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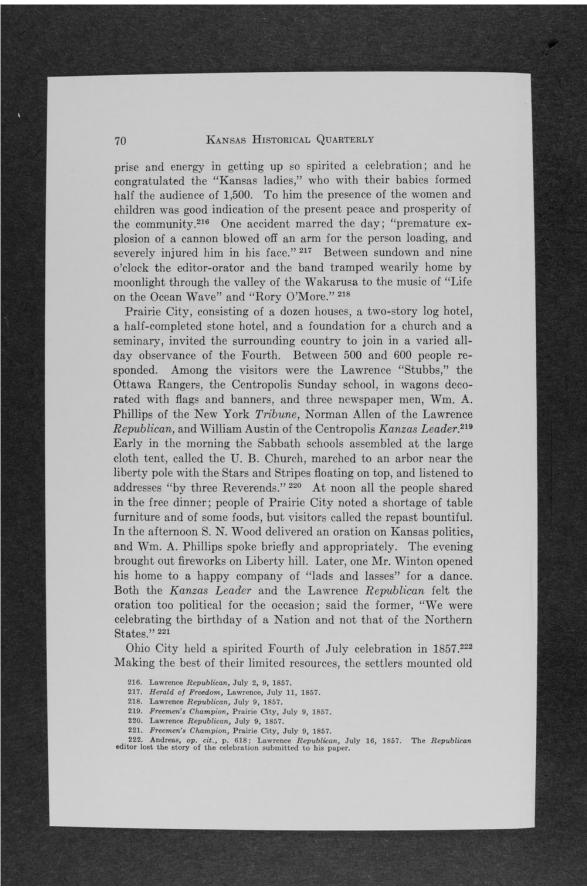
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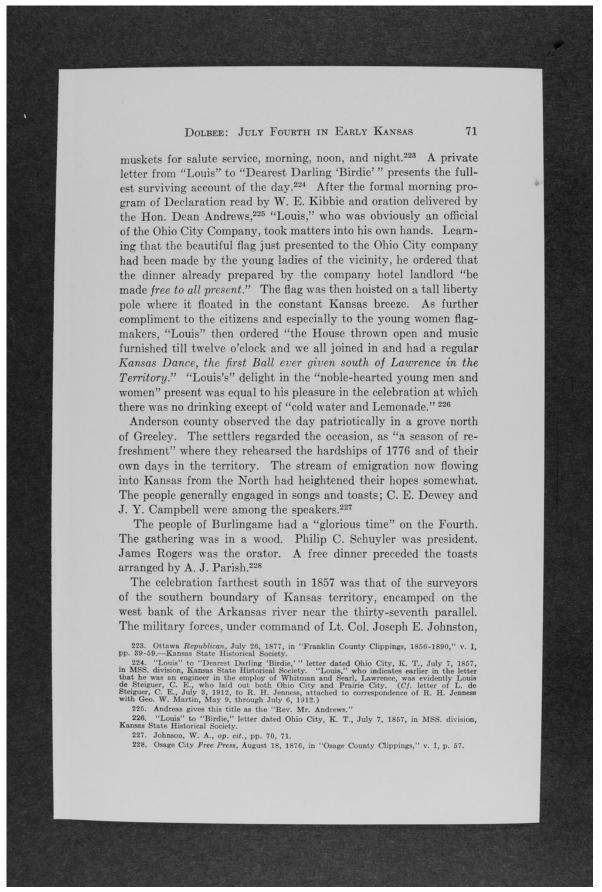
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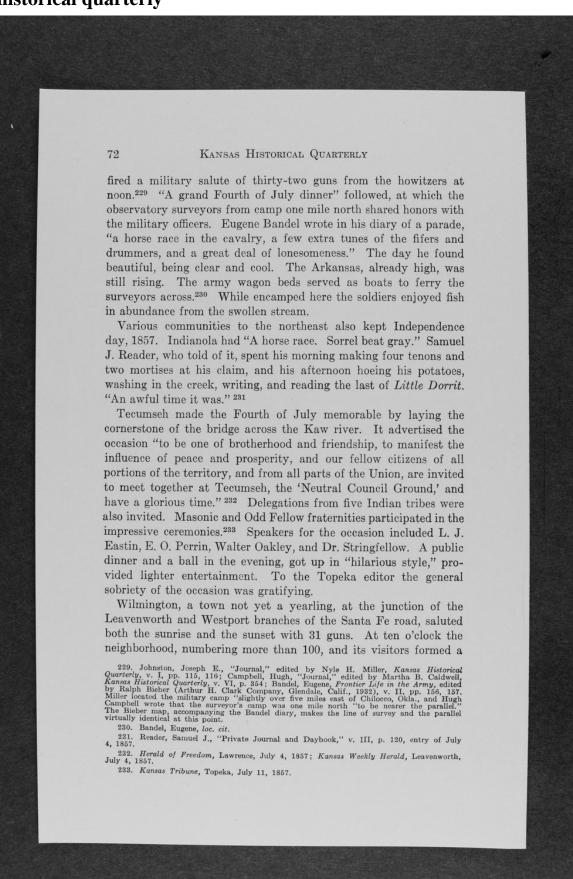












