

## **W. J. Henry and others to Governor John St. John**

This letter to Kansas Governor St. John asks him to speak throughout the state. Mayor Henry of Lindsborg, Kansas, graciously and enthusiastically invites the Governor to a July 4th celebration. The letter is also signed by Rev. A. G. Engstrom; Carl A. Swenson, pastor of Bethany Luth. Church; H. Hyde; John. A. Rodell; John McPhail; and Allen Wilber. They are identified as the "Com. on Invitations."

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Lindsburg Kans.  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880

His Excellency  
John R. St. John  
Gov. of Kansas  
Sir:

While on your visit to this city last spring, you stated that you would, if opportunity offered, speak to our people this summer on the pending issues in the state and nation, and the mass of the people here expressed a desire to hear you.

We are making extensive preparations for holding a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration (to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1880 in consequence of the 4<sup>th</sup> coming on Sunday) and at a meeting of the citizens of Lindsburg it was unanimously resolved that we respectfully request your excellency to indulge us with your presence on that occasion, and a committee was appointed to present our wishes in due form.

The undersigned were -

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Also directed to present to  
your Excellency our very proper  
apology for this request know-  
ing that so many other points  
in the state of greater pretensions  
would no doubt feel honored by  
your presence among them on  
that occasion. And we can  
only say that if this should  
be the place selected, that Kansas  
could not furnish you a more  
loyal, true and enthusiastic -  
welcome

Signed

W. J. Henry - Mayor City of Leechburg  
Recd. A. G. Engstrom  
Carl A. Swenson  
Pastor Bethany Luth. Church  
J. A. Hyde  
John C. Ruliff  
John M. Phail  
Allen Kilber  
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