

PROPOSED AGENDA
for
Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Memorial Building, Topeka
May 15, 1973 1:30 p.m.

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Old Castle Hall

5. Annual preservation plan for fiscal year 1974.
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KANSAS HISTORIC SITES BOARD OF REVIEW

Meeting of May 15, 1973

The meeting of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review was held in the offices of the State Historical Society in the Memorial building, Topeka, on May 15, 1973. Members in attendance were Curtis Besinger, James Bibb, Lynn Burris, Nyle Miller, A. Bower Sageser, and Carlyle Smith. Also present were Edgar Langsdorf, deputy director of the Historical Society; Richard Pankratz, historic sites survey director; Thomas P. Barr, archeological division, State Historical Society; Charles Hall, architectural consultant; Wayne Herndon, Park and Resources Authority, and Ruth Jensen, secretary.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. van Wormer, the vice chairman, Mr. Sageser, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p. m.

Upon motion of Mr. Bibb the minutes of the review board meeting of November 16, 1972, were approved.

A report on the survey progress was given by Mr. Pankratz. As of April 1, 1973, the number of Kansas places surveyed was 2,443. For the summer months two temporary field personnel will work on the survey of historic sites in the northeastern Kansas counties.

The status of National Register nominations previously approved by the board was discussed. Kansas currently has 138 National Register listings with 30 properties added to the Register since the last board meeting. Nominations still pending in Washington were the Lebold House, Abilene; the Bogan Archeological Site, Milford reservoir; and the First Presbyterian Church and the Munger House at Wichita Cowtown. The Doniphan Archeological site, approved at the last board meeting, had not yet been submitted. Nominations rejected since the previous board meeting were the Congregational Church at Osawatomie and the Shawnee Methodist Mission cemetery at Fairway. The nomination of the Wetzel Cabin near Junction City was returned with the suggestion to rewrite the form, stressing architectural instead of religious significance. (Subsequent to the board meeting the Lebold house was entered on the Register, raising the Kansas total to 139.)

Mr. Burris expressed his support of the review board's policy of not nominating a property to the Register against the wishes of the property owner, and the rest of the board members endorsed the continuation of this policy.

Mr. Langsdorf discussed the status of current preservation projects. A contract at Grinter House for heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical work, and the finishing of the caretaker's apartment in the basement is nearing completion. A separate contract provides for rebuilding the north porch. Then restoration and repair of the interior will remain. It is unlikely that federal funds will cover all needed restoration for the interior of Grinter House. The current federal allocation exhausts the state's matching capability. At Goodnow House in Manhattan, reconstruction of the west wall of the barn has been completed. Preservation projects are to begin after July 1, 1973, at Fort Hays, Goodnow House and Old Castle Hall, Baldwin City.

Mr. Pankratz mentioned several buildings for which restoration project applications may be forthcoming, including the McPherson Opera House, the Lane University building at Lecompton, and the Warkentin house in Newton.

The annual preservation plan for fiscal 1974 was presented by Mr. Pankratz. The apportionment warrant had been altered from that previously distributed to the board to reflect a revised, higher estimate of the cost of renovating the Pottawatomie Baptist Mission, west of Topeka. The dollar amount requested can be matched by federal funds only within the same fiscal year that state funds are used to purchase the property.

Mr. Bibb expressed surprise at the high estimate (\$100,000) for renovation of the mission building. Mr. Langsdorf said that the society sought only to restore the exterior of the mission building as the inside would be used as a museum. He further stated that National Park Service would likely fund only exterior restoration work. It was the general consensus that Kansas would not get much more federal preservation money in fiscal 1974 than it did in 1973.

Questions were raised by the board on the wording of several sections of the plan. Mr. Bibb requested clarification on the statement that the survey had not progressed as rapidly as desirable. Mr. Pankratz responded that he was originally hired to spend one half of his time in the office and one half in the field with the idea that three years would see the completion of the survey. Experience has shown that the office share of the workload is much greater than half. The actual surveying has been done largely by the temporary employees hired in the summer. Mr. Miller said that inasmuch as federal money was not coming as fast as anticipated perhaps it was just as well that the surveying was moving more slowly. Mr. Bibb stressed that all sites nominated by the board for National Register consideration should be of real importance.

Mr. Burris referred to page nine of the plan and questioned a statement concerning the recommendation of an eight member committee to advise the National Park Service on establishment of a Cherokee Strip and/or Prairie Lands National Park. His recommendation that it be deleted was accepted. Mr. Burris moved that the plan be approved with the changes as indicated. Mr. Bibb seconded the motion and it was approved. Those board members present signed the certification of approval.

