

## James H. Lane material

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Material relating to James H. Lane. Lane served as president of the Topeka and Leavenworth constitutional conventions and was elected one of the state's first U.S. senators. He raised the "Frontier Guard," recruited and commanded "Lane's Brigade" (the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Kansas Volunteers), and was responsible for forming the First Kansas Colored Volunteers, the first regiment of African American troops to see action on the side of the Union during the Civil War. Included in this material is an order from the War Department accepting the resignation of James H. Lane as recruiting commissioner, several certificates acknowledging Lane's service in the Third and Fifth Regiments of the Indiana Volunteers, and his appointments to the district courts of the state of Kansas. Several letters written by Lane are also included.

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Lane, James H.

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(Private) Washington city  
April 11. 1866

Dr. Spru

I expect to submit  
to the people of Kansas the  
course I have adopted  
& will pursue as a Republican  
at the next Election & shall  
they decide against me  
I will cheerfully surrender  
to the Legislature the position  
I hold. It seems to me  
I am entitled to be heard  
before condemnation. I  
think I can show that  
the Civil rights bill is mischievous  
& injurious to the best interests  
of the black man but if  
I cannot the Legislature  
shall fill my place

Yours and W. H. Lane  
J. H. Lane



June 21, 1892 x

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Speers list.

1. Col. Wallday  
Geo. A. Petch  
4 Judge Norton  
Judge Valentine  
3 Gov. Osborn  
Col. Heale  
Col. A. S. Johnson  
Chester Thomas  
Judge Guthrie  
Gov. Samuel J. Crawford  
J. B. McFee  
2 J. D. Thacher  
5 F. P. Baker  
Chas. Glead  
5 P. P. Elder

Lane J. H.; Bart of.



Judge Guthrie  
 John Guthrie  
 F. W. Giles  
 G. W. Jewell  
 John H. Mulvaine  
 Jacob Mulvaine  
 Roe  
 William Dudley  
 G. H. Gage  
 Albert Knowles  
 Charles Knowles  
 C. B. Baker  
 Ed. Wilder  
 John Hitchcock  
 Wade Hitchcock  
~~John~~  
 Jake Smith



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Lane, James H.

To the Pleasant Hill  
Town company

I would like to have  
an interest in the Town purchase  
on the same terms as the others -  
I would be willing to take <sup>one</sup> 8th  
or two eighths - one of the eighths to be  
divided by men among the party,  
on the same terms to interest  
men who would help get  
the Town made very high  
positions along the line being interested  
at Lefork - Green helps feel  
Morrison and Doniphan  
will enable me to benefit you  
I will be here myself or have  
an agent here at your meeting  
Thursday to arrange the preliminaries  
Lane



*Memorandum*  
*Camp*

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*Lane, Gen. James H.*

JAMES HENRY LANE.

