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VOL. 30, NO.3 LECOMPTONKANSAS.COM FALL, 2004

A throng came to dedicate the Lecompton Historical Society's newest restoration, the First Kansas Democratic Party Headquarters. President Paul Bahnmaier presided over the June 26 festivities at the stone cabin overlooking the Kansas River. Please turn to Page 4 for pictures of the gala and a report of all the events.

Lecompton Reenactors Star in Territorial Sesquicentennial Saga

The Lecompton Reenactors, brainchild of playwright and former Bald Eagle editor, J. Howard Duncan, performed their first production in June 1998. Over the past six years the troupe has spruced up speeches and costumes and recruited more actors, all in preparation for this 2004 Sesquicentennial celebration of the formation in 1854 of Kansas Territory and its capital, Lecompton.

It has been and continues to be some year for the Reenactors, but the June 26 reenactment, Prelude to War, was the highlight of Lecompton's Territorial Days celebration. The performance helped dedicate our town's new gem, the home of the Territorial Democratic Party headquarters. The stone cabin, which we, the Lecompton Historical Society, rebuilt stands proudly on the south bank of the Kansas River at Second Street.

For a fuller report on the Territorial Days festivities, please turn to Page 4.

We note that the Lecompton Reenactors already have performed 41 times this year before a total audience of 8,034. What is as impressive is the number of members who have appeared.

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First Annual Bald Eagle Rendezvous

A generation before the 1850s and Bleeding Kansas, the banks of the Kansas River supported a flourishing band of trappers. Many were Indians and many were our storied Mountain Men and Plainsmen. On September 24-26, the south bank of the Kaw will be full of tents and teepees, open fire camp cooking and tomahawk throwing demonstrations.

It's free. On Friday afternoon all the kids from the Lecompton Grade School will come to learn of this part of their early history. Come join the fun. It's the latest production of Constitution Hall State Historic Site and the Lecompton Historical Society. Please see poster on page 7.

Christmas Vespers At Lane Museum On December 5

The Chapel of the Kansas Territorial Museum will ring with Christmas carols again this Sesquicentennial year. It starts at 2 p.m. and the musicians, the singers…all of the Lecompton Historical Society will help make this a joyous close to this year's marvelous celebration. We'll have the complete particulars in our Winter 2004 newsletter.

About the Brother of One of The First Settlers of Kansas Territory

Absolum Winter, He Was Here Too

The definitive early history of Kansas, written by A.T. Andreas in 1883, identifies the first settlers of Kansas Territory's first capital, Lecompton, as "A.W. & A.G. Glenn, father and son; G.W. Zinn, David Martin, M.S. Winter and William Shirley." Andreas's record must serve, as the original records were among the casualties of the villain Quantrill's Raid in 1863, when he sacked, among many buildings and people, the U.S. Land Office records. But there was another pioneer, according to family records. M.S. Winter was accompanied by his brother, Absolum Knotts Winter

The Bald Eagle has chronicled the genealogical histories of these first families of Lecompton. In this issue the Bald Eagle celebrates the brother of Machias Shipman Winter. In 1854, M.S. Winter pre-empted 160 acres about one-half mile southwest of the oxbow loop in the Kansas River at Lakeview. His younger brother Absolum lived with him at least in 1854 and 1855 before returning to West Virginia.

Absolum Takes a Bride

By the time Absolum Winter returned to Kansas from West Virginia in 1879, M.S. had sold his Lakeview property and relocated four miles south of Lecompton. Absolum and his bride, the former Annie Laura Baker,

The Absalom Winter home, built in 1887 at 638 N. 1800 Rd. "After A.K.'s Dad, Charles, died in 1976, we were using his home for storage," Charlene Winter says. "The county said since it was a larger house than the new one we had designed and built, we would be taxed on the older but larger house. We appealed so we could keep the home place but failed. Taxes, on top of its upkeep, forced us to take it down." The same was true for a stone house next door built by the renowned Italian masons, the Migliaros, in the 1870s. "It was on my great uncle's place and it simply disappeared about 20 years ago," A.K. says.

