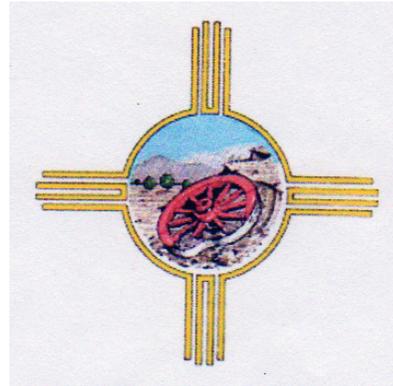


**CORAZÓN de los CAMINOS
HEART OF THE TRAILS CHAPTER
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION**



Meeting: Saturday, August 20, 2016

Meet at the Folsom Museum at 7:45 am

Lunch provided by Folsom Museum (for donation)

To all Corazon members: Information has now been received for the Folsom man site tour on August 20. Please meet at the Folsom museum at 7:45 a. m. where the group will be escorted to the site. We have reserved twelve slots for our group on this tour. Bring high clearance vehicles or carpool, raincoat, water, etc. I am advised that we have about a quarter of a mile to walk on foot. A lunch will be provided at the Folsom museum after the morning tour. Donations will be expected for lunch, and our organization will make a donation for the tour services, museum, etc. We hope that all who indicated that they wanted to go to this event will attend, because we will be taking other people's bookings if we do not. We hope you have plans to attend the Larned, Kansas rendezvous in September, the Bent's Fort chapter tour October 8, and our Cimarron fall business meeting in November. We will try to keep you abreast. Dennis

The following are some emails sent about the July outing. Thought you would all be interested.

On 7/16/2016 2:16 PM, CHRISTALINA AND DON wrote:

The following members met at the Wagon Mound Conoco Station

Ft Union Park Ranger Donna Weiss

Faye Gaines

Christalina Donovan and Don Flynn, Maxwell

Jan (née Sparks, mom taught in Springer, dad with railroad) and Dan

Girand, Roswell

JD Schmidt- TOUR GUIDE

Lee Daniels, HOST

Dixie Odom née Laroe and Martha Sauble

Dennis and Gladys Schneider, Cimarron

Shelly Hampton Maxwell and Kansas

Jeff Trotman, Maxwell and Kansas

Corky Hawk, Taos

Sharon and George Schutte, Kansas (Jake the dog)

Jan Girand wrote the following:

A bit of background info:

- The reason I hoped to go to Dos Rios Ranch near Taylor Springs this afternoon was to locate the Rock Crossing; sorry that portion of our adventure did not come to pass. While he tended to some of the family's cattle, my great-great-grandfather Andreas Detlef Laumbach 1st was killed by a small band of Indians at the Crossing and hastily buried nearby. Afterwards his son, and later also his grandsons (including my grandfather Dan and his 2 brothers), searched for his temporary grave-site to properly bury him at Mora, but never found it. It never had a marker. I realize other deaths also occurred there (some of those perhaps marked), but except to our family, our ancestor's was relatively unknown. Based on information in some of our durable records, we believe he was killed before 1864. According to my mother, Verna Laumbach Sparks, he was killed, and buried, on what later became the ranch owned by parents of Viola K. Reynolds, Rena Keenan, Matt and (I believe his name was) John Keenan. The Keenan family was already present when the Springer township was founded; they were there before the railroad "left its tracks."
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- My father, D.C. Sparks, was Wagon Mound's last AT&SF depot agent, before the depot was pulled down. (Yes, J.D. Schmidt, my dad followed Mr. Pitts as that depot agent. My dad had a stroke so he served only briefly as agent.) Most of his 39 years working for AT&SF, my dad was a telegrapher at Springer. When the depot was scheduled for demolition, the AT&SF railroad company called Daddy and asked if he wanted the safe from that depot. Daddy said yes! It now resides in our great room; when Dan and I built our adobe home in Roswell in 1985, we specifically chose inlaid brick floors to accommodate that very heavy cast iron safe! (It is shaped like a trunk, top opening.) This safe has bullet holes, and some of the lead is still embedded. (If you are interested I can email photos.) I would very much like to learn its history. Do you know anyone (or a book) with Wagon Mound depot history, perhaps a robbery of depot, to explain the bullet holes? Many years ago I'd asked Nancy Robertson of Raton--with Corazon; she was wonderfully helpful. She helped me reach the then-president of Wells Fargo because I'd believed it is a Wells Fargo safe (but I can't prove it). He was attentive but he lived far away and knew nothing about the history of the Wagon Mound depot.
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Copies of my large book, *Laumbachs in New Mexico*, are available for purchase at the Broken Arrow Motel in Springer. I gave a copy to Faye Gaines today. The book has a lot of regional history, including about some of my kin who were early travelers on the Trail.