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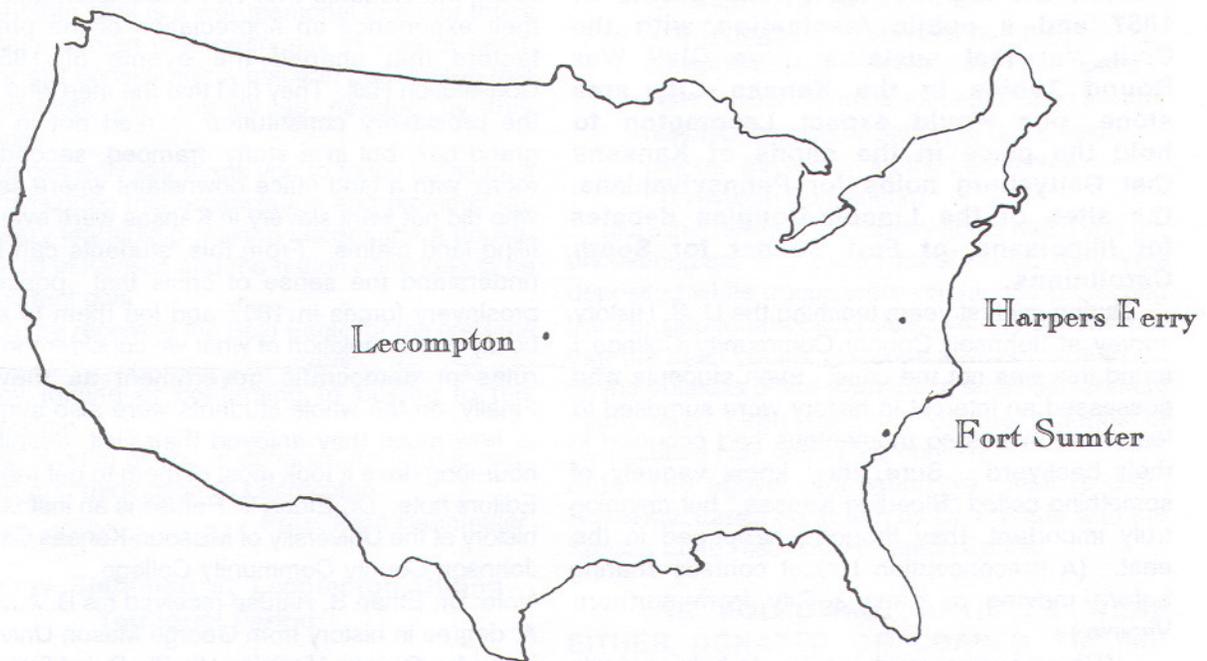
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## CIVIL WAR BIRTHPLACE



The following article written by noted historian Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse restates and explains the importance of the historical events which occurred in Lecompton with respect to the Civil War and the history of the United States. Lecompton was indeed the Birthplace of the Civil War.

### CONSTITUTION HALL

Classroom in Lecompton by Ethan S. Rafuse

It was the United States War Department that played the most important role in the early extension of federal government protection to American's Civil War battlefields. To a large extent, the War Department did this with an eye on using the battlefields as classrooms to train and educate officers in their profession. By hiking the battlefields, it was believed officers could acquire

an appreciation for how terrain, weather, and other environmental factors effected operations that could not be gained from books and classroom lectures alone. A historic building, such as Constitution Hall at Lecompton, has potential as a teaching tool and as a link to important events that helped shape and define the American republic.

Lecompton can certainly lay as good a claim as Harpers Ferry and Fort Sumter to the dubious honor of being the place where the United States was irrevocably set on the road to its bloodies war. What happened at Constitution Hall was critical to the most important factor in the coming of the Civil War: the survival and rise to power of the Republican party. The fact that the Republican party has existed long enough to become known as the Grand Old Party (even though the Democratic party was formed over twenty years

earlier) has made it easy to forget just how tenuous its early existence was. During the 1840s and 1850s the Whig, Free-Soil, American or Know-Nothing, and Liberty parties all failed, and in early 1857 many predicted the same fate for the Republicans. Then proslavery forces in Kansas drafted a state constitution at Lecompton whose provisions for the protection of slavery clearly did not reflect the will of the people of Kansas. This action persuaded northerners that the Republican charge that the so-called Slave Power would subvert democracy and majority rule in order to expand slaves in fact correct and by doing so made possible Abraham Lincoln's election as president in 1860.

