

General Information

A statue of Chief Paschal Fish and his daughter, Eudora, is being created by world renowned Lawrence sculptor, Jim Brothers. When completed, it will be a 7 ½ foot tall bronze statue and will be placed in the CPA Park in downtown Eudora. The casting will be completed by the Ad Astra Foundry, which is located about 10 miles NW of Eudora.

The statue has been created to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the City of Eudora (1857-2007) and will be dedicated October 6th, 2007 during the annual EudoraFest. It depicts Shawnee Indian Chief Paschal Fish and his daughter, Eudora, in the year of 1857 with Chief Fish holding a ferry oar and with Eudora clutching his waist.

The land Eudora was built on was purchased from Chief Fish by the German Settlement Society from Chicago. The German settlers honored the request of Chief Fish and named their new town after his daughter, Eudora.

When the U.S. Government allotted land to the Indians, Chief Fish received 1,000 acres in this part of Douglas County. In 1857 he sold 800 acres to the German Settlement Society from Chicago. Chief Fish owned and operated the Fish Ferry, which crossed the Kaw River just north of downtown Eudora. He also owned the Fish House, which was located on the south edge of Eudora along the Westport Trail. The Westport Trail connected Kansas City to Lawrence and tied into the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails. He often took in travelers for the night and provided them with food and shelter. On May 1, 1855, the Kansas Territorial Governor, Andrew H. Reeder, stayed at the Fish House. The Governor's horse was hidden, so it would not be seen by pro-slavery supporters. Chief Fish was a Methodist minister and was instrumental in establishing and teaching at the Wakarusa Indian Mission which was built in Eudora 1848-1850.

Paschal Fish (1905-1894). In approximately 1870, Chief Fish moved from Eudora to Indian Territory near Miami, Oklahoma. In 1894 at the age of 89, Chief Fish was found frozen to death along Tar Creek near his home at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Eudora Fish (ca1848-1877). In 1868 Eudora Fish married Dallas Emmons. They lived in LaCygne, Kansas and had 4 children. Eudora passed away unexpectedly at the age of 29. Her body was transported from LaCygne to Wyandotte, Kansas. She is buried in the Huron Indian Cemetery in downtown Wyandotte.

Project Funding

The primary resources for this project have been Eudora Lions Club members, personnel from various departments within the City of Eudora, and also many community partners that have hosted/assisted with fund-raising activities. There has been wide support for this project ranging from the purchase of engraved bricks that will be placed around the base of the statue to cash donors whose names will be placed on a bronze plaque that will be mounted to the base of the statue. The Shawnee Tribe that is located in Miami, Oklahoma is also very supportive of the project.

Fund-raising activities have been sponsored/supported by the Eudora Historical Society, United Methodist Church, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Eudora school personnel and their facilities, Annie's Country Jubilee from Tonganoxie, plus many Eudora businesses and individual volunteers.