

Woman's Kansas Day Pawnee Rock records

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Donated by the Citizens of Pawnee Rock.	
By Pawnee Rock Citizens.....	\$1359.34
" " " all unveiling expenses "Pawnee Rock" to Pawnee Rock..	2.50
except a few items enumerated in this report which were paid by the State Board	34.00
from general fund and from specially designated donations. "flowers".....	15.00
Donated by the bankers of Great Bend.....	
and included in the fund raised by Mrs. Simmons, above mentioned	
\$50.00 to apply on unveiling expenses.	\$3493.30
Donations received May 24th.....	46.49
Total amount of improvement fund.....	\$4988.11
Total value of property given to the State of Kansas by	233.00
Benj. P. Unruh and Kansas Women.....	\$7988.11. 239.00
Money expended from this fund in cash.	221.30
For avenue from the city to the park.....	\$ 500.00 25.00
Fence.....	18.55 189.00
For recording deed.....	2.60 500.00
To Sindis Lumber Co.....	23.23 1449.50
M. E. Heynes money advanced on improvements.....	124.75
To cement.....	150.00
Labor and trees.....	135.00
Drilling well.....	84.50
Sidewalk to park.....	100.00
Trees.....	25.00
Sindis Lumber Co.....	64.91
Balance on sidewalk to park.....	90.09
Labor in park grading, etc.....	182.05
Werner Fence Co.....	423.28
Cement.....	35.45
Fence.....	70.59
Telegrams & Telephones.....	2.85
Photographs sent to Smithsonian Inst.....	6.00
Chas. W. Guild on monument.....	1320.00
Bronze Tablet Marker.....	50.00

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Express on books "Echoes of Pawnee Rock" to Pawnee Rock..	2.30
Unveiling expenses Program invitations.....	34.00
" expenses flowers.....	13.00
" printing posters.....	5.75
" Flag given by W.R.C. and paid from record donation.....	<u>20.00</u>
Total cash expended,	\$3483.90

Improvements donated.

To cement.....	\$ 283.00
" Hauling by A.T.&S. F. R.R.....	239.00
Labor.....	221.50
On Windmill.....	25.00
On Monument to Mr. Guild.....	180.00
Fence by the Werner Fence Co. of Ottowa.....	<u>500.00</u>
Total by donation,	\$1448.50

Total by cash and donation.....	\$4942.40
Balance cash on hand.....	<u>45.71</u>
Total.....	\$4988.11

Lavina J. Smyser,
Treasurer.

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Jan. 31, 1908.

Mr. Benjamin P. Unruh,

Pawnee Rock, Kans.

Kind Sir and friend:

Your contract came this morning and I have consulted with the Governor and other prominent men and it is their expression that it is so expensive a monument is erected to your memory and so great an honor be paid you as this state will pay you in perpetuating the memory of your gift by receiving it from your hand in a session of the Legislature and by hanging your portrait among the honored heroes of our State in the State Historical rooms, They feel that you owe it to yourself and posterity to make this entire property an absolute and free gift. They think that no financial consideration should darken and obscure the honor that should come to you. They think you will not be satisfied to have it recorded in the history of Pawnee Rock, for if we mark it, we intend to write a book of all the legends of history we can collect in regard to the rock, that the giver of the rock sold the park and driveway, lest the people say "Oh, yes, he gave what he could not use and got a big price for all the land which he could use." This is the way business men look at the proposition.

Now for the women. Your first proposition was the Rock, two and one-half acres, a gift.

100 cords of rock	\$300.
Reservoir	300.
Drive way	75.
Fencing	100.
Well and mill	200.
Monument	1800.
Trees	200.
Drive to the rock	500.
Total	<u>\$3175.</u>

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The women looked over this and said "we can't raise a \$15,000 monument with an inscription saying 'this rock is a gift' while he charges \$300 for rock in the hill.

When I presented this to you, you removed this objection as I knew you would for I know you personally and I know you to be a kindly Christian gentleman. Now the women say the same thing about the \$150 for the extra one and one-half acres. They say they cannot fence it a part of the gift if it is sold to us, therefore they think it due to you to rather do without the one and one-half acres.

The women are willing to pay for the drive way because it need not be mentioned in the tablet in the monument.

They are willing to meet all the conditions in your first offer, except the 100 cords of rock which you have so kindly taken out of the requirements. They are willing to obligate themselves to raise the \$3,000 and make the aforesaid improvements, provided their action is approved by the general Assembly of the Club January 29th.

Of this \$3,000. the City of Pawnee must give \$500. Now the City of Pawnee wants that extra one-and one-half acres for a picnic park but I see no way for them to get it unless you give it as the women object to putting a monument there indicating it is a gift, unless it is a gift. The city of Pawnee want a walk and a few other improvements and they are willing to go into their pockets and raise the money for us to put them there.