**Given the significance of the events of 1857 and a public fascination with the Civil War that sustains three Civil War Round Tables in the Kansas City area alone, one would expect Lecompton to hold the place in the minds of Kansans that Gettysburg holds for Pennsylvanians, the sites of the Lincoln-Douglas debates for Illinoisans, or Fort Sumter for South Carolinians.**

During my first years teaching the U. S. History survey at Johnson County Community College I found this was not the case. Even students who possessed an interest in history were surprised to learn that events so momentous had occurred in their backyard. Sure, they knew vaguely of something called "Bleeding Kansas," but anything truly important, they thought, happened in the east. (A preconception I must confess sharing before moving to Kansas City from northern Virginia.)

With an eye on rectifying this, to help students gain an appreciation for their local heritage, and convinced by my experiences working for the National Park Service at Manassas National Battlefield and the Harry S. Truman Home of the unmatched ability of historic sites to bring the past vividly to life, I decided to require instead of reading a collection of documents as a supplement to the textbook and in-class activities, students would visit one or two historic sites.

The reasons given above and the superb job the state of Kansas has done preserving and interpreting the site, made the decision to include Constitution Hall among the places students could visit (the others were the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka and the Truman Home in Independence) an easy one. I then prepared a worksheet for students to fill out during their visit to

Lecompton, posted it on the web and awaited the results. Two semesters of feedback from students have fully persuaded me of the value of this assignment and to include it as part of the class I teach on the Civil War in Missouri and Kansas at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

With their visit to Lecompton fresh in their minds, students have tended to be more involved in classroom activities involving the coming of the war and more sensitive to the problems encountered whenever new lands were opened to settlement. Moreover, just as those who walk battlefields gain a much better understanding of how and why a battle happened the way it did than those who never leave the comfort of an armchair and air-conditioned room, the students who visit Lecompton take from their experience an appreciation of the physical factors that shaped the events of 1857 at Constitution Hall. They find that the men who wrote the proslavery constitution worked not in some grand hall, but in a stuffy cramped, second floor room, with a land office downstairs where settlers who did not want slavery in Kansas were every day filing land claims. From this, students can better understand the sense of crisis that possessed proslavery forces in 1857 and led them to act as boldly and in violation of what we consider the basic rules of democratic government as they did. Finally, on the whole students were also surprised at how much they enjoyed their visit, despite the hour-long drive it took most of them to get there!

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## PRESIDENT REPORT

The Lecompton Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the nationally important history of Lecompton.

The historical society, city and community have worked diligently to preserve Constitution Hall, Territorial Capital Museum, Democratic Headquarters and the Lecompton High School building. Imagine what our city would be and look like without these historic buildings standing so majestically and

eloquently in the city.

The goal of promoting our history throughout Kansas and the nation is being achieved. The signage, newspaper and travel magazine stories have reached visitors from 44 states, 13 countries at this writing. Visitor totals will surpass 5000 again this year. Several notable visitors include two history professors from France who were driving across the United States and were stopping at two sites in Kansas, Abilene and Lecompton. Also professors from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Alabama who just wanted to visit this important city.

We continue to receive artifacts that preserve the heritage of this community for future generations.

Another goal is a war memorial to honor those who have served the community in time of need. We are still considering a place in Lecompton that has visibility and dignity so needed by this memorial.

We can only say thank you to those in the past who envisioned this organization and provided the necessary leadership making Lecompton a household word in Kansas and the nation continues to be an important goal.

If you are receiving the Bald Eagle for the first time or considering renewing your membership you can help by joining or continuing to belong to this organization.

Thank each of you in advance for your loyalty, support and dedication to Lecompton.

