

AGENDA
KANSAS HISTORIC SITES BOARD OF REVIEW

Kansas Museum of History
Museum Classrooms
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, Kansas

February 14, 2015
9:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of members and staff
3. Approval of minutes of November 8, 2014 meeting
4. Update on program activities
5. Heritage Trust Fund Committee Report
6. Consideration of National / State Register nominations

Nominations – National Register of Historic Places

P. J. Lindquist Building – 118 South Main Street, Lindsborg, McPherson Co.

Washington School – 300 E. Myrtle Street, Independence, Montgomery Co.

Nominated as part of the *Historic Public Schools of Kansas & New Deal-era Resources of Kansas* multiple property nominations

Bown-Corby School – 412 North 2nd Street, Marion, Marion Co.

Nominated as part of the *Historic Public Schools of Kansas* multiple property nomination

Hermit's Cave on Belfry Hill – Council Grove, Morris Co.

Fix Farmstead – 34554 Old K-10 Road, Volland vicinity, Wabaunsee Co.

Nominated as part of the *Historic Agriculture-Related Resources of KS* multiple property nomination

The Parsonian Hotel – 1725 Broadway Avenue, Parsons, Labette Co.

Kansas Route 66 Historic District – North Baxter Springs – SE 50th Road, Baxter Springs, Cherokee Co.

Nominated as part of the *Historic Resources of Route 66 in Kansas* multiple property nomination

St. Mary's Catholic Church – 14920 SE 232 Road, Kinsley vicinity, Hodgeman Co.

Girl Scout Little House – 448 West 6th Avenue, Ashland, Clark Co.

Nominated as part of the *New Deal-era Resources of Kansas* multiple property nomination

Strother Field Tetrahedron Wind Indicator – Strother Field, Winfield, Cowley Co.

Nominated as part of the *World War II-era Aviation-Related Facilities* multiple property nomination

7. Other business

Last Chance Store, Council Grove, Morris County – Acquisition of Property for Purposes of Historic Preservation

8. Time and place of future review board meetings

May 9, 2015: Kansas Historical Society

August 8, 2015: Kansas Historical Society

November 7, 2015: Kansas Historical Society

9. Adjournment

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Meeting
February 14, 2015
Museum Classrooms
Kansas Museum of History, Topeka, KS**

Board Members

Present: Jennie Chinn, Sharron Hamilton, John Hoopes, Joseph Johnson, Samuel Passer, David Sachs, Gregory Schneider, Toni Stewart and Margaret Wood.

Absent: Eric Engstrom.

Staff

Present: Rick Anderson, Kristen Johnston, Marsha Longofono, Amanda Loughlin, Sarah Martin, Katrina Ringler and Patrick Zollner.

Proceedings

In Chairman Eric Engstrom's absence, Gregory Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and asked for introductions from the board and staff members.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the meeting minutes of November 8, 2014.

Executive Director's Report

Jennie Chinn postponed comments until later in the meeting, at which time the board would discuss HB 2268 - Acquisition of Historic Property for Purposes of Historic Preservation.

Cultural Resources Division Director's Report

Patrick Zollner reported that there are now 1,384 Kansas listings in the National Register of Historic Places and 165 listings in the Kansas register, with 10 new listings, 1 approval of additional documentation, 2 removals and 2 MPDF cover document approvals since the last meeting. He announced the resignation of board member Beka Romm. He informed the board that every five years the Cultural Resources Division leads an effort to update a statewide historic preservation plan, which is required by the National Park Service. He invited the board members to participate in the public-comment process by taking a brief survey available at www.kshs.org/17132. Zollner announced a 4-day hands-on window restoration and weatherization workshop, April 7-10 in Lecompton. He also noted staff changes since the last meeting. Sarah Hunter was hired to replace Kim Gant as the SHPO Review & Compliance Coordinator. A copy of the Cultural Resources Division quarterly report was included in the board members' folders.

Report of the 2015 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee

The recommendations of the Heritage Trust Fund grant committee (Attachment 1) were read by committee chairman Samuel Passer. The board unanimously accepted the recommendations. Joseph Johnson asked if any applications were received from Sedgwick County, to which Katrina Ringler replied yes. John Hoopes asked if the ratio of requested versus funded projects was similar to previous years, to which Ringler responded yes, noting that more requests were received this year.

