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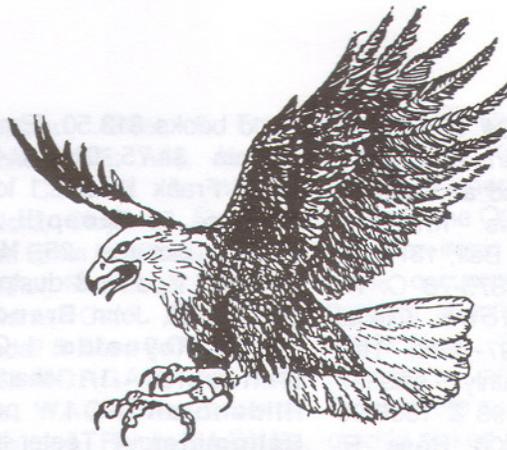
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DIST 73 JONES SCHOOL
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JONES SCHOOL DISTRICT 73

The Jones school is located on the SE 1/4 of Sec. 21, Township 12 and Range 18 in the Stull community on N. 1700 road between roads 400 & 500 East. In 1868 George Hyde owned the land and in 1870 when he sold the land the abstract showed less one acre. A quit claim deed was found where George & Sarah Hyde gave one acre of ground for District #73, in consideration that the same be used for school purposes and to revert to the owner of said one quarter section on being vacated by said trustees or used for any other purpose than as the site for school house for said district said one acre is that on which school house now stands. This quit claim deed was not recorded

until Jan. 26, 1880. This school was known as District 73 and the first minutes for a board meeting was held Mar. 30, 1871, in which J. L. Jones was the first clerk, and who the school may have been named after. Also, on the board was Wm. F. Brass, director, and Peter Nuffer, treasurer. One of the first teachers was A. M. Gaston to teach six months at a salary of \$45.00 a month.

In 1877, the board authorized to dig a well and put in a pump, to buy coal instead of wood and to secure a female teacher at as low a rate as possible to get a competent teacher. In 1880, through 1885, the school year was only six-months, and in 1887, was lowered to five months, when the district

found itself in dept of \$37.20. In 1894, the district could again afford a seven-months' term of school.

A few school records were found and named some of the early teachers as follows: 1870-71 & 71-72 A. M. **Gaston**; 1872-73 Lolie Bell; 1873-74 S. A. **Carson** & M. H. **Lyons**; 1875-76 C. K. **Wenrich**, 1894-95 & 95-96 Ella **Stone**. Official records were not recorded until 1897-1898. The following teachers and their monthly salaries served at the Jones school: 1897-98 & 1898-99 Florence **Hartup** \$30.; 1899-1900 Rose E. **Barker** \$32.50; 1900-01 & 1901-02 Maggie **McCullum** \$32.50 & \$35.; 1902-03 H. **Kenaga** \$30.; 1903-04 Delia **Mulvihill** \$35. & Rose **Burnette** \$40. 1904-05 Rose **Burnette** \$40.; 1905-06 Bessie **Taylor** \$40.; 1906-07 Viva **McKenzie** \$45.; 1907-08 Blanch M. **Gaines** \$40. She also taught in 1908-09 and school was held in the upstairs at the home of Will Buchhein while a new school was being built as the old school burned. The new school served the district for 30 years. 1909-10 Grace **Kline** \$45.; 1910-11 Ida **Steele** \$47.50; 1911-12 Ida M. **Woosley** \$45.; 1912-13 Jessie **Moore** \$55.; 1913-14 Marie **Supple** \$50.; 1914-15 Ernest **Harrington** \$50.; 1915-16 Phoebe L. **Bigsby** \$50.; 1916-17 & 1917-18 Ruth **Glenn** \$50.; 1918-1919 Lillian **Overbaugh** \$72.50; 1919-20 Lenora **Schroyer** \$65.; 1920-21 Ida **Steele** \$100.; 1921-22 Ruth **Miller** \$85.; 1922-23 Elizabeth **McClanahan** \$75.; 1923-24 Grace **Bledke** \$80.; 1924-25 Mrs. Lois **Wells** \$90.; 1925-26 Mabel **Shaw** \$80.; 1926-27 Ellen **Lakey** \$80.; 1927-28 & 1928-29 Theresa **Anderson** \$95.; 1929-30 Theresa **Guenther** & Mary H. **Anderson** \$90.; 1930-31 Loretta **Trendle** \$80.; 1931-32 & 1932-33 Helen **Norwood** \$70.; 1933-34 Eunice **Brass** \$45.; 1934-35 Irene **Mahoney** \$45.; 1935-36 Dorothy **Williams** \$45; 1936-37 & 1937-38 Mrs. Freida **Rothchild** \$50.; 1938-39 & 1939-40 No school; 1940-41 Viola McKenzie **Glenn** \$55. at this time there were only eight of school age. 1941 thru 1947, there were no school.