Pres. Paul Bahnmaier

#### **Troops Stationed at Lecompton During Territorial Period**

- Gov. Shannon requests 30 men from the 1st Cavalry, Ft. Leavenworth, April 25, 1856  
Shannon asks for a company from 1st Cavalry, May 21, 1856  
Report of camp of 1st Cavalry at Major Clarke's near Lecompton, May 21, 1856  
Companies F & K of 1st Cavalry camped near Lecompton, May 27, 1856  
Maj. Gen. Persifer Smith orders 2nd Cavalry Dragoons from Ft Riley, men from Jefferson Barracks, & 6th Infantry to Lecompton, Aug. 17, 1856  
Capt. Howe's company of artillery to march to Lecompton, Aug. 18, 1856  
Capt. D. B. Sacket of 1st Cavalry in camp with Free-State prisoners near Lecompton, Aug. 1856

- 250 mounted militia arrived, Aug. 30, 1856  
Report of camp of 2nd Dragoons, Ft. Riley, located about 1 1/2 miles from Ft. Titus (i.e. about 1/2 mile south of Lecompton), Sept. 20, 1856  
Battalion of 6th Infantry arrive, Sept. 25, 1856  
Troops withdrawn except for 2 companies of 1st Cavalry & Co. A of 6th Infantry, Nov. 12, 1856.  
Gov. Geary asks for 2 additional companies of dragoons (in response to the Sherrard affair), Feb. 9, 1857  
Geary calls Capt. Newby's company of cavalry (dismounted) into Lecompton (in response to Sherrard's killing), Feb. 18, 1857  
Capt. Newby's company withdrawn from Lecompton area, March 26, 1857  
New York Tribune correspondent reports a concentration of troops around Lecompton, Nov. 6, 1857, horse & foot numbering several hundred, a powerful battery of brass field pieces. (protection for the Lecompton Constitution Convention)

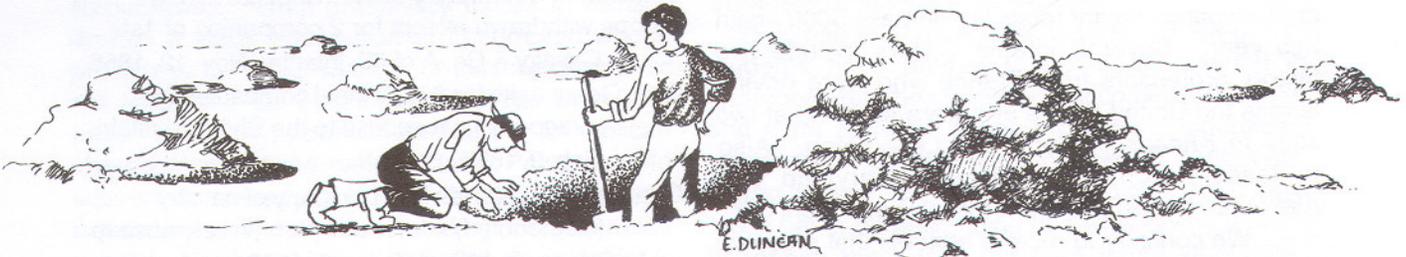
More than likely, if the military items which you are uncovering are from the territorial period, they were deposited while troops were on the site protecting the constitutional convention. All indications are that the main bodies of troops always made camp on the outskirts of the town, but a small detachment might have been stationed on the grounds of Constitution Hall during the convention.

Note: The above information was sent to John Reynolds, furnished to him by Dale Watts with the Kansas State Historical Research Center.

#### **THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WERE EITHER DONATED OR LOANED TO THE MUSEUM:**

1. Christmas Ornament from Kathmandu, Nepal  
Lecompton (L) letter & Letter stripe-by Grace Kellogg Melton
2. Shot gun shell crimper-Troy Pfeffer
3. Pre war Quilled grape shot-Jason Kenny & Brad Sledd
4. 10 pictures from Wilma Tibbs estate-Iona Spencer
5. Book: Native Indian Information-Mae Holderman
6. 1969-70 Lecompton Owl year book: 2 books-1 cloth ABC, 1 The Happy Book: 1 Warranty deed and 1 Article of Agreement from Peter Long & wife to O. E. Baughman: Office of Attorney General to Mr. W. G. Holloway City Clerk on election regulations. Beverly Baughman Haefele
7. Article on Radical U. B. Church-Elizabeth Mellen

NOPE, NOTHIN'  
IN HERE EITHER!



