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# HISTORY

*What is history? An echo of the past in the future;  
a reflex from the future on the past.*

Victor Hugo

## OPPOSITE PAGE

*Diamond Springs Stage Station*  
Dave Leiker

## CARVED IN STONE

Like the stony earth under their feet, past residents of the Flint Hills were a tough lot who faced natural and human adversity and persevered. Indigenous peoples built innovative cultures close to the land. Later, pioneers settled here and fought to bring Kansas to the Union as a free state. All of these ancestors left a vibrant legacy that, like limestone, endures today.

Come explore the history of Wabaunsee County and the intriguing stories that surround it.



*John Olson Settlement*  
Tom Parish