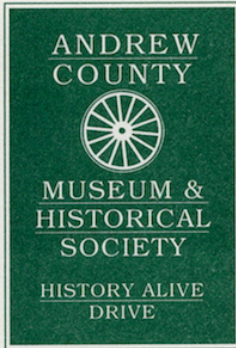


**Topographical Model Donations were Delivered to
120 Historical Societies and Museums
in Kansas and Missouri**

**Some nice thank you notes and some descriptions of
how the models might be used were sent in the mail**



HISTORY ALIVE DRIVE
Andrew County Museum
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Savannah, Missouri
64485-0012 4720
Phone (816) 324-XXXX
Fax (816) 324-5271

23 September 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr McCollum,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for producing and delivering to us the topographical model of Missouri.

We will be able to use the item in educational efforts for the Museum. Incidentally, we are researching county history to develop new, interactive exhibits connecting the county's heritage with the national experience. This model could be used in that setting or for numerous educational programs.

Enclosed you will find the paperwork you left with us that is signed. We have a copy on file in our Collection Department.

Incidentally, your paperwork mentions a purpose of this project as examine the, "shapes and topography of the [two] states." Did your research uncover the reasons for the "odd" shape of Missouri? The bootheel, in the southeast, was not part of the original layout of the state, but was adopted prior to statehood. A prominent businessman did not want his farmland to be in the future state of Arkansas, so his influence in the state legislature secured his land for Missouri.

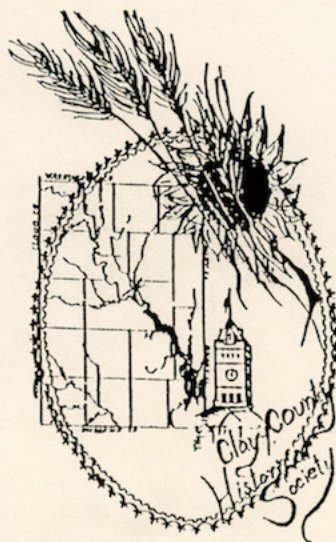
The northwest corner of the state was not originally a part of Missouri, but was later attached to the state after signed treaties with several Indian nations. Because of the addition of the Platte Country, in 1836, Missouri became the only state in the nation to increase in size after it had achieved statehood.

Again, thank you for your kind consideration and donation of the topographical model of the state of Missouri to the Andrew County Museum.

Respectfully,

Patrick S. Clark
Curator

Clay County Historical Society
2121 7th St. Clay Center, Ks, 67432
Telephone (785) 632-3786



Allan Mc Colburn
63 Greene St #308
New York NY 10012

Allan

Thank you for sharing the topological
model of Kansas with our museum.

At this point we have not decided
how to incorporate it within our displays

Once it has been used we will let you
know the model was used

Sincerely

Patty Hasey, Curator



MANKATO

JEWELL COUNTY

KANSAS 66956

Jan Boyd Selye
R.R. 2 Box 101
Mankato, Ks
66956

Allan Mc Collier
63 Greene Street, No 308
New York,
NY 10012

Dear Sir;

Thank you for the topographical model of
Kansas. We will be happy & glad to support
it and it will be displayed in our museum
library.

Thank you
Boyd Selye

Greenwood County Historical Society

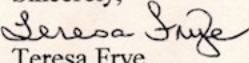
*120 West 4th Street
Eureka, Kansas 67045-1445
Phone (620) 583-6682
gwhistory@correct-connect.com*

September 25, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Allan,

We consider it an honor to receive your gift of the topological model of the state of Kansas. Thank you for taking the time to personally deliver it to us. We will notify you when it is officially on display. We invite you to visit our museum again when you have more time. Congratulations on your exhibition at the Grand Arts gallery in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

Teresa Frye
Office Secretary

Oswego Historical Museum
& Genealogy Department
Log Cabin
Little Town Well
Historical Signs

OSWEGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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OSWEGO, KANSAS 67356
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September 29, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene St., No. 308
New York, NY 10012

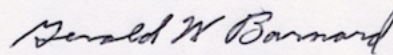
Dear Mr. McCollum:

We hereby, wish to acknowledge your donation of one of the topological models of the State of Kansas. We are very pleased to accept it for our Historical Museum.

