools and graduated from High School in 1933. Mae attended Lawrence Business College. She took the Civil Service examinations, then worked for two years for the State of Kansas in Topeka and Kansas City. Then she started working for the Treasury Department. Transfers took her from Kansas City to Denver, Colo. and Omaha, Neb., where she retired in 1974. She worked 34 1/2 years for the Treasury Department. Mae lives in Omaha, Neb. and is a Life Member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

**Jessie** the fourth child of Robert and Bessie was born Jan. 31, 1917 and passed away 4-8-1975. Jessie attended schools at Lecompton and graduated from High School in 1934. Jessie taught Star School in Douglas County before entering nurses training at the University of Kansas Hospital. Jessie rode a Shetland pony from the Norwood farm to Star School and back the year she taught. Jessie became the family nurse for those needing her nursing help. She served as head surgical nurse at Kansas University Hospital for nine years. Following that she worked as a registered nurse at Lake City Arsenal for many years. There she met her husband, John Corf. They were married 12-15-1962. They had a home in Odessa, Mo. John passed away two days after Jessie, 4-10-1975. Jessie and John Corf were the first graves in the new part of the Maple Grove Cemetery.

**Ruth** the fifth child of Robert and Bessie was born 1-25-1918. She attended schools in Lecompton and graduated from High School in 1935. She attended Lawrence Business College. After taking the Civil Service Examinations, she received a government job in Washington D. C. She met her husband Joe Harris while working there. They were married June 17, 1939. They were transferred to Philadelphia and other cities. Joe was from North Carolina. Ruth worked for the War Department for 28 years. They have two sons, Michael and James. Ruth and Joe live in Atlanta, Ga. Ruth is a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

**Rachel Lee** the sixth child of Robert and Bessie was born 2-21-1919. She graduated from Lecompton High School in 1936. She served in the military, as 2nd Lieut. Army Nurse Corps. She was killed 5-22-1944 by a truck at Camp Kilmer, N. J., where she was awaiting overseas orders. She is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**Robert M. "Bob"** the seventh child of Robert and Bessie was born 6-30-1920. He graduated from Lecompton High School in 1937.

He was a farmer and school bus driver for Perry-Lecompton School district. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of World War 11. He was a Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Alford-Clarke Post No. 852 and a Life Member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

He married Louise Webber 12-9-1945, in Independence, Ks. Louise lives on the Wenrich farm they bought in 1965. Bob lived all his life in the Lecompton area. Their children are a daughter Connie Stilson and two sons, Milton Lee and Ken E. Norwood. Bob passed away 8-8-1992 and is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.

**John Albert** the eighth child of Robert and Bessie was born June 25, 1922. He attended Lecompton schools and graduated from High School in 1940.

He was a U. S. Marine Corps combat veteran of World War 11. He received his degree in engineering science from Colorado College, and was a geologist for more than 30 years in the oil and gas industry in Venezuela, Denmark and various parts of Texas. He was married to Louise Pullen of Jackson, Miss. 3-26-1949. They had two sons, Bill and Scott Norwood, and a daughter Nancy Norwood. J. Albert died 9-4-1988 at Dripping Springs, Tx., and his wife passed away 8-28-1983. Both buried in Assumption Cemetery at Austin, Tx.

**Roy Nathaniel** the ninth child of Robert and Bessie was born 3-13-1924. He graduated from Lecompton High School in 1942. He had lots of energy and enthusiasm. He was active in sports and kept his class full of life. He married Verna Kephart on 11-12-1947. She still survives.

To this union were born two children, Sandee and John. His son wrote that his Dad was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Roy was an employee of the Beatrice Food Company at San Jose, Calif. prior to his illness. He was a member of the Brotherhood Teamsters Local 396. He was a Navy Veteran of World War 11. Roy passed away 8-20-1978. He is buried in the new section of Maple Grove Cemetery.

**William J. "Jack"** the tenth child of Robert and Bessie was born 4-23-1926. He attended schools in Lecompton. Jack worked 30 years for the Good-year Tire and Rubber Co., and also operated a farm. He married Irene Rainbolt 7-20-1947. She died 8-31-1970. He then married Willa C. Kline 5-15-1971, at Tecumseh. She survives and lives in Tecumseh.

Jack and Irene had four daughters , Peggy Cregut, Vicky Norwood, Kathy Falck, Lori Norwood and one son William Clyde "Bill" Norwood, three

stepdaughters, Linda Estes, Lois Elmer and Carol Stormer and three stepsons, Melvin, Stephen and Marvin Grandstaff.

