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WILLIAM R. SMITH

## LECOMPTONITE MAKES GOOD

William R. Smith is just one of our students that were educated in Lecompton, who have gone out into the world and made good. The following article was written by George Connelly in Vol. 3, Kansas-Kansan history books.

He was elected State Printer of Kansas. One of the fine buildings bordering the State Capitol Grounds at Topeka is the Kansas State Printing plant. That is the official headquarters of William R. Smith, state printer, and also secretary of the State

Printing Commission and chairman of the School Book Commission of the state. Doubtless any citizen, and particularly a printer, would deem it an honor to be at the head of an establishment which experts pronounce to be the equal in mechanical equipment and operating efficiency of any commercial printing establishment in the country.

When Mr. Smith went into office in July 1, 1915, he brought with him a ripe experience, including an extensive service in all the grades of the printing business, years of editorial and newspaper publishing work, and perhaps best of all an inheritance and training in the progressive Kansas spirit.

When the advancement of the welfare of the state is concerned, W. R. Smith can always be found in the ranks of the workers and usually among the leaders. The influence for good he has exercised as an editor in various sections of the state can hardly be over-estimated.

While his life has been distinctive in more than one particular, he is in every sense a typical Kansan. He was born at the old land office and capital, Lecompton, March 21, 1872. His grandparents, William L. and America C. (Barton) Smith were Kentucky people who moved west in 1854, the year the Kansas-Nebraska bill was passed through Congress, and they located at Lecompton, the historic capital of Kansas Territory. Both grandparents died in Lecompton and are buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery west of Lecompton. George W. Smith, father of the state printer, was a native of Kentucky and was a lad when he arrived in Kansas Territory in 1855. He afterwards went to Lawrence and learned the wagonmaker's trade, and while there passed through and was one of the survivors of Quantrill's raid. He never applied himself much to his trade, but for the greater part of his active career was engaged in merchandising. At Lecompton he married Frances Tipton, and there he and his wife spent their lives and died in old age. Both buried in

them.

At Cheyenne, Wyoming, I chanced to meet Lester Cunningham. He is working for the Union Pacific and has been for some years. He informed me that Lawson Babcock whose father formerly owned the farm just west of Lecompton was a railroad engineer running between Denver and Cheyenne. Also that Joe Farris worked out in that country some place. He also being an engineer. At Los Angeles I met another Lecompton boy, Frank Mitchell, son of Elder and Mrs. Mitchell, who built the home occupied by Dr. Snyder and family so many years. Frank is at present working for the Union Pacific railroad and runs a switch engine in Los Angeles. Miss Bessie Leslie, who was practically raised in Lecompton, is also located there and teaches in the Lincoln High School and has a very important position. She likes the west and her work very much. I also learned that Prof. John Brooke and family, T. W. Pate and family, Lester Barton and family, and Mrs. F. B. Hill all lived in Los Angeles. At San Francisco I met Nelson Hope who is engaged in the electrical business. He had been in San Francisco a number of years and is doing well. He wanted to be remembered to all Lecompton people.

I spent five days at Sacramento inspecting the state printing plant of California. Here I met Arthur A. Greene, so well known in Lecompton. Arthur is city editor of the Sacramento Union, one of the oldest newspapers on the coast and one of the most influential. He was looking fine and doing excellent work. He wanted to be remembered to friends and promised to write to the Sun at some future date. At Portland I visited for a few minutes with Jennie Greene Harris over the phone. She is a teacher in Vancouver, Washington, and is getting along fine. I spent a few hours at Hood River visiting with Colonel A. R. Greene and Truman Butler. Colonel Greene was just recovering from a severe fall he had some weeks ago. I found him still much interested in Lecompton and Lecompton people and affairs, and referred to it continually as home. He and Mrs. Greene both looked remarkably well considering their years. The Butler banking concern is one of the strong financial concerns in western Oregon. Leslie Butler is president of this bank with Truman Butler and Mr. Vaughn as vice president and cashier. Mr. Vaughn, the cashier, is the husband of Miss Carrie Butler who went to school at Lecompton a number of years ago. Truman Butler, whom our older people will remember as the husband of Miss Ella Leamer, who was born and raised there, was also a student at

Lane University. I spent a very pleasant afternoon here and took the drive of, perhaps twenty miles up this world famous apple valley. The Hood River apples are known all over the country and perhaps, bring the highest price of any apples on the market today.

At Seattle I had the pleasure of visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Kerns. I found them both well and getting along nicely, but still talking of Lecompton as home. They wanted to be remembered to all old friends, and extended an invitation to any who visited the west to be sure and call on them. Dr. Kerns has a responsible position in Sears-Roebuck's big concern at Seattle. He has been with them for five years and is one of their most trusted employees.

It has been eleven years since I had visited the coast and I found the cities have developed a great deal and improvements were in evidence on every hand. The states of California and Oregon had made many advancements but I believe Washington has a greater future and more natural resources than any of the others that I have seen.