Our tentative plan is to draw on and identify the earliest trails through the State of Kansas, and to paint on the sides of the model items from our early history.

It was nice to meet you, and hope you will be able to return and see what we have done with the model.

Sincerely,



Gerald W. Barnard
President



Everett J Ritchie Tri-State Mineral Wing
Dorothea B Hoover Historical Wing

14 August, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Allan ,

Thank you for your donation to our museum of a topological model of the state of Missouri. We appreciate you thinking of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Belk", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brad Belk
Executive Director

BB/dt



Stafford County Historical & Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 249

Stafford, Kansas 67578-0249

620-234-5664

August 6, 2003

DEAR ALLAN MCCOLLUM,

This letter is to thank you for the donation of the ceramic topological model of the State of Kansas to the Stafford County Museum.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of people like you, we are able to continue preserving the past for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

Sincerely,

Michael

Michael Hathaway

Oketo Community Historical Society
Oketo, Kansas

Allan McCollum
63 Greene St. No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr McCollum,

The Oketo Historical Society would like to thank you for the topological model of the State of Kansas.

We are making plans for the illustrations or paintings on it, such as the Oketo Cut Off of the Overland Trail, which went through here in 1863-1864. We'll also mark the boundaries of the Otoe Indian Reservation and the Big Blue River

We were sorry that you didn't have more time the day you were here. We would have liked to show you around our community. Hope you will come and visit us again.

Once again, thank you for the donation of the model. It will be put to good use.

Sincerely,

Kent Obermeyer

Kent Obermeyer, President
Oketo Community Historical Society
1478 Cherokee Rd.
Oketo KS. 66518



October 6, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. McCollum,

Thank you for the donation of the topological model of Kansas to the Atchison County Historical Society. The donation is greatly appreciated and will be utilized in the museum in the future.

We appreciate the donation and your consideration to bring the model to the museum personally.

Once again thank you for the gift of the model.

Sincerely,

Chris Taylor
Executive director Atchison County Historical Society

Santa Fe Depot • 200 S. 10th Street • P.O. Box 201 • Atchison, KS 66002
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THE CHISHOLM TRAIL MUSEUM
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September 30, 2003

*You need to preserve your heritage,
...or you lose your way.*

Mr. Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No 308
New York City
New York 10012
<http://home.att.net/~allanmcnyc>

Mr. McCollum:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chisholm Trail Museum we wish to thank you and express our deep appreciation for your donation of the topographical model of the State of Kansas to our museum.

Having given the matter some consideration, we will probably first coat the artifact with a clear protective layer, and perhaps mark the locations of waterways and early towns that had been established during the years 1867, when the first herds came up the trail, and about 1885.

Then of course we will carefully mark the route cowboys took from Caldwell to Wichita, Newton, Abilene, Ellsworth, and finally the western route to Dodge City, Kansas.

The topographical features of the map will help point out the wisdom of the route the cowboys followed as they drove Texas cattle to markets in Kansas during the latter half of the 19th Century.

During your brief stop you mentioned a possible return visit sometime in the future. We sincerely hope you can do so at a time when we have your gift properly displayed in the museum.

Thank you once again for the gracious gesture of your donation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard M. Gilfillan".

Richard M. Gilfillan, Pres
Chisholm Trail Museum
Board of Directors

RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

223 N. CLARK • MOBERLY, MISSOURI 65270

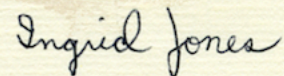
Dear Allen,

On behalf of the Randolph County Historical Society, I would like to thank you for your donation of the topographical model of the state of Missouri. It has already received much favorable attention from our visitors. We also appreciate the additional information which you sent on the history of your exhibit and the construction process.

