



## JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

### BARNES ENCLOSURE

**William Henry Glasgow**

**1846 June 4**

“Santa Fe road 16 miles from Independence

My Dear Ellen

As James & the Gen has doubtless informed you long ago I left Independence last Saturday about 10 o'clock [sic] with our Waggon[sic] 19 in number & Mr [no period] Ferguson in Company with his 4. The first day we got but 3 miles from town with half our waggons [sic] the other half we left mired in devious & sundry mudholes strung along for a mile behind. On Sunday mornng [sic] we started and got on pretty well until dark overtook us at Mr [no period] Barne's place 8 miles from town where we encamped and placed our animals all in his pasture. It commenced pouring down rain soon after dark and the next morning the roads were so slippy & muddy that we could not stir[.] about 12 o'clock [sic] however I rode over the road for 4 miles selecting good places to cross the mud holes and on Tuesday morning we got an early start and were getting on splendidly when in crossing a mud hole we broke both the hounds off the front axletree and were compelled to encamp in the prairie to put in new ones. ...”

\*\*\*\*\*The editor of these letters indicates that the Mr. Barnes mentioned in the letter refers to Jesse Barnes. The Cave Spring Interpretive Center is on land that was originally part of the Jesse Barnes farm, but the farm was much larger than the property of the Center. This Barnes farm was a stopping point on the trail. After 1849, that stopping point may have been operated as a store and tavern by a Colonel Grant. Researchers now think that the Col. Grant tavern was a block or so east of the DAR marker at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Blue Ridge. The Cave Spring Interpretive Center also is near the same DAR marker, but to the west of Blue Ridge. **Source:** Glasgow, Edward James and William Henry Glasgow. *Brothers on the Santa Fe and Chihuahua Trails: Edward James Glasgow and William Henry Glasgow, 1846-1848*. Edited and annotated by Mark L. Gardner. Niwot: Univ. Press of Colorado, 1993, quote on pp. 82-83.

**Susan Shelby Magoffin**

**1846 June 10 & 11**

“... And after dinner between the hours of 3 and 4 we left the little village of I— [Independence] for the residence of Mr. Barns, a gentleman some ten miles this side of that place. Here we procured a nights lodging preparatory to a final departure. They were very kind to us. Mrs. Barns claims a relationship with me through the Harts; be it so or not I can't say. On Thursday morning we left Mr. Barn's at an early hour. They had us up by day-light, gave us breakfast almost as soon, and by 7 o'clock we were on the road.”



\*\*\*\*\*Susan Shelby Magoffin was the wife of a veteran Santa Fe trader. Magoffin's journal is considered a classic in the voluminous Santa Fe Trail literature. **Source:** Magoffin, Susan Shelby. *Down the Santa Fe Trail and into Mexico: The Diary of Susan Shelby Magoffin, 1846-1847*. Edited by Stella M. Drumm. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1982 [original copyright 1926], quote on p. 2.

### **W.H. Brady**

#### **1854, from letter of 1906 November 5**

“ I remember seeing a way bill for emigrants to California, starting from Independence, Missouri. The first point was Barnes' Spring, Big Blue, State Line, or New Santa Fe, which is north of Stanley now. Next point was “Lone Elm” then Bull Creek. ...”

\*\*\*\*\*Brady was an early Kansas settler when the Santa Fe Trail still was active with travelers. This quote is in a brochure which trail historian Craig Crease thinks was published by Newton Ainsworth, a settler who purchased land that included the Lone Elm Campground when the Santa Fe Trail still was active. **Source:** Brady, W. H. “Brady's Letter” [letter read at 1906 dedication of DAR Santa Fe Trail marker since Brady unable to attend], *Lone Elm Marker, Lone Elm CampGround, Santa Fe Trail Monument, Erected 1906* [booklet does not give publisher, *WorldCat* indicates this was reprinted from *Olathe Register* of November 13, 1906], quote on 6<sup>th</sup> unpagged page.