

Solution to Riddle's Riddle?

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In the November 2015 issue of *Wagon Tracks*, I solicited help in sorting out the loose folded maps (called Sheets) included with copies of Kenyon Riddle's *Records and Maps of the Old Santa Fe Trail*. I heard from several people and base the following statements on the information received.

There were two editions of the book. The original edition published in 1949 contained 5 loose maps: Sheet 1 (labeled Sheets 1 & 2), Sheet 2, Sheet 3, Sheet 4, and Sheet 5, plus a small, thin cardboard scale to be used with the sheets. The second edition, labeled "Revised and Enlarged Edition" was published in 1963. In addition to the Sheets of the 1949 edition, the 1963 edition contained Sheet 3a, Sheet 4a, and Sheet 7 (as stated on page 5 of that edition). The 1963 edition did not contain the cardboard scale, and did not contain a Sheet 6.

The book itself does not have an index of the Sheets, nor does it actually refer to the Sheets. However, in each edition there is a section of the book titled "Guide and Index" which begins on page 36 of the 1949 edition and on page 32 of the 1963 edition. In that section are numbered paragraphs which refer to and correspond with circled numbers on the Sheets. The attached table is a list of paragraph numbers and the Sheets on which those numbers appear in small circles. To add to the riddle (pun intended), there is no paragraph 56 in the book or on the Sheets, and there is no circled number 57 on the Sheets.

Sources of this information include: my copies of both editions (thanks to Clint Chambers for the 1949 edition); copy of 1963 edition at the Santa Fe Trail Center (thanks to Linda Revello); copy of both editions at the New Mexico State Library (thanks to Joy Poole and Faith Yoman); maps in a copy of the book at 'Dumont Maps and Books of the West' in Santa Fe, NM (thanks to Andre Dumont) and also his recollection that the New Mexico State Historical Society was at one time selling new copies of the book obtained from the publisher and those did not contain a Sheet 6; copy of the book in possession of Pat Sheridan of Hutchinson, KS; and input from François-Marie Patorni, Robin Henry, and Ross Marshall.

I have scanned the maps which are posted on the SFTA web-site because I know there are a lot of copies of the book out there with no map Sheets in them.

Special Note: Kenyon Riddle apparently used the map which accompanied the "Report of the Committee Appointed to Prepare a Correct Map of the Old Santa Fe Trail Across the State of Kansas" as the base map for his Sheet 1 and the Kansas portion of his Sheet 2. Click [here](#) for that report. Riddle has added a considerable amount of annotation to the KSHS map. In 2005, when I viewed the "Original of Map Published in the KSHS 18th Biennial Report 1911-12" at the KSHS Research Library (Call No. / Locator P5-F2), it, too, had been annotated to show railroads, but did not show highways.

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42	4
43	1
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45	1
46	1
47	1
48	1
48a	1
49	1
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62	4
62a	4
63	4
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