Absolum Knotts Winter, the younger Winter pioneer, with his bride, Annie Laura Baker Winter. He was in Lecompton in 1854 and 1855, living with his older brother, Mathias Shipman Winter.

purchased the160 acres just west of M.S.'s place. He went by A.K. or Ab and in the many family genealogical papers the first name appears as Absolom, Absalom and Absolem, and he's referred to as each at different times. His gravestone reads Absolum.

This 160-acre farm had been a patent for military service from President James Buchanan on June 1, 1860 to Thomas Sykes. "It had unpaid taxes, and WS. McCurdy got a tax deed to it on Nov. 25, 1864. Mr. McCurdy sold it to Charles Worthington in 1865," Absolum's grandson, A.K. Winter recalls of family history. "A log cabin had been built by the time Absalom and Annie Laura got the farm. The couple raised five children in the cabin."

As was common to the times, a large hay barn was built first. Then in 1887 a large frame house was added.

Absolum Dies at 47

In 1891, Absalom died at the early age of 47. His widow, Annie Laura Winter, then struggled successfully to rear her children and hold onto the family homestead. She was a noted seamstress.

Maude was the eldest child, followed by Charles

Baker, Paul, Bess and Mark. Robert had died in infancy. All three of the boys headed to the Pacific Northwest for railroading jobs. Charles Baker, though, heeded his mother's wishes and returned to work the farm.

Charles Marries Jessie

After his mother's death he bought out his siblings and remained on the farm. In 1923 he married Jessie Trowbridge. They worked the farm, raising wheat, corn, hay, milk cows and horses.

Charles and Jessie had two children, Charles, who died in infancy, and Allen Knotts (A.K.) born in 1927.

A.K. received deferments from military service during World War II, as did most young farmers then. Then came Korea. "There were five of us from around here who had received farming deferments during World War Two," A.K. recalls. "If the Army hadn't of taken us right at the start of the Korean War, we would have been too old. All five of us had to go."

A.K. and Charlene Wed

After A.K. returned, he married Charlene Luckan in 1956. They had three daughters; the eldest, Mary, lives in Kansas City, the second, Sharon, lives in Burlington, while, Annette Kay, the youngest, died in 1989. Though the couple retired from farming last year, they still live on the farm purchased by grandfather Winter. The new curve in the Farmer's Turnpike, County Road 438 just where it becomes the Eisenhower Memorial Highway, carved 10 acres from the Winter farm.

Charles Baker Winter, A.K.'s father, with his two brothers Paul and Mark.

These days the Winters are two of our most highly regarded members of the Lecompton Historical Society and the Lecompton Reenactors. (Please see an article reprinted from the Lawrence Journal-World on below, and a story about the Reenactors starting on Page 1.)

Reprinted from the Lawrence Journal World
August 15, 2004

Lecompton site offers 'treasure trove' of state history

By Mike Belt

LECOMPTON—Kansas history begins in Lecompton, but interest in that history extends well beyond Douglas County.

Saturday afternoon more than a dozen people stopped in Lecompton to tour the Territorial Capital Museum as part of the 10-day 'Civil War on the Western Frontier" commemoration with events in and around Lawrence.

Among those on the tour in Lecompton were Great Bend residents Don and Rita Feist, who were spending the weekend at an area bed and breakfast and touring other area historical sites.

"I've enjoyed every bit of this," said Rita Feist, a retired sixth-grade teacher who taught American history classes. "The guides do a really great job."

The Fiests' guides for a tour that lasted more than an hour was Charlene, who along with her husband, A.K. Winter, have been showing tourists around the museum for 15 years.

"I tell people I can give you the 20-minute tour or I can go for an hour and a half," A.K. Winter said.