At this time we have the model displayed horizontally on a table. We are investigating the feasibility of constructing a stand with a slight angle. It is unlikely that we would ever attempt to hang it on a wall, but appreciate the fact that a sturdy wire is already in place. We are also considering possible ways in which to paint it.

We wish you the best of luck with your current exhibit and with all your future projects.

Sincerely,



Ingrid Jones
Corresponding secretary



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JOHN D. HOSKINS, Director

August 18, 2003

REPLY TO: Powder Valley Nature Center
11715 Cragwold Rd.
Kirkwood, MO 63122
Telephone: 314-301-1500
Fax: 314-301-1501

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Allan,

Thank you for the donation of the plaster/cement topographical map of Missouri. It's a great addition to our interpretive program here at Powder Valley. We foresee putting it to a variety of uses, right now especially in programs and exhibits that have to do with Lewis and Clark.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in its creation as well as its delivery.

Sincerely,

Janice Starke
Interpretive Programs Supervisor

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September 23, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene St. #308
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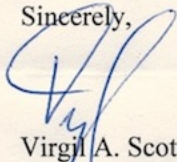
Dear Allan:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association. State support does not provide all of the funding required for our departmental programs and scholarships. Through donations, such as yours, Fort Hays State University can maintain its standard of excellence.

Fort Hays State University Endowment Association gratefully acknowledges that you contributed a non-cash gift of a topological model of the state of Kansas. According to the Internal Revenue Service, the valuation of noncash contributions is the responsibility of the donor. Your gift may require that you complete IRS Form 8283, together with an appraisal of the donated property. The deduction you receive from this gift may be limited to the lower of the cost or the market value of the goods donated. Please consult your tax adviser. Fort Hays State University Endowment Association did not provide you with any goods or services in whole or partial consideration for your contribution.

On behalf of the University and the Endowment Association, thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Virgil A. Scott Jr.
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Ralph Foster Museum

August 12, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, N Y 10012

Mr McCollum

Thank you so much for the donation of the topographical model of the state of Missouri to The Ralph Foster Museum. The possibilities for the utilization of this model in displays are many and I am sure that it will soon find it's way in to one soon. Thanks again for not only giving us this model but for delivering it also!

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Debo
Curator

HOPKINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



September 26, 2003

Mr. Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr McCollum:

Thank you for the topological model which you donated to the Hopkins Historical Society. Following painting, we will probably display it on a small slope-topped table.

We would appreciate receiving a color photograph of the model(s) exhibited in the Grand Arts gallery, Kansas City. These pictures would help us decide how best to paint the model.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ken Davison, President
Hopkins Historical Society
27365 Northridge Drive.
Maryville, Missouri 64468-8275

LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

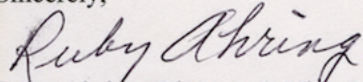
P.O. Box 85
Lincoln, KS 67455
Tel. 785-524-9997

Allan McCollum
63 Green Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Sir:

Thank you for donating a small topographical model of the state of Kansas made from fiber-reinforced cast plaster, coated with white primer to our museum. We are presently using it as a back-ground for an early day scene of artifacts in a case making a nice display. It is standing up in the back of the small case and makes a nice back-ground.

Sincerely,



Ruby Ahring, Director & Vice-President,
Lincoln County Historical Society
Lincoln, KS 67455



Fick Fossil & History Museum

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Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, NY 10012

August 2, 2003

Dear Mr McCollum,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your gift to the museum of the topological model of Kansas. Our plan is to have the school art department paint it and then display it here in the museum.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this project. It will be a resource for us to use as we tell our visitors about this particular area of Kansas and how it compares to the rest of the state.

Thank you for your generosity in sharing this piece with us.

Sincerely,

Janet Bean
Curator

The purpose of the Fick Fossil and History Museum is to collect, preserve, and interpret the artifacts and history reflecting the geological formation, historical development, and the cultural and artistic diversity of northwest Kansas.

ANDERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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September 28, 2003

Dear Allan McCollum,

We always have time for thank-you's!! Yes, items donated to our Museum and/or Harris House are so very appreciated that letters of thanks and acknowledgements are always sent.

Your *Topological* model is certainly an item to be appreciated. We very much are grateful for your sharing your talent with us. How such a model is accomplished is very interesting. Thanks, also, for sharing the means of its creation along with the art piece. •

Mention of the viewing of your three-dimensional, topographical models of Kansas and Missouri, to be at the Grand Arts gallery, 1819 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., will be mentioned at our next Society meeting. I also will submit an item about your contribution to our Society and about that special showing, to our two county Newspapers. Hopefully this will draw some attention to what your talents are!

Our Directors and Officers do very much wish to thank you for your generosity in sharing the Topological Model of Kansas with Anderson countians, and your donation to our Society.

Come visit our Museum again any time you have the opportunity!

Most gratefully,

Juanita Kellerman
Juanita Kellerman, Secretary
Ona Mae Hunt
Ona Mae Hunt, Treasurer

Washington County Historical Society
P. O. Box 31
Washington, Kansas 66968

October 5, 2003

Mr Allan McCollum
63 Green Street, No 308
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. McCollum:

After you left the Museum last Saturday, I located a brochure
for the Museum and am enclosing it for your files We are in
the process of developing a new color brochure.

Thank you again for your gift

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Pacey
Mary Alice Pacey

Baxter Springs Historical Society

"First Cow Town In Kansas"

MUSEUM LOCATED AT EIGHTH STREET AND EAST AVENUE
POST OFFICE BOX 514
BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS 66713
PHONE 316-856-9860

Sept 24, 2003

Allan,

Thank You for the topological
model.

We realize to a certain
extent the time
and effort you committed
to the project

We will be able to
visually display the
route of the Military
road down the
eastern area of the
State of Kansas

Sincerely,
Lance E. Spaulding
Recording Historian

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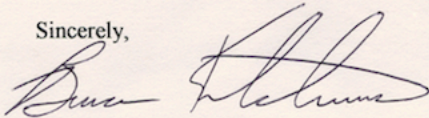
www.dnr.state.mo.us

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York, New York 10012

Dear Mr. McCollum;

Thank you for your donation of the topographical model that you delivered personally on August 9, 2003. I am not certain as to the specific manner in which it will be displayed, but at some point it will be used in to show visitors to the site the topography of the state of Missouri. It was nice meeting you and thank you very much for your generous donation.

Sincerely,



Bruce Ketchum, Historic Site Administrator I
Deutscheim State Historic Site
107 West 2nd Street
Hermann, Missouri 65041

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August 23, 2003

63 Greene Street, No. 308
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Dear Mr. McCollum,

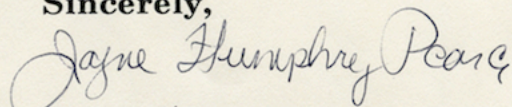
Thanks so much for your unique contribution to our museum in the form of the 3-D landscape model of the state of Kansas.

I noticed online that you had prepared and delivered over 70 of the models to locations all over the state. What an ambitious project!

We will deliberate on the best way to use your gift!

Thanks again!

Sincerely,



Jayne Humphrey Pearce
President,
Fort Wallace Mem. Assoc.



McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation

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05 August 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene St., No. 308
New York, NY 10012

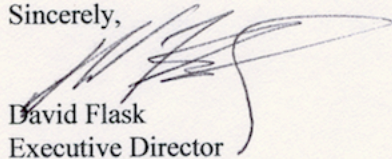
Dear Mr. McCollum,

I am sorry I was not in the office when you recently visited our museum. However, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the donation of the topographical model of the state of Kansas to our museum. It will be a welcome addition to our geology exhibit.

We are currently making arrangements to build a new facility. At that time, all of our exhibits will be changed. The ability to include a physical relief of the state will augment the meaningfulness of the new geology exhibit.