The southern part of the Pacific coast states everything is the result of irrigation, while Washington and Montana is dry farming, which is proving very successful. After reviewing the entire trip of something over 10,000 miles I am more than ever convinced that the Kaw Valley is the garden spot of all and if one-half the work and toil was put on our orchards and farms that is put on the ranches and orchards of that country the returns would be many fold more. I would like to go into detail in this letter but I know your space is limited.

Very truly yours, W. R. Smith

When William R. Smith announced his candidacy to run again for State Printer in 1918, just about every paper in the State of Kansas had a picture of him and encouraging people to vote him again for State Printer, as he had done such a wonderful job in running the state printing plant in Topeka. The following article appeared in the Lecompton Sun March 7, 1918.

#### Smith Asks A Third Term

W. R. Smith has announced his candidacy for a third term as state printer. This will be gratifying to his many Lecompton friends who have watched his management of big state printing plant with satisfaction. The plant last year did a business of \$600,000 and in spite of the going up of all kinds of materials a saving of \$50,000 was made by the judicious buying of stock; another \$5,000 a saving was effected by taking advantage of the discounts

in purchasing stock and material. Wages have been raised also. The output of books alone for the last year was 1,800,000.

Will is the only real practical man, big enough for the place that has held the office since the State went into the printing business. Not every printer or successful country editor is capable of filling the place, and when a man is found who can successfully manage this big job he should be retained as long as possible.

William R. Smith Reelected

In November, 1918 William R. Smith was reelected for state printer, but in January, 1919 he turned in his resignation to Gov. Allen. Smith whose home is in Columbus, and who is a well know Kansas newspaper man, will become general manager of the Capper publications effective Feb. 1. Mr. Arthur Capper will begin his term as United States Senator from Kansas on Mar. 4, 1919.

#### **W. R. Smith, Widely Known Kansan, Dead**

W. R. Smith, Assistant State Printer and one of Kansas' most widely known former newspaper publishers, died April 17, 1943 in a hospital in Rochester, Minn. where he had gone to enter the hospital for examination and treatment because of an extended illness due to an anemic condition. Pneumonia developed soon after his arrival. He was 71 years old.

He and his first wife the former Miss Bertha Spohr, had one daughter, Miss Louise Smith. She married Marlin S. Casey, Topeka lawyer, and a daughter, Carolyn, was born to them. Mrs. Casey died some years ago. Her death was followed by that of her mother.

Three years ago last month, Mr. Smith and Mrs Ed Graham of Peabody, Kans., then secretary to Senator Clyde Reed in Washington, were married in Topeka. They went to California for two years returning to Topeka, where soon afterward Mr. Smith became Assistant State Printer.

He is survived by Mrs. Smith, a granddaughter, Carolyn Casey, age 12, of Topeka, his brother Dr. Roy Smith. He was preceded in death by a brother, Dr. Clyde Smith.

Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka.

#### **Editor's Note:**

I decided to visit our State Printing Plant to see what they were printing today. The first person, I met was the receptionist, Marilyn. She says "Oh, are you from Lecompton? Do you know Tim Rues? Of course I did and found out that she went to school with Tim. Then I went to meet Richard

Gonzales, the State Printer and he says "Oh, are you from Lecompton? We had quite a conversation about things around the town, especially the old bridge, as in his younger days, he courted a girl in Lecompton. He showed me through the plant and I was amazed at the large machinery and what it could do, especially the cutting machine that could cut a stack of pages anywhere from 4 to 6 inches thick. I was told they didn't print and bind school books any more, so I asked him to bring us up on what they do print now. The following is what they print now.

Iona Spencer

#### **Historical Development**

The initial plans to create the State Printing Plant were introduced by the Kansas Legislature in 1903. Those plans became a reality in 1904, after the adoption of a constitutional amendment which provided for centrally located printing facility to serve the Legislature, the Governor, state officials, the Supreme Court, state institutions and "any board or commission created under the laws of Kansas."

Initially, the State Printer was an elected office. It remained elective until March 1976, when the Legislature brought the agency into the Department of Administration, as a service division headed by a director appointed by the Secretary of Administration.

The original printing plant was built at a cost of \$110,000 on the southwest corner of Tenth and Jackson Streets in downtown Topeka. In 1913, the State Printer began to print school books for Kansas students through eighth grade. The Legislature also appropriated \$150,000 for additional land to accommodate the enlargement of the printing plant and the purchase and installation of equipment. The initial savings under the new system was enough to pay for the plant expansion and still left a surplus of \$80,000. Subsequent additions were made to the printing facilities in following years. (Note: W. R. Smith served from 1915 to Jan. 1919 when he resigned.)

Other than discontinuing the printing and binding of school books in 1959 the agency's functions remained basically the same until 1976, when Central Duplicating duties were moved to the State Printer to provide quick print copy capabilities. In general, all of the traditional services provided by the former elected office were continued by statutes, except that more discretionary authority was given the director, "when (he) is of the opinion that a particular printing job should be obtained in the commercial market he may authorize any state agency to so obtain such printing in accordance

with laws relating to purchasing.”