## FROM UNBROKEN SOD TO PAVED ROADS

### *Sees Old Pass On, Speed Eras Dawn*

Otto Durow, Big Springs Blacksmith for Half a Century, Pioneer Traveler, Mineral Locator, Storehouse of Early Kansas History, Still Stands at his Flaming Forge.

By Mrs. Howard Henry

Copied from the Topeka Daily Capital-Sunday, Jan. 13, 1929:

He sharpened the plowshares that broke the sod about Big Springs. Today he repairs tractors--plows that turn over ten feet of soil at one time.

He saw the covered wagons that carried thousands of homeseekers into a new land. Today he sees thousands flit past his door in high-power motor cars or huge interstate buses, on a well-paved highway, U. S. No. 40.

Looking upward he sees an occasional airplane skimming thru the ethereal blue, and wonders at the changes time and genius have brought upon the land he helped reclaim from the wilderness that was pioneer Kansas.

Otto Durow, of Big Springs, Douglas county, is near the 80-year mark. He settled in the community where he has made his home all these years, when there was nothing but a trail. Big Springs was one of the stopping places on the Old Oregon Trail.

### **Dwindles Away, Comes Back.**

It became quite a place with hotels, parks, stores, saloons and other accoutrements of frontier towns. Then it dwindled away somewhat, but just now is coming back into its own. The postoffice was taken away, and citizens are trying to get it back. The telephone exchange was moved away, and now Big Springs is large enough to support another.

Mr. and Mrs. Durow recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have lived all their married lives in the same house, one of the first erected in Kansas territory. They saw the covered wagon caravans streaming over the naked prairie. They saw the border ruffians come and go, in their places coming solid citizenry that has made the Big Springs community one of the finest and most prosperous in the state.

### **Railroads Chose Lower Paths.**

The railroad passed them by, choosing the easier going along the Kaw river, three miles to the north. Big Springs is located on the high divide between the Kaw and Wakarusa watershed. U. S. No. 40 follows this divide thru its entire length, from Topeka to Lawrence, passing directly thru Big Springs.

Being the only blacksmith, pioneer travelers beat a path to Durow's shop door. Of them he heard the latest gossip, news of Indian massacres further west, latest political happenings in the East, and all the trail news worth relating. Big Springs was the watering and camping places and several large springs furnished an abundance of fine water.

Durow can show curious persons the location of the old Pickens hotel and barroom where the first temperance crusade in Kansas began. Barrels of whisky were rolled out into the street and burned.

### **Points to Noted Landmarks.**

He also can point out fragmentary portions of foundations of early buildings, when Big Springs was quite a little city. Where the city park, with water piped from the springs, furnished trysting place for youthful lovers; where old churches flourished and passed into oblivion; where the old Harper House, another noted hostelry, stood just east of the first United Brethren church in Kansas, with the latter's foundation stones crumbling into dust; traces of

# GREAT CHRISTMAS IDEAS

A fantastic new LECOMPTON COOKBOOK has just been published. This book of Old Family Favorites and Many New Recipes were researched by our many members and good friends. Our latest Cookbook would make a great gift for Mother, Holiday, Manufacturer or Anniversary. The book contains over 350 cooking recipes many fat and sugar free. You will want to prepare for your family and friends.

## VALUED AND APPRECIATED MEMBERSHIP

As  
previously mentioned in the President's report,  
the goals and achievements of this community  
and organization has made Lecompton an  
*IMPORTANT TOURIST ATTRACTION in KANSAS.*  
Your membership or donation will provide  
an opportunity for even greater accomplishment for Lecompton.  
Thank you, in advance.  
If you have already paid your 2001 dues or are a life member  
your past and present interest has been greatly appreciated.