UNITED STATES SENATOR, JAMES H. LANE, WAS BORN IN LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA, JUNE 22, 1814. HE RECEIVED A COMMON SCHOOL EDUCATION. HE STUDIED LAW, WAS ADMITTED TO THE BAR, AND ACQUIRED A FAIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN HIS NATIVE TOWN. IN 1846, HE ENLISTED AS A PRIVATE IN THE 30TH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS, FOR THE WAR WITH MEXICO. HE WAS CHOSEN COLONEL, AND AT THE BATTLE OF BUENA VISTA COMMANDED A BRIGADE AND HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF. WHEN THE YEAR'S TERM OF SERVICE EXPIRED, HE RETURNED HOME AND RAISED THE 6TH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS. IN 1848, HE WAS CHOSEN LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF INDIANA, AND IN 1852, MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND ELECTOR AT LARGE ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET. IN CONGRESS, HE AT FIRST, OPPOSED THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA BILL WITH THE CLAUSE REPEALING THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE; BUT HE FAVORED THE BILL ON ITS PASSAGE WITH THE POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY PROVISION. IN THE SPRING OF 1855 HE CAME TO KANSAS, AND SETTLED AT LAWRENCE. HE SOON BECAME IDENTIFIED WITH THE FREE STATE PARTY, AND IN THE TERRITORIAL CONVENTION, SEPTEMBER 29, 1855, HE WAS MADE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF KANSAS TERRITORY, WHICH WAS CHARGED WITH THE DETAILS OF ORGANIZING THE MOVEMENT FOR A STATE GOVERNMENT. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WHICH MET AT TOPEKA, ON THE 23 OF OCTOBER FOLLOWING AND FRAMED WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE TOPEKA CONSTITUTION. HE WAS ELECTED, WITH GOVERNOR ANDREW H. REEDER, A UNITED STATES SENATOR, BY THE LEGISLATURE CHOSEN UNDER THAT CONSTITUTION, AND WHICH MET AT TOPEKA MARCH 4, 1856. THIS CONSTITUTION WAS NOT RATIFIED BY CONGRESS, AND GENERAL LANE, WITH MANY OTHERS, WAS INDICTED FOR TREASON FOR HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS MOVEMENT. IN THE WAKARUSA WAR, IN DECEMBER, 1855, HE WAS MADE THE COMMANDER OF THE FREE STATE FORCES; AND DURING THE YEAR 1856, HE HELD THE SAME RANK IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE FREE STATE MEN IN THE TROUBLES OF THAT YEAR. HE WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CON-



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VENTION HELD IN LEAVENWORTH, IN 1857, WHICH POSITION HE RESIGNED. HE WAS ELECTED IN 1861, ONE OF THE FIRST UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS. IN THAT CAPACITY HE WAS VERY INFLUENTIAL IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY, DURING THE WAR, ON THE UNION SIDE. IN 1865 HE WAS RE-ELECTED, HIS FIRST TERM HAVING BEEN A SHORT ONE. JULY 1, 1866, DURING A PERIOD OF EXTREME MENTAL DEPRESSION, TO WHICH HE WAS SUBJECT, HE SHOT HIMSELF WITH A PISTOL, THE BALL ENTERING HIS BRAIN, AND CAUSING HIS DEATH ON THE 11TH OF THAT MONTH.

Lane, J. H.

Resolved, c to c o o - 7 - p 6 7 x  
" c 2 - P. Stanton o 7 - p 6 7 x

Above p. Lane 665 - 1/2

→ 2 → 20 with 10 - 2x

p. 223x Papers regard. ap. Lane

with S. Sen:

263 x Same statement.

2912 Clerk intends to show that  
Lane was not ap. by Pres., did  
not ac. any ap. R

336 x Stanton's statement.

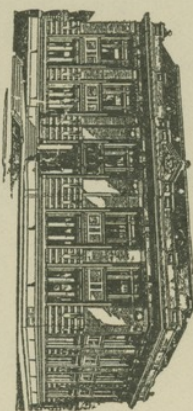


*Photograph*  
*P. B. Plummer*  
*Geo. W. Merwin*

*Make special preparation for your work, if you wish to secure special recognition.  
Make special preparation where you have special facilities for such preparation.*

## STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

A PUBLIC INSTITUTION TO TRAIN FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE.



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Apr 1861 Lane Elect. to U.S. Sen.  
 Jr 20. ap. of Lane { Lincoln to Cameron  
                               Lane to Lane.  
                               Camm. to Lane  
 Jr 25<sup>+</sup> Lane in Lewis. Cameron.  
 Jr 20 Lane's Oath, Clerk p. 223 [copy]  
 Jr 20 Lane Refuses to be a Brig. p. 291 [copy].  
 Jr 26 Lane's order for clothing p. 224 [copy]  
 Jr 4 " sworn in as Sen. p. 291 - 2 p. 224  
 Jr 10 Officer detail to murder in Lane Brig [copy]  
 Apr 6 ~~Any. Appraising Act of Pts. in Apr 6~~ p. 225  
 No office of Brig. of Vol. p. 292 [copy]