The school house and contents were auctioned off Oct. 11, 1947. Contents and who bought them and how much they paid: 1 Teacher's chair \$2.25; Park **Hetzel**: 1 Board Platform .50, **Gauck**: 1 teacher's desk \$3.25, Russell **Spencer**: 3 pictures .50, **Gauck**: 1 globe stand .20, **Cloepfil** bookcase \$2.75, **Gauck**: 4 blackboards \$20.00, District No. 48 (Deer Creek school) 4 blackboards \$17.00, District No. 19 (Starr School) : 12 desks \$4.20, District 26 (Old Belvoir) 12 desks \$3.60, **Sneegas**: 1 stove #2.00, **Sneegas**: 1 set

World books \$13.50, Elmer **Bahnmaier**: 1 water fountain \$4.75, District 48 (Deer Creek) :1 table \$3.25, Frank **Houk**: 1 towel rack .20, **Gauck**: 1 map case .50, **Cloepfil**, 1 piano \$6.25, **Sneegas**: 2 small pictures .25, **Holliday**: 1 door \$2.00 **Surber**: 1 poker & dustpan .10, **Holliday**: 1 sand table \$2.50, John **Brand**: 1 Gov't Toilet (choice) \$46.50, **Reynolds**: 1 Gov't Toilet \$34.00 Harry **Wulfkuhle**: 1 chart stand .25 Edwin **Hildenbrand**: 1 pump \$5.57, Andrew **Bahnmaier**: 1 Teeter-totters \$3.20, District 40 (Yarnold) 1 flagpole .50, **Gauck**: 1 bell \$8.00, **Hetzel**: 12 Hedge posts \$1.92, Edwin **Hildenbrand**: 3 Hedge posts .45, Edwin **Hildenbrand**: 3 boards .70 **Gauck**: 1 coal shed \$41. Pete **Bahnmaier**: 1 pony barn \$55. Albert **Hildenbrand**: 1 School house \$810. John **Brand** for R. C. **Rankin**: 1 foundation \$5. **Hetzel** for a total \$1,101.72. Auctioneer-Geo. **Criss**. At this time Margaret **Hurley** was County Supt. and served as clerk.

The following are some who served on the school board over the years: J. L. **Jones**, Peter **Nuffer**, Harry **Barber**, Wm. F. **Brass**, D. O. **Benjamin**, J. C. **Vincent**, Wm. **Fitzpatrick**, Samuel **Buchheim**, D. H. **Anderson**, A. C. **Walter**, James **Fitzpatrick**, Henry **Nuffer**, John **Bush**, John **Gress**, G. A. **Anderson**, F. M. **Buchheim**, W. E. **Fitzpatrick**, Sam F. **Buchheim Jr.**, J. F. **Brass**, Elmer **Bahnmaier**, Kirk **Fitzpatrick**, Geo. **Anderson**, Theo. **Walter**, J. M. **O'Conner**.