NOMINATIONS – NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES - NOMINATIONS

P. J. Lindquist Building – 118 South Main Street, Lindsborg, McPherson Co.

Criterion A: Commerce

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1901-1946

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Swedish immigrant P.J. Lindquist commissioned the construction of this building in 1901 to house his tailor shop and an upper-floor living space. That year, Lindsborg led other McPherson County towns in investment in new commercial and residential building. Although the tailor shop was short-lived, the Lindquist family owned the building for 39 years. The family lived in the second-floor apartment for many years, apparently after closing the tailor shop. Other businesses, such as the Tea Cup Inn, subsequently occupied the commercial space. The Malm Brothers Painting Company, reportedly packed and shipped stencils from this building. One interior wall provides a vibrant stencil sample that may be the work of local artist Oscar Gunnarson, a partner in the Malm Company. The building is an excellent example of an early 20th century commercial building distinguished by Italianate-style details including the cast-iron storefront and tall second-story windows with ornate metal hoods. Although the building has housed multiple tenants on both floors over the years, it retains a high degree of integrity. It is nominated for its local significance in the areas of commerce and architecture.

Presented by: Brenda Spencer, preservation consultant

Discussion: David Sachs suggested that the text be amended to include more information about the stencil connection. Spencer agreed that this would strengthen the nomination. Joseph Johnson asked for clarification about how the window hoods were constructed, to which Spencer replied they were made of very ornate metal with typical Italianate detail and were in good condition. Margaret Wood asked if the discovered stencil work would be left exposed or covered up. Spencer responded that the workers will leave exposed the 6-foot section which has been discovered.

Motion to approve: David Sachs

Second: Joseph Johnson

8 votes yes, 1 abstention (Jennie Chinn¹)

Washington School – 300 E. Myrtle Street, Independence, Montgomery Co.

Criterion A: Education

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1939-1965

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Nominated as part of the *Historic Public Schools of Kansas MPS*

¹ Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed.

Washington School was constructed with the assistance of the federal Public Works Administration (PWA) and officially opened January 3, 1940. The two-story building is constructed of architectural concrete and reflects the early Modern Movement in architecture, defined by its stepped rectangular massing and clean lines with contrasting forms. Entrances feature curved concrete walls and railings characteristic of the Art Moderne style. The school was designed by Thomas W. Williamson and Co., a Topeka-based firm with hundreds of public school commissions. Washington School served the community of Independence as a public grade school until 2011. It is nominated as part of the *Historic Public Schools of Kansas* multiple property nomination in the areas of education and architecture.

Presented by: Brenda Spencer

Discussion: David Sachs asked for clarification regarding the style of the building. The photo captions identify the style as Art Deco, however, the nomination states that the style is Art Moderne. Sachs also suggested amending a sentence on page 7. Spencer agreed to check the nomination and amend the information, as necessary.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson Second: Toni Stewart
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Bown-Corby School – 412 North 2nd Street, Marion, Marion Co.

Criterion A: Education

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1929-1965

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

Nominated as part of the *Historic Public Schools of Kansas* MPS

Built in 1929, the Bown-Corby School is an excellent example of Collegiate Gothic architecture, which emerged as a popular style for schools in the period following World War I. The building has red brick walls with ashlar limestone detailing, projecting bays, buttresses, and quoined stone surrounds, all typical of the architectural style. It retains the original wood and steel windows, which is unusual for a public school building of this age. The building was designed by Wichita-based architect S. S. Voigt and served as the town's grade school for 62 years, closing in 1992. It was named in honor of Anna Bown and Jenny Corby, two long-time teachers in the Marion school district. It is nominated as part of the *Historic Public Schools of Kansas* multiple property nomination in the areas of education and architecture.

Presented by: Brenda Spencer

Discussion: David Sachs remarked that the style references were confusing; in different places, the building is described as Collegiate Gothic, Tudor Revival and Gothic Revival. Spencer replied that the building is a hybrid, however, the National Park Service describes the style as Late Gothic Revival. Sachs suggested that the nomination be amended to reflect the NPS official designation.

Public Discussion: Terry Jones, Director of Economic Development in Marion County, spoke in support the nomination. Spencer remarked that the school building was given to the city when the school moved out; that was the force behind the effort for an alternative use.

