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Article Summary: Professor Sellers taught American history at the University of Nebraska beginning in 1930. His research topics included the Civil War, the Constitution, and political and frontier history. The article includes a list of his publications (1924-1965).

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Cataloging Information:

Names: James Lee Sellers

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JAMES LEE SELLERS

BY JAMES C. OLSON

JAMES Lee Sellers, who for more than thirty years devoted himself to the educational and historical interests of Nebraska, was born at North Platte, June 18, 1891. His parents, Enoch R. and Emma Rushman Sellers, had emigrated from Aurora, Indiana, in 1887, homesteading in Lincoln County. Sellers Precinct in Lincoln County was named for Enoch R. Sellers.

After a few years in Lincoln County, the family moved back to Indiana and then to Kansas. Young Jim attended the public schools of Great Bend, graduating from high school in 1911. He taught school in Barton County, Kansas for a year, and then spent a year as a student at Baker University, transferring to the University of Kansas, where he received the B. A. in 1916. He taught for a year in the high school at Lawrence, Kansas, and in December, 1917, enlisted in the Army, serving in France with U. S. Army Evacuation Hospital No. 7, the First Army Corps, and the Army of Occupation. He was discharged in June, 1919 and that fall entered the University of Wisconsin, where he re-

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ceived the M. A. in 1920, and the Ph. D. in history in 1922. He married Nell I. Kennedy, June 20, 1922, at Lawrence, Kansas. Their daughter Catherine (Mrs. John Angle) lives in Lincoln. Mrs. Sellers died, October 16, 1946. On January 21, 1959, Dr. Sellers married Bertha R. Smith, who survives him.

Following receipt of his degree, Dr. Sellers joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin as an instructor; in 1926, he became an assistant professor. In 1930, he joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska as associate professor of history; in 1932, he was promoted to the rank of professor which he held until his retirement in 1959. From 1951 to 1956 he served as chairman of the Department of History. In addition to his regular positions at Wisconsin and Nebraska, he held summer appointments at the University of Illinois (1924), University of Kansas (1928), University of Iowa (1929, 1941), University of Wisconsin (1939), University of Michigan (1947), and Whittier College (1949).

At the University of Nebraska, Professor Sellers offered courses in American constitutional and frontier history, and in recent American history, in addition to the beginning survey of American history. His seminars in American history produced a significant number of young scholars—altogether, thirty-six students received the Doctor of Philosophy degree under his direction; many more received the Master's degree under his supervision. During a time when many institutions were de-emphasizing the Master's degree in history, Professor Sellers remained convinced that the Master's degree which involved a substantial thesis was the best preparation for the secondary school teacher of history or for the person who wished to go on for the doctorate.

Professor Sellers was active in the affairs of the faculty. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, and in 1945 was chairman of an *ad hoc* Faculty Committee on Salaries which took the question of faculty salaries directly to the legis-

lature. He was active in the University of Nebraska chapter of the American Association of University Professors. He was known and respected among his colleagues as a man who took strong positions on a variety of issues facing the University and who defended his positions with vigor and persistence. Professor Boyd G. Carter of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures summed up the attitude of members of the faculty when, at a dinner given in honor of Professor Sellers at the time of his retirement, April 21, 1959, he said:

You realized better than most of us that a university like Nebraska, not having behind it the prestige of antiquity or the snobbery some people associate with geographical location, can specialize only in the quality of high requirements for degrees and in the demand for the highest achievements from its students.

You have used your energy and resourcefulness, your craft and your intuition, to try to save the most precious thing in our civilization—the opportunity through education for the individual to become and to remain a man in the fullest sense.

The University of Nebraska will miss you. It is easier to replace an academician than a moral force and you have been a moral force of great vitality and significance on the University of Nebraska campus. You will not soon be forgotten.

From the time of his arrival in Lincoln, Professor Sellers took a deep interest in the affairs of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Indeed, when he was brought to the University of Nebraska, it was with the understanding that he would devote part of his time to serving as associate editor of *Nebraska History*, and he did so for a couple of years. With the death of Dr. Addison E. Sheldon, in 1943, Professor Sellers took on the responsibilities of acting superintendent of the Society, serving in this capacity until 1946, in addition to his heavy duties at the University. He also served as editor of *Nebraska History*, and during his tenure the journal began to emphasize the publication of scholarly articles relating to Nebraska's past.

From 1946 until his death, he served as a member of the Executive Board, and during the years 1958-1959, he was president of the Board. He seldom missed a meeting

of the Board or of the Society; he served faithfully on many committees. He played a particularly active role in developing plans for the new building, and was the author of the inscriptions incised in marble at either side of the main entrance.

