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Introducing his bill, pointed out that the Senate Historical Society of Colorado in cooperation with Colorado Arkansas Valley, Inc., the Daughters of the American Revolution and other local organizations in the Arkansas Valley has already taken definite steps toward restoration of the original fort built by Col. William Bent, which served the travelers on the Santa Fe Trail, enroute from Westport Landing, which later became Kansas City, Missouri, to Santa Fe. The adobe walls of the fort are being reconstructed, the site has been fenced and grassed and is expected eventually to become a shrine of national historical interest.

Funds are now available for an inventory of historical sites in the nation, and Senator Carroll said today, "No site is more important in our Western history than that of Bent's Fort. Col. Bent, who married a Cheyenne Indian woman, played an important part in the early day history of the Santa Fe Trail, the Indian Trade and the gold rush into California and Colorado. Restoration of the old fort on the Arkansas river will prove an inspiration to present day Americans as well as preserve much of the tradition of the pioneer life of our Western states."

La Junta Daily News

Carroll Asks Near Colonel

WASHINGTON — Senator John A. Carroll (D. Colo.) today introduced a bill asking the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior to investigate and study the possibilities of establishing a national monument at the site of Bent's Fort in Otero County, Colorado, near the city of La Junta.

Senator Carroll, in a statement issued in conjunction with sub-