During the 1984 legislative session, approval was given for construction of a much-needed new building at 201 NW MacVicar, about 2 miles from the downtown Capitol Complex area but easily accessible by Interstate 70. The new building contains 69,000 square feet and state-of-the-art features. The final cost of the project was \$3.5 million, which included the land and the physical plant. The money for this project came from the Pooled Money Investment Board and the loan was set up on a 25-year payback schedule at an annual rate of \$386,000. Construction was completed in 1985 and the State Printer moved to the new address.

#### **Duties and Functions**

The Division of Printing is responsible for the printing, duplicating and binding the hundreds of millions of documents, laws, proceedings, regulations, forms, reports and publications needed to keep state government running each year. It currently maintains a staff of 69 skilled and semi-skilled printing craftspersons, plus 15 management and support staff.

The Division typically produces an average of 13,000 jobs a year, including:

- \* 5 million pages of printed material for the Legislature during each session;
- \* 5 Million pages of Legislature-generated material after the session, including laws and proceedings;
- \* 5 million pages of income tax forms and related instructions each year;
- \* 5 million pages of documents, catalogs, forms, publications, business cards, envelopes, note pads and other printed materials for state agencies;
- \* 48 million pages of duplicated material through its quick-copy service.

The Division consumes approximately six semi-trailer loads (240 tons) of paper in an average month or 55 tons a week. It produces an average of 240 pages of type per day.

#### **Authority & Responsibility**

The Division of Printing is primarily service-oriented. However, as mandated by statute, the Division is required to exercise authority in certain printing related matters. By law, all printing equipment purchases, as well as agency requests to utilize outside printing facilities, must be approved by the Director. All state agencies, with the exception of those that have their own printing facilities--primarily the universities--use the State Printer. The Division's control over agencies lapses

when private or federal funds are involved; then agencies may use the Division or go outside to private-sector printers.

#### **Serving the Legislature**

The Division's primary goal is to meet the needs of the Legislature. It's specialty is quick service, particularly the overnight service required for such items as legislative bills, journals and calendars. Legislative printing comprises approximately 20 percent of total annual business for the Division.

“Our primary advantage is our quick turn-around time, especially during the legislative session. The Legislature would be hard pressed to find a private print shop which could satisfy its needs as well as we can, short of going to multi-year contract,” said Division Director Richard Gonzales.

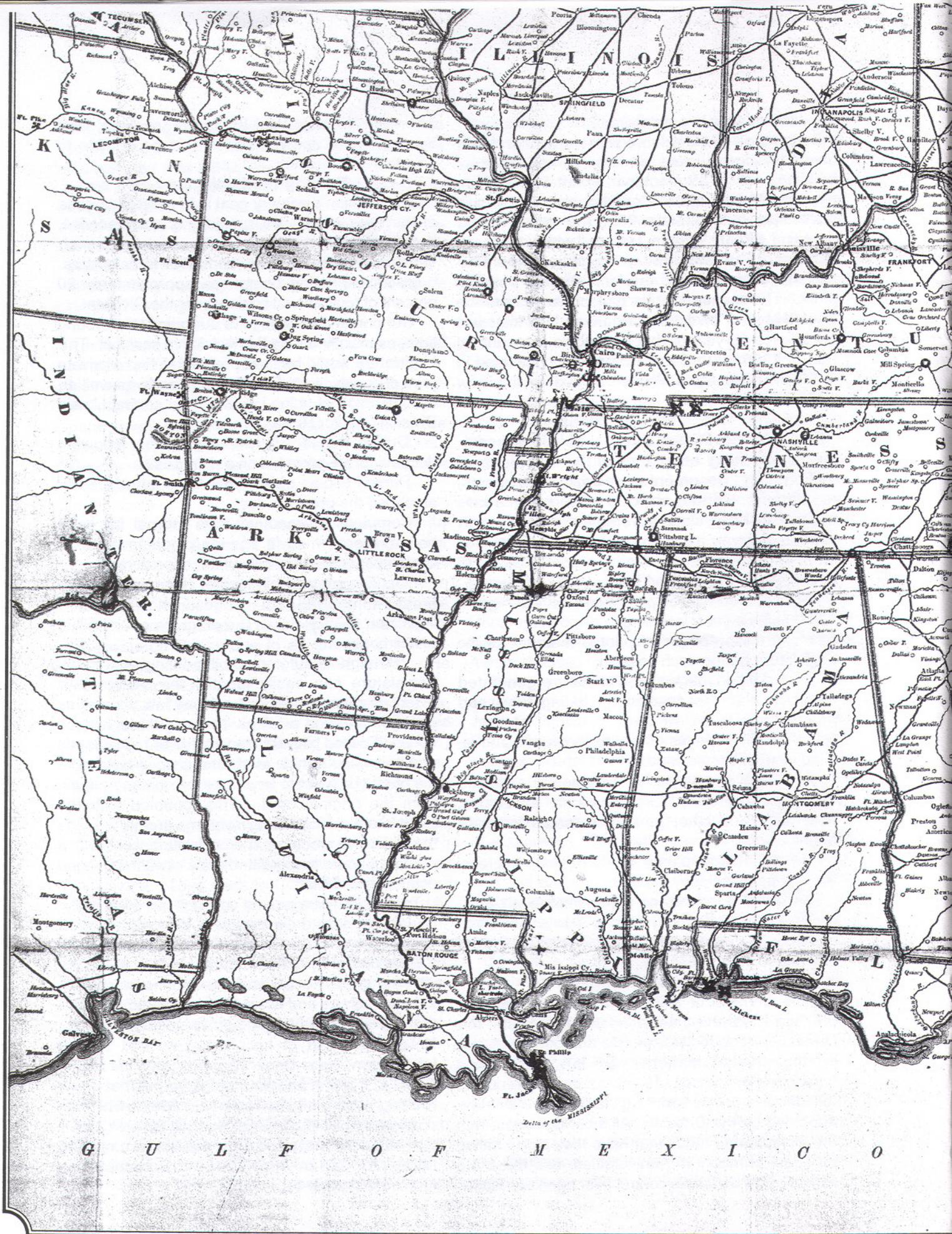
During the legislative session the following documents are provided on a daily basis:

