

NEWSLETTER

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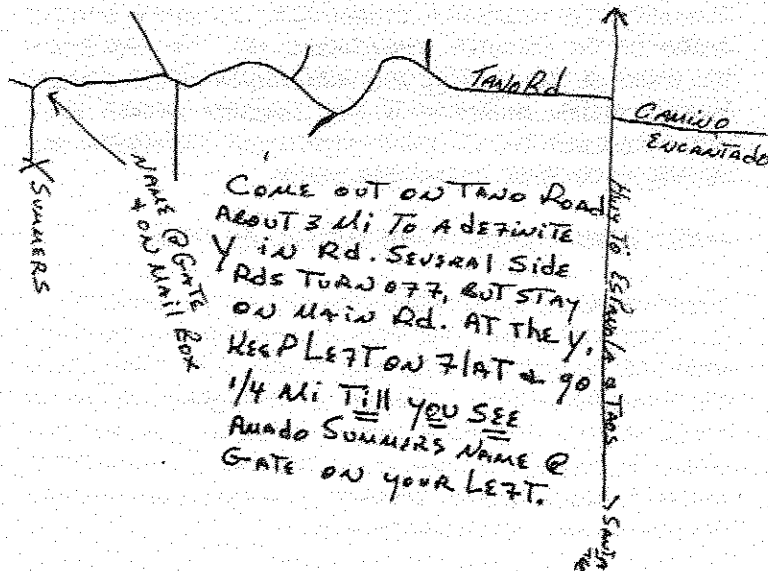
President Amado Summers and his wife Ruth will host the annual meeting this year. Come join us and participate in the election of officers and directors. We welcome your suggestions, complaints or compliments.

NEW SOD DOING WELL - ABOUT EIGHT MORE GRAVES TO BE DONE

Sod Chairman Eric Mason has had an up and down summer. At the beginning of the season we tramped the cemetery, figuring out where we needed new sod the most. New graves came first, then areas we had trenched before selling lots given to us, also old, badly sunken graves. The caretaker prefers not to sod more than four graves in one day. Eric has to reserve the sod several days in advance of laying the sod on Thursday each week. The sod which was laid did very well. Eric was out of town for three weeks and when he returned he sprained his ankle and was on crutches for a time. They should be laying more sod soon. We thank Eric Mason for his devoted work.

PRELIMINARY WORK BEGUN ON RENOVATION OF HISTORIC FENCE

Three members of the Fence Committee met at Fairview recently with Leonard Vandevalde, Santa Fe's wrought iron specialist. The old Masonic small gate needs a hinge repair, which Vandevalde will do. There is a reference in the old minutes of the Woman's Board of Trade that the Masons gave the gate to WBT for use at Fairview after the old Masonic Cemetery downtown was condemned and the burials were moved to National, Odd Fellows and Fairview, near the turn of the century. We have always called it the



pedestrian gate because it is too small for cars. However, after examining it, we realized it was a horse and buggy gate and was probably used for entering and exiting Fairview until automobiles made it obsolete. Using the small gate as a model, Mr. Vandevalde will provide an estimate of what a full-sized gate (two feet wider) will cost, to replace the inadequate one now at the main entrance. If the board decides to proceed, it will be the first phase of the fence restoration, and Vandevalde will fabricate the new gate during the winter.

We will also get estimates on the other wrought iron work and the extensive brickwork which will have to be done, starting next summer, we hope. In the meantime, we will meet with officials of Santa Fe County, to be sure they are in agreement with our fence plans. During the summer, we hired help to get the Hanna capstones dug and stored in the shed. We also discovered another 30 or so laying along the fence near the house. When we gather in the rest which have been offered to us, we should have in excess of 130. If any of you encounter any of the capstones being dug up in Santa Fe (they are part of many of our old streets and sidewalks), please ask if there is any possibility they could be given to our Association.

### LETTER FROM COUNTY MANAGER DOMINGO SANCHEZ III COMMENDS OUR ASSOCIATION

Marco P. Trujillo  
Commissioner, District 1

Nancy Rodriguez  
Commissioner, District 1

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Commissioner, District 2



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Amado C. Summers, President  
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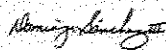
Dear Mr. Summers:

Thank you for your recent letter and for a copy of your newsletter. It was very interesting and enlightening to learn the history of the Fairview Cemetery and the County's participation.

The statement in the newsletter that, "Considering that all of our people are volunteers, we feel that our organization has worked remarkably well," is probably an understatement. The volunteers have managed this cemetery in a most professional and efficient manner over a long period of time and have made it an excellent source of pride for our community. The fact that it has been such a success stems from the understanding and caring from each and every one who has donated so generously of their time and efforts.

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Santa Fe County, I would like to convey my appreciation and thanks to you and to the members of the Association and hope this winning team will continue the good work for many years to come. I support your efforts and would enjoy meeting with the Association when my schedule permits.