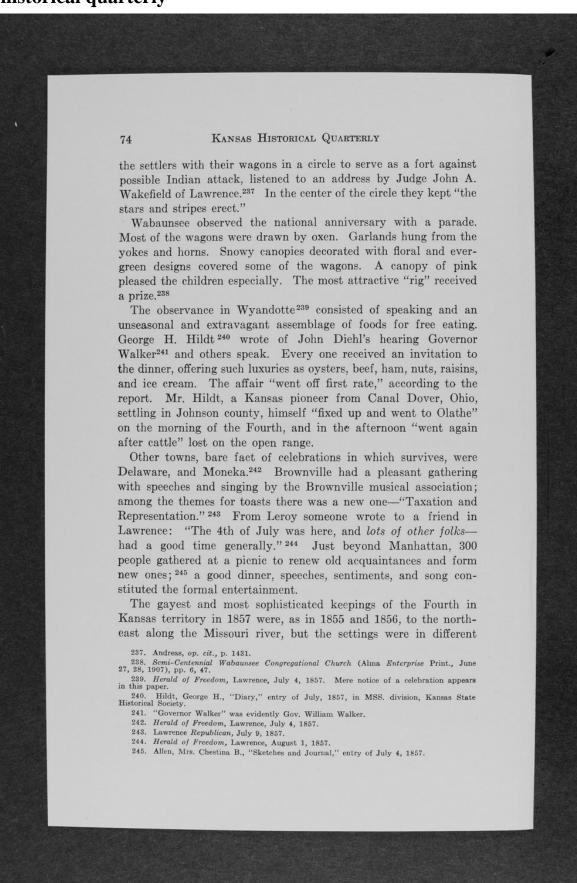




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73 DOLBEE: JULY FOURTH IN EARLY KANSAS procession to a grove where they had arranged seats suitable for formal exercises. E. P. Ingersoll delivered the oration. The Wilmington Quartette Club and the Germania Glee Club of Havana City furnished "very fine" music. The collation, a "bountiful supply of nice things," was sufficient for 300 people. "The eatables," wrote J. E. D., "would have tempted an epicure." The toasts reflected general good feeling; the day "passed off very fine," strengthening the good will of adjoining neighborhoods for Wilmington.234 New and enterprising Burlington, which marked its age only in weeks, had an old-fashioned holiday in commemoration of "the day that made us free." Its youthful patriotism was at high tide. The committee on plans had expected but a scanty gathering. With the day, however, came squatters to the number of 300; from twenty miles they came. O. E. Learnard was the president; Wm. B. Parsons was the orator, speaking with "the polish of a scholar and the fervor of a patriot." A band of four members supplied music. The dinner at two o'clock was "in city order"; abundance and luxury were there and enough for all and to spare. Among the toasts was one by William Hutchinson of Lawrence, who spoke at length on "Kansas—The youngest and smartest child in Uncle Sam's family." At the merry dance in the evening youth and age were upon an equality. "Ladies" were "abundant." One of the most accomplished dancers was a woman of French descent, a mother of thirteen children.235 Five-months-old Emporia planned its first public meeting for July 4, 1857. To disseminate good feeling and information it invited neighboring towns and communities to participate in addresses and a free dinner. Committees were to procure the necessary meat, with power to draw on the treasurer to pay for the same. Settlers were to bake and bring such provisions as suited their convenience. At the last, however, sickness in the neighborhood made public celebration inexpedient.236 Settlers who had been in El Dorado but three weeks drew on nature's storehouses for food for their Independence day feasting. One of them caught a buffalo fish in Walnut creek; another shot a wild turkey; and a third brought in a deer. While the meats roasted, 234. Ibid., July 4, 1857; The Kanzas News, Emporia, July 18, 1857. 235. Lawrence Republican, July 9, 1857; Andreas, op. cit., p. 654. In "Sketches of Kansas Pioneer Experience," Kansas Historical Collections, v. VII, p. 396, Wm. Hutchinson wrote of riding in from cross country 60 miles from his claim at Mapleton to Burlington, July 3, to take part in a celebration July 4, but he gave the year as 1858. Probably the trip was to the 1857 celebration. 236. The Kanzas News, Emporia, June 6, 20, July 4, 1857; Andreas, op. cit., p. 846, wrote that the first public meeting at Emporia was the Fourth of July celebration, 1857.









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towns. White Cloud announced a lot sale for the day. River towns as far east as St. Louis and as far north as Council Bluffs responded enthusiastically.246 One boat on its downward trip sold 500 tickets. The town company chartered two boats, the Watossa and the Morning Star, to bring in the prospective and pleasureseeking buyers.247 They engaged the St. Joseph brass band to provide music for a "grand ball" at night on the Morning Star. They brought in a "baby-waker," a 24-pound "field-piece," to provide the necessary noise. As the size of the promised crowd increased, the committee on foods added to the beeves, sheep, pigs, and fowl held in readiness for cooking. They set their tables near a good spring of water. The St. Louis (Mo.) Republican said that the barbecue would be free, that "lots of champagne would be opened, and of course drank," and that "sport, profit, Fourth of July, and music" awaited the large party from St. Louis that would spend the week en route aboard the Morning Star.248 The St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette believed there was "no question but what White Cloud is the point in the Territory above Leavenworth City." 249

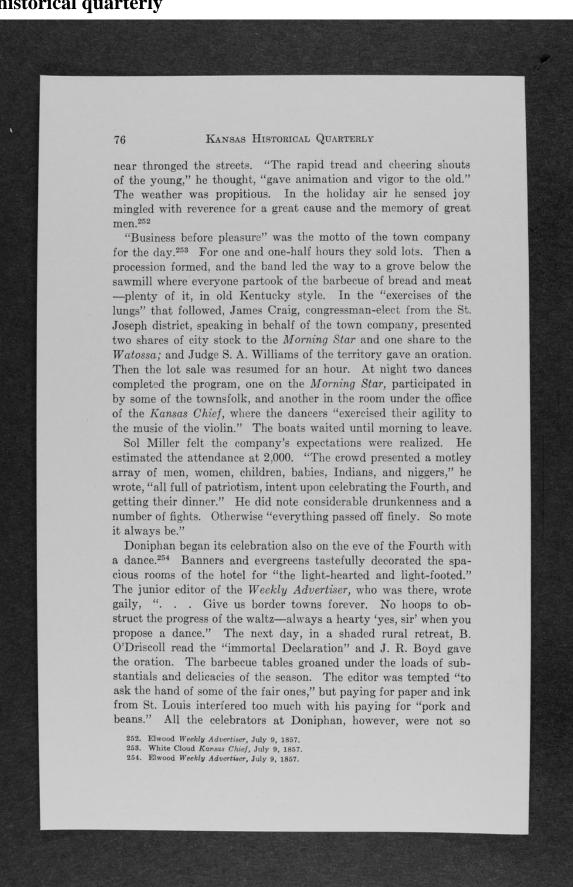
On the afternoon of July 3 the Morning Star picked up the band and 200 passengers at St. Joseph; more recruits boarded at Elwood, among them the senior editor of the Elwood Weekly Advertiser, who had received a free excursion ticket.²⁵⁰ Fifteen miles below White Cloud the boat "hauled up at a woodyard and lay by for the night." When music was called for, "gay lads led forth their bonnie lasses, and

"Tripped it lightly as we go, On the light fantastic toe."

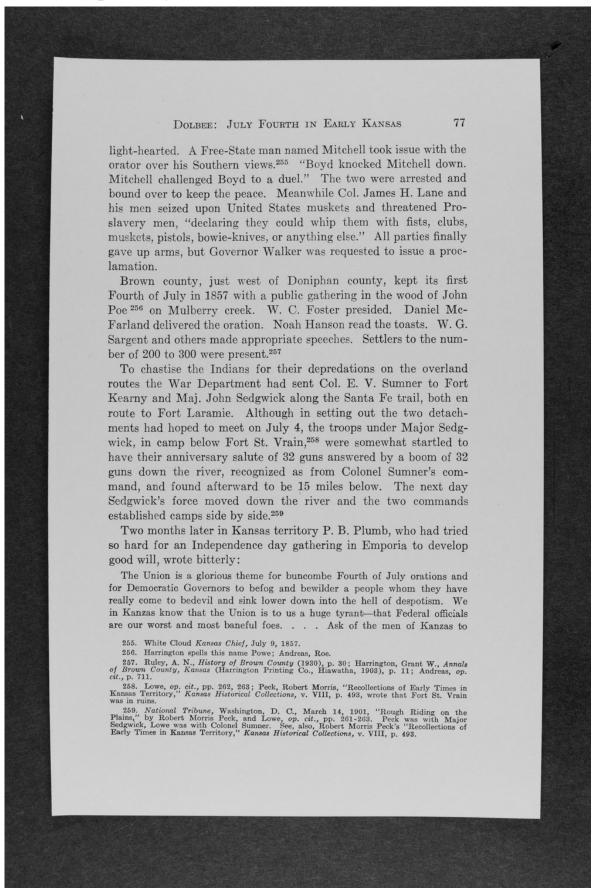
White Cloud ushered in the Fourth by the firing of cannon. The Stars and Stripes were thrown to the breeze. People poured in from the adjacent country. About eight o'clock the report of cannon down the river announced the approach of the Morning Star. White Cloud answered with a national salute from the bluffs. The Watossa and a third boat, Emma, arrived with more visitors. Other jubilistic and patriotic demonstrations cocurred on shore. To the Elwood editor White Cloud seemed extensively laid out, but very thinly settled. Already a large concourse of people from far and

