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## CELEBRITY Owned KS Lake Front Cabin William Burroughs

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## Celebrity-Owned Lakefront Cottage

William Burroughs, famous American writer, was the previous owner of this quaint and well-preserved cabin on Lone Star Lake, just 10 minutes outside of Lawrence, Kansas, and one hour drive from the Kansas City airport. Lawrence is home to the University of Kansas and is surrounded by rolling hills and the most beautiful landscape in the state.

Mr. Burroughs included mentions of Lone Star Lake in at least one of his books and mentions of it were included in "Word Virus" and the introduction to "Last Words," his final journals. I've included the writings I've found about the cabin at the bottom of this entry.

We estimate the cabin was built in the 1950's and while updating it, we've maintained its original character and personality. It includes the following:

- 568 square feet of living space
- 4500 square foot lake front lot (mostly covered by leafy ground cover)
- 362 square foot deck attached to cabin overlooking lake, 6 years old
- 216 square foot deck at the water's edge, 3 years old
- original wood floors and wood exterior
- a main room with working, original brick fireplace and mantel
- bedroom that includes a brand-new electric Incinolet branded toilet (hooked up and not yet used)

- dining area with recently installed bead board
- all windows replaced 5 years ago
- screened-in porch with glass inserts
- new refrigerator and new sink
- recently installed heater/air conditioner
- 83 square foot partial basement that opens to the outside. We use it for storing windsurf boards, kayaks, misc. storage and hot water heater
- all new electrical
- new hot water heater
- new outdoor shower
- best dock on the lake; made of polyethylene by EZPort (attractive, cool to the touch, environmentally friendly, extremely low maintenance and sturdier than any wood dock I've ever been on.) recently installed.
- cutest outhouse on the lake, original
- small aluminum fishing boat with new motor
- paddle boat

We purchased the cabin in 1999 and added some important features while maintaining the character of this wonderful lakefront escape. We had structural supports strengthened, replaced all the windows, added heating, cooling, insulation, running water, two decks, and the dock. A couple years ago, we improved the guttering, doors and repainted. This last year, all the electrical wiring was redone and a hot water heater, shower and a new, top-of-the-line, \$1,700 electric toilet was installed.

Lone Star Lake is absolutely beautiful. A fall 2005 magazine article about it said "Residents and visitors continue to enjoy the time-warp tranquility at one of Douglas County's best-kept secrets." The lake was built in the 1930's as part of Roosevelt's New Deal to give people jobs. Lone Star Lake is owned and maintained by Douglas County. The lake covers 200 acres and is surrounded by Lone Star Park, which is beautifully maintained by Douglas County. The park includes acres and acres of rolling hills, lots of native rock, and tons of green space with native grasses and wild flowers. The lake is known by locals for great fishing. There are approximately 35 cottages and cabins on the lake, with five of those properties being used as primary residences. The county wants to maintain the area as it is today and no more lots will be sold.

On most weekends, you'll see a half-dozen fishing boats and maybe a pontoon boat on a busy day. Once in a while, you'll see families on a ski boat pulling skiers or kids tubing. This is also a beautiful lake on which to kayak, sail and windsurf. There is a campground, playground and sand beach on the opposite side of the Lone Star Lake five minutes away. You will occasionally see walkers, runners and bicyclists on the winding roads around the lake and there is a triathlon held there in the summer. It is 6 miles by road around the lake and we have seen many different kinds of wildlife there--blue heron, ducks, geese, fox, turtles, turkeys, deer, rabbit, raccoons, etc. Clinton Lake Reservoir is 10 minutes away and, I believe, the reason Lone Star is so peaceful. People take the big boats to Clinton Lake.

Lone Star Lake is absolutely our most favorite place on earth. We are selling our cabin, which we call "The Burroughs," because we purchased a bigger cabin down the road next door to lifelong friends. Many people have offered to buy the cabin, but we would like to sell to someone who is interested in its history. Our William Burroughs book collection will be included with the sale of the cabin. If we don't sell the cabin online by May 1, we have decided to sell it locally. Homeowner's dues are \$15 annually to pay for hamburgers and beverages at the annual cook-out. Our water bill is \$25/month and electrical has averaged \$15/month.

William Burroughs is one America's most influential and celebrated literary outlaws. He was born in St. Louis in 1914. His many books include *Naked Lunch*, *The Soft Machine*, *The Ticket That Exploded*, *Nova Express*, and *The Wild Boys*. He was a member of the prestigious American Academy of Arts & Letters. He died in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1997. William Burroughs once hosted Saturday Night Live and a movie

about his life is being considered with James Woods playing the lead. James Grauerholz, Burroughs' longtime manager and editor, is working on a definitive biography of his life.

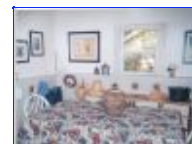
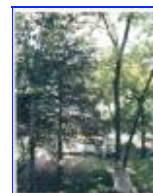
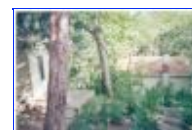
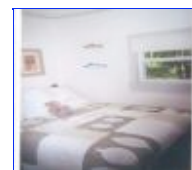
In "My Education: A Book of Dreams," Burroughs writes, "...and I got me this cabin out on the lake. Got it cheap since I was able to put up cash, which the owners needed to put down on another house they is buying out in the country. Could easy sell it now, but what for? A few thousand profit? Nowadays what can you do with that kinda money? My neighbor tells me right in front of my dock (I've got access, and that is the thing matters here on the lake... a dock, see!), well, my neighbor tells me that right in front of my dock is the best catfish fishing in the lake, but I don't want to catch a catfish... ..I could cope with a bass, or better, some bluegills—half pound, as tasty fish as a man can eat—fresh from the lake, and I got me an aluminum flat bottom boat, ten foot long, \$270... a real bargain. I likes to row out in the middle of the lake and just let the boat drift..."

In the introduction to "Last Words," Burroughs long-time companion writes that one of Burroughs' favorite cats was "farmed out to friends at a cabin at Lone Star Lake." The same neighbors Mr. Burroughs had at the Lake continue to be on both sides of the cabin today.

Make contact only if truly interested. Closing at a local title company of your choice and we can split the fees, which I estimate to be around \$500 or so. Email: [caroldengel@aol.com](mailto:caroldengel@aol.com). Cabin address is 638 E. 582 Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66047.



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