

To the Douglas County Planning Commission-

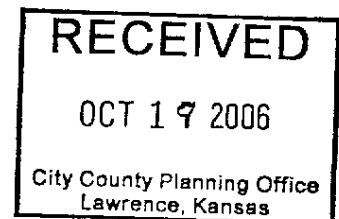
Today I received the notice regarding Z-07-21-06 regarding the request to rezone Lots 1-4, Block 1, Deerfield Woods No. 3 Submitted by Don Funk for Cheer Pole, Ltd. I am apposed to this change in zoning from RS7 to RM12 for a number of reasons.

- 1) The creek in this area drains large volumes of water during heavy rain. By increasing the amount of impervious surfaces this volume will go up increasing the chances of flooding for surrounding properties, one of which is mine at 3210 Huntington Road. At the present time we have a great deal of low and higher density housing being built to the west which will add to this drainage. Much of the construction to the West is yet to come and this is a little scary.
- 2) I and many others in this community are tired of high density housing being dropped in the middle of our single family areas. Many people have children and have purchased into an area for lifestyle reasons. I don't have children but I know I don't want to see an area like this close by. By changing the zoning you will be increasing traffic in our area and changing the character of what we have purchased. This may also affect our property values and our lifestyle only so that Cheer Pole can make an extra dollar.
- 3) At this time Lawrence is overflowing with apartments and other forms of high density housing. Many of these units are vacant. Sure they want this zoning because it means more money for Cheer Pole. I find it interesting that Cheer Pole waited until they sold out all of the developments in this area and are just now making this request. They should have done this long ago. I feel like they are changing the rules and they are trying to change my neighborhood. I bought a home in Deerfield Woods #2 where I lived for 5 years and then purchased a home in Deerfield Woods #8 in 2005. Now that all of these developments are almost complete and the lots have all been sold they want to change the rules on us. I feel that this type of after the fact rezoning request is disingenuous, unfair, and dishonest. It in my eyes gives the development community a big black eye. I for one feel cheated if this is allowed to go forward.
- 4) If my memory serves me right much of this ground is in flood plain. Haven't we learned our lessons in this county and in this country when it comes to dealing with flood plains? Building in flood plains or eliminating them with fill to raise the elevation of the land doesn't make the drainage problem go away and in many cases only makes it worse. Also, what is wrong with a little green space? I personally enjoy the deer, squirrels, rabbits, and the birds.

In closing I am completely apposed to any change in existing zoning. I love my neighborhood the way it is and want to maintain the same feel and character we currently enjoy.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Grosdidier  
3210 Huntington Road  
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City County Planning Office  
Lawrence, Kansas

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REZONING OF LOTS 1 THRU 4 LOCATED AT 3000 SHERWOOD DR. FROM  
SINGLE FAMILY TO MULTI FAMILY.

We the undersign, people of Sherwood drive OPPOSE the rezoning of Lots 1 thru 4  
located a 3000 Sherwood Dr. for the following main reasons.

- 1- Traffic Issue. Sherwood is a dead end street that is all single family homes.  
Putting multi family homes at the east end of this block with access in and out  
only to the west would greatly increase traffic flow on the entire block.
- 2- There are approx. 22 children under the age of eighteen years of age currently  
living on this block. Over 70% being under the age of fourteen. This does not  
include the licensed day care located in the middle of the block. We feel this to be  
a great safety factor for our children.
- 3- This type of rezoning would have an impact on the existing single family's  
property value.
- 4- We are not opposed to this development as it is stated now for SINGLE family.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and look forward to being  
at the commission meeting on Oct. 25, 2006.

The Neighbors of Sherwood Drive.

<u>Jeff Lucas</u>	<u>3000 Sherwood Dr</u>
<u>Doug &amp; Robin Harpman</u>	<u>3104 Sherwood Dr.</u>
<u>Matthew &amp; Emily Clothier</u>	<u>3112 Sherwood Dr.</u>
<u>SETH &amp; LISA MARTIN</u>	<u>3200 SHERWOOD DR.</u>
<u>Chester M. Walters</u>	<u>3204 Sherwood Dr</u>
<u>Thomas M. Weyer</u>	<u>3208 Sherwood Dr.</u>
<u>Florida Burgess</u>	<u>3212 Sherwood Dr.</u>
<u>Marti Lunn</u>	<u>612 Regents St</u>

Virginia Constance 3108 Sherwood Dr.

Aoyd & Lecky Wisdom 3205 Sherwood Dr.

Bruce <sup>Kelli</sup> Evans 3209 Sherwood Dr

Duane & Debbie Perkins 3213 Sherwood Dr.

Patsy Gorman 3216 Sherwood Dr.

Delia Bob Dutilleul 3228 Sherwood Ct.

Maugh & Gray 3224 Sherwood Ct.

