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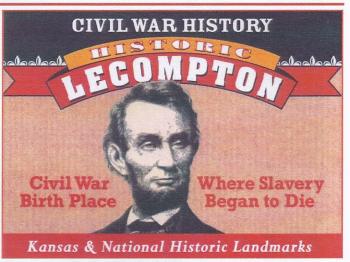
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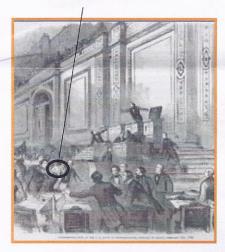
Why is Lecompton the "Birthplace of the Civil War, Where Slavery Began to Die"?

The following article shows the great debate in Congress over the Lecompton Constitution that split the National Democratic Party and led to the election of President Lincoln.

The second article, shown on page 2, shows the results of the 1860 presidential election. As you can see, without the split of the Democratic Party, President Lincoln, with only 39% of the vote, would have lost the election. The constitution was written on the second floor of Constitution Hall, a National Landmark.



Whig and Scalp



Lecompton – National Obsession

The story concerns the infamous floor brawl in the U. S. House of Representatives over the Lecompton Constitution. This is another indication that "Lecompton" was a household word across the United States in the late 1850s.

The most infamous floor brawl in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives

February 06,1858

The most infamous floor brawl in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives erupted as Members debated Kansas's pro-slavery Lecompton Constitution late into the night of February 5-6. Shortly after 1 a.m., Pennsylvania Republican Galusha Grow and South Carolina Democrat Laurence Keitt exchanged insults, then blows. "In an instant the House was in the greatest possible confusion," the Congressional Globe reported. More than 50 Members joined the melee. Northern Republicans and Free Soilers joined ranks against Southern Democrats. Speaker James Orr, a South Carolina Democrat, gaveled furiously for order and then instructed Sergeant-at-Arms Adam J. Glossbrenner to arrest noncompliant Members. Wading into the "combatants," Glossbrenner held the House Mace high to restore order; no one complied. Wisconsin Republicans John "Bowie Knife" Potter and Cadwallader Washburn ripped the hairpiece from the head of William Barksdale, a States Rights Democrat from Mississippi. "I've scalped him," Potter yelled. The melee dissolved into a chorus of laughs and jeers, but the sectional nature of the fight powerfully symbolized the nation's divisions. When the House reconvened two days later, a coalition of Northern Republicans and Free Soilers narrowly blocked referral of the Lecompton Constitution to the House Territories Committee. Kansas entered the Union in 1861 as a free state.

Notables

PLAN YOUR CHRISTMAS VISIT TO LECOMPTON

The museum will be decorated with 3 floors of decorations and over 30 trees with vintage and antique decorations beginning November 1. Vespers will be December 7th. Keep in mind to buy your Christmas stamps at the post office and shop at Reflections and Clay Momma's. While shopping be sure to eat at Aunt Netter's and Kroeger Country Meats. Lecompton Pride will perform the annual Christmas play, "A Cricket Country Christmas Wedding", on November 22, at 2:00p.m and 7:00p.m., at the Lecompton High School. The United Methodist Church Holiday Dinner and Cantata is scheduled for December 6.



A recent conference sponsored by the University of Missouri at Kansas City and the National Endowment of the Humanities titled "Crossroads of Freedom, The Border War" brought 80 educators to Lecompton to learn about our nationally important history. The participates came from Maine to Oregon and California to Florida and states in between. They were very impressed with this historic community.