Pawnee thinks it can raise us the \$500 which they must do if we obligate ourselves for \$3,000. and they intend also to raise us \$1,000.

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more provided they get the picnic ground and walk. We cannot agree to raise \$3,000. by June 1, 1908. The time is too short. We can complete the work in eighteen months if we can do it at all, however.

We are willing to go on with the work if you are satisfied with the specifications set forth in this letter, and we are ready to enter into a contract with you by which you agree to deed the property to the State of Kansas when these improvements are made. We are willing and glad to have you reserve the right to all mineral, gases and oils.

Now this letter is the result of my conference with the women and the men of business and this seems all I can do in the matter.

Please write me at once at Hutchinson as I shall be there over Sunday.

I have said so much in praise of you and have spoken so often of you as a generous, Christian gentleman that I must confess it will be very humiliating to me if I have to get up before these thousands of people and say we could not secure the Rock because the conditions were such we could not meet them.

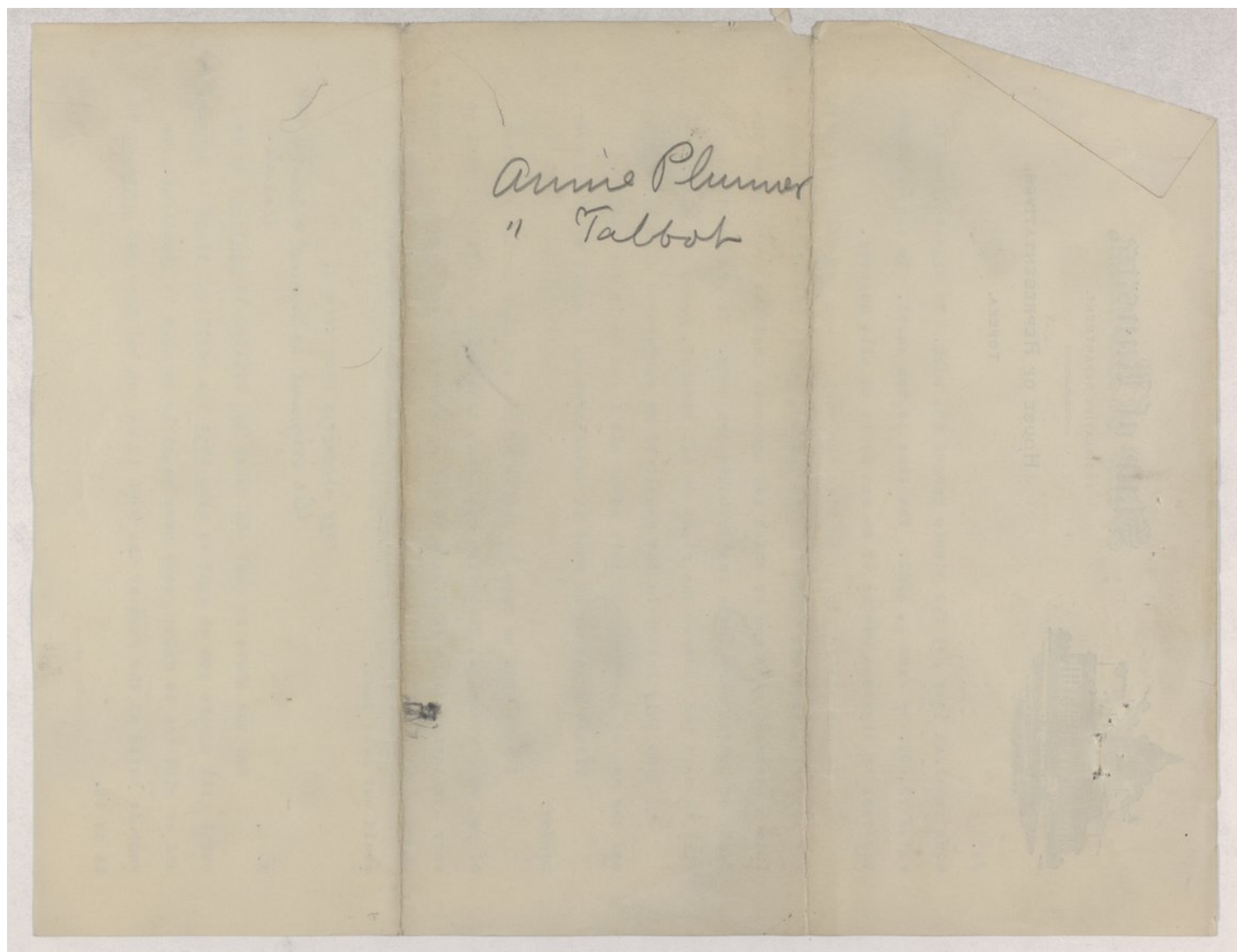
Very sincerely your friend,

The original is signed & sent to Mr. Lincoln

P. S.

Now the above is what the women are willing to contract to do but I will assure you we want to make that the prettiest place in Kansas, and we will try to raise every cent possible to make it beautiful. We want to build up the face of the Rock if we can but dare not contract to do it.