- 246. White Cloud Kansas Chief, June 18, July 2, 1857.
- Kansas Weekly Herald, Leavenworth, June 27, 1857.
 Mite Cloud Kansas Chief, July 2, 1857, quoting the St. Louis (Mo.) Republican of many 26, 1867.
- June 26, 1857. 249. Ibid.
 - 250. Elwood Weekly Advertiser, July 9, 1857.
- 251. White Cloud Kansas Chief, July 9, 1857.

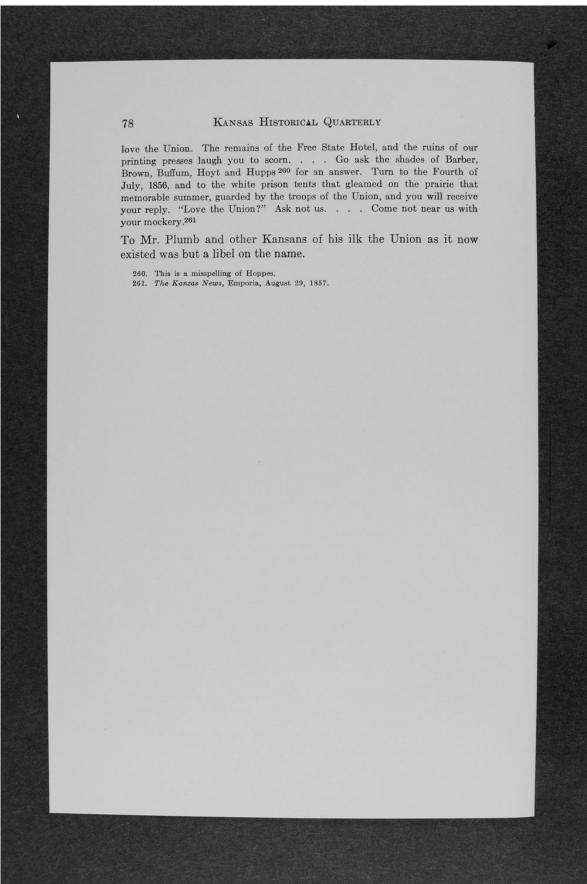




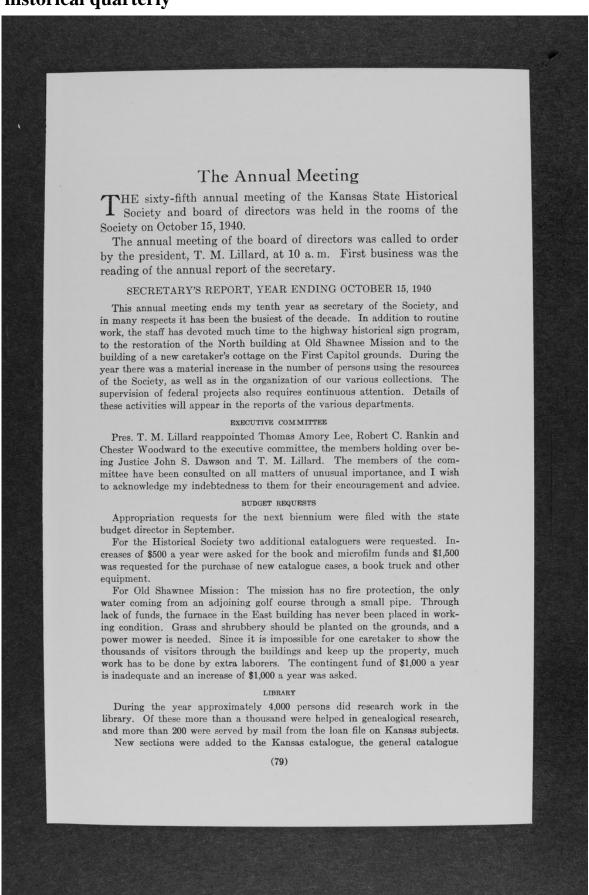
















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and the Library of Congress catalogue. This necessitated a reorganization of several hundred thousand cards.

The Society's clipping service is an outstanding feature of the library. It is widely used and copied. During the year several institutions sent representatives to study our methods. In this division about 350 clippings are mounted each month. They are classified and catalogued and then become a part of the permanent library. These clippings cover biographical material on prominent men and women of Kansas, including a classified section for artists, sculptors, musicians, authors and actors. They also include articles on the histories of counties and towns, as well as churches, organizations, schools, education, economics, crimes, railroads, science, Indians, wars in which Kansas has had a part, agriculture, oil industry, aviation, radio and motion pictures. These clippings now constitute quite a remarkable library in themselves.

From our duplicate collection last year a large number of magazines were donated to Bethany College at Lindsborg, and many books and magazines were given to the Kansas Vocational School. A selection was also made from these duplicates to help with the work for the shut-ins, a WPA project supervised by the Topeka Public Library.

The library receives many gifts of genealogies, and of books by Kansas authors. The Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution have presented typed copies of historical and biographical material gathered by various chapters. From the Historical Records Survey have come 170 volumes of inventories of county and town archives, church archives, calendars of manuscript collections, census records from all the states, and check lists of imprints from several of the states.

The library is now coöperating with the American Library Association in a revision of the *Union List of Serials*. When completed this list will show all publications of a serial nature, such as magazines, publications of societies and reports of institutions, including foreign publications, and in what libraries they may be found. The files of the Society contain many valuable publications which did not appear in the previous edition, some of which probably are not available anywhere else in the country.