Jack was a member of Local No. 307 of United Rubber workers and attended Tecumseh Methodist Church. Jack lived in the Tecumseh area many years and died 1-11-1987. He is buried in Dover Cemetery.

**Wesley W.** the eleven child of Robert and Bessie was born 3-10-1928. He attend schools in Lecompton and graduated from High School in 1946. He enlisted in the Navy in 1945 and didn't do active duty until 1946 and spent two years in the service.

He attended Baker University for two years and then transferred to Kansas University where he graduated with a B. S. degree in 1955 and an L. L. B. (Law Degree) in February of 1955. He practiced law in Lawrence until his retirement several years ago. He was County Attorney of Douglas County for two terms. He married Doris Newman Jan. 15, 1950 at Baldwin City, Ks.

Wes and Doris live in Lawrence and have two sons, Brian and Gregg Norwood.

**James** the twelfth child of Robert and Bessie was born 2-6-1930. He attended schools in Lecompton and graduated from High School in 1948.

James attended Baker University and Emporia State Teachers College from 1948 to 1950.

After attending Boot Camp in San Diego, CA. and other military training, James arrived in Korea in Aug. of 1951, was commissioned in the Marine Corp and received other training at Ft. Sill, Ok. He returned to Korea at the end of the Korean War, then returned to Korea in 1954 and served in the Artillery Division, returned to California, joined the Marine Corp Test Unit for Atomic exercises for Desert Rock, Ne.

James met Anne in 1958, and they were married at Eugene, Or. He received his Masters of Education in 1972 from Washington State College and taught school in Washington for 30 years until he retired in 1990. James and Anne have two children Kimberly and James.

Since his retirement in 1990, James has spent his time buying and fixing up run down apartments. In the ten year period he has become a steady member of the Coffee Club and Grumpy men's group in Cheney, Wash. He also is a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Reference: The Norwood family history submitted by Helen Norwood and the Norwood family.

**THE MC CLANAHAN FAMILY**



Back Row: Emma McClanahan Hogg; Frank McClanahan; Ella McClanahan Gibbens, Crouse; John Hegman McClanahan and Nancy McClanahan Austin  
Front Row: Martha McClanahan Duncan; John McClanahan; Mary Zinn McClanhan and Will McClanahan

**NORWOOD FAMILY**



George Washington Norwood &  
Americus McCall Norwood



Bessie Jackson Norwood &  
Robert Moses "Speck" Norwood

## LECOMPTON ALUMNI

The Lecompton High School Alumni Banquet was held June 17 at the gym of the Lecompton High School. There were 181 graduates and guests present. It was a lot easier this year, as the chairs and tables were delivered to the door and we only had to set them up.

We want to thank Alice Bates and Linda Van Riper for a very good job they did in providing an excellent banquet. The Alumni Banquet will be held June 16, 2001 and since Linda and Alice have volunteered again, we know that it will be a great success.

We would like to mention that the oldest graduate from Lecompton High School in 1921 is Albert E. "Bert" McRae, who is still active and plays golf, but he was unable to attend the banquet.

Also Maybelle "Duggie" Slavens Hall graduated in 1925 and was unable to attend, but each year she makes a donation to the Alumni. This year Linda and Alice made a trip to Kansas City to thank her and gave her a center piece like the ones that decorated the tables at the banquet.

**Those who attended the Banquet June 17, 2000 are as follows:**

1930-Helen Norwood who was the oldest graduate there.  
1931-Edythe Leslie Stevenson & her husband, Leslie and Juanita Strait  
1932-Helen Frye Hildenbrand  
1932-Wayne Stover  
1933-Willis Horton & Helen Connole Horton (1938)  
1936-Robert Walter & Edna  
1936-Cecil Welcher and wife  
1937-Harold Chiles  
1938-Ruth Bertschinger Schirmer  
1939-Florence Connole Kreipe & Gene  
1939-George Simmons & Arloene DeKat Simmons (1940)  
1940-Fritz McClanahan & wife  
1940-Delmar Barland  
1940-Ann Shields Dunnaway  
1940-Viola Welcher Sweet  
1940-Joe Stauffer & Ruth  
1941-Maxine Glenn Dark & Myron Powell  
1941-Opal Lasswell Goodrick