Sincerely,

  
Domingo Sanchez III  
County Manager

cc: Board of County Commissioners w/cy of newsletter

### BOARD OKAYS MODEST RISE IN COST OF CREMAINS INTERMENT AND OPENING AND CLOSING A GRAVE

After Marian Meyer learned that an Albuquerque Cemetery charges \$400.00 to bury cremation remains (in a grave that belongs to the owner of the cremains) she was astounded. Our Association was charging \$50 for interring the ashes and \$200 for opening and closing a grave for a standard burial. She brought the matter up at a board meeting. Our board felt the Albuquerque prices were out of line and decided to only raise the cost of interring ashes to \$100, and the opening and closing to \$300. We had known we were behind the times on our prices--the mortuaries had mentioned it.

### TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL TO BE DONE SOON

We have not done any tree work for a few years and the cemetery is beginning to show it. President Amado Summers has gotten estimates and will have it done soon. About six trees are slated to be removed and twenty or more will be trimmed. He also plans to have all the elm trees (Chinese or Siberian) removed that are growing up through the front fence. The cost of the tree work will be in excess of \$2000.00.

### SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING AT FAIRVIEW ON SFT TRAVELERS

Members of the End of the Trail Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association said it was their best meeting of the year. On July 15, Marian Meyer and Catherine Thayer, with help from some EOT members posted 70 placards at graves or family plots. About half of those people traveled the Santa Fe Trail during its sixty years from 1821 until the railroad arrived in 1880. Many of the placards had been used in our 1984 Centennial Celebration and were spruced up and added to for this occasion. The placards included photos, text, obituaries and other interesting information. Marian incurred some expense in preparing for the event--wooden stakes for the placards, posterboard, etc. To help defray the costs, at the meeting she sold copies of her Pioneer Women stories published in *The Reporter* several years ago. She made \$38.00, which went to our Association, and virtually broke even. It was a fun event.

### THREE HEADSTONES TO BE INSTALLED SOON

We are always pleased when a headstone is ordered for an old unmarked grave. We have received orders for three, which will be installed in the next month or so. Two are for the Slaughter Family: George J. Slaughter, known as "Uncle Jancy," and Hazel Irene Slaughter. In the area where we planted the new grass last year, a stone will be placed for John Sidney Wyckoff, grandfather of Clair and Dorothy Chacey of Packwood, Iowa.

## STALWART FRIEND OF FAIRVIEW PAT VALDES DIES- MEMORIALS DIRECTED TO OUR ASSOCIATION

Pat Valdes died on August 19, just before our newsletter went to press. With her husband, former Mayor Joseph E. Valdes, Pat was supportive of our Association from its beginning and we thank her family for designating memorials to us. She will be buried in National Cemetery. Our condolences to the family.

## \$500.00 BEQUEST FROM RUTHERFORD ESTATE

Word came recently from A. H. Clancy, executor of the T. P. Rutherford estate that \$500 had been willed to us. Mr. Rutherford was the husband of Lillian Clancy Rutherford, descendant of the pioneer Clancy family, most of whom are buried at Fairview. We are indebted to them.

## \$1965 IN CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE MAY

Our sincere thanks to the 28 donors who gave a total of \$1965 to our maintenance fund. This is the lifeblood of our Association. We appreciate each of your contributions, large and small. They were in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$500.

Barth, Al	Livingston, Leona
Beecroft, Zetta**	Montezuma Lodge No 1 AF&AM
Bentley, Verda**	Meyer, Marian*
Bloom, John P.	Miller, Vera
Burgess, John	Milligan, Harold*
Churchill, Vivan	Myers, Helen C.
Daly, Jane A. Newby*	Naranjo, Maria & Juana (2)
Dorris, Paul*	Padilla, Jean
DuVal, Elise	Petranto, Joseph
Fletcher, Betty	Romero, Joe
Groff, Naomi	Rutherford, T.P. Estate
Hawkins, Robert*	Simpson, Christine, G.
Kellahim, Linnie*	Smith, Carolyn
Ley, Albert*	Zinn, Anne & Frank

## \*MEMORIALS

To Henry and Josie Newby from Jane A. Daly; to Harry Fincke from Paul Dorris; to Dorothy Scott from Robert Hawkins; to the Otto Ley Family from Albert Ley; to Carlos Lopez and Calla Hay from Marian Meyer; to Dr. M. M. Milligan, Kathleen Milligan, R.N. and May Milligan from Harold Milligan; to Carl and Ella Comstock from Helen C. Myers; to James Marian and Mattie Margaret Simpson from Christine G. Simpson.

## \*\*FENCE FUND

Verda Bentley; memorial to Millie Faucett from Zetta Beecroft

## INTERMENTS SINCE MAY

Somehow, we missed including George Samuels in our May newsletter. We apologize. He died in California in December and his ashes were brought to Fairview in February of this year, to be interred in the Wiley plot. He and his wife Elizabeth Wiley Samuels, were instrumental in bringing skiing to the children of Santa Fe, both at Hyde Park and the Santa Fe Ski Basin in the early years.