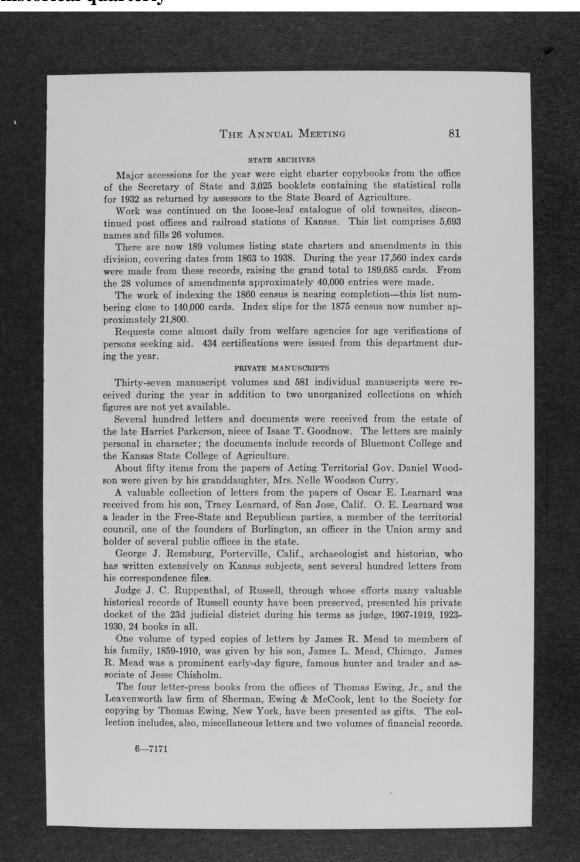
PICTURE COLLECTION

During the year 483 pictures were classified, catalogued and added to the picture collection. Through the courtesy of Elsie Evans, librarian of the Leavenworth Public Library, the Society was able to purchase at small cost copies of 90 pictures of early Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth which are of great interest. Mrs. Will R. Christian of Ulysses lent pictures of Ulysses and Mrs. Mildred C. Beason of Gove lent pictures of Sharon Springs and Wallace from which copies were made. The Topeka State Journal donated 120 pictures of individuals and Kansas scenes.

WORLD WAR POSTERS

A valuable addition to the Society's World War posters was a collection of 51 colored lithographs from Mrs. Bennett R. Wheeler. Most of these were printed in the United States.





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NEWSPAPERS

During the year twenty reels of microfilms of old newspapers have been added to the Society's collections. These films represent about six years of daily and thirty-three years of weekly newspapers. The papers include the Kansas City (Mo.) Daily Journal of Commerce from December 17, 1858, to June 30, 1865, the Kansas City (Mo.) Enterprise from November 10, 1855, to October 3, 1857, the Weekly Western Journal of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo., from October 17, 1857, to June 23, 1866, the Oskaloosa Independent from July 11, 1860, to August 20, 1870, the Lawrence Republican from May 28, 1857, to November 13, 1862, the Kansas Weekly Herald, Leavenworth, from September 15, 1854, to December 26, 1857, the Integral Cooperator of Enterprise and parts of the American Nonconformist of Winfield. Most of these papers were microfilmed in coöperation with other libraries, which greatly reduced the cost to the Society.

It has been asked how we can continue to find space to store our newspaper collections. The microfilm suggests the answer. One reel of film may be said to approximate 850 newspaper pages, the equivalent of a two-months' volume of the Topeka State Journal of 1940. This means that one small Recordak film file with a capacity of 383 reels could hold all the Society's files of the Topeka Daily Capital from 1879 to December, 1940, plus our files of the Topeka State Journal from 1880 to 1895, a total of seventy-six years of daily newspapers.

In this department several WPA workers are listing all past changes in names of newspapers, editors, publishers and owners. About half the Kansas weekly newspapers have been completed.

Use of our newspapers increases each year. Researchers spend weeks and months here, compiling historical data. During the year 4,298 patrons were registered, coming from a dozen states. In this time they examined 25,390 bound newspaper volumes and 12,252 unbound issues.

The 1940 List of Kansas Newspapers and Periodicals was published in July. The List shows the issues of 745 newspapers and periodicals being received regularly for filing. Of these, 61 are dailies, 13 semiweeklies, 489 weeklies, 25 fortnightlies, one trimonthly, 17 semimonthlies, 76 monthlies, nine bimonthlies, 20 quarterlies, 28 occasionals, three semiannuals and three annuals, coming from all the 105 Kansas counties. Of these 745 publications, 165 are listed republican, 45 democratic and 279 independent in politics; 94 are school or college, 29 religious, 19 fraternal, 17 local and 97 miscellaneous (including four Negro publications).

On January 1, 1940, the Society's collection contained 46,612 bound volumes of Kansas newspapers and more than 10,000 bound volumes of out-of-state newspapers.

Among the year's other accessions are the following: Helen Shirk of Topeka contributed a number of issues of her father's monthly publication, *The School and Home*, Abilene, also eight miscellaneous issues of *Trench and Camp* of Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Mrs. Robert Merrick of Topeka donated seven issues of the *Night Hawk*, Washburn College; the Woman's Kansas Day Club gave a number of miscellaneous papers to the Society. Among the other donors the following should be mentioned: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barker of Kansas City, Mrs. Fenn Ward of Highland, L. H. Ruppenthal



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of McPherson, Harry Mangold of Hutchinson, Mrs. Loyal F. Payne of Manhattan, Mary M. Smelzer of the Watson Library, Lawrence, Mrs. Vernon McArthur of Hutchinson, Mrs. W. G. Cooper of Blakeman, Everett G. Barber of Salina, Mrs. Merebah Clark of Terre Haute, Ind., Mrs. Hattie Wade Leisening of Sedalia, Mo., George Remsburg of Porterville, Calif., Mrs. Herbert W. Geer, Jennie Small Owen, Paul Parrish, Ernest F. McNutt and Horace G. Black of Topeka.

MUSEUM

The attendance in the museum for the year was 31,112. Between April 9 and May 29, 2,159 students from 36 counties, representing over 100 schools, made class pilgrimages to view the exhibits.

There were 49 accessions. Among the most interesting was a printer's proof galley from the Oskaloosa *Independent*, in constant use for 79 years, donated by Mrs. F. H. Roberts through the Woman's Kansas Day Club. John J. McKnight, Baileyville, donated a buggy in which his uncle, Dr. George C. McKnight, Hiawatha, had traveled 27,500 miles in the practice of his profession. During the year a complete index of the Goss collection of birds was made.