According to school records, all school age children between the ages of 5 to 20 were registered, and even found some that were not registered. I tried to pick out the ones that were school age as follows: Frank, Mary, Thomas, Maggie, George, William, Ebon, Herman, Hazel, Rosa, Frank, Roy, Paul, Hanora, Harry, Edna, Teresa, Leo, Billy, **ANDERSON**: Mary **BARBER**: Roy & Oliver **BIGELOW**: Ella, Howard, James, Wm. H., Eunice, Katherine & Clifford **BRASS**: Matilda, Otto, Alice, Leonard, Ronald, Mildred, & Jesse **BUSH**: Kirk, Charles, Frank, Gilbert, Billie, & Mary Lee **FITZPATRICK**: Howard, Roy, Herbert, Pearl, Ruth **GRESS**: Mary, Earl, Clarence, Ruth, Pery, **KING**: John, Michael, Eugene, Anna, Alex, Margarete, Clarence, & James **LAVIN**: Thomas, Ida, Kate, David, George, Albert, Eugene, Mary & Francis **MURPHY**: Jennie, James, Thomas, Clifford, Lindsey, Stella, Iva & Teresa **ICE**: Goldie, & Hazel **GRAY**: Anna, Kathleen, Joe, Karl & Max **BAHNMAIER**: Lewis, Marguerite, Ida, Herbert, Emma, Samuel, Mae, Theodore, Bonnie, Edith & William **BUCHHEIM**: Lettie **SKINNER**: Minnie,

August, Theodore, Engelbert, Ethel, & Fred
WALTER: Drue **NARRAMORE:** Ada, James,
Jennie, Lenora, Ruth, Christina, & William
SCHROYER: Helen, Nora, Cloyd & Florence
Herron: (?) **Jellison:** Elwin **Elkins:** Verner &
Lee **Braden** Bernita, Rachel, Franklin & Rita Lee
BIDINGER: Ella, Novallene, Cecil, Emmett &
Shirley Ann **CASEY:** Randall & Ross **COLE:** Roy
Kirkman: John, & Junior **MORGAN:** Merle &
Cleo **TALLEY:** Frances **WAGNER:** Geneva,
Hazel, Clarence, Jr., Dale, & Ralph **GLENN:**
Sylvester, Howard, Clarence, Raymond
ROTHWELL: Ronald **BUCH:** Charles **DAMM:**
Stella, Clarence, Herbert, & Albert **BELLES:**
Robert, Levern, Ruby & Reta **BAGBY:** Bill &
Raymond **Schimmel:** Leon, LeRoy, & Tray &
Joseph **Presgrove:** Ronald **Buch:** Everett &
Glen **O'Connor:** Randall & Ross **Cole:** Norman,
Wendel & Karman **Kasson:** Howard, Norman &
Louis **Laswell:** Owen & Virgil **Royer:** Marie, Oake
& Fern **Timmons:** Elsie & Grace **Kellogg.**

Errors can be made, but hope this will be of
interest and you will overlook them.

Reference: Douglas County Schools by Goldie
Daniels

School Records at the Register of Deeds office.

LECOMPTON COAL MINE

The following newspaper articles from a century
ago tell of false hopes created by discovery of a
thick seam of "cannel coal" west of Lecompton.
Whether it was a deliberate hoax or an honest
mistake is not revealed. In any event an assay
confirmed that this "vein of coal" is not coal at all,
but a bituminous shale, containing enough
carbonaceous material to make it very black, but not
enough to burn as a fuel.

There are various bituminous shales around
Lecompton, and without knowing the exact
location of Mr. Rhodes' excavation it is hard to say
which he was mining. The most extensive
bituminous shale bed is known to geologists as the
Queen Hill Shale. It occurs in outcrops about
twenty feet below the top of the limestone beds
which cap the hills in and around Lecompton. One
good place to see the Queen Hill Shale is in the
roadcut on the north side of the Farmer's Turnpike
(DC 438) about 200 yards west of the Fuston
residence at East 800 road.