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*The contract
Mr. U. refers to
as having received
April 26th -*

CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Benjamin P. Unruh of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, is the owner of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 20, Range 15, West, in Barton County, Kansas, containing a contract of land on which is situated the historic rock which is known as "Pawnee Rock" and

WHEREAS, the Women's Kansas Day Club is an organization of loyal and patriotic women who are anxious among other things to preserve to posterity some of the historic spots in the State, valuable on account of the associations, history and traditions that surround them, one of the first of which is the said "Pawnee Rock."

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Kansas on the _____ day of February, 1908, by joint resolution, authorized the State of Kansas to accept as a donation the said tract of land on which the said Rock is situated and authorized the Governor of the State of Kansas, to appoint a Board of Trustees, known and called the Board of Business Managers, which Board is to manage and direct the work hereafter provided for and

WHEREAS, the said Board consisting of the following members: Chairman, Mrs. W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson; other members, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Courtland; Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Topeka; Mrs. Lavina J. Smyser, Sterling; Ida Moore Wilson, Abilene; Mrs. Grace Bowman, Pawnee Rock and Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Hutchinson, the Board of Business Managers and

WHEREAS, the said Benjamin P. Unruh and wife have executed a deed to the said land and deposited the same in the Pawnee Rock State Bank of Pawnee Rock, Barton County, Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, this contract is made in triplicate and one copy deposited with the said deed and the said deed shall be delivered upon the following conditions, to-wit: The said Women's Kansas Day Club shall raise a fund to restore and improve said Rock and the grounds conveyed by said deed as hereinafter set out and to pay for the said roadway which fund shall amount to at least

collected by the club

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the sum of \$3000 and shall pay the said Benjamin P. Unruh the sum of \$650 in cash, ^{for them} out of the first money collected by said Club and shall duly execute the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", then said deed is to be delivered to the Board of Business Managers to be delivered by them to the Governor of the State of Kansas and placed on record, provided however, that the said conditions of raising said \$3000 and ^{there from} paying the said Benjamin P. Unruh the sum of \$650 ^{for a road way} and entering into said contract, shall all be performed by the said Board of Business Managers on or before the 31st day of December, 1908, and if these conditions are not performed by then, then the said deed is to be re-delivered to the said Benjamin P. Unruh to be by him destroyed and time is made the essence of this contract.

Said women's Kansas Day Club shall liquidate and settle any damages (claimed) or sustained by the tenant now occupying the land, to his growing crops.

First, that the said William Keithwick be restored and
imposed all amount by placing on the back of a plate to be ap-
pointed by them, a number, or initials, and the name & designation
of said Bank or of the said plate, as the case may be, and
caused to seal and fasten the said plate, and the said plate
be so attached to the said Bank or to the said plate as to
be placed in a conspicuous place on the said Bank or on the
said plate, in such manner that the said Bank or the said plate
be so placed as to be easily seen by the public.

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EXHIBIT "A".

WHEREAS, Benjamin P. Unruh of the first part has this day delivered to the Board of Business Managers, parties of the second part, a certain deed heretofore held in escrow, conveying to the State of Kansas, the historic spot known as Pawnee Rock and

WHEREAS as a part of the conditions of the delivery of this deed the Women's Kansas Day Club of the State of Kansas was to raise the sum of \$3000 in cash and pay to the said Benjamin P. Unruh \$650 thereof, and

WHEREAS said \$3000 has been raised and is now ^{or has been} on deposit in the Pawnee Rock State Bank of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and have paid the said Benjamin P. Unruh the said sum of \$650 and

NOW THEREFORE in compliance with the further terms of the said agreement, the undersigned Board of Business Managers bind themselves and their successors as follows:

First. That they will proceed forthwith to restore and improve said grounds by placing on the Rock at a place to be selected by them, a monument by building upon the same a reproduction of said Rock or by building some other substantial or permanent monument to cost not less than \$1500, the details of which shall be determined by said Board but to contain in any event a tablet placed in a conspicuous place and bearing the following inscription, to-wit: "Pawnee Rock given to the State of Kansas by Benjamin P. Unruh in the year 1908."

Second. They shall set on the roadway between 10 and ~~15~~ 20 feet from each edge thereof, a row of shade trees adapted to growth and longevity in this climate, and also plant on the tillable land above conveyed, a grove of shade trees best adapted to this climate, and not less than twenty feet apart in every direction for a park, and shall properly cultivate and tend said trees forever and replace any that do not grow from time to time.

Third. They shall build a cement walk not less than 4 ft. in width on the west side of said avenue connecting said park with the City of Pawnee Rock.