Clip and mail with your check or money order

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 \$5.00 per year for individual membership and \$7.00 for a couple's membership. The dues are 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 Georgia Trammel, Chairman, in care of Betty Leslie, Treasurer, 625 East 7<sup>th</sup>, Lecompton, KS 66050.

- (    ) \$5.00 Annual Individual Membership
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- (    ) \$50.00 Individual Life or Memorial Membership
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# GREAT CHRISTMAS IDEAS

A fantastic new LECOMPTON COOKBOOK has just been published.

This Book Of Old Family Favorites and Many New Recipes were contributed by our many members and good friends. Our latest Cookbook would make a great gift for *Holidays, Weddings, Anniversaries* or *Birthdays*. The book contains over 380 enticing recipes, many fat and sugar free, you will want to prepare for your family and friends.

Cookbooks maybe purchased at The Territorial Capital Museum, during their office hours. If you wish to order by mail, fill out the order form below and return with your check or money order.

Cost:  
 Cookbook ..... (Tax included ) \$10.59  
 Postage and handling ..... \$3.21  
 Total cost to mail cookbook ..... \$13.80

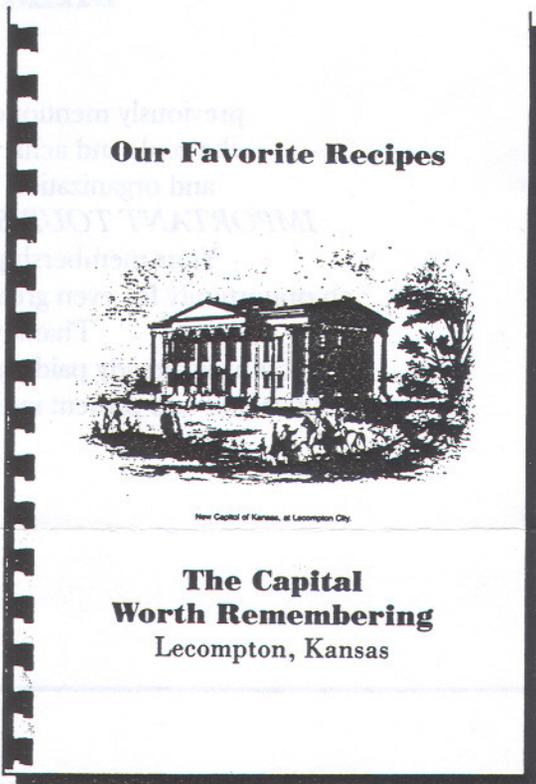
Other items to consider for Christmas gifts include the following:

Cost:  
 T-Shirt ..... ( Tax included ) \$10.59  
 Red or Blue Ball Cap ..... (Tax included) \$12.71  
 Magnet ..... (Tax included) \$1.06  
 (The above have the Civil War Soldiers and Crossed-Flags Logo printed on them)



Coffee Mug  
 ..... (Tax included) \$5.30  
 (with colorized pictures of Constitution Hall / Territorial Capital Museum on opposite sides.)

Postage and handling cost per one-pound ..... \$3.20  
 This is the cost per one package / and-or/ one-pound.



**The Capital Worth Remembering**  
 Lecompton, Kansas

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Item	Total Items Ordered	cost per item	total cost
Cookbook.	_____	\$10.59	\$ _____
Cookbook plus postage	_____	\$13.80	\$ _____
T-Shirt	_____	\$10.59	\$ _____
Red cap	_____	\$12.71	\$ _____
Blue cap	_____	\$12.71	\$ _____
Magnet	_____	\$1.06	\$ _____
Coffee cup	_____	\$5.30	\$ _____
Postage and Handling (Per package / and-or/ one-pound).....	_____	\$3.20	\$ _____
Total cost of Order.....			\$ _____

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the old Oregon and California roads; the exact location of the old log cabin where two girls sold liquor in successful defiance of the temperance adherents; the foundation of the first legislative hall in Kansas; the building where the famous "rump legislature" held its session; the approximate location of the hiding place of a pot of gold, hidden by a scared emigrant on his way to California.