A second thick bituminous shale around
Lecompton, known as the Heebner Shale, occurs
at a much lower elevation, and may be present

along Coon Creek near where it enters the Kaw
River. The Kansas Geological Survey has also
recorded other carbonaceous beds in the strata
between the Queen Hill and Heebner shales.

In an ironic twist, the bituminous shales such as
those occurring around Lecompton attracted a
flurry of attention from uranium hunters just after
World War II. The U. S. Government offered a large
reward to anyone finding mineable uranium.
Prospectors rushed out with Geiger counters and
quickly picked up strong radiation signals from the
black shales. Sadly though, on chemical analysis
the bituminous shales proved to contain too little
uranium to be commercial.

Had either the uranium or coal indications proved
valid, Lecompton could have been a major mining
district, as the black, bituminous shales underlie
much of the township.

As to true coal in Kansas, there is a great deal of it
in the eastern third of the state. The first record of
coal in Kansas is from a mine near Leavenworth,
opened in 1854. Mining developed rapidly in the
1870's in SE Kansas, which produced 3/4 of the
coal mined in Kansas. All eastern Kansas counties
have produced some coal.

Douglas County has had 21 coal mining
operations, some dating back to the 1860's,
according to the State Geological Survey. Most of
these mines were near Blue Mound and Lone Star,
or in Clinton Township, with coal seams running
from 8 to 16 inches thick. No mining operations in
Lecompton Township are recorded. The nearest
was a small mine just south of Lakeview, adjacent to
Lecompton Township, from which 20 to 30 tons of
coal were mined about the time of World War I.
Probably there are thin beds of coal in Lecompton
Township, some of which may have been
"gophered" by early settlers for home use, but no
official record of such mining has been found.

I strongly suspect that my wife Kathy's great
grandfather, Charles Peet, who came to
Lecompton from Pennsylvania in 1858 with his wife
and family (including an elderly black couple who
were house servants), came here mainly in hopes
of opening a coal mine, as he had been a miner in
Pennsylvania. For whatever reason or reasons-
probably at least in part the disappointment of not
finding coal near Lecompton-he moved with his
family to Leavenworth in 1860, where it is reported
in family annals that he opened "the first coal mine
in Leavenworth County". From what I now know
that should probably be revised to "one of the first
coal mines in Leavenworth County.

(This information was furnished by H. H. Hall)

The first mention of coal found in Lecompton was in the Lecompton Sun, Friday, Jan. 22, 1897.

"Mr. Thomas Rhodes, a Pennsylvania Miner, Has Discovered a Three and One-half Foot Vein.

Mr. Rhodes, a Pennsylvania coal miner, has been prospecting around Lecompton for the past week and has located a 3 1/2 foot vein of coal on the east bank of Coon Creek about 20 yards north of the first wagon bridge.

The editor of the *Sun* (W. R. Smith) went out to the "find" Tuesday afternoon and found Messrs. Rhodes and Grindol at work opening up the shaft. They had entered the bluff about 10 feet and upon being asked the prospects replied that everything was turning out as hoped so far.

Mr. Rhodes is a native of Pennsylvania and his parents have owned several mines in the coal fields of the east. He has spent much of his life in opening up mines and in mining and seems to understand his business perfectly. He further stated that he had visited many of the mining districts in Kansas and at no place did he find the flattering prospects he did here. He has found he says three veins; one of 8 inches about half way up Coon Creek hill-one of 3 1/2 feet on the level with the creek and one of 16 inches a few feet under the creek level but says the middle vein is much superior to the others.

The coal that is being taken out now is very slatty in appearance and does not have much resemblance to the Osage county coal but as they advance into the hill side the quality is much better and much more resembles coal. Mr. Rhodes says that he will not reach the good coal before the last of the week but is very positive he will have a good quality for sale in the future.

