Kansas Historical Notes

“The Sumner County Story,” a pageant of 20 scenes depicting life in the county from the pioneer days to the present, was presented by the Sumner County Historical Society in Wellington, November 9-11, 1966.

Officers of the newly formed Historical Society of Chetopa are: Bernice Rohmiller, president; Elwin Harmon, vice-president; Myra Porter, secretary; Retha Henson, treasurer; Martha Teter, historian; and John Miles, George Bush, Roscoe Cellars, Marie Burton, and Betty Withrow, directors. The society is planning to establish a local museum.

Current officers of the Rawlins County Historical Society are: John Mickey, president; Jessie Clee, secretary; Ed Keirns, treasurer; Anne Fleckenstein, D. J. Ratliff, Ruth Hayden, and Lillian Green, directors; and Ivy Yoos, museum director. The society recently purchased a building in Atwood for a museum.

The Cheyenne County Historical Society was formed, Mrs. Mayzee Schultz was elected president and Mrs. Manette Henderson vice-president, at a meeting of representatives of several Cheyenne county organizations in St. Francis, January 19, 1967. E. S. Sutton of Benkelman, Neb., was the principal speaker at the gathering.

All officers of the Woodson County Historical Society were re-elected at the society’s annual meeting January 24, 1967, in Yates Center. They include: Ray V. Stoll, president; Maurice Riley, vice-president; Lester A. Harding, secretary; and Elmer F. Krueger, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are: Mrs. Clarissa Cantrell, W. J. Riley, Walter A. Bowers, Mrs. Flosse Curtis, Mrs. Charles Daniel, and Henry C. Kipp, directors.

Leon Sherwood, Sr., was reelected president of the Montgomery County Historical Society at a January 29, 1967, meeting in Independence. Mrs. C. V. Dennis was named vice-president; Mrs. Ben Taylor, secretary; Forrest Geckeler, treasurer; and Everett Slater, Mrs. James D. Gilmore, Mrs. Pauline Smith, and Mrs. Karl Gibson, directors.

Orville Burtis was reelected president of the Riley County Historical Society at the society’s annual meeting February 2, 1967, in Manhattan. Joe Haines was chosen vice-president; Harold Mun-
ger, recording secretary; Mrs. Henry Miller, membership secretary; Sam C. Charlson, treasurer; and Mrs. C. B. Knox, Dr. James Carey, and Dr. K. F. Bascom, directors.

Col. A. E. Schanze (USA-Ret.) was named president of the Leavenworth County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the organization February 2, 1967, in Leavenworth. Other officers elected included: Mrs. J. D. Miller, Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Jones, second vice-president; Mrs. James N. Snyder, Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. W. C. Boatright, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Gorman Hunt, treasurer. New directors named were: Edward J. Chapman, Jr., Norman Dawson, Col. Ralph B. Stewart (USA-Ret.), Mrs. J. R. Waldstein, William P. Lambert, and Richard W. Warren. Chapman was the retiring president. The society is beginning a program of marking historic spots in the county. The first step has been the placing of a plaque at the site of the office of the famous freighting firm, Russell, Majors and Waddell. The Manufacturers State Bank, which now occupies the site, donated the plaque.

Dale Crown was named president of the Bourbon County Historical Society at a meeting in Fort Scott, February 2, 1967. Harry W. Fisher was elected vice-president; Mrs. Joe Richards, secretary; Griff Hughes, treasurer; and Ruth Niemeir, Watson Marble, A. P. Parks, Clifford Gordon, and Jim DiNardo, directors.

The Butler County Historical Society's officers were all reelected at a meeting February 6, 1967, in El Dorado. R. A. Clymer is the president; Charles E. Heinemann, vice-president; Mrs. Faith M. Loomis, secretary; and Clifford W. Stone, treasurer. Trustees, in addition to the officers, are: Albert Bodecker, Albert Claassen, Merton King, Elwood King, Bert Osborn, Mrs. Myra Lockwood Brown, Mrs. Corah Mooney Bullock, O. J. Connell, Jr., Hoyt Smith, Mrs. Wilber Stone, and Mrs. Ralph Wiley.