The next item of business was the presentation by Mr. Pankratz and Mr. Hall of 13 places for nomination to the National Register. Three Kansas University buildings, Dyche Hall, Green Hall, and Spooner Hall, were discussed. No decision was made on their nomination. The review board decided that the State Board of Regents should be contacted to determine their attitude toward placing the three structures on the National Register.

Mr. Bibb moved the nomination of the Harvey House in Florence; it was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved.

Mr. Smith moved the nomination of the Old Peabody Library; it was seconded by Mr. Burris and approved.

After considerable discussion the board agreed to nominate the Brown Grand Opera House in Concordia for its significance to the cultural history of the community. Mr. Miller moved its acceptance, which was seconded by Mr. Besinger and approved.

The Coal Creek Library at Vinland was discussed by the board, but no motion being made to nominate, it was tabled.

Mr. Smith moved the nomination of the Battle of Mine Creek Site; it was seconded by Mr. Miller and approved.

Mr. Bibb moved the nomination of the Geodetic Center of the U.S.; it was seconded by Mr. Miller and approved.

Four nominations submitted by the Corps of Engineers for sites in their projects were then discussed. Because of the total lack of documented information supplementing the request, the staff recommended disapproval. Mr. Smith moved to disapprove the four nominations, the motion was seconded by Mr. Burris and approved. Mr. Bibb suggested that a letter be sent from the liaison officer expressing the board's dissatisfaction with the inadequately prepared forms.

The Brown Mansion, Coffeyville, and the J. C. Steele House on the old Bloomington townsite were mentioned as two places which likely will be presented to the board at its next meeting.

Mr. Pankratz stated that the part of the plan which the board approved at this meeting was Volume III. Volumes I and II would be due in the fall; consequently the next board meeting will probably be called for late August or early September.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Sageser at 3:15.

Properties to be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review,

May 15, 1973

<u>County</u>	<u>Place and City</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Disapproved</u>	<u>Tabled</u>
Cloud	Brown Grand Opera House, Concordia	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Douglas	Coal Creek Library, Vinland	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
	Dyche Museum, K. U.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
	Green Hall, K. U.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
	Spooner Hall, K. U.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Linn	Battle of Mine Creek Site	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Marion	Harvey House, Florence	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Old Peabody Library, Peabody	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Osborne	Geodetic Center of the U. S.	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Corps of Engineers Properties-Corps nominations				
Clay	Overland Trail and Military Road Site-Milford Project	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Ellsworth	Mail Station Site-Kanopolis Project	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
	Smoky Hill Road-Kanopolis Project	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Jefferson	Ft. Riley-Ft. Leavenworth Military Road-Perry Project	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

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Nominations Approved at the
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Federal agency nominations for which the review board's
 endorsement is requested:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Tabled</u>
Fort Riley Historic District	<u>X</u>		
Chapel - Leavenworth VA Center	<u>X</u>		
Governor's Quarters - Leavenworth VA Center	<u>X</u>		
Ward Memorial Building - Leavenworth VA Center	<u>X</u>		

Carnegie Library, Newton, Harvey co.	<u>X</u>		
Warkentin (Bernhard) Farmstead, Halstead, Harvey co.	<u>X</u>		
Cooper Memorial, Sterling, Rice co.	<u>X</u>		
Norman No. 1, Neodesha, Wilson co.	<u>X</u>		
Hetherington (W. W.) House, Atchison, Atchison co.	<u>X</u>		
Muchnic (H. E.) House, Atchison, Atchison co.	<u>X</u>		
Waggener (B. P.) House, Atchison, Atchison co.	<u>X</u>		
Williamson Archeological Site (14CF330), John Redmond reservoir, Coffey co.	<u>X</u>		
Doniphan County Courthouse, Troy, Doniphan co.	<u>X</u>		
Dyche Hall, Univ. of Kansas campus, Lawrence, Douglas co.	<u>X</u>		
Green Hall, Univ. of Kansas campus, Lawrence, Douglas co.	<u>X</u>		
Spooner Hall, Univ. of Kansas campus, Lawrence, Douglas co.	<u>X</u>		
"The Castle" (John N. Roberts House), Lawrence, Douglas co.	<u>X</u>		
Steele (J. C.) House, Clinton reservoir, Douglas co.	<u>X</u>		
Petroglyph Site (14EW1), Kanopolis reservoir, Ellsworth co.	<u>X</u>		
Curry Archeological Site (14GR301), Madison vicinity, Greenwood co.	<u>X</u>		
Linn County Courthouse, Mound City, Linn co.	<u>X</u>		
Lewis Archeological Site (14PA307), Larned, Pawnee co.	<u>X</u>		

