

# Isabelle Cone Harvey

(1873 – 1962)

Isabelle Harvey, second Kansas DAR State Vice Regent, was born March 10, 1873 in Wabaunsee County, Kansas. She was a member of the Topeka Chapter. Isabella served as Emma Stanley's Vice Regent and was a member of the Santa Fe Trail Committee.

She was well aware of Mrs. Stanley's dislike of the composite stones. Isabelle had instigated the purchase of a red granite monument in memory of Fannie Thompson. Costing \$45, this stone was to be placed by the Topeka Chapter at Burlingame in September 1906. This would become the first red granite marker on the Santa Fe Trail. Mrs. Harvey was a staunch supporter of the granite markers. On August 21, 1906 she undertook a letter campaign to change the Santa Fe Trail Committee member's minds. She negotiated a bid from Guild's, a Topeka stonemason, for end piece fragments at \$16 per stone. The DAR had enough money for 70 stones.

Isabella Cone married Alexander Miller Harvey, December 16, 1896 and they had three sons. Alex was a lawyer, soldier, statesman and author. He served two terms as Lieutenant Governor of Kansas. He and Isabelle were instrumental in helping establish Capitol Post #1 of the American Legion in Topeka. Isabelle died April 12, 1962 at Topeka, Kansas, and is buried in Ridgeway Cemetery, Osage County, Kansas.