Motion to approve: Greg Schneider Second: Toni Stewart
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Hermit Cave on Belfry Hill – Council Grove, Morris Co.

Criterion A: Entertainment/Recreation; Other (Tourism)

Period of Significance: 1890-1929

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 contributing sites, 2 contributing objects

Belfry Hill is a prominent landmark in the Neosho River valley that overlooks the surrounding community of Council Grove, which began as a Santa Fe Trail-era campsite along the river. Providing scenic views of the town, Belfry Hill is a tree-lined bluff with natural stone outcroppings that functions as a local park welcoming visitors. A portion of Belfry Hill was developed in 1901 as a natural and historical park, and it was further enhanced in 1921 as part of the centennial commemoration of the opening of the Santa Fe Trail. The area within the stone outcropping has long been interpreted by local historians as the place where Italian priest Giovanni Maria de Agostini lived for five months in 1863. Still today, the town's identity and heritage tourism are rooted in these early 20th efforts to promote the area's frontier and trail-era history. This site is not nominated for association with the community's mid-19th century history, but rather for its significance as an early 20th century historical attraction.

Presented by: Brenda Spencer

Discussion: Joseph Johnson remarked that he appreciated the enthusiasm of Spencer's nominations. John Hoopes asked if there was any possibility of prehistoric remains or evidence of archeological excavations, to which Spencer replied that it was doubtful given the development of the site over the years. Sarah Martin, KSHS Staff, remarked that nothing in the files suggest that this area has been studied for archeological remains. The board discussed whether Criterion D was appropriate, given the potential archeological associations. Sharron Hamilton suggested that the city needs to increase publicity for this cave, to which Spencer replied local development may make it much more accessible.

Public Discussion: Sharon Haun, Morris County Historical Society, spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion to approve: Sharron Hamilton Second: Samuel Passer
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Fix Farmstead – 34554 Old K-10 Road, Volland vicinity, Wabaunsee Co.

Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement; Agriculture

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: c. 1866-1955

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 5 contributing buildings; 1 contributing structure

Nominated as part of the *Historic Agriculture-Related Resources of Kansas MPS*

The Fix Farmstead is situated in a picturesque rural setting on a terrace above the West Branch of Mill Creek, less than a mile northeast of the unincorporated hamlet of Volland. The property is accessed by a long lane that extends from the gravel road. The farmstead is comprised of an impressive Italianate-style house, a tenant house, barn and granary, storage cellar, storm cellar, and garage. The German-American Fix family migrated to Wabaunsee County in 1860. Upon his return from service during the Civil War, John R. Fix married Rebecca Larch and settled on this land in Washington Township. The majority of extant farmstead features post-date 1880, likely representing the height of prosperity on the farm. It is nominated as part of the *Historic Agriculture-Related Resources of Kansas* multiple property nomination for its local significance in the areas of early settlement, agriculture, and architecture.

Presented by: Dale Nimz

Public Discussion: Verne Claussen, Jr. spoke in support of the nomination and provided more information about the renovation efforts. Jennie Chinn thanked Claussen for his preservation work.

Motion to approve: Joseph Johnson Second: David Sachs
8 votes yes, 1 abstention

Joseph Johnson, HSBR member, departed the meeting at 10:35 A.M.

The Parsonian Hotel – 1725 Broadway Avenue, Parsons, Labette Co.

Criterion A: Commerce

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1954-1965

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

The Parsonian Hotel at 1725 Broadway Avenue sits in the heart of downtown Parsons. Constructed in 1954, the hotel was intended to provide accommodations for business travelers, to promote new commercial and industrial ventures, and to attract conventions to town. Construction of the building was financed primarily by the sale of stock to local residents who made up the ownership group. The building reflects the International architectural style, which was popular before and after World War II. The eight-story concrete-frame building has a two-story base that covers the majority of the site, and a six-story hotel room tower set back from the edges of the base. The two-story base is constructed primarily of red brick, with aluminum windows and storefront, limestone accents below the storefront, concrete window-surrounds at the second story, and horizontal projecting concrete canopies. The tower is constructed of yellow-brick, concrete, and aluminum double-hung ribbon-windows. It is nominated for its local significance in the areas of commerce and architecture.