The Winters, who are museum volunteers from the Lecompton Historical Society, start their tours in the second-floor chapel with a short overview of Kansas territorial history. They name nearly a dozen men who held the position of governor during the period from 1855 to 1865, which led Kansas to become known as a political graveyard.

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Reenactors, History Buffs, Politicians Dedicate Restoration of Democratic Headquarters

The afternoon could not have been more beautiful for the dedication of the Territorial Democratic Headquarters stone cabin on the banks of the Kansas River. "Free Staters" musicians serenaded and politicians extolled Lecompton's historic past. At the height of the ceremony, as if on time, a BN/SF freight train roared past on tracks only 100 feet to the north.

First came the American flag ceremony. The Pilot Club of Lawrence provided the flagpole and the Betty Washington chapter of the DAR, represented by Mary Burchill, donated the flag. Lecompton Boy Scout Troop 56 led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lecompton United Methodist Church Choir, directed by Kim Stewart, sang the National Anthem. Rev. Dan Michaux gave the invocation.

Mayor Roy Paslay welcomed the several hundred guests. LHS president Paul Bahnmaier came next. He said, "The Lecompton Historical Society thanks Hub and Cathy Hall, Pat and Aurelia Istas and the Douglas County Community Foundation for their special efforts and donations toward the completion of the work on restoration."

State Representative Tom Sloan talked of the historic and symbolic importance of the cabin. He said that it's another example of the love and loyalty Lecomptonites hold for their community. Tim Rues, administrator of Constitution Hall, state and national historic landmark, and historians Deb and Tom Goodrich each talked of historic perspective and Lecompton's unique and colorful past.

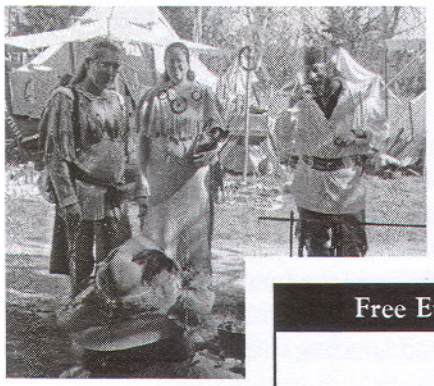
A death in the family forced U.S. Senator Sam Brownback to send his executive aide, Anne Emerson. Ms. Emerson said Senator Brownback is well aware of the important role that Lecompton played in pre-Civil War history of Kansas and the United States. His interest in establishing a Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area was heightened by a visit to Lecompton by his daughter's school class.

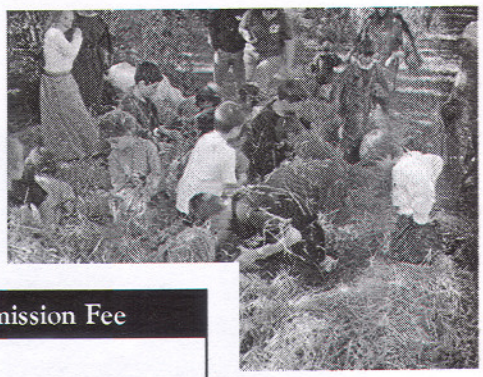
Our entertaining Lecompton Reenactors then took over.

Some Members of the Troupe

Alan Shirrell as JOHN BROWN, SR. [A cruelly insane man fighting for a good cause.] You know who I am! I am John Brown, Sr., Old Osawatomie Brown, the Abolitionist. Some of you, even though you give lip service to the free-state cause, are not pleased to see me here. You feel that my methods and spirit for fighting are too harsh even though your logic tells you that human slavery is an evil which must be promptly, thoroughly, and forever eliminated. God has told me that there is no other way that our victory and freedom for slaves will be achieved short of exterminating those slave masters who refuse to change their evil ways. I have referred a number of them to St. Peter for one last chance at repentance.