- \* Printed copies of bills that were introduced or amended the previous day;
- \* Complete proceedings in a journal for each house, the new day's agenda or calendar, plus explanatory reports of bills under consideration;
- \* On Thursday, a bill locator document, sometimes numbering 350 pages, showing each legislator, quickly shows the progress of any bill in either house.

Through its automated bill-printing system the Legislature can easily identify the source and extent of changes made in existing law, as well as changes made in a bill as it moves through each house. Drafted bills are transmitted at high speeds and converted to type at electronic speeds, without the need of a typist to keystroke the character again from the original draft. This, coupled with the Legislature's bill-printing system, greatly speeds the legislative process. The Legislature waits only a matter of hours for a printed copy of each changed version of its bills.

To maintain service and speed required of it, the Division is constantly exploring different areas of technology and just recently introduced a new Customer Service Department which is equipped with the latest electronic image setting equipment to better service and assist the many state agencies that have acquired desktop publishing capabilities. Note. Zella Iliff of Lecompton worked for the Lecompton State Bank 12 years and moved to Topeka in 1918 and was employed at the State Printing plant until she retired in 1962. She was employed while W. R. Smith was still State Printer.

Mr. Smith started the publication of The Lecompton Sun on April 23, 1891. Subscriptions (continue to page 8)



## War Map of 1862

The Historical War map of 1862 is included to show how important Lecompton was to the rest of the cities in Kansas and the nation. As we say the events that lead to the Civil War occurred in Lecompton which makes Lecompton the Birthplace of the Civil War.