Professor Sellers' interest in the teaching of history was reflected in his active participation in the affairs of the Nebraska History and Social Studies Teachers Association. For many years he assumed responsibility for securing speakers for the annual meetings of the association, and through his efforts many distinguished historians from the United States and abroad were brought to the annual meetings.

In a somewhat wider field, Professor Sellers was an active member of the American Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association (now the Organization of American Historians). He read a paper at the Boston meeting of the American Historical Association in 1930, and at the Urbana meeting in 1933. In 1944, he served on the program committee. He read papers at meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in 1924, 1929, 1934, and 1936. He was chairman of the committee on local arrangements for the Omaha meeting of the Association in 1932. He served as a member of the Board of Editors of *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review* from 1931 to 1934, and again from 1943 to 1947. He was president of the Association in 1952-1953, the only Nebraskan ever to hold that high honor. From 1953 to 1959 he served as ex-officio member of the Association's Executive Committee, playing a key role in the affairs of the Association during a particularly critical period in its history.

He served on the boards of or held offices in a number of other historically-oriented organizations. He was a Director of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Pioneer Trails Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement. From 1947 until shortly before his death he represented the Uni-

versity of Nebraska on the Board of Directors of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute, and also served as a member of the Institute's committee on grants in aid. He was a member of the Committee on Grants for the Hayes Memorial Foundation of Fremont, Ohio. He was chairman of the Nebraska Civil War Centennial Commission and a member of the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission.

Retirement from active teaching gave Professor Sellers time to devote some of his energies to politics. He served a term as a member of the Democratic District Committee, and in 1960 was a candidate for the legislature. He looked upon the daily newspaper as a significant medium for the exchange of ideas, and on occasion discussed the issues of the day in letters to the editors of the Lincoln papers. He was fond of the outdoors, particularly of gardening, riding, and mountain-climbing; he concerned himself with the preservation and enhancement of Nebraska's natural beauty. The trees which grace the malls of the University's city campus, for example, were planted, in part at least, as a result of his urging.

Professor Sellers died in Lincoln, February 16, 1966, after an illness of several months. Following his death, the various organizations which he had served—the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Organization of American Historians, the Nebraska History and Social Studies Teachers Association, the Board of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute—passed appropriate and heartfelt resolutions of appreciation for his life and his services. These resolutions focussed on his particular relationship with the organization in question. In editorials published at the time of his death, the Lincoln newspapers spoke for all who knew him.

The *Lincoln Evening Journal*, February 17, 1966, under the heading: "Death of a Scholar," wrote:

History and teaching was the vocation of Dr. James Sellers, politics his avocation.

In both fields he made a contribution to Nebraska and the nation.

Nebraska has a greater awareness of its own history because of his editorship of the Nebraska History Magazine from 1944 to 1946.

Dr. Sellers was a responsible liberal voice in a conservative state. His great sense of history, his love of his native state and liberal views motivated his life. His voice of dissent to ultra-conservatism was a constructive force in the state.

As a teacher he touched the lives of thousands of students who gained a greater understanding of the country in which they live.

With the death of Jim Sellers the state has lost a gentleman and a scholar and a man who had the courage of his convictions.

In an editorial entitled "A Man of Courage," *The Lincoln Star* wrote on February 18, 1966:

The death of James L. Sellers ends a long career in the pursuit of knowledge and the welfare of the human race. History was Mr. Sellers' forte and he had a keen mastery of it. He shared his learning with thousands of students in history courses at the University of Nebraska and with the general public.

He was as kind and gentle a man as we have ever known, habitual in his smile and good nature. His mind was a disciplined one that searched for fact and meaning rather than the easy acceptance of popular views.

Judgment by Mr. Sellers came only after careful thought but he believed in action once a course was settled upon. He was alert to the changing times in which he lived and carried a determination to meet the challenges of such changes. He believed that the nation and the world were on the move and that it was the destiny of mankind to make this move one for the better.

He was no intellectual snob but he had little patience with those who dealt in generalities and whose minds had become closed through prejudice and selfishness. He was not a self-seeking man but rather, spoke constantly of a better world in which all could live.

Active in politics and the affairs of his community and state, Mr. Sellers appreciated life as a means of service to all. He never tired in his efforts to improve the opportunities of the human race to achieve a higher form of greatness. He was not just another member of society, but an integral part of civilization. . .

Professor Sellers' writing was principally in the fields of the American Civil War, and American constitutional, political, and frontier history. His published works include:

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1925

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1927

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1928

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1929

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1930

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1931

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1932

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1933

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1934

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Review: *Salt as a Factor in the Confederacy*, by Ella Lonn, *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, XXI (Sep, 1934), 282-283.