Ed Hoover as STRINGFELLOW. Mr. Lincoln, I am Doctor John Stringfellow, Editor of the Atchison Squatter Sovereign and a member of the Territorial Legislature. You call for cooler moments when instead the call should be for action. The Emigrant Aid Societies open their unlimited treasuries to finance abolition minded settlers and ship them West like so many cattle. These hired paupers are equipped with





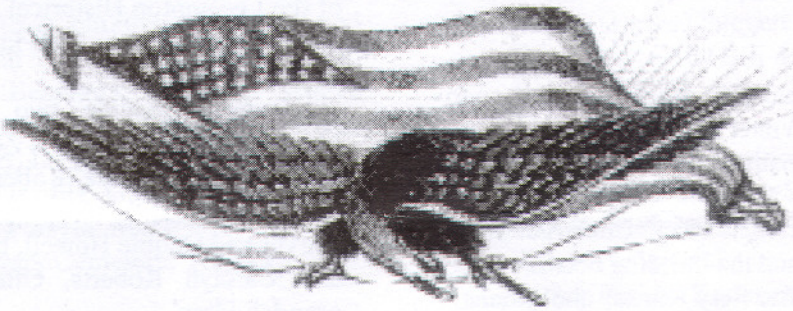
Free Event • Come one, come all • No Admission Fee

– First Annual –

Bald Eagle Rendezvous

Friday-Saturday-Sunday
September 24, 25, 26 2004
Hours: Fri: 9-5, Sat: 9-5, Sun: 10-4

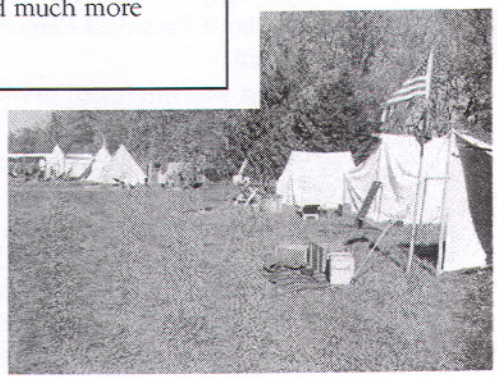
Bald Eagle River View Park • East Second St. • Lecompton



Sponsored by The First Santa Fe Trail Plainsmen, Lecompton Historical Society, and Constitution Hall State Historic Site.
Booshway, Randy Hittle 785-966-2695 powderpounder@aol.com
Information: Tim Rues 785-887-6520 consthall@kshs.org

Period participants:
Mountain Man, Plainsman, Native American,
Camp Traders, Old-style Musicians, Early-day Skills Demonstrators

Activities:
Period Living History Reenactments, Period Primitive Lodge Encampments, Period Trader's Row, "Flintlock Talk" Firearm Discussions and Demonstrations, Tomahawk and Knife Throwing Demonstrations, Flint & Steel Firemaking, Blacksmithing, Flintknapping, Beadwork, Tanning, Gunsmithing, Primitive Camp Cooking Demonstrations, Kids Camp and Games, and much more



Sharps rifles, weapons which will shoot faster, farther, and more accurately than anything in the federal arsenal. There should be no mistaking of their intention, which is to make war not to settle the land. Given the opportunity we will continue to lynch and hang, to tar and feather, and drown every white-livered abolitionist who dares to pollute our soil. We go in for a war of extermination against the lawless nullifiers and Negro-stealers now infesting this Territory, and when occasion offers we will show our love for Northern blood by causing it to flow in profusion to enrich our soil.

J. Howard Duncan as DR. CHARLES ROBINSON [A salaried soldier of freedom]. There are those among you who would claim that I am a mercenary adventurer who has occupied Kansas Territory with an army of men armed with the finest weaponry available and determined to do battle. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am Dr. Charles Robinson, agent for the New England Emigrant Aid Society which has founded and is developing Lawrence, Kansas Territory. The truth is that we came to see Kansas admitted to the Union as a free state where slavery is prohibited.