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Fourth. They shall erect a wind mill and dig or drill a well at some suitable and convenient place within said park or on the land so conveyed the same to be used for the convenience of said park and for the irrigation of the trees thereof.

Fifth. They shall fence with good woven wire fence approximately 50 inches high, the said ground conveyed, including the avenue from the said ground to the city of Pawnee Rock and provide a crossing over said avenue midway between the north corporation limits of said city and said park and provide the same with gates.

The said Benjamin P. Unruh has deeded this land to the State of Kansas for the purpose of marking the historic spot known as Pawnee Rock and making of the land deeded by him to the State, an attractive place of interest open to all well behaved people under proper restrictions and the said State of Kansas has accepted the said land with the same idea and the said Board of Business Managers are the trustees for the purpose of carrying out this intention and they hereby bind themselves to carry out said intention in every way possible and to make said land all that is indicated above and they bind themselves in every way to work for the success of the undertaking and to raise and expend all of the money possible to carry out said intention so long as anything remains undone.

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Ladies of the Women's Relief Corps:

Dear Friends:

You have learned through your delegates to the Kansas City Convention of the Women's Kansas Day Club. It is a patriotic Club composed of loyal women and all such women are eligible to membership. It is non-partisan, non-sectarian. Its object is to collect and preserve early Kansas history, to teach patriotism to Kansas youth and to establish comradeship among Kansas women.

We are doing a double work this year. We are saving Pawnee Rock, our great natural land mark, from becoming a complete ruin and we are enrolling Kansas women in a register to be presented to the State. In a few years this register will become a valuable reference book and will be a history of the location and length of time of residence in the State up to the year 1908. 25 cts. pays for this enrollment and also one year's dues in the women's Kansas Day Club. If you wish at any time to drop out of the women's Kansas Day Club you can do so but your ^{25 cts} dues will enroll you permanently in the history of Kansas women, which will be presented to the State. It is to be hoped however that you will continue your membership in the women's Kansas Day Club by paying 25 cts. dues each year. If you want the women's Kansas Day Club badge you may secure one by paying 5 cts. extra, the cost price. You are not compelled to own a badge.

25 cts. is a very small sum to pay for this enrollment but we wish to make the price so low that no one should feel that she could not afford to enroll. The enrollment fee will be spent this year in improving Pawnee Rock. We hope every member of your Corps will enroll. We want your full name, address and the year of coming to Kansas, together with the number of your Corps and 25 cts. enrollment fee. We hope you will take this matter up at once and send in as full an enrollment as possible

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*Send all money in a bank draft or P.O. Money
order, payable to Mrs. J. S. Simmons Hutchinson Kans.
Pres. W. K. D. C.*

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from your Corp within the next month.

Since printing the Pawnee Rock circular Mr. Unruh has made a warranty deed without any reversion or maintenance clause whatever. This deed is held in escrow in the Pawnee Rock State Bank and will pass to the Committee of which Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore is a member, when we have raised the \$3000. \$1000 of this amount is already raised by the Women's Kansas Day Club.

Awaiting your early response, I am,

Yours for success,

President of Women's Kansas Day Club.

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OLD PAWNEE ROCK.

In every city, village and hamlet and in every schoolhouse in the State of Kansas you may have the story of the old Santa Fe trail told you for the asking.

If you asked for a tale of the trail from the pioneer man or woman, you are sure to hear a heart stirring, ~~bleed~~^{flood} thrilling tale of danger and adventure. Now, for long days the caravan, ~~the~~^{the} of prairie schooners, followed the trail through sparsely settled eastern counties, on westward ~~through~~^{our} the great American Desert.

They will tell you of the bleaching suns and scorching winds of the summer day, and of sudden blinding, baffling, freezing blizzards in winter. They will tell of western cow boys, of their bravery and courage and daring, and alas, sometimes of lawlessness. They will tell of Indian raids, and encounters and battles. ^P If you asked the native Kansan you may hear a tale like this. ^P "Oh, yes, I was born in a little cottage near the old Santa Fe trail. The days of my childhood were stirring days. Who can ever forget the early days in Kansas. Days of warfare and strife and the old ~~train~~^{trail} was the center of it all. ^P But I love the old trail ~~and~~^{and} I love Kansas. I love her hills and ravines. I love her broad prairies and I love her shady groves. ^P They were happy days, the days of my childhood in Kansas. In the woods in autumn we gathered walnuts and hickorynuts and hazlenuts and in summer we would roam the prairies in search of wild flowers and come home laden with many beautiful varieties and all along the trail the sun flowers grew a great wall of gold and brown, with its face forever bent toward the sun. ^P And bright was the sun, and balmy the winds and sweet were the songs of the birds in my childhood days in Kansas."

The school girl and boy will tell you of Col. Inman and his charming tales of the trail, and they will speak with pride of the daughters of the American Revolution who have marked its course so that it may not be lost and remembered only as a tale that is told but so that the old trail may ~~ever~~ be ~~and~~ ever living ever present memory.