All of these and more can Otto Durow show to those who seek his home in search of historical data. For he is a gold mine of information on things pertaining to early Kansas history. For all his years he is remarkably active, mentally and physically. But he and Mrs. Durow enjoy the best of health, living in their original home built of solid walnut lumber to endure for ages.

#### **When News Spread Slowly.**

In the early days, Big Springs received its mail by star route between Topeka and Lawrence. Except for the ever present travelers, news spread slowly. No newspapers reached Big Springs for years after the territory was settled. The United Brethren church burned down one week-day night. Members came in on Sunday, one bringing an organ to furnish music. They were surprised to find their house of worship in ruins. It never was rebuilt. A new one was later erected in another location. Ox teams was the favorite motive power in those days. Lumber for the Durow house, equal to any modern home, was hauled from the Kaw bluffs. Weather-boarding is one and one-half inches thick, of solid walnut.

The story of the pot of gold is vivid in Durow's memory. A train of "prairie schooners" came across the ferry at Lecompton. The train reached Big Springs just as rumors came that Indians had attacked and wiped out the settlement at Topeka, then just a small village. The wagon master and the crippled cook took a pot of gold coins and dug a hole deep in the ground near one of the many springs in the vicinity. Old settlers recall that the wagon-master and cook paid a visit to the log cabin where the two girls sold liquor. Next morning, in muddled state of mind, they went west. Some 15 years later the cook returned. He spent weeks hunting for the treasure.

#### **But Couldn't Find His Gold.**

Changed topography thru erosion mixed him up until he couldn't tell heads nor tails of the country. He didn't find the gold. Ever since Big Springs folks have hunted for the pot of gold, but with no success whatever.

Durow is somewhat of a mineralogist. He has a contrivance which he claims is 100 per cent perfect

in finding oil, gas and other minerals. He calls it a "Minometer." It is a queer looking "Dingus," composed of two copper or brass rods, fastened together at one end, with an aperture for holding a flat magnetized disc. He has a disc for each of the more common minerals. If he wants to locate gold, for instance, he inserts the disc that is attracted by gold. Then he places one of the rods in his mouth, the other held tightly by both hands. Walking over the prospect grounds, the disc dips if mineral of that particular kind is beneath.

#### **Locates Rich Oil Fields**

Mr. Durow has been given credit for locating several of the richest oil fields in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. He also has located minerals in Missouri, Arkansas, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and other states.

Durow is a great traveler. He likes to hit the trails where man seldom travels. In his car he went to Grand Canyon recently. He camped at a cabin with two other men. The auto road ended five miles from the cabin. The nearest town was 50 miles away. His two companions went for provisions one day and Durow went exploring. Seeing a tunnel-like formation, he entered and started walking, looking back occasionally to make sure the opening he had entered did not escape. After about a mile he saw a light the other way. Coming out in a deep well he looked upward hundreds of feet. The only egress was back thru the tunnel. Then he got scared. What if bears or cougars made this their den? He made haste that no 80-year-old man would make, unless frightened. But the only sign of life he saw was a starved meadow lark. No wild animals infested that territory. There was nothing to eat--but rocks. Rocks of all colors and hues.

#### **Escapes Barely With Life.**

Recently he spent a night in a hotel at Belleville, Tex. It was a new hotel, open the first time that night. About midnight Durow was awakened by the smell of smoke. He awakened his companions and escaped just as the building fell in. It was burned to the ground. Another time he ran into a flooded region, drove 48 hours without sleep in order to keep an appointment some 50 miles away. Tired? He denies that the long drive affected him in the least, despite his 80 years.

Durow can tell interesting stories of his travels and of pioneer Kansas by the hour. He is an excellent storehouse of knowledge on many subjects. Mrs. Durow enjoys life with the same zest that she did 50 years ago when she married the then young blacksmith and most important artisan in the town.

As will be noted in the accompanying pictures, they look nearly alike. (Pictures in this paper) This similarity often is noticed in couples, well mated, and who are of the same mental temperament.