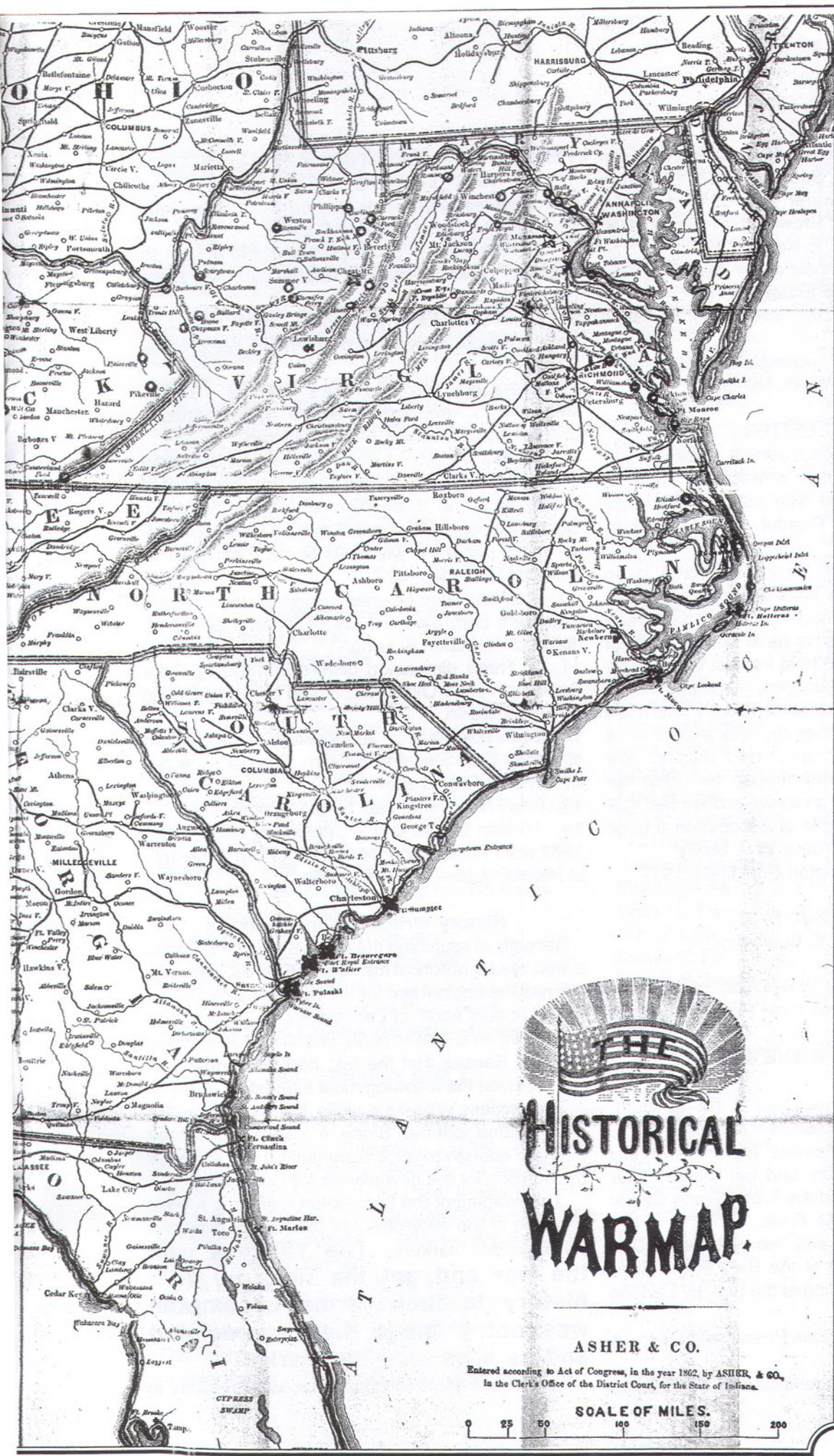
### LECOMPTON HAS UP DATED THEIR WEB-SITE

The original web-site was put on by Shawn Garman in 1997.

We now have up-dated this web-site by Matt Powell, assistant to Tim Rues of Constitution Hall.

[www.lecomptonkansassas.com](http://www.lecomptonkansassas.com)

We invite you to see this web-site, you will find it very interesting and will learn and see a lot of what we have to offer you in Lecompton, Kansas.



was \$1.00 for a year or 60 cents for six months. Mayor at this time was J. Baughman, City Clerk was J. H. Bonebrake, Treasurer was C. W. Leamer, Councilmen were: W. O. Brown, M. S. Winter, J. S. Brooke, D. B. Day and A. F. Kerns.

Church services were held at the chapel by Rev. J. H. Snyder and at the Elmore Street church by Rev. A. L. Hope, Pastor and John C. Hope Superintendent.

He continued with the Lecompton Sun until June 2, 1899 when he sold to W. W. Randel.

#### FAREWELL LETTER

The Lecompton Sun, Friday, June 9, 1899

This week closes our newspaper work in Lecompton hereafter the Sun will be edited and published by Mr. W. W. Randel, who is known to most of our readers.

During the past eight years we have been publishing the SUN, we have striven to give our readers the best we could for the patronage received, and at all times we have worked for what we supposed was for the best interest of the town and school and in all cases gave our support to all public enterprises and we feel that in return we have enjoyed the friendship and well wishes of all the best people of Lecompton and vicinity. We urge that the same liberal support be given our successor that has been given us, and we feel that we can promise the people of Lecompton a good up-to-date local paper. Yours, W.R. Smith

References: The Lecompton Sun-11-15-1917 and 3-7-1918

Lawrence Journal World-2-20-1918

Kansas & Kansans by W. E. Connelley

Topeka Daily Capital-1934

Scrapbook & Clippings for W.R. Smith

Compliments of the Kansas State Research center.

#### ARTIFACTS FOR THE MUSEUM

The following has been received at the Museum. We thank you for your interest and support.

1. Wreath to commemorate her father Wally Holderman's 80th birthday and her mother Mae Holderman's birthday and the World Trade Center terrorist attack by Shirley M. Funk.
2. Wedding & invitation and two pictures of Carl Paslay and Kathy Jones at the Bald Eagle River View park. The first wedding at the park-by Darlene Paslay.
3. Platter from Charlie & Ione Paslay sale-Charlie's estate-by Vicki Roberts.
4. 1 Framed appreciated certificate for Councilman

1957 and 3 framed certificates for Mayor, 1961-1963 & 1965 presented to Earl Sanford. 1 distinguished Jayhawker framed from Gov. John Anderson-by Earl & Frances Sanford.