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James L. Biege 3304 Sherwood Dr.

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Barbara Nelson 3312 Sherwood Dr.

Richard Nelson 3312 Sherwood Dr.

Mary Hildredge 3316 Sherwood Dr.

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<u><i>Kendra L Duhon</i></u>	<u>785-333-2805</u>

<u><i>Joe Foster</i></u>	<u>785-748-0740</u>
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<u><i>Brad Claves</i></u>	<u>842-4472</u>
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<u><i>DERRICK PINE</i></u>	<u>832-8567</u>
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<u><i>Kristy Kaye</i></u>	<u>865-1569</u>
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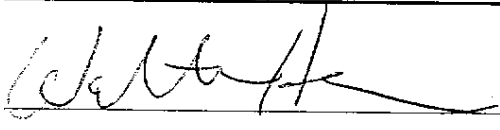
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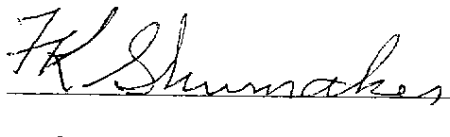
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# Underground Railroad clues surface

By Terry Rombeck

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...MORE: See the ENLARGED photo report with more about the history of the Doy at [www.ljworld.com](http://www.ljworld.com)

Margaret Wood and her fellow anthropological sleuths have spent the last three weeks trying to solve a mystery at a northwest Lawrence dig site.

Their goal: To determine whether a 12-by-20-foot limestone cellar is the remnant of an Underground Railroad site that belonged to John Doy, a famed Lawrence abolitionist.

They found hundreds of clues — buttons, bullets, medicine bottles, eyeglass lenses, ceramics and other items. But nothing answered their question definitively.

"From what we did this year, we can't definitely say this is Doy's house," said Wood, an assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Washburn University in Topeka. "If we do work in the future, we might be able to."

Wood and eight anthropology students on Friday finished a three-week excavation of the site, which is north of Peterson Road



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**DR. JOHN DOY, SEATED**, and his rescuers posed for this photograph taken by A.G. DaLee, a Lawrence photographer, soon after Doy was returned to Lawrence from St. Joseph, Mo., in late June of 1859. Doy had been kidnapped by pro-slavery men the previous January while escorting escaped slaves to Oskaloosa — and freedom.

between Sherwood Drive and Bently Place. The property has long been identified as Doy's homestead, but gained new attention in 2000 when an 11-year-old boy and his mother discovered the remnants of the home.

## The history

Doy, a homeopathic doctor, came to Lawrence with the city's original settlers in 1854. He is best known for helping 12 escaped

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# Historic home site examined

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slaves get to Oskaloosa — and freedom — in 1859. In the process, he was captured by 20 pro-slavery Missourians.

He was initially taken to Weston, Mo., and then held in St. Joseph, Mo., for five months before 10 Lawrence men rescued him from the jail.

Today, he is best known for his presence in a much-publicized photograph, in which he sits in front of his 10 rescuers, who are sometimes called "the original Jayhawks."

He lived in Lawrence until 1860, when he moved to Battle Creek, Mich. He died in 1869.

Judy Sweets, vice president of the Underground Railroad Association of Douglas County, said Doy held special prominence among the secretive network of those attempting to free slaves.

"He, I think, ranked pretty high in the hierarchy," Sweets said.

There are about 30 documented Underground Railroad sites in Douglas County, Sweets said, but only a handful still stand. Those include Grover Barn, south of Clinton Parkway on Lawrence Avenue, and the Miller house at 1111 E. 19th Street.

"We have a lot of stories to tell," Sweets said, "but not a lot of structures to look at."

## Future museum?

That could change if the dig



Scott McClurg/Journal-World Photo

**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER** Margaret Wood has been working on the possible site of the home of John Doy, a Lawrence abolitionist. Wood is pictured in the foundation of one of the site's buildings. The site is at the end of Sherwood Drive near Kasold Drive and Peterson Road.

site is identified as belonging to Doy.

In addition to the limestone cellar, the site contains a brick cistern and well. Sweets said there is documentation of a log cabin on the site, but it is unclear whether the cabin was on top of the cellar or separate from it.

Wood said several items recovered at the site date from the territorial period, which supports the idea that the building belonged to Doy.

"It's definitely possible," she said. "This is definitely in his original land claim."

The hundreds of items collected at the site are being processed at a Washburn lab.

Wood said she would like to return to the site in the future to collect more items.

"It's an important chapter in Kansas history," she said, "and this is an important part of it."

Sweets said there were several possibilities for the site, which is owned by Cheer Pole Ltd., a local developer. It could become a park or a museum in the future, she said.

"We're open to all kinds of possibilities," she said. "What we're interested in now is preserving the site, to shelter it from rain and protect it."