**Community Pays Tribute**

The whole community of Big Springs pays tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Durow. They are the oldest inhabitants of the place, tho several others can almost equal their record.

Often Mr. and Mrs. Durow grow reminiscent. Their young neighbors gather about and listen, wide-eyed and breathless, to the hair raising tales of actual life in a new country, with none of the modern conveniences. Or they stand at the door of the little blacksmith shop and listen to the flaming forge and the anvil chorus as the veteran smithy adds finishing touches to a piece of machinery, the like of which was not in existence 50 years ago.

Note: This article was written by Mae Henry a teacher in this community. The old Durow home is still standing and liveable and is owned by one of her grandsons.

Editor's note: Harley Spencer said It was thought that one of the other men came back and dug up the gold and never told the others and kept it all himself.

**SUPPORT THE OWLS**

Organization Officers: 1967-1968

Senior Class:

President-----Jane Rundquist  
 Vice-President-----John Carter  
 Treasurer-----Charles Haas  
 Secretary-----Sherry Stroda  
 Student Council-----Steve Rothwell & Diana Richardson

Junior Class:

President-----Alice Chilcott  
 Vice President-----Avery Carter  
 Treasurer-----Karen Allen  
 Secretary-----Karen Cumpton  
 Student Council-----Mike Walter & Bonny Leslie

Sophomore Class:

President-----Mike Bahnmaier  
 Vice President-----Connie Haas  
 Treasurer-----Charlene Walter  
 Secretary-----Vicki Stroda  
 Student Council-----Joe Yost & Ilona Delge

Freshman Class:

President-----David Fuston  
 Vice President-----Don Bahnmaier

Treasurer-----Sally Beckwith  
 Secretary-----Patty Boyette  
 Student Council-----Denny Delge & Betty Smith

Drama Club:

President-----Janie Rundquist  
 Vice President-----Teresa Boose  
 Sec-Treas-----  
 Student Council-----Avery Carter

Pep Club:

President-----Nancy Kraft  
 Vice President-----Ilona Delge  
 Secretary-----Sherry Stroda  
 Treasurer-----Karen Cumpton  
 Student Council-----Janie Rundquist & Cindy Hess

F. H. A.:

President-----Teresa Boose  
 Vice President-----Alice Chilcott  
 Sec-Treas-----Karen Allen  
 Historian-----Nancy Kraft  
 Song Leader-----Janie Rundquist  
 Student Council--Karen Cumpton & Sherry Stroda

Lettermans Club:

President-----Phil Curran  
 Vice-President-----John Carter  
 Sec-Treas-----Steve Rothwell

Student Council:

President:-----Nancy Kraft  
 Vice President-----Teresa Boose  
 Sec-Treas-----Karen Cumpton  
 Freshman Reps.-----Betty Smith & Denny Delge  
 Sophomore Reps.-----Joe Yost & Ilona Delge  
 Junior Reps.-----Mike Walter & BonnyLeslie  
 Senior Reps.----Steve Rothwell& Diana Richardson

Boys Pep Club

President-----Avery Carter  
 Vice-President-----Phil Curran  
 Mascot-----Dale Smith

The Pep Club Officers of the year are:

President-----Nancy Kraft  
 Vice President-----Ilona Delge  
 Secretary-----Sherry Stroda  
 Treasurer-----Karen Cumpton  
 Student Council Rep-Janie Rundquist & Cindy Hess

Cheerleaders are: A team: Janie Rundquist, Terri Boose, Karen Allen, Alice Chilcott & Cindy Hess.

B team: Vicki Stroda, Connie Haas, Charlene Walter, Bonny Leslie & Karen Allen.

**LECOMPTON HIGH SCHOOL**

What does the 1961 Freshman have to say when asked some question about entering school.

Frances Chiles:

What do you think of not getting to chew gum? It's dumb.

Sara Harrell:

How do you like High School? WELL-----

Donna Chinn:

Is there much difference in Grade School and High School? Yes, there's more boys.