5. Letter sent from Lecompton post office 1861 to a cousin in North Newport, Maine. by Les & Rose Diehl.

6. A medal belonging to Roger Jones, Col. U. S. Army. brought in by his brother-in law Bill & Linda Gerdes

7. 1999-2000-2001 Souvenirs medals. Association of U. S. Army and 1 medal U. S. Army Arizona chapter. by Col. Fred & Elsie Middleton.

8. Framed document from the Kansas Supreme Court Justices in appreciation for the day spent in Lecompton and three pictures of the Supreme Court Justices. by Kansas Supreme Court Justices

9. 1975 pillow top with Julia Nixon Eisenhower's name by Marge Morris.

10. Pre World War I camera, originally found in Joe Stauffer's barn attic. Made between 1895-1904. donated by Martin S. Long.

11. 1 Three dimension picture painted by Julia Springer. And 1 Oval rock painted by Curtis Sehon by Phyllis Martin.

12. Book-Volume 6. The Ancestors of the children of Robert Croll Stevens and Jane Eleanor (Knauss) Stevens by Robert Stevens.

13. Small New Testament book-Unknown

14. 10 lead bullets and 2 Centennial coins 1862-1962 from Ft. Jackson, Mississippi from the estate of Harold Webber by Betty Leslie.

#### History Written by the Yankees

Recently in searching the internet we came across a web site for historical markers of Kansas. This site still has the original text for the marker placed at the roadside park south of Lecompton.

We sent an E-mail to notify Susan and John Howe Wichita, Kansas that the text had been changed. We received the following most interesting reply.

The process will take a while, but we will get the new edition online. Since it seems to matter strongly enough to elicit comments, I will expedite the addition for the new marker for Lecompton.

The wording of the Lecompton marker is a great example of the subjectivity of the history captured on historical markers. **The Yankees won the war and got the right to write history in their terms--Lecompton was not a place they appreciated and its shows on the marker.**

This comes as no surprise to us as the History in

Kansas for too long has been written politically correct not historically correct.

### Hearst Family Connection to Lecompton

Lecompton has so many connections with famous names who were in some way connected to our historic city.

We recently discovered that in 1857 George Hearst found his first big quartz mine near Nevada City, California. He named the mine "Lecompton" for the Lecompton party in California at the time. The Lecompton party took its name from Samuel Dexter Lecompte who was honored by having Lecompton carry his name into history.

It is difficult for some people to understand why we have so many connections to these famous people. It is a testimony to how important this city was to the state, nation and world in the 1850's.

By Paul Bahnmaier, Pres.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Life Memberships:

Fred Six and wife  
Lilian (Ohsson) Six  
Roy E. Henry and wife  
Marcia A. (Beck) Henry  
John Scott Norwood  
Robert L. Andes  
Robert Christman and wife  
Mary Sue (Morris) Christman  
Richard L. Miller

#### Memorial Life Members:

Charles B. Taylor, Jr. by his wife Elaine (Sehon) Taylor

#### Memorial donation in memory of:

John Vogel by Bob Billings

#### Donation in honor of:

Tensie Oldfather by Bob Billings

We appreciated the new members. Thanks.

### BIG SPRINGS QUILT

We have another unique quilt on loan at the Territorial Capital museum. This quilt was embroidered by the members of the Big Springs United Brethren church in 1898. It was loaned to the museum by Mary (Taylor) Clark of Abilene. She is related to the Stones. Following are the names embroidered on the quilt.

Sarah Wilson	W. W. Kitchin
M. D. Warner	Mrs. Kitchin
Mrs. Warner	Myrtle Kitchin
Fred Katzer	M. G. Lahue
Jennie Katzer	Matie McQuiston

Lula Duncan  
C. Engelke  
Anna C. Brown  
J. C. Bahnmaier  
Lola Bahnmaier  
Nettie Stone  
W. E. Stone  
H. V. Stone  
H. W. Stone  
Mrs. Sarah Glenn  
Mr. J. C. Engelke  
Mrs. M. Engelke  
H. Engelke  
R. Engelke  
Mrs. Ella Hagerman  
C. Hagerman  
R. J. Nichols  
Mary Nichols  
Charlie Nichols  
Alice Nichols  
Annie Adams  
Lias Rake  
Leah Rake  
M. L. Rake  
Verna Rake  
George Hoffman  
Anna Hoffman  
Charlie McQuiston  
Fred Painter  
Charley Herschell  
Will Herschell  
Emma A. Herschell  
Mrs. Lydia Fix  
Walter L. Fix  
Millard J. Fix  
Minnie V. Fix  
Minnie Roberts  
John K. Lance  
George L. Roth  
Jennie Bahnmaier  
Gus Bahnmaier  
Fred Bahnmaier  
Henry Bahnmaier  
Minnie Bahnmaier  
Hiram Whitlow  
Blanche Bessant  
Sylvester Stull  
Mary Stull  
D. L. Henry  
Edward Deister  
Charley Zeeb  
Nellie Vaughn  
T. K. Winter  
Emma Winter

