Kansas Memory

A digital library featuring materials and artifacts from the collections of the Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas Memory will be launched later this summer. Throughout the year Kansas History will provide additional information on the project and feature a few images, like the two below, from this important online repository.

One can hardly imagine two more strikingly different housing styles than those depicted here with images that will be available soon through Kansas Memory. Above, William and Elizabeth O'Connor pose for the camera outside their Miami County log cabin on their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1911. Originally built in 1857, soon after William O'Connor arrived in the territory, this traditional housing style was relatively common among the early Euro-American settlers in eastern Kansas.

Nearly a century after William O'Connor erected his first frontier home, Richard Buckminster Fuller designed this aluminum Dymaxion (dynamic, maximum, tension) House (ca. 1950), which was constructed at Rose Hill in Butler County. It was one of only two prototypes ever produced and is now on display at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan (see, http://www.hfmgv.org/dymaxion/contents.html).
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