Francis Wilson was reelected president of the Ellsworth County Historical Society at the society's annual meeting February 12, 1967, in Ellsworth. Other officers chosen were: Dwight Yordy, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Merydith, secretary; A. H. Barofsky, treasurer; and Mrs. Paul Peters, Jr., George Jelinek, and Fred Curry, directors. George S. Sternberg and Myrl Walker, both of Hays, spoke to the gathering.

Members of the board of directors of the Finney County Historical Society elected at the annual meeting of the society February
14, 1967, in Garden City, were: Taylor Jones, F. Arthur Stone, J. E. Greathouse, Amy Gillespie, Mrs. Merle Evans, Mrs. Claude Owens, Claudine Lindner, J. M. Concannon, Mabel Adams, M. L. Russell, and O. V. Nanninga. Stone is president of the organization. Principal speaker at the meeting was L. C. Crouch, president of the Garden City Community Junior College.

Directors of the Miami County Historical Society met in Paola March 9, 1967, and named the following officers: Robert Carey, president; Don Everhart and Dike Dickerson, vice-presidents; Mrs. Carey Ore, secretary; and Mrs. Ethel J. Hunt, treasurer.

Mrs. Frances Umbach was reelected president of the Ford Historical Society at the group's annual meeting March 10, 1967. Other officers named were: Mrs. Harold Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Addie Plattner, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Lillie Warner, custodian; and Mrs. William Fowler and Mrs. Vivian Smith, historians.

Roy A. Ehly was elected president of the Rush County Historical Society at a meeting of the society March 14, 1967. Other officers named included: O. L. Wilhelm, first vice-president and director of the museum; H. G. Ficken, second vice-president and director of finances; O. C. Young, third vice-president and director of historical activities; Perry VanWinkle, fourth vice-president and director of programs; Harry W. Grass, secretary; and S. T. Merrill, treasurer. Robert Button, Great Bend, spoke to the group on early Indians in the present Rush county area.

Officers of the recently reactivated Augusta Historical Society, elected at a meeting March 28, 1967, are: Eldon Nordman, president; Zina Wright, vice-president; Kay Alley, secretary; and Lee Gish, treasurer. The group plans improvements in the Augusta museum.

"Techniques, Strategies and Practices in Social Studies" was the theme of the annual spring meeting of the Kansas Council for the Social Studies at the Memorial building in Topeka, April 8, 1967.

The Jewell County Historical Society, meeting April 8, 1967, in Mankato, reelected the following officers: Carl Westin, president; Clayton Hughes, vice-president; Bernice Howard, secretary; and Bess Kramer, treasurer.

Charles Anderson is the new president of the Edwards County Historical Society, having been elected at the annual meeting April 18, 1967, in Kinsley. Other officers are: Roy Brown, first vice-
president; John Newlin, second vice-president; Bryan Hawes, third vice-president; Elsie Jenkins, secretary; Alfreda Miller, treasurer; Myrtle Richardson, historian; and Julia Risoe, custodian of relics. Ruby Peterson was the retiring president. The society's new museum in Kinsley was opened April 30. The displays carry out the theme “Pioneer Life in Edwards County.”

All officers of the Lanesfield School Historical Society were re-elected at the organization's annual meeting April 27, 1967. They are: Clarence Gillespie, president; Howard McIntire, vice-president; and Mrs. Helen O. Ford, secretary-treasurer. Daniel Reed was named to the board of directors.

*Miracle of the Chisholm Trail*, by Henry B. Jameson, is a 52-page booklet recently published by the Tri-State Chisholm Trail Centennial Commission in observance of the centennial of the first Longhorn herds to be driven over the trail to Abilene.