The Lecompton Sun, Jan. 29, 1897

The very cold weather of the past week has somewhat retarded the work on the coal bank west of town altho the work goes slowly on. Mr. Rhodes claims that the coal is getting better every day and the prospects are that it will be a four foot vein of Cannel Coal. Work has been begun on a shaft about 40 feet southeast of the mouth of the mine and it is thought that by the last of this week the coal bed will be reached and at that time it will be possible to determine the kind and value of the bank.

Since entering the bank there has been a decided change in what was thought at first by many to be nothing but a common slate bank. The last coal taken out burns very good and makes about twice the blaze the common soft coal does

while it last about twice as long, while the first taken out had the appearance of slate and could not be made to burn.

We hope that by next week we may be able to inform our readers what the final test will amount to and also the price of Lecompton Cannel coal as quoted by Lawrence and Topeka markets.

The Lecompton Sun, Friday, Feb. 5, 1897

Last Tuesday the *Sun* man in company with W. H. Winter visited the coal bank west of town where Mr. Rhodes and Mr. George Morriss were found at work in the "Drift". The work in the air shaft was abandoned on account of the water which came in so fast that it could not be worked to a good advantage at that place so the work was resumed at the original opening.

There is a decided change for the better as progress is further made into the bluff but at present it is impossible to estimate its value for fuel.

The most skeptical doubters of the find are compelled to acknowledge that a decided change is taking place as the work in the hill advances but as the coal is so different from any other Kansas coal it will be hard to determine the outcome.

In burning and appearance it exactly resembles the soft cannel coal of the east with the exception that the eastern coal leaves but little ash while the present coal that is being taken out leaves almost as much ash and cinders as the original amount placed in the stove. The further in the bank the better it burns and the more completely it is consumed.

The Lecompton Sun-Friday, Feb. 12, 1897

Since our last issue the miners have advanced into the hill about ten feet and have enlarged, the mine to about twice its original size.

The parties in charge claim that each foot advanced shows a change which more resembles soft cannel coal. The coal taken from the mine at present makes a very good fire and burns much longer than the common soft coal but the objectionable feature of it is the large amount of cinders left.

The Lecompton Sun-Friday, Feb. 19, 1897

"Prof. Bailey of K. S. U. Pronounces it Bituminous Shale"

The Morriss Bros. in company with Mr. Rhodes report that they took samples to several coal dealers in Topeka and all pronounce it a very good quality of cannel coal while the authorities of the Topeka Gas Company pronounced it superior to any they have used and expressed their willingness after testing it to contract for a quantity as soon as they could use what they had on hand.

W. H. Winter and the editor W. R. Smith had a fair sample of it assayed by Prof. Bailey of the State University at Lawrence who returned the following report.

The sample of Bituminous shale (not coal), received from you for analysis, had the following composition:

Moisture 2.20--Volatile and combustible Matter 17.20--Fixed carbon(Coke) 3.70--Ash 76.90=100

Comparing this with a sample of good coal, recently analyzed the results are as follows:

Moisture 9.50--Volatile and combustible matter 37.31--Fixed carbon 43.71--Ash 9.48=100/

By this it can be readily seen that this material has been little value as coal, since it contains more than three-fourths of the weight of ashes. I do not know that it indicates that any better material will be obtained by further exploration. Yours truly,

E. H. S. Bailey

Even should this prove to be saleable it would be of very little value for our people as long as matters stand this way. No company is going to come here and spend money to find coal on our property without some show of returns in the shape of leasable land or something equivalent. Neither will the rain wash the coal out--we, must either dig for ourselves or let some one else do it. The time of getting something for nothing has passed.

The Lecompton Sun-Friday, Feb. 26, 1897

Work at the coal mine is still being pushed along. We are told that Mr. Rhodes has received a number of orders during the past week from Lecompton parties all of whom express themselves as highly pleased with the coal.