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Situated on the old trail about _____ miles from the western line lies the greatest land mark and most historic spot in Kansas, old Pawnee Rock. This has been the scene of more than a hundred battles. 'Twas here that Kit Carson met his first Indian when he was a lad of only 17 years.

The old Rock received its name in a baptism of blood.

The old Rock was a natural fortress and when travelers or freighters drew near it was always with emotions of dread and fear mingled with hope for if a foe were lurking here a struggle was inevitable and many hurriedly made graves were almost sure to follow. Many flowers have bloomed among the grasses of the sod that hide from view, the last remains of many ^a dusky fallen foe, and many a flower by hot sun kissed, or fanned by balmy Kansas zepthers, along has marked the resting place of many a brave and ^{sturdy} ~~stead~~ fellow who dared to brave the dangers of a desert land, inhabited by a savage and a hostile people. These struggles and battles have numbered more than a hundred so ^{history} ~~tradition~~ and ^{tradition} ~~history~~ say. But these days ^{of} the strife are ended. A new era prevails. Today if you climb old Pawnee Rock you may look out as far as the eye can reach, on one vast table land, ~~just~~ ^{just} as in the old pioneer days, but you will see broad fields of wheat,

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The Woman's Kansas Day Club.

MRS. J. S. SIMMONS, President for the Year 1908.

April 20, 1909, 514 A East, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sisters of the W. R. C.:

I am receiving inquiries from W. R. C. women from over the state in regard to Pawnee Rock and why the W. R. C. is not getting credit for its \$1,000 for Pawnee Rock.

I am sending a copy of the letter I received from W. R. C., No. 57, and also a copy of my letter in reply. Hoping this will give the corps the desired information, I am sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

(Emma B.) MRS. J. S. SIMMONS.

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

Rush Center, Kansas.

At our corps meeting several weeks ago, this question was asked: "Did the corps raise this \$1,000 for Pawnee Rock as pledged by Department Commander?" I thought I would write you for direct information, as in a letter of recent date received from our Department President, she stated that only about \$79 had been paid by the corps for Pawnee Rock. But she did not know how much had been paid by corps members into the W. K. D. C.

My understanding was that each 25 cents paid was paid for the Rock. Am I right?

Then another question: "Why was the W. R. C. not required as one of the donors, if they gave one-third?"

Hoping to hear from you soon, and thanking you in advance, I am, yours in F. C. & L.,

ALICE M. BATES, President W. R. C., No. 57.

P. S.—It was the discussion of the Osawatimie question that brought up the Rock question.

Dear Mrs. Bates:

Your letter of March 15th is before me. I am very glad to answer all questions and give you any information.

W. R. C. did not raise \$1,000 for Pawnee Rock.

The Pawnee Rock fund is not all raised. The citizens of Pawnee Rock was to raise \$1,000 and Kansas women were to raise \$3,000 more, making in all \$4,000. We, the business board appointed by the Governor of Kansas, for the purpose of spending all money raised for Pawnee Rock in improving the Rock, have entered into contract to raise and spend on the Pawnee Rock, a sum of money not less than \$3,000.

The W. K. D. C., the W. R. C. and the D. A. R. undertook to raise this money. The W. R. C. at the Kansas City convention promised to raise one-third or \$1,000. The D. A. R. is only a small band of women, but they promised to help all they could. And W. K. D. C. promised to raise what ever was lacking, with the expectation of raising the biggest part of the remaining \$2,000.

At the Kansas City convention an order was made to enroll all charter members in a book to be kept at the State House in the historical rooms. The W. K. D. C. was to donate the labor of making this record, and the Department Treasurer of the W. R. C. was ordered to pay in consideration thereof 25 cents per each charter member enrolled, the money to be paid into the Pawnee Rock preservation fund.

The Department of Kansas, W. R. C., has on hand a big fund for which there is no especial use, and it was the intention of the Kansas City convention to do a two fold work with some of this money in making a record of charter members of all Kansas corps and at the same time spend the money entirely on the improvement of historic Pawnee Rock.

I was in Kansas City when this order was made and talked the matter over with our Department President, Mrs. Hancock. She said to me, that as W. K. D. C. had agreed to donate the making of this record of charter members, I, as president of W. K. D. C. must write the corps and collect the names. I therefore at once set to work and sent a letter and enrollment blanks, post card showing the work as it is today, and a return envelope addressed to Mrs. J. S. Simmons, to every corps in the state. My expenses in doing this was not far from \$30, which I paid from W. K. D. C. money. I had every reason to expect ALL lists of charter members sent me. The Department President issued a general order in which she gave instructions to send these lists of charter members to her daughter, Ida, who is Department Secretary of W. R. C. When I saw the order I supposed these lists would be collected and sent to me, but I have never received them nor has my club ever been paid for the expense of collecting them.