Salome Eller  
Bertha Eller  
Merton Pennington  
Wm. Pennington  
Irene Vaughn  
Dr. T. A. Read, Tecumseh  
Edwin N. Draper  
Melissa A. Draper  
Alma Cardwell  
George Facer  
Ola Eberhart  
Minnie Klesath  
Henrietta Klesath  
Nancy Reed  
Cora E. Brooks  
Mrs. H. E. Brooks  
A. E. Wilson  
Mary Wilson  
Oscar Wilson  
Frank Wilson  
Priscilla Wilson  
Eva Durow  
Jacob Hildenbrand  
Dora Hildenbrand  
George Hildenbrand  
Gus Hildenbrand  
Thos. G. Custard, Jr.  
L. Thompson  
Mary Anderson  
Ebon Anderson  
Rev. G. M. Huffman  
Mrs. G. M. Huffman  
Louisa M. Custard  
Anna Murphy  
Jane Lavin  
Sadie Shaw  
Charlie Johnson  
Cyrus McQuiston  
Robert McQuiston  
Sally McQuiston  
Ethel Custard 1898  
Caroline Eberhart  
Fred Eberhart  
Olive M. Henry  
L. B. Clark  
Icy Clark  
Otto Durow  
Minerva Durow  
W. M. Murphy  
Wm. Brass  
Mary Brass  
Sadie Vaughn  
Belle McArthur  
Sarah Gage

J. B. Dentler, Seneca	Minnie Adams
Robert Adams	Mrs. M. Hogg
J. Q. Adams	W. B. Herschell
Rosa Milliken	Stella Herschell
Nettie Stone	Henry Herschell
Maggie Stone	George Herschell
Sara F. Divelbess	C. L. Worthington
J. L. Divelbess	Jennie Worthington
John Divelbess	Ella Irene Stone
Mrs. H. E. Divelbess	J. C. Vincent
Rosie I. Divelbess	A. E. Vincent
William Nace	Mr. C. H. Facer
Mrs. Nace	Mrs. B. J. Facer
John R. Fordyce	M. C. Pasley (Paslay)
Fannie S. Fordyce	G. M. Pasley (Paslay)
Dr. J. C. Yager	L. E. Stone
S. E. Matney	A. H. Buck
Mrs. E. A. Sponable	P. I. Buck
Wm. Henry	Bishop Mills
Kate Henry	Elder J. R. Merideth
Mattie Worthington	E. J. Knerr
Steve Hennessey	Lula A. Worthington
Orpha Hennessey	Perry Worthington
E. J. Hennessey	Howard Worthington
F. D. Buck	Augustus Noe
W. T. Plateman	Lew Anna Durow
Rev. E. King.	Jennie Stone
Rev. Mrs. King	Thos. J. Custard
Rev. W. A. Cardwell	Chas. J. Custard
Susan Cardwell	J. C. Busch
Eliza Vaughn	

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

The Lecompton High School Alumni will be held June 15, 2002, at the High School gym. The honoring classes are 1922-1932-1942-1952-1962 and Perry-Lecompton graduates 1972-1982-1992-2002. All students are invited to come back, even if they didn't graduate or if they lived in Lecompton and went to school here.

We would like to invite our oldest graduates, if they could possibly come to join us as follows:

1919-Albert "Bert" McRae  
 1925-Maybelle "Duggie" Slavens Hall  
 1925-Marie Paslay Neill

If you have a change of address or want more information, please write to Lecompton Alumni Association at P. O. Box 63, Lecompton, Ks. 66050.

#### TERRITORIAL DAYS CELEBRATION

Please be sure to mark you calendars for June 29, 2002. Entertainment of all kind for children and adults. Games, Crafts, Parade and Music. Don't miss this celebration.

Taken from a copy of the OWL newsletter, Oct., Nov., Dec.m 1960

#### Mrs. Stauffer

Mrs. Ibba Stauffer, the first grade teacher, is a central figure in the function of the Lecompton Grade school. She has taught for 25 years in the Lecompton Grade school system. Her teaching career began in Colorado. Since then she has taught all eight grades.

Ibba Stauffer was born November 30, 1894, in Chapel Hill, Missouri the only girl in a family of six children. When asked about her childhood memories, she told that back 50 years ago, distances were measured, not in miles but in so many rabbit jumps from certain points.

When she was 16 years old, she and her family lived in Colorado, where she went on her first camping trip to the mountains. Of this trip she particularly remembered the good biscuits the camp cook made.

Mrs. Stauffer was married to Walter Stauffer 40 years ago. They have two boys, Joe and Lester of Lecompton.

Mrs. Stauffer's hobby is music, especially piano, and her pet peeve is "anyone who shirks their responsibility."

Although Mrs. Stauffer has never received any gold medals for heroism or any purple heart, I believe that she deserves one for her devotion to duty, her patience, and her kindness that she has shown during the past 60 years.

Note: Many will have good memories of the Stauffers who lived west of Lecompton on 1023 Road.