John Solbach as GEARY. I am John Geary, Governor of Kansas Territory, duly appointed by President Pierce to govern Kansas and bring peace and order to politics, as the people here decide whether they shall allow or prohibit slavery. Mr. Lincoln, I do not have the luxury of your high-minded purity on that issue. The Kansas-Nebraska Act is the law. I must and do work under and with this Legislature, which you term "bogus", as the only elected legislature installed by the people of Kansas Territory, in full accord of the laws and regulations of the Federal government -- sanctioned by the Federal Congress and the President. If it is "bogus", as you claim, because it does not represent the will of the majority, then that must be remedied at the polls. Those who do not vote, consent to the vote of those who do, and it is folly to fail to act in the fore and then complain in the aft.

Lecompton Reenactors Star, *continued from page 1*

Past and present members of the cast:

Jim Leiker, Ed Hoover, Larry Purdie, Rodney Speirer, Allen Jones, Sharon Jones, Lynn Perkins, Bryce Benedict, John Golden, Alan Sherrill, Elsey Sherrill, Tim Rues, Maddie Rues, Rev. Leo Barbee, Aaron Barnhart, Diane Eickhoff, Paul Bahnmaier, Jack Puett, Noble Lathrom, J. Howard Duncan, John Solbach, Bart Solbach, Sean Buell, Charlene Winter, A.K. Winter, Brad Woellhof, Randy Durbin, Michelle Martin, Kevin Hollingshead, Kaely Fox, Jason Dexter, Byron Wiley, Jeff Sheets, Maria Sherman, Jerry Grant, Allen Tollefson, Larry Rutter, Jack Alexander, Sonny Scroggins, Herschel Stroud, Jacque Stroud, Joe Taylor, Barbara Nuss, Mary Buster, Lawton Nuss, Joel Walker, Matt Powell, John Nichols, Charlie Johnson Chris Stiles, Steve Jansen, Bill Stumpff, Lu Wright, and Jacki Williams.

There are still seven performances to be presented year:

*Grinter Fest 2004, 11:30 a.m., Sept. 11, Grinter Place State Historic Site, 1420 S. 78th St., Kansas City.
*Wellsville Living History Day, Sept. 18.
*1855 Territorial Election Stump Speaking, Dietrich Cabin, 5th and Main, Ottawa, 2 p.m., Oct. 5.
*Woodson County Kansas Territorial Sesquicentennial Celebration, Yates Center High School, 2 p.m., Oct. 16.
*Osawatomie Sesquicentennial Celebration, John Brown Park, time to be determined, Oct. 23.
*Society of Mayflower Descendants of Kansas, Holiday Inn, noon, Nov. 14.
*Topeka's Sesquicentennial Celebration, 3 to 6 p.m., Dec. 5.

2004 Lecompton High Alumni Banquet

The Lecompton High School Alumni Banquet was held June 19, 2004. In addition to those living in Kansas, alumni attended from AR, AZ, CA, MO, MS, NE, OH, OK, SC and WI. Attendees were:

