

KANSAS HISTORICAL MARKER

MEDICINE LODGE PEACE TREATIES

In October, 1867, Kiowa, Comanche, Arapahoe, Apache and Cheyenne Indians signed peace treaties with the Federal government. 15,000 Indians camped near by during the council, among them the famous chiefs Satanta, Little Raven and Black Kettle. 500 soldiers acted as escort for the U. S. commissioners. Interest in this colorful spectacle was so widespread that Eastern papers sent correspondents, among them Henry M. Stanley, who later was to find Livingstone in Africa. While the treaties did not bring immediate peace they made possible the coming of the railroads and eventual settlement. The site of the council was at the confluence of Medicine river and Elm creek, a little southwest of Medicine Lodge. Every five years a treaty pageant is re-enacted in this amphitheater. In Medicine Lodge there is a commemorative monument on the high school grounds.

Erected by Kansas Historical Society and State Highway Commission

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State Historical Society Marker
, at Amphitheater . US 160.



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Amphitheater features



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Northern Half of MLPTA lands,
from east looking west



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Airstrip, MLPTA lands



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Southern portion of Amphitheater



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Amphitheater

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INDIAN PEACHES - PEARLS
AND CELEBRATION
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Billboard along US 160, on
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Amphitheater lands, between golf
course and actual amphitheater



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Amphitheater



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Comfort Station, middle of Amphitheater

WELCOME TO
MEDICINE LODGE GOLF CLUB
GREEN FEES 1.00
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE
AT CLUB HOUSE

YEARLY DUES
25.00



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Golf Course on MLPTA lands



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Entrance to golf links and Amphitheater



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Golf Club House on MLPTA lands



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golf links, MEPTA lands



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Riding ring on MLPTA lands



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Actual peace treaty site????



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Hanger buildings, air strip
MLPTA lands



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Hanger, air strip MLPTA lands,
building used to store pageant
~~paraphernalia~~ paraphernalia between
shows



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Riding ring on MLPTA lands



Scene Near the Confluence of Medicine Lodge and Elm Creeks, Kansas

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Natural Amphitheater, Memorial Peace Park, Medicine Lodge, Kansas

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Looking West From Memorial Peace Park Amphitheater Toward the Confluence of Medicine Lodge and Elm Creeks. Indians Camped on Lowlands to the Left.

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