A 59-page booklet published in 1967 by the Oklahoma Historical Society is entitled *Civil War Sites in Oklahoma*. Compiled by Muriel H. Wright and LeRoy H. Fischer, the publication lists 86 sites with explanatory notes.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of its founding, the First Lutheran church of Topeka, published a 22-page, illustrated pamphlet on the history of the church.

Frederick Jackson Turner's frontier thesis relating to the social and cultural influences of the American frontier, which has attracted both staunch support and bitter criticism, is the subject of a new, 122-page paper-bound volume entitled *The Frontier Thesis: Valid Interpretation of American History*? Edited by Ray Allen Billington and published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York, the book includes several articles supporting each side of the controversy.

*Following the Guidon*, by Elizabeth B. Custer, first published in 1890, was reprinted in 1966 by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. The 341-page volume includes an introduction by Jane R. Stewart.

The final report of the Commission on the Rights, Liberties, and Responsibilities of the American Indian, edited by William A. Brophy and Sophie D. Aberle, was recently published by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, in a 256-page book entitled *The Indian: America's Unfinished Business*. The commission was formed to investigate the condition of the Indian following passage
in 1953 of a congressional resolution directing a change in relationship between the Indian and the federal government.

A Room for the Night: Hotels of the Old West, a 162-page work by Richard A. Van Orman, was published by the Indiana University Press, Bloomington, in 1966. Hotels in Leavenworth, Lawrence, Abilene, Ellsworth, Wichita, and Dodge City, were among those mentioned.


Lost Bonanzas: Tales of the Legendary Lost Mines of the American West, by Harry Sinclair Drago, was recently published in a 275-page volume by Dodd, Mead & Company, New York.

Douglas C. Jones is the author of a new 237-page work entitled The Treaty of Medicine Lodge, published by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. The treaties, which marked the beginning of a new period in the Indian conflict but did not end it, were signed October 21, 1867.

One of Holt, Rinehart and Winston's Histories of the American Frontier series is the recently issued America's Frontier Heritage by Ray Allen Billington. The 302-page volume discusses the influence of the American frontier on the social, cultural, economic, and political behavior of the American people.

A 109-page volume, The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, by Edward Miller and Betty Jean Mueller, with a forward by John S. D. Eisenhower, was published in 1966 by the Meredith Press, New York. The various facilities of the Eisenhower Center at Abilene are described and pictured, with biographical information on the former President and notes on the high points of his administration.

Cowboys and the Songs They Sang, by Samuel J. Sackett, is a new 72-page volume of cowboy songs. Published by William R. Scott, Inc., New York, the book includes some history and explanatory material relative to the songs.

Alfred Steinberg is author of a new 493-page work entitled The First Ten—the Founding Presidents and Their Administrations, published by Doubleday & Company, Garden City, N. Y.

The Centennial Years—A Political and Economic History of America From the Late 1870's to the Early 1890's, a 362-page work
by Fred A. Shannon, was edited by Robert Huhn Jones and published in 1967 by Doubleday & Company, Garden City, N. Y.


*Songs of the Great American West*, a 334-page volume of songs of the cowboys, miners, homesteaders, and others, compiled and edited by Irwin Silber, with music annotated, edited, and arranged by Earl Robinson, was recently published by the Macmillan Company, New York. Several songs relating to Kansas are included.


Negro soldiers comprising the Ninth and Tenth cavalry regiments were used to control the Indians on the Plains following the Civil War. The story of this service is told by William H. Leckie in *The Buffalo Soldiers—A Narrative of the Negro Cavalry in the West*, a 290-page work published by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, in 1967.

*Suppressed Murder of Wyatt Earp* is a 135-page book by Glenn G. Boyer, published in 1967 by the Naylor Company, San Antonio, Tex. The book presents evidence that Earp had a second wife, Mattie, whose existence was largely ignored or overlooked in previous Earp biographies.