Presented by: Stan Hernly

Discussion: There was a question regarding the planned use of the building, to which Hernly replied Senior housing. David Sachs suggested amending the nomination to clarify conflicting information regarding the architect and designer of this building. Hernly agreed. Greg

Schneider remarked that he finds it fascinating that the Parsonian Hotel was developed as a contention center in the downtown given the economic climate at the time and the fact that transportation was changing. Jennie Chinn noted the receipt of a letter of support for the nomination from Deborah Lamb, Interim City Manager, City of Parsons, which was included in the board members' folders.

Motion to approve: Greg Schneider Second: Samuel Passer
7 votes yes, 1 abstention (Johnson left the meeting before this vote was taken)

The board took a five minute break from 10:40-10:45 A.M .

Kansas Route 66 Historic District – North Baxter Springs – SE 50th Road, Cherokee Co.

Criterion A: Transportation

Period of Significance: 1923-1961

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing site; 5 contributing structures

Nominated as part of the *Historic Resources of Route 66 MPS*

This segment of Route 66 north of Baxter Springs, totaling 2.1 miles, is located between the historic Brush Creek bridge on the north and Willow Creek on the south. The entire length of the historic Route 66 in Kansas totaled only 13.2 miles, entering Cherokee County near Galena and exiting south of Baxter Springs. Cherokee County opened bids for the construction of this portion of the road on March 12, 1923. This was part of a larger Federal Highway Project between Joplin, Missouri and Baxter Springs. The Federal Highway Commission designated Route 66 as part of a new national highway network on November 11, 1926. This section of road remained an integral part of Kansas Route 66 until a bypass was completed in the early 1960s. As a result, the road has largely served local traffic and tourists traveling the old route. The Kansas Department of Transportation designated this road a Kansas Historic Byway in 2011. It is nominated as part of the *Historic Resources of Route 66 in Kansas* multiple property nomination in the area of transportation.

Presented by: Sarah Martin

Discussion: Martin noted the receipt of a letter of support for the nomination from the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, which was included in the board members' folders. David Sachs asked about the uniqueness of the district proposed, to which Martin responded that it had been identified during the original survey as potentially eligible and was patterned after a similar district east of Galena. Margaret Wood asked why the Marsh Arch bridge was not included in the nomination, to which Martin replied that the bridge is already individually listed in the National Register and the road diverts from the original path just before the bridge leading to a new bridge.

Motion to approve: David Sachs Second: Samuel Passer
7 votes yes, 1 abstention

St. Mary's Catholic Church – 14920 SE 232 Road, Kinsley vicinity, Hodgeman Co.

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1904;1928

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building

A group of Irish-born settlers erected St. Mary's Catholic Church in rural Hodgeman County in 1904. The parishioners had attended the German St. Joseph Catholic Church located five miles south, but in 1903 a dispute arose between the German and Irish members in regard to a proposed location for a new church building. The Irish members wished to have the new location two miles north, but an agreement could not be made. As a result, the congregation split. St. Mary's church suffered a devastating fire on January 1, 1928, leaving only the exterior walls to be salvaged. The parishioners hired builder Joseph Sebacher to rebuild the church with plans drafted by Emporia-based architects Henry W. Brinkman and Stanley Hagan. This same team had just completed a new building for St. Joseph in nearby Offerlee. St. Mary's church closed its doors in 1997. The small church features a stone exterior, Gothic-arch windows, a red tile gable roof, and a center bell tower. It is nominated for its local significance in the area of architecture.

Presented by: Sarah Martin

Public Discussion: Margaret Wood asked about the current use of the building, to which Martin replied a social/meeting hall. Martin stated that some non-religious services are still held in this building, however, it does not currently function as a Catholic church. David Sachs suggested amending the nomination to clarify whether the buildings surrounding the church were contributing or non-contributing, to which Martin agreed. Greg Schneider asked if there was ever a rectory, to which Martin responded no.

Motion to approve: Greg Schneider Second: David Sachs
7 votes yes, 1 abstention

Girl Scout Little House – 448 West 6th Avenue, Ashland, Clark Co.