— Staff writer Terry Rombeck can be reached at 832-7145.

# FAMILY TRACES ROOTS TO LAWRENCE ABOLITIONIST



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## Brits visit historic homesite



By Alison Mann

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**JUDY SWEETS, COLLECTIONS MANAGER** at Watkins Community Museum of History, talks about the historic homesite of the Doy family just off Kasold and Sherwood drives. A couple from England has visited Lawrence hoping to prove that abolitionist John Doy was their ancestor.

By Allison Mann

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The Coates said they were shocked to find the Doy home, now nothing but stone rubble and a foundation pit, only yards from modern development and with no effort being made to preserve the site for posterity.

The couple said they would like to see the site saved, perhaps as a public

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# English couple explore Lawrence roots

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park with a marker or monument erected to commemorate Doy's role in the fight against slavery.

## Doy's story

"We know much more about him than we do most other abolitionists," said Judy Sweets, collection manager at Watkins Community Museum.

In northeast Kansas, Doy was known in the pre-Civil War era for his abolitionist efforts and work with the Underground Railroad.

He arrived in the area in 1854 with the New England Emigrant Aid Co., which brought the first settlers to Lawrence. On Jan. 20, 1859, Doy was escorting 12 escaped slaves to Oskaloosa — and freedom — when the group was captured by 20 Missouri border ruffians.

Doy was taken to Weston, Mo., and accused of the federal offense of helping slaves escape. He was held in a St. Joseph, Mo., jail, for five months until 10 Lawrence men lied their way into the jail and rescued Doy and his son, Charles.

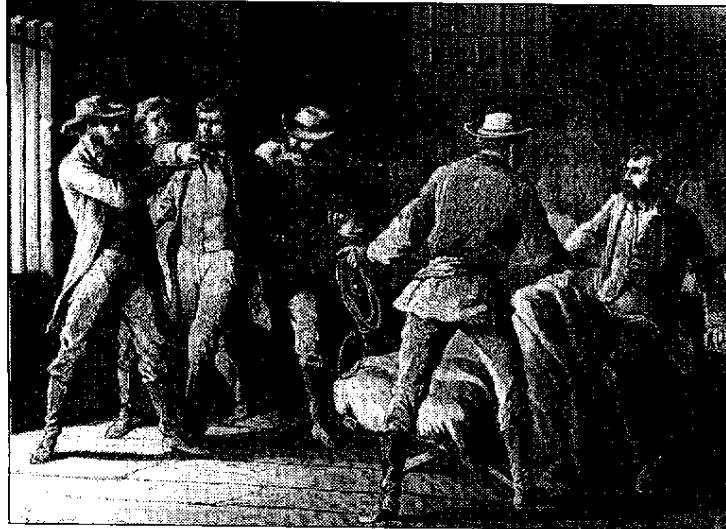
These days, the elder Doy is known mainly because of the image showing him seated in front of his 10 grim-faced rescuers. The photo has been used in various pieces of city promotional literature as depicting "the original Jayhawks."

Information found at Watkins Community Museum was overwhelming to the Coateses, who have been in contact with Sweets for the past two years as they've researched their family history.

Sheila's mother's maiden name was Doy, and the Coateses have been researching the Doy family tree for nearly 30 years. "It's a pretty unusual name," Sheila said.

The couple came across Dr. John Doy by accident when a family member brought home a book on the American Wild West.

Through communication with Sweets, the couple



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**DR. JOHN DOY**, at right, was liberated from a jail in St. Joseph, Mo., in June 1859. A group of Lawrence residents rode to St. Joseph, arriving at midnight. They told the jailer they had a horse thief and wanted to put him behind bars. When the jailer opened the cell, the group overpowered him, allowing Doy to escape.

enthusiasts discovered the Kansas abolitionist had ties to their hometown of Hull, England, and perhaps their own family.

## Roots of abolitionism

A marriage license for Doy and his wife, Jane Dunn, in Yorkshire County, England, further helped corroborate the possible connection.

"John Doy wasn't a doctor when he left England but he was when he arrived in America, or shortly after his arrival," Peter Coates explained, looking through his notes.

The couple also found Dunn's birth certificate, as well as those for three of the Doy's nine children, on record in Lawrence.

One of John Doy's children was named after William Wilberforce, an abolitionist in England who rallied support to halt the shipping of slaves from Africa to America in the early 1800s. The Coateses discovered Doy lived near the Wilberforce mansion in Hull before coming to America.

"We think this is where Doy got the idea of the evils of slavery," Sheila said.

They were able to trace Doy's tracks when Sweets sent them a copy of the 1850 New York Census, which also helped confirm that Dr. John Doy was the same John Doy from Hull, though they remain unsure about when the Doy's made the trans-Atlantic move.