Popular Vote for President, 1860. Dem. Union. Rep. Dem. Lincoln. Breck'ge. Douglas. Bell. Alabama.... 27,875 13,651 48,831 Arkansas 5,227 28,732 20,094 California.... 38,516 34,334 6.817 Connecticut . . 43,792 15,522 14,641 *3,291 Delaware 7,337 3,815 1,023 3,864 Florida 367 8,543 5,437 Georgia.... 11,590 51,889, 42,886 Illinois 160,215 2.404 4,913 Indiana..... 115,509 12.2955,306 Iowa..... 70,409 55,111 1,048 1,763 Kentucky.... 1,364 25,651 53,143 66,058 Louisiana.... 7,625 22,681 20,204 Maine 62,811 26,693 6.368 2.046 42,482 41,760 Maryland 2,294 5,966 5,939 22,331 Massachusetts 106,533 34,372 Michigan.... 88,480 805 65,057 405 Minnesota.... 22,069 11,920 748 62 Mississippi... 3,283 40,797 25,040 Missouri. ... 58,372 58,801 N. Hampshire 37,519 25,881 2,112 441 *62,801 New Jersey . . 58,324 New York 353,804 *303,329 NorthCarolina 48,539 44,990 2.701 Ohio 187,232 11,405 12,194 Oregon 5.006 Pennsylvania. 268,030 16,765 *178,871 12,244 *7,707 Electors South Carolina by Legislature. Tennessee 11,350 64,709 69,274 47,548 *15,438 Texas 6,849 218 Virginia 16,200 74,323 74,681 Wisconsin.... 86,110 65,021 Total...... 1,857,610 1,365,976 847,953 590,631 * Fusion.

Lecompton Constitution Hall received a grant from the Douglas County Heritage and Conservation Council for window restoration and weatherization. The project will be directed by the Kansas State Historical Society and led by restoration expert Bob Yapp. The workshop will be available to 18 participants at a cost of \$75. They will be spending the week of September 15 -19 in Lecompton.

"Popular Vote for President, 1860," detail from Lloyd's New Political Chart published by H.H. Lloyd, New York,

1861. (The Gilder Lehrman Institute).

The following was part of a display produced by Cass County and Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. It tells the tragic story of Order No. 11, following the tragic story of Quantrill's Raid.



New Life Member James W. Paddock

What Kansas Almost Became

The following legislation was considered by the Kansas Territorial Legislature. This would have allowed everything south of the Platt River in Nebraska Territory to become a part of Kansas. At the time it would have included Laramie Wyoming. This was rejected because the Kansas Territorial Legislature thought there were too many Douglas Democrats in Southern Nebraska. Remember Kansas went to the Continental Divide during this time period.

35th Congress, and House of Representatives. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Mis. Doc.} \\ \text{No. 50.} \end{array} \right.$

ANNEXATION OF A PART OF THE TERRITORY OF NE-BRASKA TO KANSAS.

LETTER

FROM

THE GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS,

TRANSMITTING

A resolution of the legislative assembly of that Territory, relative to the annexation of that part of the Territory of Nebraska lying south of the Platte river to the Territory of Kansas.

FEBRUARY 9, 1859.—Referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

Council bill No. 2.

Whereas the act organizing the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas, approved May 30, A. D. 1854, describes the boundary of Kansas as follows, to wit: That all that part of the territory of the United States included within the following limits, except such portions thereof as are hereinafter expressly exempted from the operation of this act, to wit: beginning at a point on the western boundary of the State of Missouri where the thirty-seventh parallel of north latitude crosses the same; thence west on said parallel to the eastern boundary of New Mexico; thence north on said boundary to latitude thirty-eight; thence following said boundary to the Territory of Utah on the summit of the Rocky mountains; thence northward on said summit to the fortieth parallel of latitude; thence east on said parallel to the western boundary of the State of Missouri; thence south with the western boundary of said State to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby, erected into a temporary government by the name of the Territory of Kansas; and

of the Territory of Kansas; and
Whereas the Platte river, in the Territory of Nebraska, is the
natural boundary between the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska,
and in the opinion of this legislative assembly should, at the time of
the organization of said Territories, have been adopted as the northern
boundary of Kansas; and

Whereas the true interests of the aforesaid Territories of Kansas

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and Nebraska; and the welfare and prosperity of the inhabitants thereof, would be best promoted by the establishment of the said Platte river as the boundary between the aforesaid Territories of Kansas and Nebraska; and

Whereas it is well ascertained, from reliable information, that such change of boundary would meet with the cordial approval of a large majority of the inhabitants resident upon that portion of Nebraska in question, situated between the Platte river and the northern boundary of Kansas, therefore.

of Kansas, therefore,

Resolved, By the governor and legislative assembly of the Territory
of Kansas, as follows, to wit: that the Congress of the United States
be, and is hereby, respectfully but earnestly requested to attach that
portion of Nebraska lying and being situate south of the Platte river
to the Territory of Kansas, and that the said Platte river be constituted the boundary line between the aforesaid Territories of Kansas
and Nebraska.