SUBJECTS FOR RESEARCH

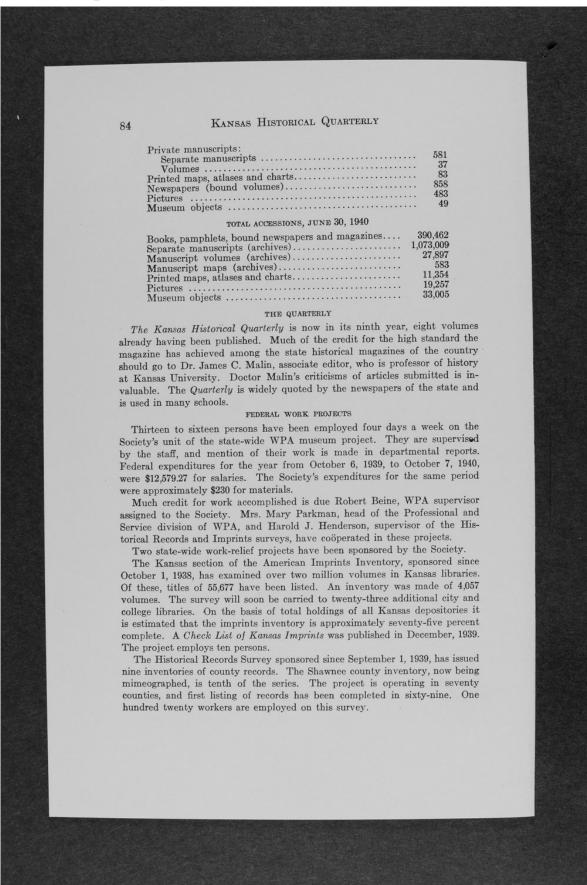
During the year the following have been subjects for serious research: Biography: John James Ingalls; Solomon Miller; Joseph E. Bristow; Charles R. Jennison; Theodore Roosevelt; Jesse James; Walt Whitman; John Brown in American literature; Joseph Ralph Burton. County and town history: Decatur county; Frankfort; early Baxter Springs and its development; Norton county; Hamilton county; the Rawlins county-seat fight; community of Mullinville; Kansas City. Education: Education in Russell county; common school education in Territorial Kansas; Cloud county schools; the University of Kansas; the schools of Ford county. Economics: Banking in Bourbon county; banking in Cherokee county; unemployment; the manufacturing of starch; meat packing industry; Kansas Gas and Electric Company; comparison of hog prices at five different markets. General: Mennonites in McPherson, Reno and Harvey counties; public assistance in Dickinson county; party platforms in Kansas; Osage ceded lands; pioneer life in Kansas as revealed in fiction; organization and administration of Kansas troops in the Civil War; Kansas Grange, 1870-1890; Wilson's raid in Virginia; sectionalism and local color in the plains states; Coronado; Catholic church on the Kansas frontier; storm studies; migration of the Negro into early Kansas; settlements in northwest Kansas; Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad; campaign and patriotic songs; Kansas Day banquet speeches.

ACCESSION

	July 1	1, 1939,	to June	30,	1940
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Library:	
Books (volumes)	1.105
Pamphlets	3 225
Magazines (bound volumes)	169
Archives:	
Separate manuscripts	3,025
Manuscript volumes	none
Manuscript maps	none







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KANSAS HISTORICAL MARKERS

Six years ago a committee of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce headed by Fred Brinkerhoff, of Pittsburg, Roy Bailey, of Salina, and Samuel Wilson, of Topeka, met with the secretary of the Historical Society to discuss plans for marking historic sites on state highways. As a starter, the Historical Society compiled a list of 100 sites. From these fifty were selected for the first signs. Gov. Walter Huxman and the Highway Commission approved the project and one marker was constructed before the change in administrations. In July, 1940, Gov. Payne Ratner and D. J. Fair, director of the new Highway Commission, resumed the program, and it is now being energetically carried out.

Texts for the signs are written by the Historical Society after careful research. Frequently as many as a dozen drafts are made before final approval. Highway employees rout and burn these inscriptions in white pine signs, six to eight feet long by five or six feet deep. At the sites the markers are suspended from logs supported by upright posts placed in concrete. Warning signs—small ovals with the silhouette of a buffalo—are placed on highways a quarter of a mile on each side of the signs.

Twenty of the first fifty inscriptions have been turned over to the Highway Commission and fourteen markers have been completed. Half of these have been placed on the highways, each with special unveiling ceremonies.

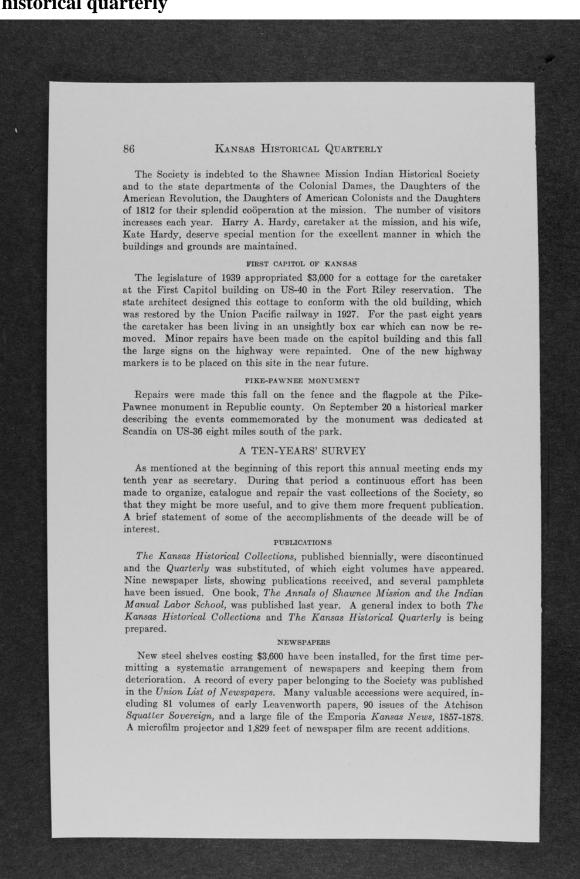
Public response has been gratifying. Much credit should be given to Mr. Fair and his assistants. Their work includes selecting the marker sites, securing easement papers when land is not already available, preparing location sketches for their construction divisions, and grading the sites for the markers.

OLD SHAWNEE METHODIST MISSION

Work on the restoration of the North building at the mission, made possible by the appropriation of \$15,000 by the 1939 legislature, was begun last winter. The state architect, Roy W. Stookey, and his assistant, Charles Marshall, who drew up the plans and supervised the work, have taken a keen personal interest in this unique project. It was necessary to tear down the west end of the building and build a new foundation. The old brick, now nearly one hundred years old, was cleaned and relaid. All other exterior brick and stone have been repaired and pointed up. All beams and supports were reinforced and a new roof was laid. Much of the long two-story veranda had to be replaced. The accumulated paints and varnishes of one hundred years were scraped off the interior floors and woodwork and the native oak and walnut were restored to their natural finish. Replacements of wood and hardware, where necessary, have matched the originals as closely as possible. Plastering has just been completed. From an architectural standpoint this is the most attractive of the three old brick buildings at the mission. When it is restored and the grounds are landscaped it will be a beautiful addition to the historic shrines of Kansas.

During the year minor repairs have been made on the other buildings. The large signs were repainted this fall. Last spring a wide border of native shrubbery was planted along the east and south property lines south of the road. Drought in recent years has killed much of the bluegrass to which the grounds were sown six years ago. Several acres were plowed up and reseeded this fall.







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ARCHIVES

Correspondence of Governors Reed, Woodring, Landon and Huxman was received, as well as large accessions from other state departments. An index of corporation charters consisting of 190,000 cards was made. Alphabetical listings of 168,000 persons in the census records of 1855, 1860 and 1875 were prepared. A record of 7,000 dead towns is nearing completion. Certificates of age, based on the census, were issued to 1,400 persons.

MUSEUM

More than 30,000 relics and pictures were cleaned, repaired and relabeled. The Billard airplane was acquired, perhaps the most interesting object in the museum.

LIBRARY

Of exceptional value are the following: A list of legislators from 1855-1939; an index of the Civil War roster; an index to early volumes of biographical clippings; a list of the Society's holdings for publication in the *Union List of Serials*; classification of 45,000 books and pamphlets in the library annex; filing of 500,000 Library of Congress cards; assisting in the preparation of the *Inventory of Kansas Imprints*; classifying and cataloguing the Society's 20,000 pictures; and cleaning and mounting on muslin 12,000 maps and broadsides.