1931 - Edythe (Leslie) Stevenson
1932 – Helen (Frye) Hildenbrand
1933 - Willis Horton
1934 - Grace (Kellogg) Melton & Harold
1936 - Robert Walter & Edna
1937 - Harold Chiles
1938 - Helen (Connole) Horton
1939 - George Simmons
1940 - Arloene (Dekat) Simmons
Delmar Barland
Ann (Shields) Dunnaway
Joe Stauffer & Ruth
Victorine (Barland) Vetter
1941 - Maxine (Glenn) Dark
Opal (Lasswell) Goodrick
Lura(Holloway)McAlexander & Mark Christy
1942 - Corrine (Fleming) Childs & Joe
Marvin Hartman & Harriet
Louise (Webber) Norwood
Richard Walter
1943 =Dorothy (Sulzen) Casto
Evelyn (Houk) Jensen & Dan
Lester Stauffer
Alta (Kampschroeder) Walter
1944 - Clarence Daniels (Marjorie Sanford, Dec'd)
Robert Fleming & Martha
William Leslie
Betty (Weber) Leslie
Iona (Herschell) Spencer
Betty (Crady) Stauffer
Charles Worley
Erma (Wulfkuhle) Worley
1946 - James Banks
George Chiles & Edna
Ann (Morris) Smith
Beverly (Bahnmaier) Van Dyke & Guest
1947 - Arlene (Sims) Weidler & Guest
1949 - Georgia Wingfield (Bill, Dec'd) & Guest
1950 - Marge Schmitt (Jerry)
1951 - Leah (Bahnmaier) Shaw & Ed
Ruth (Rothwell) Vervynck
1952- Jane (Rothwell) Childs
Lois (Hildenbrand) Condley & Leon
Dale Gregg & 5 Guests
Amelia Hartman Hagen
Dorothy (Powell) Woods & Ernest
1953- Nancy (Morris) Howard & Len
John Salisbury
Billy Joe Smith & Dorothy
Charles Turner

1955 -John Bahnmaier & Lanna
Rosalie (Rogers) Banks
Donna (McClanahan) Harding (Roy, Dec'd)
Robert Hildenbrand
Larry Sanford
Fred Smith & Raina
William Turner
1956 -Chalice (Robuck) Elliott
Earle Kasson
Larry Mathews & Brenda
Elsie (Bahnmaier) Middleton
Nancy (Corbett) Quaney & Martin
Karen (Sanford) Werts
1957 - Keith Noe & Carol
1958 -Robert Morris
Mary Lou (Salisbury) Morris
1959 -Ed Turner
Karen (Fish) Kasson
Jeanie (Kent) Vestal
J.H. Vestal
1960 -Paul Bahnmaier
Carolyn (Turner) Curran
1961 - Harold Hudson & Linda
Dorothy (Chinn) Moore & Dennis
1962 – Darel Burd & Debra
1963 – Linda (Van Riper) Poort
1964 -Karen (Kellum) Ice
Wanda (Becker) Meinhardt
Lee Norwood
Joyce (Schweimmer) Pierce
Dennis Stauffer
Louise (Kent) Wallace & Wally
Richard Wingfield & Norraine
1965 - Joyce (Bahnmaier) Behlke
Sylvia (Walter) Norwood
Cheryl (Van Riper) Busey & Al
1966 - Mary (Skinner) Stauffer
1967 - Larry Bates
1969 -Bonnie (Leslie) Fugett & Steve
Alice (Chilcott) Bates
1970 - Steve Goodrick & Norma
Debbie (Roberts) Howell
Bruce Inloes
Vicki (Stroda) Smith
1974 - Rance Roberts
1976 - Darla Smith
1983 -Tamra (Miller) Morrison & Sierra
1984 - Dan Gregg
Kevin Morgison

Mildred (Chiles) Lester
Nadine (Chiles) Manis

We apologize if we have forgotten anyone.

The Alumni especially thank Linda (Van Riper) Poort and Alice (Chilcott) Bates for organizing, managing and hosting the Banquet for the past 5 years. It is a big job and they did it wonderfully.

Please mark **Saturday, June 18, 2005** on your calendar now for the 2005 Banquet.. The Class of 1956 will host. The honored classes will be 1925, 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995 and 2005.

Members of the Lecompton Reenactors troupe and Territorial Capital Museum tour guides, Charlene and A.K. Winter.

Treasure Trove,

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"If you wanted to end your political career, go to Kansas," Charlene Winter said.

The museum, originally built to be the Kansas capitol building, was abandoned after two years of construction that started in 1855. Construction was completed in 1882, and the building became Lane University, named after fiery Kansas abolitionist James Lane.