#### OBITUARIES

**Dunn, Elizabeth Katie**, 91, formerly of Lawrence died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

She was born Aug. 6, 1910, in Douglas County the daughter of John W. and Katie Mae Longanecker Dunn. She graduated from Liberty Memorial High School in Lawrence in 1928.

Miss Dunn was a volunteer at All Saints Lutheran Church in Lenexa and belonged to the Douglas County Historical Society. She taught one-room schools in Douglas County, then at Bucklin. She taught in Ulysses and Augusta before she moved to California where she taught in San Diego and Lone Pine, Ca. She was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Burial in the Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, Ks.

**Person, George Edwin**, 65, Lawrence, Died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

He was born March 22, 1936, in Norton the son of Glenn and Elsie Brown Person. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a Life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

He married Fannie M. Bost on Oct. 28, 1961, in Lawrence. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Elsie Sharp, Lawrence, and two brothers, Maynard Person, Las Vegas, and Henry Person, Duluth, Minn.

Burial was in the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Ks.

Since this write up, his mother Elsie Sharp died Jan. 30, 2002.

**Clarkson, Meta**, 95, Lawrence, died Nov. 26, 2001.

She was born Aug. 2, 1906 in Hobart, Okla, the daughter of Edward C. and Fannie E. (Taylor) Murphy. She was a member of First Christian Church. She was the church organist at First Christian Church for 30 years. She was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

She married Maurice W. Clarkson on April 6, 1930, in Lawrence. He died Jan. 23, 1992.

Survivors include a son, Richard C. Clarkson, Denver. Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Lawrence.

**Gray, Robert William**, 88, of Wagoner, Okla. died Dec. 5, 2001, at his home. He was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Lecompton, the son of Robert and

Caroline (Goepfert) Gray. He was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

He married Hazel Shockley Gaddis on Aug. 29, 1974. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Tina Twilley, Jenks, Okla, and Agnes Sleeper, Wagoner, a stepdaughter, Dianna Seay, Tulsa; a stepson, Chip Seay, Bixby, Okla; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a great-great grandson.

Burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Wagoner, Okla.

**Inloes, Billie Darlene**, 67, Lecompton, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002.

She was born Oct. 29, 1934, in Coffey County, the daughter of William C. and Mary Myrtle Feris Kellum.

She was active in the Stull Methodist Church. She was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society. She had been a cashier at The University of Kansas Bookstore for 10 years before she retired in 1999.

She married John C. Inloes on Oct. 29, 1949 in Wichita. He survives.

Other survivors include a son, Bruce Inloes, Topeka; two daughters, Deann Bartell, Enid, Okla., and Shari West, St Joseph, Mo; three sisters, Verna Brasemer, Geneva "Dot" Duncan, both of Topeka, and Benita Knight, Stover, Mo.; a brother C. W. "Bud" Kellum, Lecompton; and seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Memorial services were held at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence.

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**Bowman, Marguerite**, 88, Topeka, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002.

She was born Aug. 24, 1913, in Lecompton, the daughter of Thomas Tarr and Effie May Fiddler.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and she played semi-profession softball in the 1930s for Ed Marlings, DX Oilers and Baughman.

She was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society and volunteered many hours and days at the Territorial Capital Museum. Her records for the curators of artifacts placed in the museum will be appreciated for many years in the future. Her work placed accuracy as the utmost importance in her work for the museum.

She married Albert W. Bowman Sept. 12, 1944, in Kansas City. He died in 1978. Mrs. Bowman also was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Bowman Frear.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Nations, Topeka, and Darlene Langley, Locust Grove, Ga.; a brother, Robert Tarr, Marietta, Ga; seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Topeka.

**Leach, Annette Leach**, 66, Holton died Saturday, Jan 19, 2002.

She was born Nov. 8, 1935, in Helena, Ala., the daughter of Lemuel M. and Viola Mayfield Calhoun.

Annette was a member of the United Methodist

Church in Lecompton, and she attended the United Methodist Church in Circleville. She was a Life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

She married Arley L. Leach on Dec. 18, 1976, in Lecompton. He survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Patrick Heptinstall, Harrisburg, Ill., and Thomas M. Leach, Tonganoxie; two daughters, Pamela D. Van Tyle, LaCygne, and Shirley A. McDowell, Topeka; two brothers, Harold J. Calhoun, Newbern, Ala., and Norman F. Calhoun, Marion, Ala.

Burial in the Olive Hill Cemetery near Soldier.

**Hanna, Lavina R.**, 89, Lecompton, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002.

Mrs. Hanna had been a housemother for Crittenton Home for 25 years.

She was born March 29, 1912, in Sharon Springs, the daughter of Albert and Anna Noll Dekat.

She was member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Perry and the Altar Society at the Church. She was a Life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

She married William R. Hanna on Oct. 13, 1938, in Perry. He died July 23, 1957. She also was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Marcia, in 1939.

Survivors include a sister Arloene Simmons, Lecompton.

Burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Perry.

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