



April 29, 1986

Ms. Jennie Chinn, State Folklorist
Kansas Historical Society
120 West 10th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Ms. Chinn:

SPACES, a national preservation organization, is doing research on former Kansas resident Samuel Perry Dinsmoor, who built the "Garden of Eden" in Lucas, Kansas, now a National Register Monument. We approached Mr. Henshaw of the Vital Statistics Department for a copy of Mr. Dinsmoor's death certificate (Dinsmoor died July 21, 1932). Mr. Henshaw said he was unable to release a death certificate to a non-relative and suggested that Mr. Dinsmoor's obituary would be available from the Kansas Historical Society.

SPACES would appreciate your help in sharing whatever information you have on Mr. Dinsmoor and his "Garden of Eden." The material we gather will be part of an extensive archive on the subject as well as part of a visual database we are preparing for public display in museums and in public schools.

If you have information on other sites, we would like to hear from you about them. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director