1941-Lura Holloway McAlexander  
1942-Corrine Fleming Childs & Joe  
1942-Marvin Hartman & Harriet  
1942-Louise Webber Norwood  
1942-Richard Walter & Alta Kamp-schroeder Walter (1943)  
1943-Dorothy Sulzen Casto & Marvin  
1943-Evelyn Houk Jensen & Don  
1943-Lester Stauffer & Betty Joyce Crady Stauffer(1944)  
1944-Marjorie Sanford Daniels & Clarence  
1944-Bob Fleming & Martha  
1944-Bill Leslie & Betty Webber Leslie (1944)  
1944-Mary Walter Powell  
1944-Charles Worley & Erma Wulf-kuhle Worley (1944)  
1944 Dorothy Checksfield Smith & Virginia Fisher  
1944-Iona Herschell Spencer  
1945-Ruth Selch Corzett & Bob  
1946-George Chiles & Edna  
1946-Ann Morris Smith  
1946 Beverly Bahnmaier Van Dyke & Bill, guest: Marge Schmitt & Norma Hamrick  
1950-Bill Wingfield & Georgia  
1950-Red Andrews & Regina  
1950-Dorothy LaDuke Neil & friend  
1950-Carol Morris Kibbee & Kenneth Kibbee (1951)  
1951-Ruth Rothwell Vervynck  
1951-Leah Bahnmaier Shaw & Ed  
1952-Lois Hildenbrand Condley & Leon  
1952-Dale Gregg  
1952-Marjorie Hildenbrand  
1952 Mary Myers Manis & husband  
1952-Dorothy Powell Woods  
1953-Nancy Morris Howard & Len  
1953- Billy Joe Smith & Dorothy  
1955-John Bahnmaier & Lanna  
1955-Willie Turner  
1955-Fred Smith  
1955-Duane Wyatt & Ruth  
1955-Donna McClanahan Harding  
1956-Elmer Zeeb & Jo Beth  
1957-Jerry Dick & Kathy Robinson Dick (1960)  
1958-Betty Damm Carothers & Don  
1958-Robert Morris & Mary Lou Salisbury Morris (1958)  
1959-Ed Turner  
1959-J. H. Vestal & Jeannie  
1960-Paul Bahnmaier  
1960-Carolyn Turner Curran & Bob  
1960-Nancy Hudson Foster

1960-Merta Wingfield Fulton & Bob  
1960-Richard Hildenbrand & Rhonda  
1960-Carolyn Mathews Stewart & Scott  
1961-Verna Kent Pletcher & John  
1961-Gloria Baugher Ward  
1961-Patricia Andes Sturdivant & Henry  
1961-Dorothy Chinn Moore & husband  
1961-Mary Morris Christman & Bob Christman (1962)  
1962-Darel Burd & Debbie  
1963-Ronald Stauffer & Wendy  
1963-Linda Van Riper  
1964-Carol Confer McCune  
1964-Dennis Stauffer & Mary Skinner Stauffer (1966)  
1965-Bonnie Decker Anderson & Dave  
1966-Denna Confer  
1966-Dianna Confer Grandstaff  
1967-Rita Simmons Mock & Robert  
1967-Larry Bates & Alice Chilcott Bates (1969)  
1969-Bonny Leslie Fugett & Steve  
1969-Robert Goodrick & Marian  
1969-Karen Allen Potter  
1970-Jim Boose & Elaine  
1970-Steve Goodrick & Norma  
1970-Terry Hope  
1970-Bruce Inloes  
1970-Betty Smith Mitchell & Mike  
1970-Debbie Roberts Howell  
1971-Janice McAlexander  
1973-Dean Christy  
1976-Tom Leach & Valorie Brenda Hepner  
1984-Dan Gregg  
We appoligize if we missed someone

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Life Members:

- \* John Norwood
- \* Zella "Sally" Wilson Boydston by her niece & husband Dianna & Marvin Grandstaff
- \* Richard Werts
- \* Sarah Bartlett Letcher Frank by her mother Martha Letcher

### Memorial Donations received:

For Nellie Worthington Glenn from Laura Blakeley and Robert Shirley

For William Boydston from Esther Boydston and children Sandy, Kitty, Chuck, & Tony

**BALD EAGLE RIVERVIEW PARK**

Pat Istas recently installed at the Democratic Headquarters a native stone marker identifying the area as Bald Eagle Riverview Park, also Benjamin Goodrick has constructed two benches for the park as part of his Eagle Scout project. Both additions are greatly appreciated and enhances this unique historic site in Lecompton.