We invited our Dept. Pres. to inspect Joe Hooker W. R. C., No. 111, last November. I invited her to be my guest and showed our President every kindness. At this time we thoroughly discussed the Pawnee Rock proposition. She told me her daughter, Ida, had recorded the charter members and there was no reason why it should be done by anyone else. She was also prohibited by the National President from paying the W. K. D. C. for making the record. Of course, National is higher than State and I am not finding fault with our Department President. But I much regret these lists of charter members were withheld as they are W. K. D. C. property and should be turned in.

At the time of this visit in November, I urged upon the Department President the need of immediate action in raising this \$1,000 pledged by Kansas City convention for Pawnee Rock. She said she would do what she could. She talked with me about using my enrollment plan to get the Osawatimie battle ground. I told her I had no objection to her using the plan, would be glad to have her do so, only the money for Pawnee Rock must be raised FIRST. I did not hear from her for a few weeks, and as the time limit for raising the \$3,000 was December 31, 1908, I wrote her asking if we could not send a letter to the corps of the state asking them to respond and if possible send in the money promised by Kansas City convention for the Rock. I drafted a short letter to this effect and told her if she would write and sign such a letter, that I would pay for printing and mailing and would gladly do the work. In her reply she said the letter ought to be sent and just as I had written it, but that she could nothing more for Pawnee Rock, as she had taken up the Osawatimie matter.

I did not reply to this letter, but wrote Department Treasurer, Miss Maggie Domblaser, urging her to send in all money she had for Pawnee Rock, so Mrs. Hancock could report it at January 29th meeting, when deeds to Pawnee Rock were to be presented to the State. The money, \$79 in all, did not come until the first week in February, 1909.

It was a matter of much regret to me, to have nothing to report for my corps. It was not my fault nor the fault of the W. R. C. in convention. I knew something had missed in this matter and it was my desire not to let this be known by the State or any part of its people. We invited the Department President to speak for W. R. C. at our regular annual meeting of W. K. D. C. on January 29th. She responded and her address was both patriot and fine. I am as sorry as you are, she had no fund to report, and I assure you the fault was not through neglect of mine.

This matter is one for W. R. C. and not for the general public, therefore, I have spoken to no one out side of W. R. C. about it, except to our Board of Business Managers.

This \$1,000 has not been raised and the W. R. C., at its next convention will have a chance to take the matter up and do what it pleases.

When W. R. C. failed me I was much afraid we would lose the Old Rock for which I had struggled so hard, but the Pawnee Rock citizens loaned me all the money they had raised and we had a promise from the Santa Fe railroad to do about \$200 worth of free hauling. We also had a generous gift of wire fence, some promises of donated work and some donated trees. Mr. Unruh said, "Mrs. Simmons, will you promise me that this money will all be raised?" I answered, "Yes, sir; I know Kansas women and they will keep their pledge." Then he counted everything as cash and we closed up the contract and got our deed.

We presented the deed to the State as the gift of Benj. P. Unruh and the Loyal Kansas Women.

The W. R. C. is represented on the Business Board for Pawnee Rock improvement by Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, of Abilene. She is capable and able and is a credit to our corps. Work is now in progress at the Rock.

We held a board meeting April 13th. At this time we opened sealed bids and let contracts for the following improvements: Building walks, making well, fencing, leveling grounds and making driveways. The park is being laid out by a competent landscape gardener. Sand and dirt have filled in about the face of the Rock burying it for more than twenty feet. This dirt is being removed and the face of the Rock thus exposed is literally covered with names carved thereon. The work of planting trees is well under headway. Mr. A. H. Bower of Oregon, donated eighty fine evergreens.

Yours in F. C. & L. and most cordially,

MRS. J. S. SIMMONS.

Endorsed by Joe Hooker W. R. C., No. 111, April 9th, 1909.

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At a state W. R. C. Meeting with Mrs. Nations
in the chair - Mrs. Foster and other prominent women
Secured a pledge for ~~a~~ \$1000 - donation to be
raised for the Pawnee Rock Memorial -

Mrs. Anna ~~Hay~~ Heacock elected in coming president

She did not follow instructions but took up her own
work of securing John Brown battle field
in which she succeed - And tho the relief
corp only donated \$50. - We kept faith with the
army of members who ^{ordered} ~~directed~~ the raising of
of \$1000 - They were not to blame because the

Pres failed to carry out orders - So we accepted
\$50. - which was all we received from them
but we did not disapoint the mass of members
There for the faith we kept and The W. R. C. - has
a carving on the monument -

Mrs. Simmons

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House Concurrent resolution No. _____.