Resolved, That the governor be, and is hereby, requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, to the governor of the Territory of Nebraska, and to the delegates in Congress from Kansas and Nebraska, requesting early attention thereto.

A. LARZELERE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
C. W. BABCOCK,
President of the Council.

Approved January 25, 1859.

S. MEDARY.

I, Hugh S. Walsh, secretary of Kansas Territory, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original, now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 29th day of January, 1859.

HUGH S. WALSH.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Kansas Territory, January 25, 1859.

Sir: I herewith transmit joint resolutions, passed by the legislative assembly of this Territory, asking the annexation of that part of Nebraska Territory lying south of the Platte river.

Very respectfully,

S. MEDARY.

The Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Bill Smith was recently honored at the Kansas Dollars for Dreams Day of Pride with a plaque for his dedicated work with the Lecompton High School building and Lecompton Pride.

CO

Cindy Daniels was selected to perform her metal smithing talent at James Port Heritage Day in Missouri. This is a major event in that state and only is another reason to plan a tour, shopping or eating in Lecompton.

2014 LECOMPTON RURAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BANQUET

The Alumni Association hosted the 91^h Annual banquet June 21, 2013 in the Historic Lecompton Rural High School. The meal was catered by Dave Kellum of Oakley Creek Catering. Robert Parker from the United Methodist Youth assisted in serving. Special thanks to Bill and Dorothy Smith for the sound system and Earle & Karen Kasson for the name tags.

Arloene Dekat Simmons (1940) Lecompton, KS was the oldest graduate present. Walt (1962) & Donna Gowing (1964) Confer, Bend, Oregon traveled the longest distance, Special surprise guests were former teacher (60-63) Carl

Borghardt and his wife, Sylvia. Alumni and guests attending in 2014;

qnardt	and his wife, Sylvia. Alumni and guests attend	200			
1940		1964	CONFER, Donna Gowing		
1941			ICE, Karen Kellum		
	MCALEXANDER, Lura Holloway		LONG, Elaine Kasson		
1942	NORWOOD, Louise Webber		MEINHART, Wanda Becker		
1944			NORWOOD, Milton Lee		
	LESLIE, Bill		PIERCE, Joyce Schwemmer & Ron Cox		
	SPENCER, Iona Herschell		STAUFFER, Dennis		
	STAUFFER, Betty Crady		WINGFIELD, Richard & Norraine		
1945		1965	GOWING, Donna Andes		
1713	WINTER, Charlene (A.K)	2,00	NORWOOD, Sylvia Walter		
1946			STAUFFER, Linda		
1940	HARTMAN, Calvin		STILSON, Connie Norwood		
1040			TRAMMEL, Georgia Simmons		
1949		1066			
1951		1966	STAUFFER, Carolyn Foster		
	LOPEZ, Ruben & Winnona Ralston	10/0	STAUFFER, Mary Skinner		
	SHAW, Leah Mae Bahnmaier & Ed	1968	HAAS, Charles		
1952		1970	GOODRICK, Steve & Norma		
	Julie Strobel & Roy Condley	1971	NELSON, Dennis R.		
	GOLLADAY, Delores Dittrich &	1972	BARTELL, Deann Inloes		
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	PACKER, Paul & Christine Cobbler	1976	KELLUM, Dave		
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	MATHEWS, George & Rita		LEWIS, Sharon Winter		
1954		1977	STEVENSON, Carol Skinner		
	SANFORD, Peggy Forester	1980	GOODRICK, Tom		
	SKINNER, Shirley Carlson	1984	GRUVER, Lori Stauffer		
1955		1985	KASSON, Jerry		
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	SPENA, Elton & Ginny		Hazel Irene Glenn Barger, 1934, 4/7/13 late notice		
	MORRIS, Mary Lou Salisbury		th Charles Kibbee, 1951 June 29, 2013		
200	MORRIS, Robert		Dale Gregg, 1981, July 17, 2013		
1959			d Walter, 1942, September 27, 2013		
	GLENN, Robert & Carolyn		mel, Randy Ray, 1980,Oct.3, 2013		
	KASSON, Karen Fish		ia Marshall Rothwell, 1943,Oct 21, 2013		
	VESTAL, Jeannie Kent				
	VESTAL, J. H.		Eugene Hughes, 1959, Oct. 24, 2013		
1960			e Fleming Childs, 1942, Dec. 17, 2013		
1961			Dean Oldham, 1953, January 18, 2014		
	MOORE, Dorothy Chinn. Shiela Root &		Elaine Kibbee Dark, 1952, January 25, 2014		
	Debbie Cox		w, Floyd "Red", 1950, March 7, 2014		
1962			C. Hodson, 1940, March 29, 2014		
1702	CONFER, Walter		Iorris Kellogg Smith, 1946, April 14, 2014		
	GOWING, Dennis		a Robuck Slater, 1966, April 14, 2014		
1063			Knots A.K. Winter, 1945, May 20, 2014		
1963			Glenn Cook, 1931, June 4, 2014		
	POORT, Linda Van Riper		Delene Banks Crady, 1942. June 9, 2014		
	STAUFFER, Gary				
	STAUFFER, Gary		nce Ross Unfred, 1967, June 13, 2014		