Again, thank you for your generosity. If we can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



David Flask
Executive Director

Rush County Historical Society

"Home of the Post Rock Museum"

La Crosse, Kansas

Sept 6, 2003

Allan McCallum
63 Greene St. #308
New York, New York 10012

Dear Mr. McCallum,

Thank you very much for the topographical model of the State of Kansas.

At the present we are exploring places to exhibit it in the Post Rock Museum and possible coloration to outline rivers as well as vegetation areas.

We appreciate your generous donation

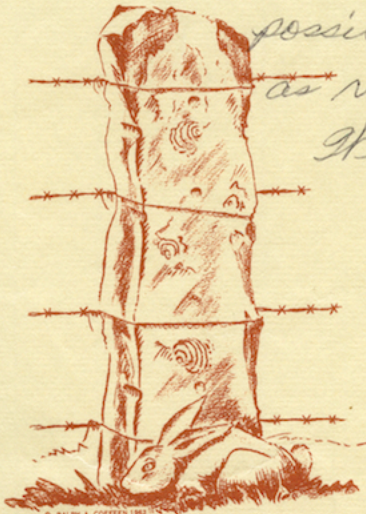
Sincerely,

Betty Janke, Sec'y

Rush Co. Historical Society

PO Box 473

La Crosse, Ks. 67548



Limestone posts, with a pioneer personality, have supported their barbed wire fences around thousands of prairie acres in North Central Kansas since the 1870's. Still standing guard, they reflect the sturdy character of the pioneers whose ingenuity conceived and erected them on their almost treeless homesteads. No two posts are quite alike in size, shape, or the natural color that time and nature has weathered on their surfaces.

This post-rock area is marked by the use of stone posts, from the western border of Washington County southwest for almost two hundred miles into northern Ford County. In width the

fencepost area ranges from ten to forty miles. The counties included in this area are Republic, Jewell, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Ottawa, Lincoln, Russell, Rooks, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Barton, Ellsworth, Pawnee, and Hodgeman. It is estimated that about forty thousand miles of post-rock fence can be traced throughout this area.

The first use of the limestone was for building rock. It was uncovered from outcroppings, "sledged" out by hand and dressed with stone hammers. Because of its availability and abundance, it was soon extensively used for construction of homes, schools, churches, bridges, posts, decorative stone, and other structural purposes. Soon a method of quarrying was used where holes

were drilled into the limestone strata about eight inches apart. Feathers and wedges were placed in the holes and the wedges lightly pounded until the rock split in desired widths. Water was sometimes poured in the holes in the winter and the expansion of the freezing water would split the stone.

The era of quarrying rock for fence posts has been practically over since the 1920's. Increased prices of stone posts compared to wooden and steel posts caused their quarrying to be generally discontinued. These two-toned light tan, rusty-brown stone posts with weathered dark irregular patches dress the prairie landscape with a distinctiveness not found elsewhere.

Santa Fe Trail Center



FORT LARNED HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
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TELEPHONE 620/285-2054
E-mail: trailctr@larned.net

August 6, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York City, New York 10012

Dear Mr McCollum:

We would like to thank you for your donation of a topographical model of the state of Kansas to the Santa Fe Trail Center. The museum's Education Director/Exhibits Designer will be pleased to incorporate the model into the Trail Center's programs and/or exhibits.

The museum celebrates the anniversary of Kansas statehood every year with an open house in January. The event has programs and exhibits pertaining to the history of Kansas. The Trail Center's Exhibit Designer will most likely wish to utilize the topographical map in this upcoming year's event.

Thank you so much for considering our museum for this donation.

Sincerely,

Ruth Olson Peters
Director



Accredited by the American Association of Museums

Augusta Historical Museum



October 21, 2003

Allan McCollum
63 Greene Street, No. 308
New York,
NY 10012

Dear Allan:

This letter is in receipt of the donation of the topological model given to the Augusta Historical Museum on September 29, 2003.

Thank you for sharing your talent with us.

Sincerely,

Diana Herrman

Diana Herrman
Executive Director
Augusta Historical Museum