The ashes of Hazel Irene Slaughter were interred in the Slaughter plot. Her husband, Henry Overton Slaughter, who died in 1976 and is buried in Chicago, was the last of the children of Mary and W. J. Slaughter. She had moved here to be near Bob and Tina Lawrence, great granddaughter of Mary and W. J.

Harold Goad of Espanola was buried in the family plot in Section F this week, next to his sister Ersie Goad.

## CENTENNIAL BIOGRAPHY

Ordinarily Catherine Thayer does the Centennial biographies, but the disks they are on do not fit Marian's new computer, so we are improvising this issue by using information from one of the placards used in the program for the Santa Fe Trail Association. On it is a copy of the first profile Marian wrote in her series on pioneer woman buried at Fairview. The editor of *The Santa Fe Reporter* titled it "The Governor's Lady Sleeps Alone."

## SELINA ARMY

Before she died on June 4, 1890, Selina Army's last request was that she be laid to rest beside her husband, "Governor" William A. F. M. Army, who presided over the New Mexico Territory as acting governor for more than a year during the Civil War. However, the dying woman's wish was not to be granted. The old Masonic Cemetery where her husband was buried had been condemned and his burial was to be moved.

Although Selina was buried at Fairview, her name was not even listed in the official interment book. It was not until Marian Meyer found a loose-leaf notebook at the archives, with single graves listed, that she discovered Selina was interred there. Army's burial was not moved to Fairview. Instead, he was interred on a grassy slope at National Cemetery and a pristine white marker erected over his grave proclaims "Governor of New Mexico."

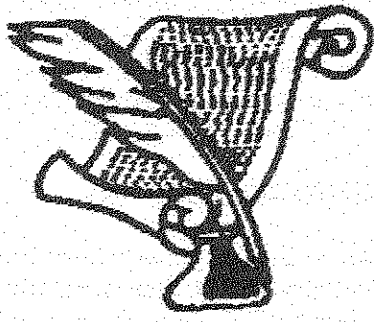
For 98 years Selina lay buried in a donated grave in the oldest part of Fairview, at the back, unmarked and unknown. Meyer researched her remarkable background and learned she was the granddaughter of George M. Craft, a Hessian who came to America before the Revolution. One source says he was trumpeter to George Washington and was one of the men who kept up the fires to enable Washington's army to cross the Delaware to take Trenton. Even though this was not totally documented, the

Stephen Watts Kearny chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were interested and after a couple of programs about Selina they voted to place a small pink granite stone on her grave in 1988.

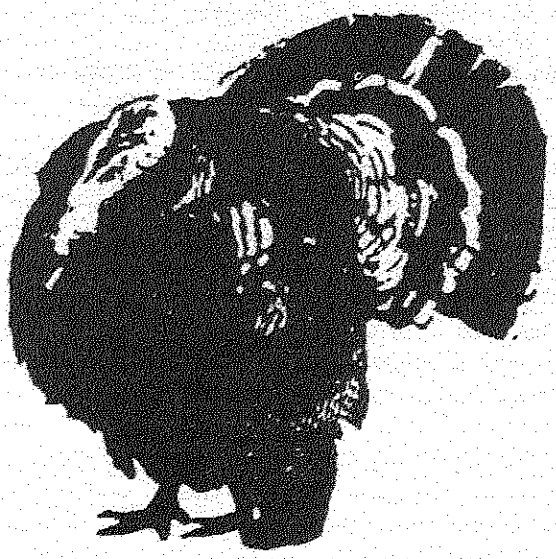
It was a satisfying ending to a story of sadness and deprivation. As with virtually all pioneer women, Selina's story is more her husband's than her own. She followed where he led, from Virginia, to Illinois to Kansas, and finally to New Mexico, where he worked as a federal Indian agent. His biographer writes: "Arny strode westward...waging his endless crusade,..establishing churches, founding schools, organizing farmers, creating political parties and...'civilizing and Christianizing' the Indians."

But, as had happened in every place they settled on the Western trek, Arny antagonized almost everyone with whom he worked--Anglos and Indians alike. He held two top governmental offices in New Mexico. President Abraham Lincoln appointed him Territorial Secretary and when Governor Henry Connelly became ill and left the Territory, Arny became Acting Governor. During this period in the Governor's Palace, Selina took in boarders to make ends meet. Arny died penniless in 1881. Selina was left without means of support, but according to her obituary,

friends and the Sisters of Charity "sustained the dear old woman in her declining years." After her death it was said, "Mrs. Arny was one of the noblest women God ever made, a lady of refinement. Her tastes were all thoroughly domestic. Her home was a haven of rest and peace and her dinners were the grandest that pioneers ever enjoyed." Finally, under a lovely pink crabapple tree placed by the DAR, Selina can rest in peace.



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