PLHS Baseball Enjoys Banner Season

The 2014 Perry-Lecompton Baseball team enjoyed a historical season last spring. Coming off their first Big 7 League crown in 2013 and a runnerup finish at Regionals, the team backed it up with a second league title in 2014 and a Regional Championship beating a very good Jefferson West team 1-0. It is the first time that PLHS baseball has advanced to the State Championships. Earning the top seed in the State Championships, Perry beat Goodland 3-1 in the quarterfinals and Baxter Springs 2-1 in the Semi-Finals earning a birth in the State Championship game vs. Bishop Ward. The championship game was tied

2-2 going into the 7th inning before Perry surrendered 3 runs in the top of the inning and couldn't answer in the bottom of the 7th and finished with as Runner-Up in the State with a 21-4 overall record.

A number of Kaws were recognized with honors for their outstanding seasons. The following players were named to the Big 7 All-League team including, Charlie Shuck (outfield), Bowen Cunningham (catcher), Daniel Munoz-Crow (infield), Mitchell Bond (pitcher and utility



player) and Zach Linquist (pitcher and infielder.) Drew Scrimsher was named to the 2nd team Big 7 All-League team and 2nd team All-State.

Zach Linquist was named first team All-State Closer and was named the 4AII Player of the Year. He was also named to the All-Area team and will be attending Washburn University on a baseball scholarship.

Other big contributors and starters included Senior, Brandon Eddy, Juniors, Bailey Pattin, Mason Fast and Caleb Daniels.



Tecumseh Park - 1950

BIG SPRINGS GIRLS BALL CLUB

Front Row: Mildred Wilson, Kay Bahnmaier, Amelia Hartman, Dorothy Bernhardt, Violet Bahnmaier Back Row: Bill Boydston, assistant manager - Carol Wilson, Lola Mae Rake, Pauline Godfrey, Sally Boydston, Billie Richards, Iona Spencer. -Sam Bernhardt, manager.

Back Row on Bleachers: Gary Adams, George Tibbs holding Rodney Spencer, Ruth and Bill Richards, Nita Webber.

Next Row: Max Bahnmaier, Jimmy Rake, and Dorothy Rake

Member Obituaries

BARGER, Hazel Irene (Glenn), 98, Manhattan Beach, Calfornia, died April 7, 2013. Late notice of her death was received.

Hazel was born about 1915 in Colorado,, the daughter of Clarence and Emma (Gordon) Glenn. She spent her childhood in Lecompton, KS, and graduated from Lecompton Rural High School in 1934. Hazel was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society until her health failed.

She married Bill Barger. She was survived by two sons, James and Joseph, and two sisters, Leatha R. Cook, Topeka, KS and Geneva Swanson. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Earl Glenn, Dale Glenn and Clarence Glenn, Jr. and one sister, Mary French.

COOK, Leatha Rose (Glenn), 103, of Topeka passed away on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. She was born January 26, 1911 in Lecompton, Kansas, the daughter of Clarence and Emma (Gordon) Glenn. She spent her childhood in Lecompton, KS where she attended a one room school house. She graduated from Lecompton Rural High School in 1931. She retired from Stormont-Vail Hospital. Leatha was a Life Member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Leatha was married to Claude Cook, who preceded her in death in 1961. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Earl Glenn, Dale Glenn and Clarence Glenn, Jr.; two sisters, Mary French and Hazel Barber; two sons, Leo and Edward Cook and one grandson Kurt Eberhart.