WHEREAS, Benjamin P. Uruah the present owner of the historic spot on which was situated the Pawnee Rock has offered to donate to the State of Kansas the ground on which the Rock is situated on certain conditions and to sell ground for a small part and for a road way from the town of Pawnee Rock to the said Rock and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Kansas Day Club has undertaken to raise the amount of money necessary to pay for said park and roadway ground and are confident that they will be successful therein,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein that the Governor of the State of Kansas is hereby authorized to accept for the State of Kansas a deed to the said land, roadway and park ground whenever the same is tendered to him without expense to the said State of Kansas.

RESOLVED further that he would be authorized to appoint a Board of Trustees of said reservation when said gift is made and when requested to do so by the executive committee of the Woman's Kansas Day Club but said trustees shall receive no compensation or expense for attention to the said reservation.

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General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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4-2-1908

Dear Mrs Simmons

I was surprised to
receive the enclosed letter this morn
ing as I supposed it was in your
keeping long ago I got your
initials mixed up with those
of a friend in Kansas city
whose name is Simons,

I have had three letters from
our Liberty Mo. friend, first
he wrote of his interest and
told me he had some histori

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Cal facts he could give me if I desired
 Of course I wrote for any information
 him he might have and this is the
 answer. Then a letter of thanks
 brought another which came yes
 Sunday. and he says in that if
 he lives to see old "Pony Rock" marked
 he would like to carry "old glory"
 and plant it where it was
 probably first planted 62 years
 ago. He must be a very old
 man as he was a soldier then
 was probably married but years
 later as he writes they are about
 to celebrate their 60th anniversary
 He It would be nice to honor
 the old soldier in the way he
 desires if he is living when we
 mark the rock - His letter is
 better (which I will preserve) is garbled
 and bears the marks of illiteracy as well
 as age - but he is a soldier & old and deserves

Respek - my ink is thick and I have so many mistakes I am
 ashamed to send this but can't be hurried to write it off

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Received from *Miss Perkins* **Wells Fargo & Co. Express** *12/10* ^[417]
1908

The Shipments hereinafter described, which Wells Fargo & Company, hereinafter called the Company, undertakes to carry upon the following terms and conditions, to which the shipper hereby agrees, and as evidence of such agreement accepts this Shipping Receipt.

It being understood that the Company relies upon railroad, steamboat, stage and other lines for transportation, and has no control over same, it is agreed that its liability shall be that of a forwarder only, and that it shall not be liable for any damage to said property from delay of any railroad train, steamboat or other conveyance on which the same may be carried. The charge for carrying said property being based upon a valuation not exceeding Fifty Dollars, unless a greater value is declared, it is hereby agreed that the Company shall not be liable in any event for more than Fifty Dollars unless a greater value is stated herein; and in case of partial loss or damage, shall not be liable for more than such a proportion of same as Fifty Dollars, or the value declared herein, bears to the actual value if greater. If the Company has no office at destination, it shall carry said property to its office nearest or most convenient to destination, and there notify consignee or deliver said property to connecting carrier to complete transportation, and the Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage occurring after giving such notice to consignee or after delivery to connecting carrier. The Company, unless negligent, shall not be liable for loss of or damage or delay to said property caused by quarantine, customs regulations, strikes, riots or perils of navigation, fire or steam, the act of God, heat, cold, wet or decay, nor for the escape, injury or death of live birds or animals, the Company not being a carrier thereof, except at owner's risk. Nor shall the company be liable in any event for any loss of or damage or delay to said property from any cause whatever, unless the same shall be proved to have resulted from the fraud or negligence of the Company, or its servants. The said property being packed, secured and addressed by the shipper, it is agreed that the Company shall not be liable for any delay or damage to same resulting from improper or insufficient packing, securing and marking, nor shall the said Company be liable for any damage to fragile articles or articles consisting wholly or in part of or contained in glass or chinaware, unless the same shall be marked, described and accepted as such herein, and additional compensation paid or agreed to be paid therefor. Nor shall the Company be liable for any loss of money, jewelry or valuable papers, unless the same are separately packed, sealed, marked as such and so described herein. If any C. O. D. is not paid by consignee within thirty days from date hereof, it is agreed that the Company may, at its option, return the said property to shipper, who shall pay charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of the Company shall be that of warehouseman only, except during actual transportation and twenty-four hours thereafter. In no event shall the Company be liable for any loss, damage or delay unless written claim therefor shall be presented to it within ninety days of the date of such loss, damage or delay; and any suit for or on account of such loss, damage or delay shall be brought within one year from the date hereof or be forever barred, any statute of limitation to the contrary notwithstanding. It is further agreed that any carrier or party liable on account of loss of or damage to said property shall have the full benefit of any insurance that may have been effected upon or on account of said property. The Company shall not be required to deliver said property except within its present delivery limits unless herein otherwise agreed and specially paid for. At points where the Company has no delivery service, the consignee shall receive said property at the office of the Company. If said property shall be forwarded upon Ocean Routes, it is agreed that the regular Bill of Lading of any steamship company for whom the same may be delivered, shall limit and define the Company's liability with respect to such ocean transportation unless an extra charge has been paid or agreed to be paid for Marine Insurance and noted herein by receiving agent of the Company. All the terms and conditions of this receipt shall apply to any forwarding or return of said property, and shall extend to and inure to the benefit of any person, company or corporation to whom the Company may deliver the said property for transportation, storage or delivery.