After leaving the chapel, the Winters take the tourists room- by-room through the building, showing them old pump organs and a cylinder-playing piano in the music room.

On the main floor tourists see Civil War displays that include cannon balls and bullets recovered from the Lecompton area, where there were several battles between abolitionist and pro-slavery groups.

Another major focus of the exhibits is President Dwight D. Eisenhower, an adopted Kansan whose parents lived and married in Lecompton. The marriage took place in the building's chapel.

"We jokingly say that if it wasn't for Lecompton, we wouldn't have President Eisenhower," Charlene Winter said.

Don Feist was interested in old farm tools that were on display in other exhibits.

"A lot of this stuff I remember seeing my father have," he said. "We store a lot of this stuff up trying to find out how it worked. We didn't think it would be any good."

Mike and Ruth Brandt, of Pueblo, Colo., were visiting the museum while traveling to Lawrence to see their daughter, Sara Brandt, and her fiancé, Kevin Kupzyk, both Kansas University graduate students. They said they enjoyed the tour, too.

"It's pretty interesting," Kupzyk said. "It's a treasure trove of strange and amazing things."

OBITUARIES

Roberts, Janice R. 64, of McMinnville. Ore. passed away Mar. 13, 2004. She was born May 7, 1939, in Topeka, the daughter of Calvin "Bud" and Ola Mae (Baker) Roberts. She graduated from Lecompton High School in 1957. She had attended Big Springs Methodist Church, Holiday Hills Church of the Nazarene and Lighthouse Baptist Temple throughout her life. She was a life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

She married Elmer Zeeb in 1959. They divorced in 1981.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Zeeb, McMinnville and Richard Zeeb, Hartford City, Ind.: two brothers, Chuck Roberts, Tucson, Ariz,, and Rance Roberts, Lecompton, three sisters, Barbara Carver and Debbie Howell, both of Dardanelle, Ark., and Carolyn Roberts, Ottawa, Kans.; and three grandchildren.

Young, Wilma, 90, passed away May 6, 2004 in Yucaipa, Calif. She was born Mar. 3, 1914 in Lecompton, Ks. the daughter of Glen & Clara Morris Shaffer.

She attended Lecompton Grade School and graduated from High School in the class of 1933. She was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

She moved to California in 1937 and married William C. Young in 1939.

Survivors include three sons, Marvin Young, San Bernardino, Calif.; David & Karen Young, Yucaipa, Calif. and Galen & Karen Young, Perris, Calif..; two sisters, Fern Wheatley, Ventura, Calif., and Helen Burton, Ada, Okla. and six grandchildren.

Conklin, Charles "Chuck" Calvin, 82, passed away May 10, 2004, in Huntsville, Ala. He was born Feb. 13, 1922 and graduated from Lecompton High School in 1944. He was a life member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

OBITUARIES, continued

He served in the Army 26 years.

He married LaVerne McClanahan on Dec. 25, 1941 in her home in Leavenworth where he was stationed. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Sharon Cook, Linda Sweeney and Betty O'Hara; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Entombment in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Scheve, Carol L., 70, died May 12, 2004, in Topeka. She was born Jan. 2, 1934, in Lecompton, the daughter of Paul and Thelma Slusser Maust.

She married Vincent Scheve on Aug. 1, 1953, in Holy Name Church in Topeka. He preceded her in death Nov. 7, 1985. She was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Survivors include a son, Mark Scheve and wife, Beth, Topeka, and their children: Michael, Craig and Rachel; a daughter, Karin Crosson and husband Frank, Topeka and their children, Matthew and Carolyn; a son, Brian Scheve and wife Laurie, Dallas, and their son Benjamin; a son Joe Scheve and wife, Kristi, Topeka; her step-mother, Ezma Maust, Wichita; a sister, Lana Bennett, Wichita; a brother, Paul Maust, Jr. Elk Grove, Calif.; and a stepsister, Pat Hibben, Forsyth, Mo.

Burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka.

Wolfe, Pearl Estella, 95, died July 5, 2004 at Lawrence. She was born Mar. 4, 1909 near Stull the daughter of John and Bertha Herschell Koehler.

She married Vincent L. Wolfe on Sept. 10, 1930, at Washington Creek Church of the Brethren at Lone Star, Ks. He died Mar. 24, 1994. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church in Lawrence. She had been a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Survivors include five nieces, Linda Anderson and Betty Hase, both of Topeka, Helen Schaake, Muskogee, Ok., Nada Askew, Mechanicsville, Va., Karen Lee, Falls Church, Va; and two nephews, Wilton Koehler of Baldwin and Dale Wulfkuhle of Richland. Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery at Lawrence.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Memberships:

Gerald Kirrene
Bonny (Leslie) Fuggett and
Steve Fuggett by Bill & Betty Leslie
Robert V. Cree and
Janet M. Cree
Connie Djajich (Kreider)
Suzanne S. Beckwith (Salisbury)

Memorial Life Memberships:

Albert Paslay and
Esther Paslay (Knoernschild) by Roy & Marsha Paslay and family
Claudette Myers Oldham

**********Please Clip and Mail With YourCheck**********

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, 11 N. 2064 Rd, Lecompton, KS 66050

( ) $5.00 Annual Individual Membership

( ) $7.00 Annual Couple's Membership

( ) $50.00 Individual Life or Memorial Membership

( ) Other Contribution $_____

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It costs the Lecompton Historical Society .92 cents for a change of address and the newsletter returned or .70 cent for a post card to notify us of your change of address, and your newsletter will be thrown away. If you have moved and do not get your newsletter this is why.

Donations to the Territorial Capital Museum

1. Wichita newspaper clippings about Lecompton, by Dennis Nelson.
2. Two bolts from the old Lecompton bridge, by Eudrick "Dick" and Barbara Hubert.
3. Old school pictures taken in front of Lane University, by Linda (Traxler) Orr.
4. Midway section, Topeka Capital-Journal, Jan. 9, 1966, by Robert Walter.
5. Hartford Steamer, 1954-1866, book, by Sonie Liebler.
6. Copy of contract and estimates of cost of Kansas Territorial Capitol building by Aristide Rodrigue, 1856, by Gertrude E. Rodrigue.
7. 1918 picture of Big Springs, picture of Big Springs teacher, Emma Buck, 1954, Letter from Emma Buck, Feb. 15, 1954; Lecompton High School freshman class picture, 1937-19388; 50th wedding anniversary folder of William and Ellen Bahnmaier, 1921-1971; Certificate, Past Grand Degree, July 19, 1955; Charge book, 1989; Odd Fellows & Rebekah of Kansas, 1989-1990; Oakland Odd Fellows, No. 640; Rebekah, 616, 1995, by Roy Paslay.
8. Flag pole for dedication of Democratic Party Headquarters June 26, 2004, from the Pilot Club, by Mae Holderman.
9. Daughters of the American Revolution for the American flag for the Democratic Party Headquarters dedication, June 26, 2004, by Margaret Wulfkuhle.
10. Recipe of Inheritance, book, by Margery (Day) Hanson, found at the Lecompton Grade School, by Bonnie Fugett.
11. Four Eisenhower paintings, by David Dark.
12. Card with 36 Coca Cola bottle caps picturing American presidents; 14 newspapers from 1945-1960 headlining historical events, by Elsie Middleton.
13. Republican centennial plate, 1854-1954; General Dwight D. Eisenhower plate; Account book presented to Aux. 2989 of Lecompton from Myrtle Allen, Second District president, by Joyce Behlke.
14. Newspaper article, LeVona Carter's 94th birthday; 1990 Woman of the Year award, LeVona G. (Jackie) Morey, by Darlene Paslay.

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