1937

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Review: *Gouverneur Kemble Warren—Life and Letters of an American Soldier, 1830-1882*, by Emerson Gifford Taylor, *Nebraska History*, XVIII (Sep, 1937), 208-209.

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1938

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1939

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1940

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1943

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1944

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1945

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1949

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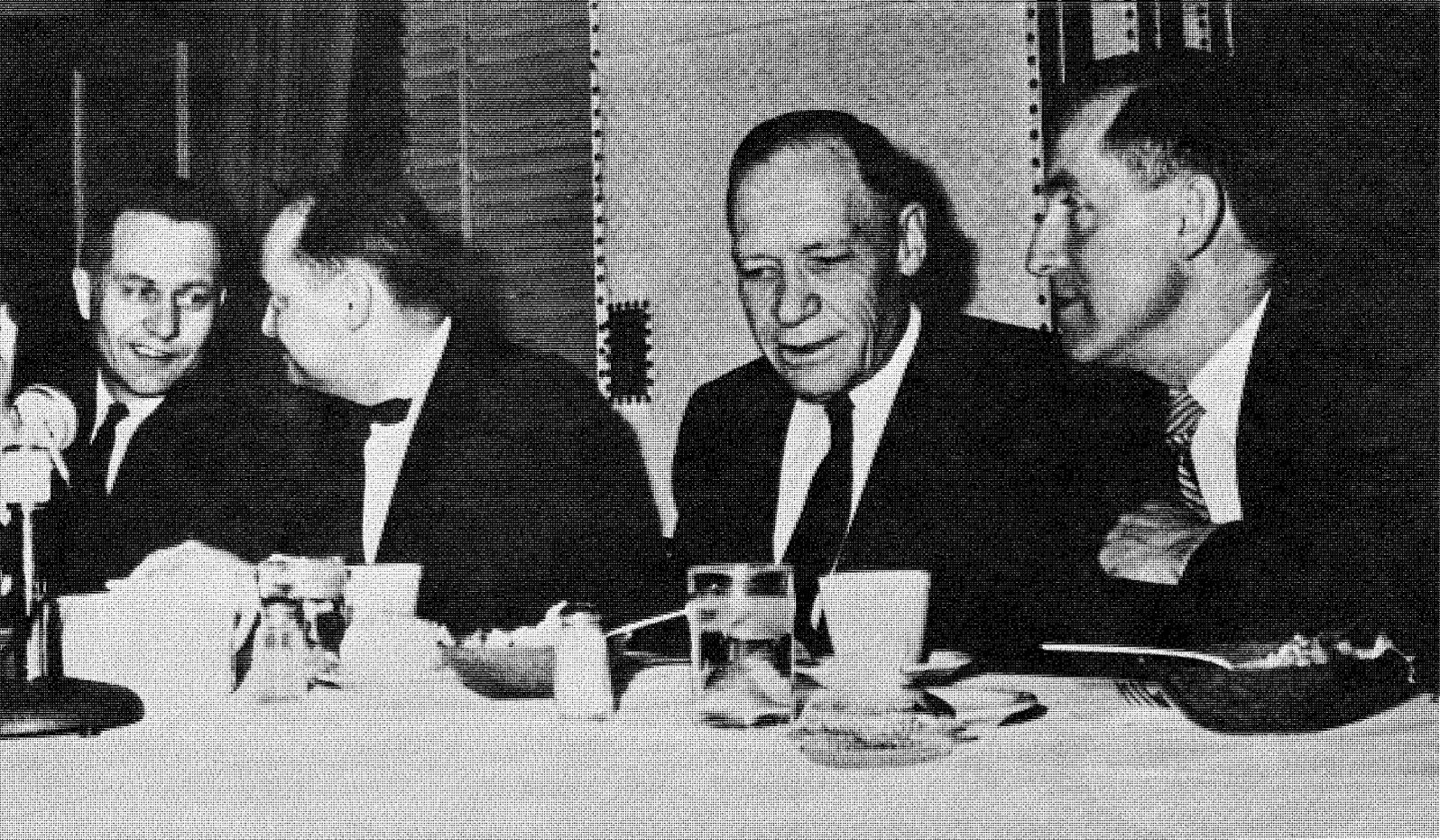
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Retirement Dinner given in honor of Dr. James L. Sellers, April 21, 1959. Left to right James C. Olson, Adam C. Breckenridge, James L. Sellers, Boyd G. Carter.



Dr. Sellers with his granddaughter Margaret Angle taken in January 1951.



James L. Sellers in Germany, while a member of the Army of Occupation, 1918.



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University of Nebraska.

1957

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1961

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1963

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