Survivors include one sister, Geneva Swanson; two sons, Richard Cook and Virgil Cook, Sr.; one daughter, Phyllis (Charles) Eberhart; eight grandchildren; eighteen greatgrandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren.

Cremation with inurnment in Mount Hope Cemetery.

CRADY, Helen Delene (Banks), 89, Lawrence, died Monday, June 9, 2014, at Pioneer Ridge Assisted Living. She was born Oct. 1, 1924, in Lecompton, the daughter of Herman and Rebecca Banks. She grew up on a farm near Lecompton.

Helen graduated from Lecompton Rural High School in 1942 and worked for Kansas Power and Light for many years. She was a member of Indian Hills Church of God and sang in its choir from 1980 until her health declined. She was a Life member of the Lecompton Historical Society

She married Harold L. Crady in 1943. He preceded her in death. Survivors include her four children, Joyce (Scott) Curry Hal (Debby) Crady, Janet Crady, and Ron (Lydia) Crady; a brother, James Banks; 14 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Burial-Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence, KS.

STEPHENS, Larry Reace, 69, of Lecompton, KS, formerly of Marshall, MO, died Sunday, July 6, 2014, in Normal, IL. Memorial services with military rites were held Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Campbell-Lewis Chapel in Marshall.

Larry was born January 6, 1945, in

St. Louis, MO., the youngest son of Mary Ellen Matthews. He was preceded in death by his mother, sister, Aline Holmes, and brother, Joe Stephens.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, serving duty on the U.S.S. Tripoli in Vietnam from 1967-1970. An exceptional salesman, he worked the majority of his career in management for Firestone in Lawrence, KS. He was a member of Lecompton Historical Society.

Larry is survived by his companion, Christine Tsui, of Normal, IL; son, Mark (Jennifer) of Ozark, MO; 2 grandsons, as well as special nephews and neices, several half-sisters and half-brothers.



NEW DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM

Family Genealogy of Robert M Scott & Alice May Kown & photo and story of their daughter, Ell music, 1917 rose petal necklace, handmade doll, AutoFyrstop	
1927 Preview Program for movie,"Wings",1916 issue –Ladies Home Journal	
1902 Drawings by Frederick Remington, "Done in the Open"	Lecompton Library
Picture-Watercolor of Elmore Street in Lecompton ca. 1950's	
Painted by Mrs. Edna Schreiner	Bernice Schreiner McMahon
1934 Leather-bound Lecompton High School Diploma-Mary Sanford	Karen Sanford Werts
Oil Painting by Mabel Cole Glenn gifted to Ester Matney	Nadine Matney Litton
Book, "Men and Women in World War II from Douglas County"	Opal Lasswell Goodrick
"Mendits" metal repair tool & instruction book	Charlene Luckan Winter
Photos – Lecompton Historical Society Members at Christmas, Alumni Banquet Programs,	
High School Graduation and Grade School Graduation Programs & photos, 1889 Atlas,	
Photos of 1951 Flood, 36 inch round Tablecloth Hand decorated by Curon ladies vintage purse	
issues of PLHS Blue Banner	Opal Lasswell Goodrick
8 inch woven egg basket with wooden handle owned by Sara Glenn	Iona Herschell Spencer

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We're on Facebook!

Lecompton Historical Society and Constitution Hall are collaborating on a fabulous Facebook page featuring upcoming programs and all aspects of Lecompton history. See the page and "Like" it to view the relocation of the 1892 jail photos, learn about Lecompton's rich history with photos and drawings, and keep informed about events, tours, and programs. It's a great way to reach our members and let you know what's going on in Lecompton! The Facebook posts are made by the administrators Tim Rues and Lynn Ward. To join, go to www.facebook.com/HistoricLecompton. AND if you are a Pinterest fan, see our pins at http://pinterest.com/visitlecompton/.

NEW POSTCARD IN GIFT SHOP!

We have a new postcard at the Territorial Capitol Museum! It is of a quilt that we have prominently exhibited. Each block

on the quilt tells a story of Lecompton history. The quilt was designed by Shirley Holderman Funk and quilted by Mae Evertt Holderman.

In 1982-83, at the recommendation of Cathy Cruzic, at Kansas Travel & Tourism, the quilt hung in the office of Kansas Governor, John Carlin.

The photo and postcards are provided by Thom and Sherilyn



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