PRIVATE MANUSCRIPTS

Hundreds of valuable papers were cleaned and repaired by methods developed at the Library of Congress and the whole department was reorganized. Among the accessions were: Seven truck loads of books and papers brought from the attic of the old post office when it was razed, probably the largest and most valuable single collection ever acquired by the Society; 25,000 papers of Charles S. Gleed; 12,000 items from the law department of the Union Pacific railroad through the courtesy of T. M. Lillard; 17,000 records of livestock brands, 1855 to 1937, from the state planning board; papers and diaries of Isaac Goodnow; papers and diaries of Elam Bartholomew; Thomas Ewing letter books; Chas. Robinson papers from Hannah Oliver; Gov. John P. St. John letter books; and photostats of John Brown letters, and documents in the national archives.

SHAWNEE MISSION

Much has been done at Shawnee Mission. Work in the East building includes installation of new supporting timbers, removal of partitions on second floor, restoration of the original flooring and installation of a club room. A frame garage was torn down and replaced by a brick garage and workshop. The West building was repaired, renovated and reroofed. Restoration of North building, with \$15,000 appropriated by the legislature, has been mentioned. The grounds were landscaped and replanted.

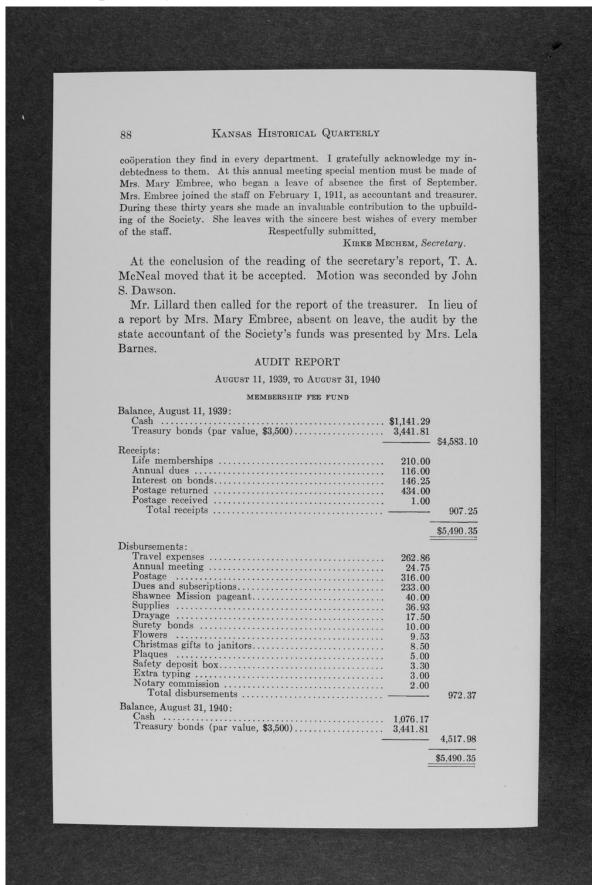
FIRST CAPITOL

The appropriation of \$3,000 for a caretaker's cottage at the First Capitol has been mentioned.

THE STAFF OF THE SOCIETY

The various accomplishments noted in this report are due to the Society's splendid staff of employees. Visitors from all parts of the country almost invariably go out of their way to compliment the Society on the spirit of