This mine proved to be of no value and was discontinued.

Lawrence Daily Journal-Thursday, Dec. 24, 1896

There was the Deer Creek Mining Company down in the Clinton Township which was producing much better coal. For several weeks work has been quietly going on in sinking a shaft, and last evening the first load of coal from the shaft was brought into Lawrence. The coal is a high grade bituminous and burns free from clinkers as it makes but little ashes. The mines will be operated by the Deer Creek Mining company, and it is understood that Mr. J. C. Thoburn of this city, will have supervision of the mine he having been engaged in a like work with the Kansas & Texas Coal company in the Indian Territory several years ago. The firm of Culberison & Thoburn will probably have the handling of the coal in this city.

The Lawrence Daily Journal-Friday, Jan. 22, 1897

The Deer Creek Coal mine is having quite a boom. The mine was worked to some extent several years ago and the coal is of good quality. The vein is about fourteen inches thick.

This coal mine was located on Deer Creek on the Wulfkuhle farm, in SE,SE, NW Sec. 8, township 13S and Range 18E. This mining was done by stripping operations with horses, but it caused excessive gullying on the bottomland of farms on Deer Creek and lowered the water table in the immediate vicinity of the mining. Because of these undesirable results, mining was discontinued. The dept of coal was 20 feet with a thickness of 12-14 inches of coal. This advertisement appeared in the Lecompton Sun. Dec. 3, 1897.

References: Lecompton Sun

TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Township Board thanks those who voted for the mill levy increase in the last election, which carried 79 to 48. The question on the ballot was misleading. We were not asking for an increase of 10 mills. The Township now receives 9.7 mills and the increase was only for .3 of a mill more.

Every Township road needs much work and we plan to do just that this summer, including ditch clean out, road crowning and gravel. This work cannot be done overnight. Your Board knows what must be done, and will be working to see that the job is done as soon as possible, and done right.

Trustee: Charles "Chuck" Wright

TERRITORIAL CAPITAL FLAG

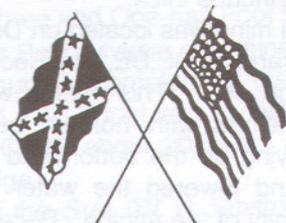
The seven color silk screened Territorial Flag is being sold at cost by the Lecompton Historical Society. The center design on the flag will be identical to the seal on display at the museum. The flag will be on a maroon background with Lecompton, Kansas written in gold underneath the seal. It will be similar to the Kansas State Flag.

It will be a 3 by 5 foot nylon, which will cost \$120.00 each. The flags will be unveiled at the Territorial Capital Festival on June 28th. If interested contact Paul Bahnmaier at 887-6275. Supply limited to 50.

Also we still have some historic Afghans for sale at \$37.28 and \$41.28 if mailed. We have sold 295. All profit will go for a war memorial in Lecompton.

CIVIL WAR HISTORY HISTORIC LECOMPTON TERRITORIAL CAPITAL FESTIVAL

JUNE 28, 1997



Which Way Will It Be?

Kansas' Most Historic Community where Events led to the Civil War
and the Site of President Eisenhower's Parent's Wedding

Visit: Constitution Hall - National Landmark - Kansas Historic Site
Territorial Capital - Lane University Museum - National Historic Site
Windsor Hotel - United Methodist Church

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

- 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Carnival and Games - Ottaway Amusement Inc. (Family Night)
Registration for Turtle Race
7:00 - 10:00 P.M. Contra Dancers' Barn Dance

