

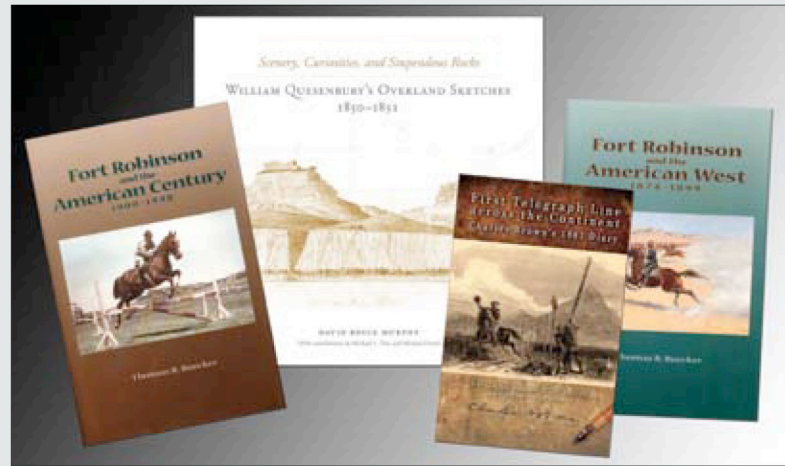
## Parks Fund Supports the Preservation of Nebraska's Heritage

In 1998, Ron and Judy Parks of Papillion initiated a revolving publishing fund with the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. Ron said he wanted to establish this memorial fund because of his "love and admiration for his parents, Wayne Kemper Parks (1909-1995) and Hazel Virginia Hill Parks (1911-1991), lifelong Nebraskans who were born on Madison County farms, were married on March 19, 1930, and were farmers in Madison and Pierce counties."

A generous gift created the Ronald K. and Judith M. Stolz Parks Publishing Fund, designated to assist with printing costs of future books related to farming and/or agriculture, manufacturing, preservation of historic buildings, and other subjects related to the westward expansion through Nebraska. To date, the funds have supported the publication of several NSHS books:

*Fort Robinson and the American West, 1874-1899*, by Thomas Buecker

*Fort Robinson and the American Century, 1900-1948*, by Thomas Buecker



*First Telegraph Line across the Continent: Charles Brown's 1861 Diary*, edited by Dennis N. Mihelich and James E. Potter

*Scenery, Curiosities, and Stupendous Rocks: William Quesenbury's Overland Sketches, 1850-1851*, by David Royce Murphy, with contributions by Michael L. Tate and Michael Farrell (forthcoming, December 2011)

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is grateful to Ron and Judy for their generous financial contributions. Their philanthropic work continues to support the preservation of Nebraska's heritage.

If you would like to start a memorial fund to help preserve Nebraska's heritage please contact Jodi Knight, NSHSF Development Director, at 402-435-3535 or via email at [jodik@nshsf.org](mailto:jodik@nshsf.org).