No. and Description of Packages	CONTENTS	VALUE OR C. O. D.	Weight	ADDRESSED TO	DESTINATION	PREPAID
<i>Be</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>2ea</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Harney</i>	<i>Manhattan</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Pa</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Ormeder</i>	<i>Cherry</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Alfving</i>	<i>Hydrograph</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Liberals</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>P.O. Bookston</i>	<i>Ellenwood</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>J.W. Duff</i>	<i>Sterling</i>	<i>16</i>
						<i>96</i>

Carroll

Received for by

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Rath + Bainbridge Paid
E. D. Replogel Paid
J. R. Young Drug Co Paid
Simple Drug Co 2600k & P.
" " " 6 " Pd.

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HONORARY APPOINTMENT

BY THE GOVERNOR.

The State



of Kansas,

To all to Whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That I, E. W. Hoch, Governor of the State of Kansas,
reposing special trust in the integrity and ability of Mrs. J. S. Simmons,
of Hutchinson, County of Rees, State of Kansas, do hereby appoint ~~him~~
her Member of Board of Trustees for disposition of historic Pawnee Rock

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, at the City
of Topeka, on this 19th day of February, A. D. 1908.

E. W. Hoch
Governor.

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Copy of Poster displayed at the "Unveiling" of the monument.
The American Flag with which the monument was veiled, was
presented to the Town of Pawnee Rock.

Benj P. Lusk who donated the rock included on five acres of land.
Died about one year since.

Mr. M. E. Heynes (whom Governor Hoch appointed to fill the vacancy
caused by the resignation of Mrs. W. Y. Morgan, which occurred
only a few weeks after her appointment) now resides at
Long Beach Cal. He was cashier of the Pawnee Rock State
Bank. All money passed through the hands of Mrs. Lavina
J. Smyser Board Treasurer, was deposited in the Pawnee Rock
State Bank and checked out in payment for the improvements
as made.

All was completed in 1912 and a big unveiling
celebration was held at the Town, with appropriate services at
The Old Pawnee Rock.

The financial statement by the treasurer
is enclosed with other papers. We enclose the original
statement sent to me by the treasurer of the "Board" Mrs. Lavina
J. Smyser. This information is written ^{January} ~~December~~ fourth nineteen
hundred thirty one ~~Dec-4~~ -1931 by.

Mrs. J. S. Simons Third president of W. K. D. C.

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PAWNEE ROCK PARK

GIVEN TO THE STATE OF KANSAS BY BENJ. P. UNRUH

Pawnee Rock Improved and Monument Erected by Kansas Women and by the
Citizens of Pawnee Rock.

MONEY RAISED AS FOLLOWS:

Women's Kansas Day Club, by Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Pres. 1908 and Members of the Board to 1912	-	-	\$2738.31
Mrs. A. H. Horton Pres. 1909	-	-	100.00
Mrs. E. W. Hoch, Pres. 1910	-	-	200.00
Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, Pres. 1912	-	-	55.00
Total	-	-	\$3093.31
Daughters of American Revolution. One Bronze Tablet, valued at, \$50 and cash \$155, total	-	-	\$205.00
Woman's Relief Corps, the Flag that Veils the Monument and	-	-	\$159.00
State Federation of Womens' Club	-	-	\$ 50.00
W. C. T. U.	-	-	\$ 50.00
Citizens of Pawnee Rock	-	-	\$1359.34

"ECHOES OF PAWNEE ROCK" Compiled by
MISS MARGARET PERKINS

All expenses of publishing, shipping, mailing etc., paid for by Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Pres. of W. K. D. C. 1908, with money from proceeds of sale of the
"Echoes of Pawnee Rock."

Money paid into Pawnee Rock Fund from sale of "Echoes of Pawnee Rock," approximately \$800, above all expenses.

SOUVENIR BOOKS ON SALE TODAY 50 Cts. Each
Proceeds go to Pawnee Rock Improvement Fund



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to study their monthly
Bible lesson with Miss Louise Penney.

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Mrs. J. S. Simmons, who was elected president of the Woman's Kansas Day club at its recent meeting, has returned from Topeka. The important work of the club this year is to be the securing and marking of old Pawnee Rock, the greatest natural land mark in the state, and this object was kept in view in selecting the officers for the year. It was owing to her interest and work done along this line that Mrs. Simmons was elected president of the club. Mrs. Charles E. Hall of this city, was elected a vice-president from the Seventh District. A business board elected by the executive board, to be confirmed by the governor, will take charge of all the improvements.

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The Delicatessen club was delight-
fully and informally

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