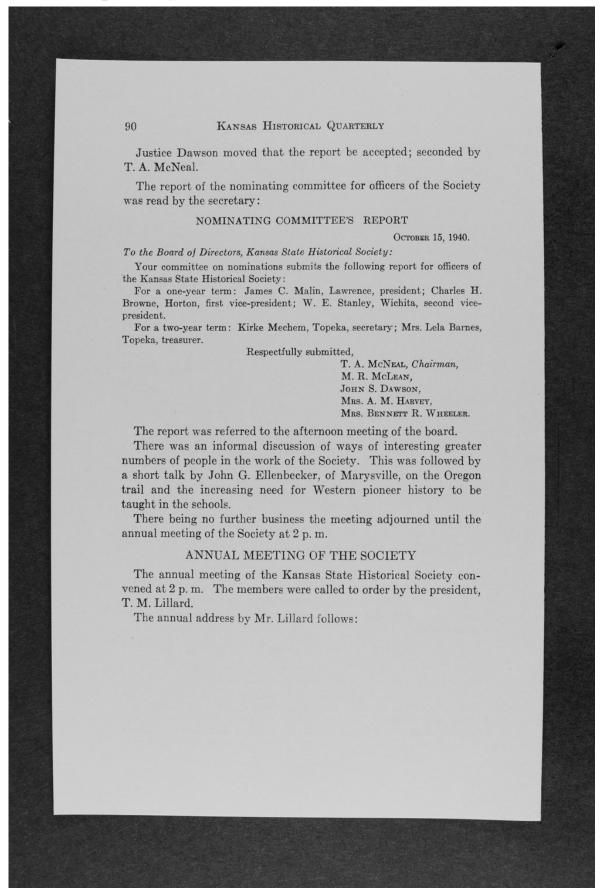




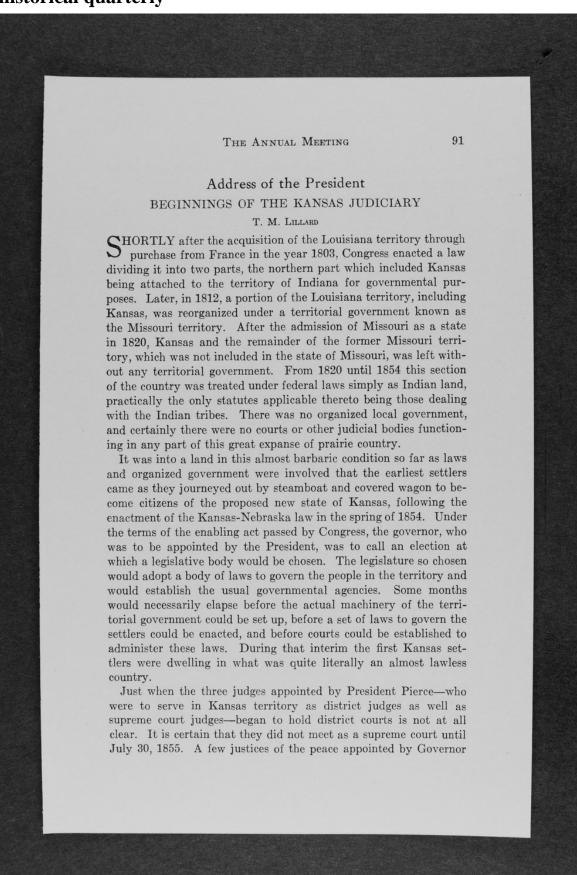


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JONATHAN PECKER BEQUEST		
Balance, August 11, 1939	\$68.00 950.00	
	\$1,018.00	
Interest received: \$27.78 Bond interest \$27.78 Interest on bank balance 43		
Interest on bank balance	28.21	
:	\$1,046.21	
Disbursements, books Balance, August 31, 1940:	\$18.21	
Cash Treasury bonds	78.00 950.00	
Treasury bottom	\$1,046.21	
JOHN BOOTH BEQUEST		
Balance, August 11, 1939	\$76.75 500.00	
	\$576.75	
Interest received: Bond interest		
Interest on bank balance	14.10	
	\$590.85	
Disbursements, books	\$77.50	
Balance, August 31, 1940: Cash	13.35 500.00	
Treasury bonds	\$590.85	
THOMAS H. BOWLUS, DONATION		
This donation is substantiated by a United States treasury be amount of \$1,000. Interest is credited to the membership fund.	ond in the	
On motion of Mrs. W. D. Philip, seconded by Mrs. Be	ennett R.	
Wheeler, the report was accepted. The report of the executive committee on the audit by	the state	
accountant of the funds of the Society was called for and		
the secretary.		
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	17 1040	
OCTOBER To the Board of Directors, Kansas State Historical Society:	15, 1940.	
The executive committee being directed under the bylaws to che counts of the treasurer, states that the state accountant has audited of the State Historical Society, the First Capitol of Kansas an Shawnee Mission from August 11, 1939, to August 31, 1940, and that	the funds d the Old	
hereby approved. Thomas Amory Lee, Ch		