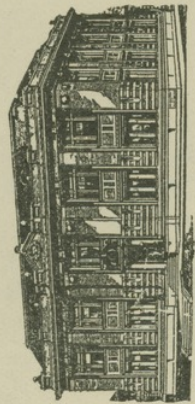
1862 Gen. Lane's Claims:  
 Jr. 13 p. 291 Clark's argument:  
 Lane was not ap. by Pres.  
 " did not ac. ap.  
 " was not qual. to per. duties  
 " did not lose his seat by any pretended ap.  
 or any pre. accept.  
 Ap. 1861 Lane was elec. to Sen.  
 Jr 20 " " Ap. Brig Gen. in vol. forces.  
 " " " " was sworn.  
 Jr 21-2 " " Went to Com. Gen. & was told he could not hold both  
 offices. & said he would not be Brig. Went to  
 Pres. & told him he would not be Brig. " "  
 Jr 29 p. 291 Sec. of war " " " " "  
 Gly 4, 1861 Lane sworn in as Senator, & ac. seat in Sen.  
 Jr 29 p. 292 Was no vac. in office of Brig. Gen. when  
 Pres. ap. Lane & so he could leave i.e.  
 ap. leg. as far as his right to hold no com.  
 Jr 292 Was no ap. because it has to be done in  
 cert. way & form, & this was not conformable  
 to sec. 2 of Lane. to sec. mo. Jr 20.  
 " Lane did intend to ac. ap. until he found  
 he must lose his seat in Sen. that he could  
 retain a reg. & save the country & get back by be-  
 ginning a reg. again.

*Contest, in his Senate for seat of  
Jas H. Lane*

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1	1861	Annals.	1
2	Jan 25	Lane pub. statement in Leav. Conservative in which	2
3		he says: "On the 20" inst. I was duly ap. a Brig. Gen. in	3
4		the vol. forces of the U.S."	4
5			5
6	Jan. 12	x Robinson ap. Stanton to U.S. Sen. "because Lane had	6
7		ac. a com. as B.-G."	7
8			8
9	Apr. 17	x Gen. Lane fortifies at Camp Lincoln, Bourbon Co.	9
10			10
11	Sep. 23	x Lane takes Osceola, Mo., + burns it.	11
12			12
13	S. 30	x Lane's Brigade arrives in K.C. Sturgis is there	13
14			14
15	O. 11	x Sturgis + Lane leave for Springfield, Mo.	15
16	N. 2	x " " reach Springfield.	16
17			17
18	N. 15	x Return of the Kan. Brigade to Ft. Scott.	18
19			19
20	Oct. 17	x Gen. Lane receives a new mil. ap.	20
21			21
22	1862		22
23	Jan. 27	x Gen. Lane arrives in Leav. as a <u>Maj. Gen.</u> , to take com. of an exp. to the Gulf.	23
24			24
25	Feb. 26	x Lane writes to the Sec. that he was failed to make a satisfactory ar. with Gen. Hunter; that he will not recd. a mil. exp. to the Gulf; that he has resig. his Brigadeiership, + that he will return to the Sen.	25
26			26
27			27
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29			29
30	Apr. 3	x 3 + 4 Reg. + 1st - 5. consol. at Paola as 10th	30
31			31
32	May 8	x Cong. ap. 1000,000 - 1. Lane's Brig. over	32
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1	1862		1
2	Aug. 4	Capt. J. M. Williams res. ap. by Jas H. Lane,	2
3		Recruiting Comr. L. C. V. to the N. Y. S. A. J.	3
4		W. M. L. to the N. S. A. J. V. to the N. Y. S. A. J.	4
5		L. C. V. to the N. S. A. J. V. to the N. Y. S. A. J.	5
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7			7
8	Aug. 4	J. H. Lane opens an office in Recv. as a Rec. Comr. <sup>W. M. L.</sup>	8
9		Went to colored as well as white soldiers x	9
10		10 & 0. V. x	10
11			11
12			12
13	Oct. 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Kan. Colored reg. near Ft. Lincoln. <sup>Final of</sup>	13
14			14
15	1863. Mar	Guilford Dudley ap. Adj. Gen.	15
16			16
17	" Aug. 21	Lane's share in pursuit.	17
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