**TERRITORIAL CAPITAL MUSEUM**

We wish to thank the following who have loaned or donated items to the Territorial Capita-Lane Museum. Pres. Paul Bahnmaier & Curators

1. Artifacts from Fort Titus 11-25-1995-Tim Rues
2. Picture of Elmer Elias Myers with Sheriff Badge.  
He served as Sheriff for Douglas Co., from the Rose & Joe Smith Family.  
Wm. & Dorothy Smith--Virginia & Robert Allen--Richard Smith--Betty and Michael Mitchell
3. 3 piece Lecompton Cheer leader set, class 1970  
1 (L) blue letter (Lecompton) & 2 names in blue  
2 pictures  
Future Home maker of American Patch from  
Connie Haas Caisin.
4. 1940 History of Lecompton High School and Music Award Patch from Dale Gregg
5. 4 burner oil stove with oven  
Loaf of bread & cutting board from  
A. K. & Charlene Winter
6. 2 pictures of Democratic headquarters from  
Robert Swenson
7. 1918 World War I picture of Kirby Rodgers Family  
from Bud & Rosalie Banks
8. 1902 Sears Robuck Catalog and 4 White China door  
knobs (2 pairs) from Susie Richardson

9. Display of 60 campaign buttons in frame-Misc. Pins & buttons, bumper stickers (some presidents) from Randy & Sandy Sisson
10. Misc. Books: Some dating back to 1845 in German. Christian Religion Bible in German. 2 books written by Dr. Martin Luther.  
5" Jointed China Doll w/home made organdy dress made in Germany in Barnum Animal Cookie box.  
8" China doll w/jointed arms w/ rose colored taffeta dress-make in Japan.  
17" doll-No. 4-w/cloth body, china head, feet & arms in flowered dress. from Zerita Johnson Paxton.

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We also have a coffee mug with colored pictures of Territorial Capital Museum and Constitution Hall on the side at a cost of \$5.00 each.

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Since we have had so many request for our old cook books, we now have a new cookbook which features over 400 recipes and will cost \$10.00 plus tax. The cost to mail the cookbook will be \$3.20.

All of the above items will make excellent Christmas gifts.

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## OBITUARIES

**Gentry, Irene Elaine**, 84, Topeka, died Mon. June 5, 2000. She was born 10-14-1915, in Williamtown, the daughter of James W. & Florence Daniels Lewis. She became an LPN in 1955.

She was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, she served 50 years on the deaconess board.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Buford; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons; William F. Gentry, in 1984 and Frederick M. Gentry in 1980, and a grandson, William Buford, Jr. in 1974.

Irene came to the dedication of the Lake View-Crowder-Lewis cemetery to put flowers on her mother Florence Lewis and her Aunt Mary Lewis graves.

Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**Kennedy, Betty Lou**, 77, died May 25, 2000 at a Topeka hospital. She has been a Big Springs resident for many years.

She was born 12-7-1922, in Lawrence, to George F. and Ella Elston Burch. She graduated from Libery Memorial High School in 1939.

She married Jack Henry in 1940. He died in 1959. She married Francis Kennedy in 1970. He survives. A son, Robert Henry, died in 1982.

Other survivors include sons, Dave Henry, Wichita, and Rick Henry, St. Louis; a stepson, Sam Kennedy, Lecompton, stepdaughters, Toni Ridpath, Topeka, Shawana Caldwell, Overbrook; and 11 grandchildren. Burial in East View cemetery at Big Springs, Ks.

**Boydston, William J. "Bill"**, 77, died Thurs. June 8, 2000 at home.

Bill was born Dec. 18, 1922, in Mayetta, the son of Charles Richard and Mary Ann Thomas Boydston. He attended school in Lecompton and graduated from High School in 1942.

He was a member and two-time pastmaster of Lecompton Masonic Lodge No. 420 AF & AM and several other lodges.

He married Zella V. "Sally" Wilson on March 11, 1944, in Lecompton. She survives.

Survivors include a son, William James "Bill" Boydston, Jr., Big Springs; a daughter, Lou Ann Boydston, Tecumseh, and a sister, Susie Bell Richardson, Perry.

He was cremated. Memorial service was with military honors conducted by Post No. 142 of the American Legion and Masonic services conducted by Lodge No. 420 AF & AM at the Big Springs United Methodist Church.

**Kent, Dorothy E.**, 52, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000. She was born Dec. 9, 1947, in Trenton, Mo., the daughter of Merton William and Roberta Maxine Chandler Kent. She graduated from Lecompton High School and provided the inspiration and leadership for cleaning the high school building after it was vandalized 20 years ago.

Survivors included her father, Merton, son, Rob Harrell, Lecompton; five sisters, Ardith Smith, Overbrook, Jeannie Vestal, Williamstown, Carolyn Glenn and Verna Pletcher, both of Lecompton; and Louise Wallace, Grantville; and four grandchildren.

She donated her body to The University of Kansas Medical School for research.

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