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The meeting was called to order by chairman W. J. van Wormer at 1:30 p. m. in the GAR room of the Memorial Building. The following board members were in attendance: Donald Danker, A. Bower Sageser, W. J. van Wormer, Paul Wilson, Curtis Besinger, Lynn Burris, Nyle Miller and Carlyle Smith. Others present were John Moir, attending as Mr. Bibb's representative, Charles Hall, architectural consultant, and Edgar Langsdorf, Tom Witty, Richard Pankratz and Ruth Jensen of the Historical Society staff.

The minutes of the May 15 meeting were approved as circulated. The election of officers was deferred until later in the meeting.

In reporting on survey progress, Mr. Pankratz said that Kansas had 144 places listed on the National Register. (Subsequent to the meeting, word was received that the Christian Wetzel cabin, Geary county, was entered on the Register, bringing the Kansas listings to 145.) The only property approved at the last meeting not yet placed on the Register was the Battle of Mine Creek site. There was a delay in obtaining suitable photographs and apparently the National Register office has some uncertainty as to the site's status because of its inclusion in a bill prepared by Cong. Joe Skubitz some years ago. The only other pending nomination is the Doniphan Archeological site.

The 1973 summer survey in northeastern and eastern Kansas added some 360 places to the inventory. For the 1974 summer survey it is hoped that work can be done in the Wichita area and also in north central Kansas.

Mr. Pankratz explained the purposes served by the publication of volumes 1 and 2 of Historic Preservation in Kansas. Vol. 1 contains a summary of the state's history, a preservation history and philosophy and offers a background for preservation activities in the state. Vol. 2 contains data on all places surveyed prior to the past summer's work. Both volumes will be distributed to local and county historical societies as well as local and regional planning agencies.

Mr. Miller pointed out that both volumes were prepared to satisfy federal requirements. Mr. Pankratz asked for the board's endorsement of both volumes. It was moved by Mr. Sageser and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the board approve both volumes; the motion passed.

In discussing the philosophy of the National Register, Pankratz spoke of the visit of two National Park Service representatives to Kansas during September. Both stressed that Kansas had been extremely conservative in its nominations. They advocated greater leniency in nominating sites of state and/or local interest. National Register personnel view the Register as more of a conservation tool than as a method of conferring honor on a few choice sites.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hall discussed the National Trust meeting in South Dakota which both attended during the summer. Federal officials in attendance stressed

the importance of nominating places of state and local significance. Mr. Hall said that he thought the integrity of the National Register would be diluted by overloading it. He suggested the establishment of a second level Register for properties of lesser significance.

Pankratz said that Kansas compared favorably with its neighboring states in regard to the number of National Register properties. As of March, 1973, Kansas had more Register entries than any of its neighbors except Missouri.

Chairman van Wormer expressed his approval of the course being followed by the board. He said that the passage of time and the nomination of an increasing number of properties having strictly local significance would erase the federal image of Kansas as being conservative in its nominations.

Mr. Pankratz explained that in order to be in compliance with Executive Order 11593 all federal agencies having properties which seem to meet the National Register criteria must nominate them. And according to what the staff was told by National Register officials in September, all federal properties nominated will most likely be approved by the Register staff even though the state review board might not consider them of sufficient merit.

A brief report was given on the status of current historic preservation projects. Funds received for Grinter Place have been expended. The state architect's office is preparing plans for renovation of the Goodnow barn. At Fort Hays, plans for completion of the officer's quarters and the guardhouse porch are under way. The Historical Society has applied for \$100,000 in federal funds for the restoration of the Pottawatomie Baptist Mission. Baker University decided not to accept the \$5,000 federal funds for restoration of Old Castle Hall because of what they considered too many encumbrances to make the grant worthwhile.

The twenty-two places presented for National Register consideration are listed on the final page of the minutes. All were accepted.

Mr. Pankratz expressed the belief that Kansas needs some kind of legislation which would legitimize the board's operating procedures and establish policy for Kansas to follow regarding historic preservation. Mr. Wilson stated his support for such legislation and offered his assistance in drawing up legislation for Kansas.

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. van Wormer continue to serve as chairman and Mr. Sageser as vice-chairman. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.