

## ***AN ALMOST FORGOTTEN HERO.***

**The Record of Capt. Henry J. Shombre,  
Buried on Mount Oread.**

Topeka—To The Star: Much of the romance of the early history of Kansas has been preserved in song and story, but one hero has been almost forgotten. I know Doctor Cordly has referred to him; also in Spear's "Life of James H. Lane" he is mentioned as a "promising young man." I refer to Capt. Henry J. Shombre of whom Doctor Cordly said he was "young, brave and chivalrous." His character certainly exemplifies Doctor Holmes's assertions that it is necessary to select your ancestors carefully, as Captain Shombre's father was a brave officer in the British army. He served in the Peninsular War in Spain and was in the Battle of Corunna and present at the burial of Sir John Moore, which has been so beautifully commem-

orated in the famous poem by the Rev. Charles Wolfe.

Henry Shombre attended school in Indiana, and law school in Cincinnati, where he became acquainted with Franklin J. Adams, also a law student, who was afterward for so many years secretary of the Kansas State Historical Association.

Henry Shombre was born in 1826 and was a high spirited and brilliant man. When the "Free State War" was at its worst in Kansas he raised a company of eighteen enthusiastic young men, whom he brought West, and joining Lau's party at Iowa City, came with them to Topeka, arriving August 13, 1856, going from there to Leecompton, taking part in the Battle of Fort Titus on the 16th, where he and four others were wounded.

He was taken to Lawrence and died there on the 18th, "young, brave and chivalrous."

He was buried on Mount Oread, a simple board marking his grave, which long since disappeared.

Would it not be fine for some K. T. class to place a tablet or monument to his memory?

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