The couple's research also indicated Doy had been employed by the railway in England when he arrived in Hull, and was paid 28 shillings a week. The Coateses said his position as a warehouse man in the railroad industry also suggested that the Free State proponent came from money, because part of the job included paying 50 pounds security, which was a year's worth of wages.

The Coateses believe his working for the railroad may be why he left England for America.

## Growing connection

Despite information available in Lawrence and other tidbits gleaned from the Coates' 30 years of research, the couple's claim to a Doy connection isn't certain.

## History lesson

The Doy story will be featured on Douglas County Cornerstones, a segment of tonight's 6News at 6 and 10 p.m.

he came from," Peter Coates said.

And the couple still haven't deciphered whether Doy was more sinner or saint. Court records show he was once arrested for theft in Hull, "but found not guilty, of course," and that he was imprisoned in Canada, Peter Coates said.

Touring the area just north of John Doy Court, next to the Doy home site, the Coateses saw the evidence — including a hand-dug well — of what local historians claim to be remnants of Doy's home on what was once his 160-acre farm.

Sweets said the site was discovered by a neighborhood boy nearly two years ago, before the city approved plans for a new duplex development nearby.

"It's amazing that something like this still exists within city limits," Sweets said.

Sweets said the land, which is owned by Cheer Pole Ltd., was platted for new homes, but she hopes the city will help with the cost of conducting an archaeological dig, and eventually with preserving the site in some manner.

Don Funk, a partner in Cheer Pole, said it would be a while before any building occurred there. He said he had spoken with Lawrence-area history buff Tolly Wildcat about preserving the area. He said he would be willing to build a museum, if someone else came up with the money.

The Coateses said their research had left them feeling connected to Doy, even if records eventually proved there was no family tie.

# Ruins pique historians' interest

An old building foundation discovered northwest Lawrence has historians wondering whether they have found a link to its past.

Y KENDRICK BLACKWOOD  
JOURNAL-WORLD WRITER

A Lawrence boy strolling with his mother has discovered what may be a Lawrence historical treasure — the remnants of abolitionist Dr. John Doy's homestead.

The property north of Peterson Road between Sherwood Drive and Bently Place is drawn attention because developer Cheer Pole Ltd. has plans for it.

Nearby residents are complaining that the 19 duplexes planned for the area will degrade their neighborhood. To bolster their case, they have seized on historical data showing the property as part of the Doy homestead.

Their effort failed to derail the development, which received a recommendation of approval from the planning commission. It will return to the city commission Tuesday.

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— local historian Judy Sweets

But it prompted the mini-expedition two weeks ago of Debbie Filkins and her 11-year-old son, Dillon.

Filkins said she wondered whether a well that neighbors warned her about might be connected to Doy.

They found the well at the edge of a stand of trees. And it was only another 75 feet into the woods that Dillon found something more — a bigger, rock-lined depression that some historians think might be Doy's original 1854 home site.

"I saw a clearing over there so I walked over there and saw it," Dillon said.

An initial look was promising, said historian Judy Sweets, who also lives near the property.

The 8-by-10-foot depression appears to be a cellar, Sweets said; the hand-cut oak floor joists and nails found at the bottom could date from Kansas' territorial days.

Sweets has begun research into the site in

hopes of establishing it as Doy's. She suspects that records from an 1855 court case in which Doy had to fight off a claim-jumper would include a detailed description and location of any buildings.

Sweets is seeking copies of those records from the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

"There's still a lot of research to be done and not much time," she said.

Doy spent five eventful years in Douglas County.

He came to Territorial Kansas in 1854 with Amos Lawrence, the city's namesake, as part of the New England Emigrant Aid Society.

While trying to carve out his 160-acre homestead for his wife and nine children, Doy joined the efforts of abolitionist John Brown.

Working with Brown in January 1859 to help a group of blacks flee north, Doy was captured and jailed in Missouri. He was rescued six months later by 10 men from Lawrence labeled "The Immortal Ten."

A few months later, Doy moved to Battle

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Michigan.

Sweets said that she was interested in preserving the site and working with the developer.

But Ron Funk, a partner in Cheer Pole, said he is skeptical of the historical value of the land. He said crews that extended a sewer line through woods nearby turned up nothing of interest. "I doubt the wisdom of building a home near a creek bed, as the site in question was lost farmsteads were on a hill or knob where they could look out," Funk said. "They weren't and they didn't build in holes."

Dillon's discovery is near the edge of the Deer Woods No. 6 development, perhaps just north of it on other land owned by Cheer Pole. Sweets said that property was planned to eventually build more homes on a completed Sherwood development.

Funk said he wasn't anticipating building the development immediately, but he also wasn't interested in holding anything up for an archeological study.

"I've got parties I've got to answer to," he said.

Dillon said he was planning another trip to the woods this weekend.

"Maybe I'll find something else interesting," he said. "Who knows?"



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