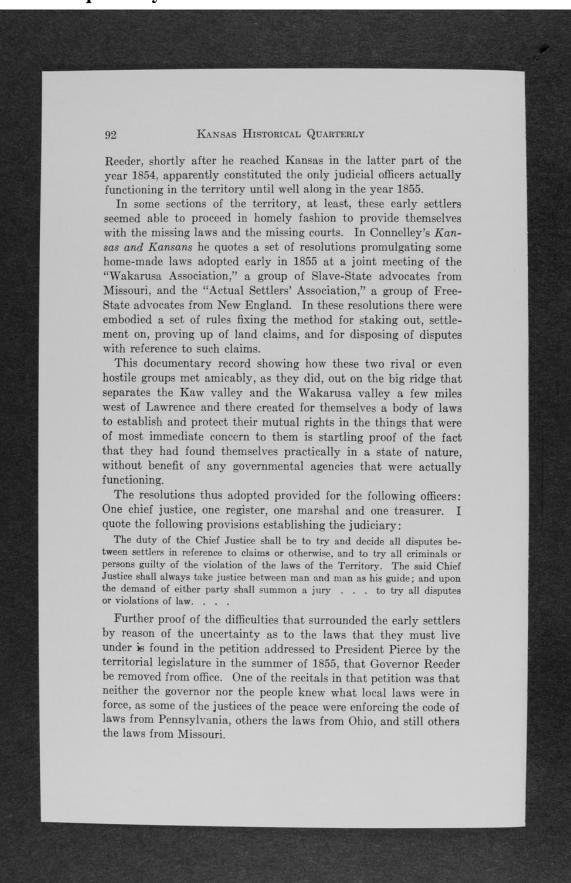




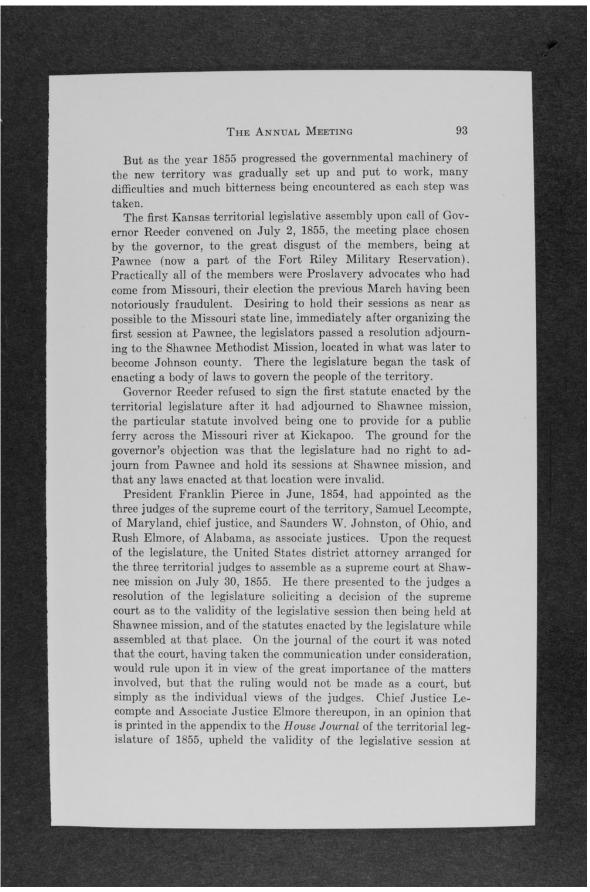




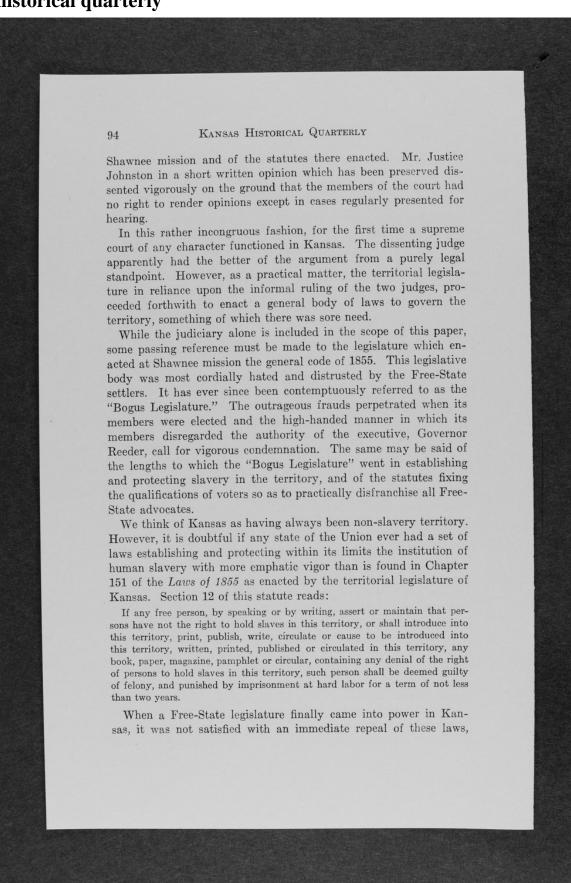












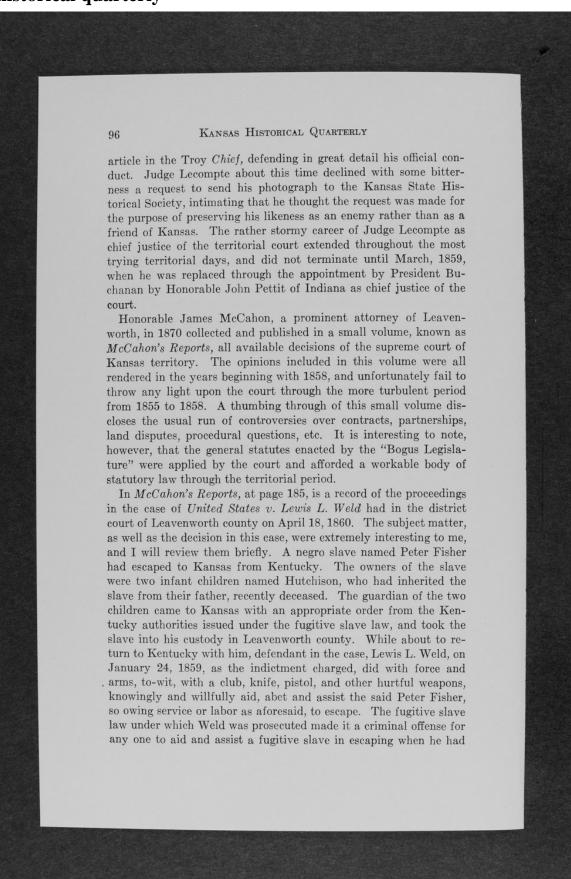




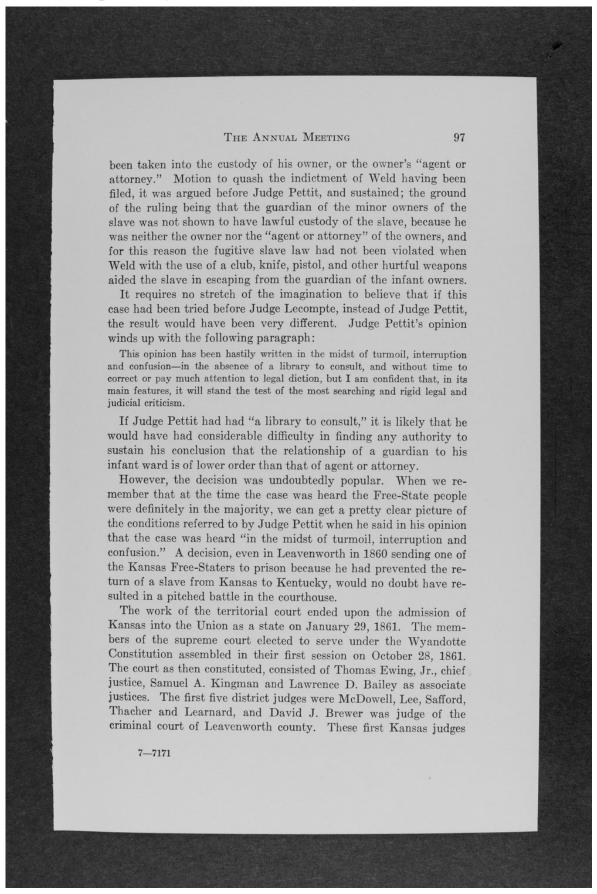
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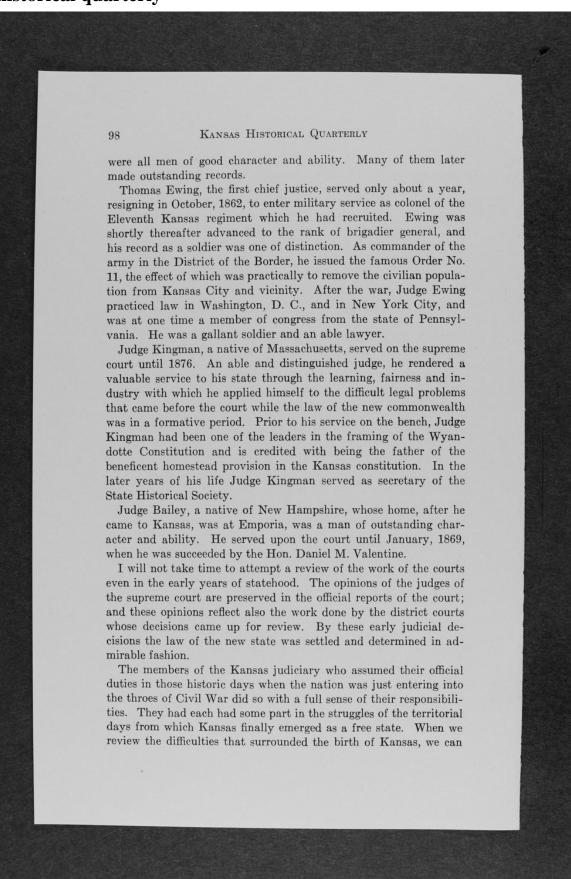














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better appreciate the significance of the inscription on the official seal of our state, "Ad Astra Per Aspera."

A talk by Paul Jones, chairman of the Kansas Coronado Cuarto Centennial Commission, on "Coronado and Quivira" followed the address of the president. Mr. Jones spoke interestingly of incidents in his research on the life of Coronado and the expedition of 1540-1541; also of plans for the cuarto centennial celebration in Kansas.

The report of the committee on nominations for directors was then called for:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 15, 1940.

To the Kansas State Historical Society:

Your committee on nominations submits the following report and recommendations for directors of the Society for the term of three years ending October, 1943:

Austin, E. A., Topeka. Berryman, Jerome C., Ashland. Brigham, Mrs. Lalla M.,

Council Grove.
Brock, R. F., Sharon Springs.
Bumgardner, Edward, Lawrence.
Correll, Charles M., Manhattan.
Davis, W. W., Lawrence.
Denious, Jess C., Dodge City.
Fay, Mrs. Mamie Axline, Pratt.
Frizell, E. E., Larned.
Godsey, Mrs. Flora R., Emporia.
Hall, Mrs. Carrie A., Leavenworth.
Hegler, Ben F., Wichita.
Jones, Horace, Lyons.
Lillard, T. M., Topeka.
Lindsley, H. K., Wichita.

Means, Hugh, Lawrence.
Morgan, Isaac B., Kansas City.
Oliver, Hannah P., Lawrence.
Owen, Mrs. Lena V. M., Lawrence.
Patrick, Mrs. Mae C., Satanta.
Payne, Mrs. L. F., Manhattan.
Reed, Clyde M., Parsons.
Riegle, Wilford, Emporia.
Rupp, Mrs. W. E., Hillsboro.
Schultz, Floyd B., Clay Center.
Sloan, E. R., Topeka.
Uhl, L. C., Jr., Smith Center.
Van de Mark, M. V. B., Concordia.
Wark, George H., Caney.
Wheeler, Mrs. Bennett R., Topeka.
Woolard, Sam F., Wichita.
Wooster, Lorraine E., Salina.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. McNeal, Chairman, M. R. McLean, John S. Dawson, Mrs. A. M. Harvey, Mrs. Bennett R. Wheeler.

On unanimous vote of the members of the Society the report of the committee was accepted and the members of the board were declared elected for the term ending October, 1943.

The reports of representatives of other societies were called for. Mrs. J. W. Quarrier, retiring president of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society, presented the report of that organization. The report of the Douglas County Historical Society was presented by Robert C. Rankin. The Rev. Angelus Lingenfelser, secretary of