Criterion A: Social History; Government

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1937-1965

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 contributing building; 1 contributing structure

Nominated as part of the *New Deal-era Resources of Kansas MPS*

The Girl Scout Little House in Ashland was built in 1937 by laborers employed through the Works Progress Administration (WPA), with Ed Burr serving as the project supervisor. The Little House was built to serve the Ashland Girl Scout troop, which formed in about 1924 some 12 years after Juliette Gordon Low established the first American Girl Scout troop in Savannah, Georgia. It was erected in a residential neighborhood on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nunemacher. The local Girl Scout building committee raised funds to complete the project from individuals, businesses, churches, and community groups. The small stone building was dedicated to the community in February 1938, and it has served the Girl Scouts and the Ashland community ever since. The small building is made of locally quarried stone and exhibits the Rustic style typical of New Deal-era buildings. It is nominated as part of the *New Deal-Era Resources of Kansas* multiple property nomination for its local significance in the areas of social history, government, and architecture.

Presented by: Sarah Martin

Other Business

Jennie Chinn gave a legislative update, noting that HB 2268 – which would convey ownership of the Last Chance Store Historic Property for purposes of historic preservation to the Kansas Historical Society – had been introduced in the 2015 legislative session. The KSHS does not have general statutory authority to accept land and buildings, therefore specific legislation is required. Chinn referred to a memo in the board members’ folders with more details. Chinn stated that the KSHS was supportive of the bill, but wanted input from the HSBR.

David Sachs spoke in support of the bill. Margaret Wood asked how close the building was in relation to the Kaw Mission, to which Chinn replied several blocks. Wood asked if the Kaw Mission was open full-time, to which Chinn responded yes. We may have to coordinate with the community to decide the optimum times for visitors and tours. Chinn stressed that the proposal is budget-neutral due in large part to the Kaw Mission State Historic Site located nearby, which already has in place a staff-person and public facilities. John Hoopes commented that from an archeological perspective, there exists a high potential for finding historic remains at the site, to which Chinn agreed would need to be considered if KSHS obtains this property. Sharon Hahn, former director of Kaw Mission State Historic Site, spoke in support of HB 2268. Chinn requested a vote of support for the Last Chance Store becoming part of the Kaw Mission State Historic Site.

Motion to approve: Greg Schneider Second: John Hoopes
7 votes yes, 1 abstention

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be May 9, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Kansas Museum of History in the Museum Classrooms. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

ATTACHMENT 1

Report of the 2015 Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee

On February 13, 2015, after a public hearing, the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee met to discuss its final selection of the 2015 Heritage Trust Fund grant applications and to prepare a list of recommendations to this board. The members of the committee are Gregory Schneider, Sam Passer, and Wabaunsee County Register of Deeds, Suzanne Simon. The committee reviewed **47** applications requesting a total of **\$3,156,547** in grant funds.

The committee evaluated the applicants, employing the criteria stated in the legislation that created the grant program in 1990. The criteria includes the property’s level of historic significance, condition of the property, urgency of the work proposed, level of endangerment, administrative ability of the applicant, potential benefit to the community and state, community support for the project, and the property owner’s financial need.

Following is the list of properties recommended for funding in the 2015 round of Heritage Trust Fund grants. They are listed alphabetically by county.

County	Property	Award
Atchison	Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum	\$ 46,080
Barton	Historic Wolf Hotel	\$ 10,925
Butler	Whitewater Falls Stock Farm	\$ 90,000
Butler	Loomis Building	\$ 21,331
Cherokee	Ritz Theater	\$ 90,000
Ellsworth	Holyrood Santa Fe Depot	\$ 26,291
Franklin	Wellsville Bank Building	\$ 90,000
Hodgeman	Hodgeman County Courthouse	\$ 90,000
Lincoln	Sylvan Grove Union Pacific Depot	\$ 41,500
Lyon	Colonel H.C. & Susan Cross House	\$ 90,000
Marshall	Frankfort Grade School	\$ 90,000
Marshall	Waterville Opera	\$ 90,000
Morris	Hays House	\$ 70,887
Trego	Wilcox School - District 29	\$ 34,560

These 14 awards total \$881,574 in proposed grant funding. The selected projects include a number of significant properties drawn from locations across the state. We believe the recommended projects will benefit these historic resources and the communities in which they are found. We hope these projects meet with your approval and that you will choose to endorse our recommendations. I therefore move that this report be accepted by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, pending the availability of funds.

Heritage Trust Fund Grant Review Committee
Sam Passer, HSBR Member
Suzanne Simon, Wabaunsee County Register of Deeds
Gregory Schneider, HSBR Member