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WHEN the marking of the old Santa Fé Trail was first suggested to the Daughters at the State Conference in Ottawa in 1902, no one had very much idea of the great undertaking it would prove to be.

Five years later, Mrs. W. E. Stanley, State Regent, announced the completion of the marking of the trail with ninety-six markers. This was at the State Conference in Leavenworth. Mrs. A. H. Horton, who had been appointed as a committee of one to find some one to write the story of the marking of the trail, reported that she could find no one willing to write and issue the pamphlet, so the subject was dropped.

When Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, of Independence, was elected State Regent in 1908 and confirmed in 1909, she was not long in seeing the need of a state historian, as the Daughters in Kansas had done many things worthy of record. At the next Conference, held in Topeka, in 1909, Mrs. C. W. Bitting called attention to the fact that at the next State meeting an amendment to the by-laws, creating the office of Historian, would be submitted. In Lawrence the next year, in