SATURDAY, JUNE, 28th

- 6:30 - 11:00 A.M. Pancake Feed: Community Building: Campfire Group
8:00 A.M. Frog and Turtle Races
Horseshoe Tournament - call 887-6326
Sand Volleyball Tournament (High School age and above) - call 887-6283
Softball Tournament co-rec - call 887-6940
9:00 A.M. Carnival and Games - Ottaway Amusement Inc.
Pioneer Skills Living History and Demonstrations
1. Post Rock Cutting 2. Potter 3. Blacksmith 4. Rope Making 5. Wood Carving (hand)
6. Wood Carving (chainsaw) 7. Log Cabin Builder 8. Old Time Printing 9. Flintknapping
10. Water Color Artist 11. Indian Beadwork 12. Spinning 13. Oregon Trail Travelers 14. Horse-drawn Vehicles
3 on 3 Basketball Games - Grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-12 call 887-6182

Territorial Capital Museum and Constitution Hall (open)

- 10:00 A.M. Guided Walking Tour of Historic Lecompton from Constitution Hall
10:30 A.M. Judging Parade
11:00 A.M. Parade - call 887-6075, (Farming through the years - theme) *Route - Down Woodson to Boone then left.*
Prizes for adults = \$60, \$40 & \$20 Prizes for children = \$25, \$15 & \$10
11:30 A.M. United Methodist Church Dinner
12:00 Noon Guided Walking Tour of Lecompton from Constitution Hall
1:00 P.M. Kaw Valley Cornet Band - Territorial Capital Museum
1:30 P.M. Kansas Territorial Flag dedication - Territorial Capital Museum
Stage Coach arrives
2:30 P.M. "Daughters of Courage" Dramatic portrayal of six travelers on the Oregon Trail by Kay Kuhlman
Territorial Capital Museum
4:00 P.M. Historic 109 year old Grand Piano Recital, Mandolin and Singing - United Methodist Church
4:30 P.M. 3 on 3 Basketball and Volleyball Championships
5:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social,
7:00 P.M. Talent Show - call 887-6353
Prizes 18 & under = \$50 & \$25
8:30 P.M. Awards Ceremony
9:00-12:00 P.M. Evening Concert - "Crow Canyon"

CARNIVAL RIDES GAMES CRAFTS FOODS
Ottaway Amusement Inc.

For Information Call (913) 887-6691 No Alcoholic Beverages

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR DONATION TO THE MUSEUM:

1. Honey Jar, 4 Candle holders, 4 Coasters by Lecompton U. M. Church .
2. Curtain stretchers by Ethel McKelvey
3. 6 pictures, 1 Lecompton Owl-1969-70, a baby coverlet, 1 baby dress & 1 baby slip, Julia Hill Kerns picture by Phyllis Martin.
4. Famous Faces of Territorial Kansas by Tim Rues
5. Book "Lakeview Reflections" 1892-1992 by Nelda Hodson.
6. Picture of Frank Pickens by Ruth A. Meyer
7. Book for Recital pictures by Frances Sanford
8. Clippings, 2 Foot ball programs Nov. 1916 & 1919 & Jr.-Sr. Banquet by Marge Schmitt .
9. 3 picture frames by Helen Norwood
10. Awl (for sewing leather) Book, Magazine, Old Kansas City Star & Times by Mae Holderman
11. Old Papers and Clippings by Bill & Beverly Van Dyke
12. Mother's Wedding dress by Faye Talley.
13. Winter History by A. K. & Charlene Winter
14. A Fan used by tribal women to fan the chaff off the rice by Aldersgate Village by Phyllis Martin.

ALUMNI BANQUET

The Banquet has been postponed until a later date.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering and making this banquet a success this year, please contact Diane J. Guffey.

