For more than 50 years, three generations of the Haskell family lived in East Lawrence where they left an enduring legacy.

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The oldest son of Franklin and Amelia Haskell, John George Haskell – the namesake of the Haskell family in Lawrence – became the first notable Kansas architect. Buildings designed by J.G. Haskell include the Kansas University campus and the University of Kansas. Elsewhere, other Haskell structures include the last wing of the University of Kansas.

Known for his anti-slavery sentiments, he moved frequently in search of new opportunities to improve his lot in life. His relocation to Kansas Territory was probably motivated by his desire to make Kansas a free state as well as the potential financial opportunities for his family.

The Haskell family was part of the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka and numerous Kansas courthouses.

John Haskell (right) spent his adult life as a farmer. With wife Almira, the family eventually included sons John, Charles, and Dudley and a daughter Eliza. J.G. Haskell obtained a 160-acre quarter section of land just west of Haskell Grove, a popular picnic spot.

**Haskell, an itinerant farmer then of North Brookfield, Massachusetts, and the Haskell name today.**

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