Bobby Haas:

What was your first impression of High School? It's pretty good.

Norman Snodgrass:

What is your favorite class? Shop.

Ronnie Miller:

Do you like Football? Yes.

Bill Neuschafer:

Do you think you'll make the Honor-Roll in your class this year? I don't think so.

Lee Keating:

How's it feel to be a High School Student? It's confusing.

Linda Andes:

What do you like about High School? Everything but the teachers.

Joyce Bahnmaier:

Which do you like better, High School or Grade School? Grade School, you could get by with murder!

Dennis Leslie:

Is High School what you expected it to be? In some ways.

Mike Goodrich:

Do you enjoy playing football? It's okay, but a little rough.

Bill Robison:

Do you think that we have two good football teams? Sure

Richard Wright:

Are you well satisfied with the faculty? It's alright.

Richard Kahle:

Being a little guy, how does it feel to be on a big field with all those big boys? Pretty little

Marilyn Cree:

What is your favorite subject? Home Ec.

Bonnie Decker:

How do you like going to school with your brothers? Ugh, they blab to Mom when I get in trouble.

Dorothy Kent: (Dorothy)

What do you thing about the rules of school? I guess there're okay.

Dianna Sanford:

Do you feel any different now that you're in High School? Yeah, Sick!

Georgia Simmons:

Are you glad that you are in High School now? Yes, I like it.

Linda Stauffer:

Do you like your position in the F. H. A. organization? Yes.

Cheryl Van Riper:

What do you thing about the High School boys? Most of them are very nice.

Rosalee Walter:

What do you think of the SENIOR class? They're okay.

Connie Norwood:

Do you like the teachers that you have classes under? Yes, especially Mrs. Miller.

Ann Henrichson:

Are you satisfied with the Schedule? Yes.

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PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It costs the Lecompton Historical Society .50 cents for a returned change of address

Donna Andes:  
 Do you feel that we have a favorable year ahead?  
Yes.  
 Paula Godfrey:  
 What do you think you like best about school?  
Study Hall.

**New Students**

Bud Schloetzer: Senior  
 Do you prefer Lecompton High or Highland Park?  
Yes. Lecompton has better teachers and students.  
 Cynthia Reynolds: Sophomore  
 Do you have any future plans as what you plan to  
 do after you graduate? Swimming teacher.  
 Jody Russell: Sophomore  
 What is your favorite subject? French.  
 Carolan Henry: Junior  
 Do you enjoy working in the office? Yes. I like the  
 people that I work with.

**1961-1962 Teachers**

Mr. Avis O. Hale is our trigonometry, plane  
 geometry, chemistry, and biology teacher.  
Mr. George Frock is our 6th hour Glee Club music  
 and band teacher.  
Mrs. Eunice Miller is our perky new home  
 economics and physical education teacher.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

1. Small Adding Machine-in memory of Roy &  
 Gary Harding
2. Secretary or Secretariat Desk (Very unique) in  
 memory of Margaret Noe and Nellie Glenn
3. Pair of Ruby Red Lustres in memory of Edith  
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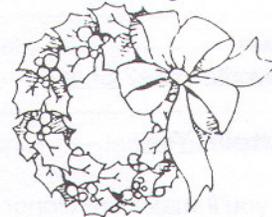
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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Life Members:**  
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 Jeanne Vestal, Verna Pletcher, Carolyn Glenn,  
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**Memorial Donations received:**  
 Dorothy Kent by Georgia Simmons Trammel



**“CHRISTMAS VESPERS”**

The annual Christmas Vespers and open house  
 will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by Frances Sanford and  
 Cindy Daniels, Anthony Saylor, Phil Wizer, Ladies  
 Ensemble, Community Singers directed by Kim  
 Stewart and the Lecompton United Methodist  
 Church Bell Ringers.

Also the traditional playing of the 144 year old  
 Melodeon used in the Lecompton Episcopal  
 Church in 1856.

The Museum will be decorated from November  
 19 to January 6. Everyone is welcome to come and  
 see the tree and three floors of decorations.

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No Obituaries to report-This is wonderful news!!!