5842 Edington Ave. #113
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

*****Please Clip and Mail With Your Check*****

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

Dues are \$4 per year for individual membership and \$6 for a 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 Iona Spencer, 1828 E. 100 Rd. Lecompton, KS 66050

- () \$4.00 Annual Individual Membership
- () \$6.00 Annual Couple's Membership
- () \$50.00 Individual Life or Memorial Membership
- () Other Contribution \$ _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- Marquita "Mark" (Pickel) Christy
- Gary L. Miller
- Irene (Forney) Sperry
- Katherine M. (Meyers) Flood
- Roy D. Paslay
- Marsha (Johnson) Paslay
- Louise (Clarke) Schiffer
- Kenneth L. Sperry
- Ed Turner

MEMORIALS:

- Rev. Charles E. Scott

OBITUARIES

CRANWELL, Bessie May, 75, Lecompton died Nov. 21, 1996. She was born March 5, 1921, in Ray County, Mo., the daughter of Samuel P. and Ethel Wark Redd.

She married C. C. Cranwell on Nov. 19, 1950 at Lyndon. He survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mary Allen, Topeka, several brothers and sisters and two grandchildren.

HATCHER, Elmira 'Grace', 96, died Dec. 12, 1996 in Lawrence. She was born Oct. 3, 1900, in Bethel, N. Y., the daughter of Frank and Louise Stevenson Breakey.

She attended the Lecompton United Methodist Church.

She married Russell Hatcher on Sept. 18, 1920, in Lawrence. He died Dec. 25, 1968.

BOWLIN, Willis R. 86, of Williamsburg, died Feb. 15, 1997 at a hospital in Ottawa. He was born Aug. 30, 1910, in DeSoto the son of Clark and Mary McIntire Bowlin.

He was a member of Lucky Grange at Waverly. He was married to Amy Kelly Turner Aug. 12, 1949, in DeSoto. She survives.

Other survivors include stepsons, Willie Turner, Williamsburg; C. L. "Red" Turner, San Pedro, Calif.; & Edward Turner, San Diego, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Curran, Tecumseh, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Mount Oliver Cemetery at Homewood.

STANWIX, Ella S. 98, Grantville, died Feb. 25, 1997, at a Topeka hospital. She was born Dec. 11, 1898 in what is now Oklahoma, the daughter of Robert M. Scott, Jr. and May Alice McKowan.

She moved to Lecompton in 1899 and graduated from Lecompton High School in 1917, the only girl in a class of six.

She married Ross Stanwix, Jan. 31, 1921, in Lawrence. He died April 13, 1976.

Survivors include two sons, Robert K. Stanwix, Grantville, and George Stanwix, Wichita; a sister, Fern Wilson, Buffalo, N. Y.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery in Topeka.

RHODES, R. Warren, 78, Lawrence, died March 9, 1997. He was born Dec. 6, 1918, in Tampa, the son of Melton J. and Wilmina Hoefler Rhodes. He was a member of the First United

Methodist Church, Lawrence.

He married Phyllis Taylor on July 28, 1946, in Emporia. She survives.

Survivors also include a daughter, Susan Eubanks, Lawrence, a son, Kent Rhodes, Salmon, Idaho; a brother, William K. Rhodes, McLouth, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial in Lawrence Memorial Park Cemetery Garden Mausoleum.

BROWN, Nellie Maude 87, Oregon, died April 5, 1997. She was born in Kansas City May 2, 1909 the daughter of Robert B. and Maybelle M. Spangler Slavens.

She married Carey Wilson Brown in 1941. He died in 1970. She also was preceded in death by a son Nelson Carey Brown.

Survivors include a daughter Nancy Ann Brown of Hillsboro, Or.; four sisters; Maybelle "Duggie" Hall, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Sara Walter, Lawrence, Ks.; Henrietta Anderson, Olathe, Ks. and Edith Ward, Fountain Valley, Calif.

Burial in the Winston-Salem Cemetery in North Carolina.

GLENN, Faye Luella, 98 Topeka, died May 6, 1997. She was born Sept. 6, 1898 at Lecompton, the daughter of John Calvin and Lula May Hopkins Todhunter.

She was a member of the Methodist Church. She married Harvey M. Glenn on July 4, 1926, in Lecompton. He died Feb. 18, 1986.

Survivors include two nieces. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery west of Lecompton.

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