

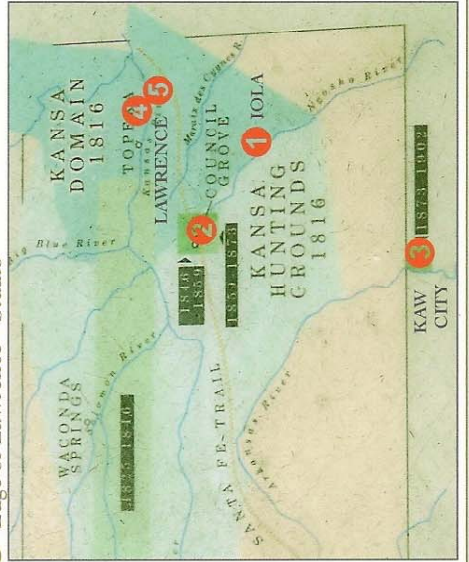


# CLAY MODELING



## SAMPSEL STATUE LOCATOR MAP

- 1 Iola, KS - Major General Funston
- 2 Council Grove, KS - Guardian of the Grove
- 3 Kaw City, OK - Kaw Chiefs and last five Full-Bloods
- 4 Southwest of Lawrence - Studio
- 5 Edge of Lawrence - Studio



# SAMPSEL HISTORY

Thomas Mark Samsel, the fourth of six children, was born in Elyria, Ohio. In 1976, his parents, Robert and Carolyn Samsel, moved everyone to Council Grove, Kansas.

Already interested and involved in art, Mr. Samsel completed his junior and senior year of high school in Council Grove. He sold his first sculptor in 1977.

Mark continued his education at Coffeewille Kansas junior college; then on to study art at Kansas University in the 1980's, where he met and became an assistant of Eldon Teft, a professor emeritus of art at KU.

In the 1990's, he worked with Eldon Teft as his assistant in research and development and is still associated with his studio. Professor Teft has been quoted saying, "One of the things (I admire) is his persistence and his willingness to work hard enough to do what's necessary. He continues to amaze me by the research he does."

One of the ways Mr. Samsel shares his knowledge and his craft is teaching. Some of the class categories are:

- Mold Making
- Modeling
- Stone Carving
- Casting



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# MARK SAMPSEL

SCULPTOR, INSTRUCTOR



Interested in depicting persons or groups of people that have influenced our country but are not widely recognized, Mr. Samsel has said, "I would like to put a sculpture marker on every trail that reflects the history of all people, before they are visually totally lost."

Examples of this interest are early farmers, the underground railroad, miners, the Spaniards, the native Americans that helped influence the direction of this country.

In 1996 and in 1997, the Kanza museum in Kaw City, Oklahoma placed on display ten bronze busts honoring five of the most popular Kaw chiefs of the past and the last five full-blooded Kaw Indians. The Chiefs are Chief Allegawaho, Ish-tah-lesh-yeh (Speckled Eyes), No-pah-wiah, Washunga and Lucy Eads.

The last five full-blooded Kaw Indians are Jesse Mehojah, Jr, William A. Mehojah, Johnnie Ray McCauley, Edgar "Skunk" Pepper and Clyde Gene Monroe.



Ish-tah-lesh-yeh



Allegawaho



Edgar "Skunk" Pepper



Clyde Gene Monroe



Johnnie Ray McCauley



Jesse Mehojah, Jr.



William A. Mehojah



Washunga

## THE SCULPTORS' BRONZE CASTINGS

In 2005, the life-sized five foot four inches sculptor of Major General Frederick Funston was placed in front of his Boyhood Home and Museum in Iola, Kansas.



In June, 1998, eight feet, ten inches tall, "THE GUARDIAN OF THE GROVE"

was unveiled in Council Grove, Kansas. The Guardian was placed where the Santa Fe Trail crosses the Neosho River.



Lucy Eads