

Supplementary Listing Record

NRIS Reference Number: MP100003445

Date Listed: 3/14/2019

Property Name: Johnson Block Historic District

County: Douglas

State: KS

This Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation


Signature of the Keeper

3/14/2019
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:
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In Section 7 of the National Register nomination form the status of a resource has been changed from non-contributing to contributing.

On page 10 of the National Register nomination form; 15. 815 Missouri (Pickens House) KHRI #045-3010-01761 is now a contributing resource to the Johnson Block Historic District. The non-historic siding

does alone does not overwhelm the other character defining features for the resource to display sufficient integrity as a C. 1912 Prairie style house. The resource is eligible for the National Register.

In Section 5 of the National Register nomination form the count has been changed

Contributing buildings: 29

Non-contributing buildings: 9

Resource Total: 29 Total contributing, '9 Total non-contributing

The KANSAS SHPO was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

Historic name Johnson Block Historic District

Other names/site number KHRI #045-6395

Name of related Multiple Property Listing Historic Resources of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas

2. Location

Street & number East side of 800 Block of Arkansas Street and west side of 800 Block of Missouri Street not for publication

City or town Lawrence vicinity

State Kansas Code KS County Douglas Code 045 Zip code 66044

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

Patrick Zollner 11-26-18
Signature of certifying official/Title Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO Date

Kansas State Historical Society
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register _____ determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register _____ removed from the National Register

other (explain: _____)

Alexis A. [Signature] 2/14/2019
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>	
<u>28</u>	<u>10</u>	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>28</u>	<u>10</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

DOMESTIC: secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Foursquare

LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS: Bungalow/Craftsman, Prairie School

LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS:

Tudor Revival

OTHER: Minimal Traditional

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: CONCRETE, BRICK

walls: WOOD

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roof: OTHER: COMPOSITION SHINGLE

other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources, if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary

The Johnson Block Historic District is an intact residential neighborhood located within the city boundaries of the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. Located eleven blocks east of downtown and three blocks north of the University of Kansas, the district encompasses the east side of the 800 block of Arkansas and the west side of the 800 block of Missouri and includes an alley between the two streets. The district contains 19 contributing residences, nine contributing outbuildings, three non-contributing residences, and seven non-contributing outbuildings. Residences maintain a uniform setback and orientation.



Figure 1: Contextual map, showing Johnson Block District (bold, dashed line) in relation to downtown and University of Kansas (KHRI).

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The district is bounded on the north by 8th Street, Missouri Street on the east, 9th Street on the south, and Arkansas Street on the west. Both blocks are characterized by sidewalks that are separated from the street by mature trees.

The district is a mix of several of the residential property types outlined in Section F of the multiple property document, "Historic Resources of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas." Contributing buildings meet the property type description and registration requirements as defined in Section F.

Figure 2: Douglas County's GIS aerial map, showing parcel separations within the district.

Elaboration

Setting

The Johnson Block Historic District is characterized by residences with a uniform set back and orientation. The streets are paved with a modern asphalt. Both blocks have sidewalks that are separated from the street by mature trees. There are eight full driveways and one partial driveway that interrupt the rhythm of sidewalks and trees beside the street. Behind the houses is a paved alley that runs between the 800 block of Arkansas and the 800 block of Missouri. Contributing and non-contributing outbuildings line the alley.

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The terrain is gently sloping from west to east and from southwest to northeast. The block has been platted on a grid street pattern with an alley. A majority of the contributing buildings are oriented east-west with some exceptions including the few non-contributing post-World War II buildings. Properties have a uniform setback from the street. Most properties have grassed front and side yards with mature trees and foundation plantings. There are both brick and concrete sidewalks.

Because the Johnson Block was on the edge of urban development in Lawrence, paved streets and sidewalks were constructed after 1909. Gas mains were laid in the alley. According to the City of Lawrence, Arkansas Street was paved with cement in 1914. Electrical service was extended to the block later in the early twentieth century.

Inventory

The nominated district contains 38 resources, including 22 houses. The inventory is arranged by block, starting with the 800 block of Arkansas from north to south, then moving to the 800 block of Missouri from north to south. Each inventory entry begins with the street address, legal address, style, date of construction, exterior materials, and photograph number. Construction dates are calculated from the county records.

800 BLOCK OF ARKANSAS STREET, EAST SIDE

1. 800 Arkansas Street (Yancey House) KHRI #045-3010-01745 Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 24

Style: Craftsman

Date of Construction: c. 1920

Exterior Materials: Stucco, composition shingle roof, concrete foundation

Photograph Number: 1

Description: This is a cross gabled Craftsman style house with an airplane bungalow-style second floor. The house features Craftsman details including exposed roof rafters, a low-pitched gable roof with a wide, unenclosed eave overhang, and piers on the porch that extend to ground floor. The full front porch is supported on red brick piers with battered posts covered in stucco. The house has a concrete or concrete block foundation covered in stucco, a contrasting red brick water table, walls and gable ends finished in stucco, and a composition roof shingle. On the north elevation is a red brick exterior chimney and an interior brick chimney in the rear roof peak. The central entrance faces east, under the full front wood-decked porch with a wooden railing. The entrance has a wooden 8-light door and a wooden 8-light storm door. The front door is flanked by a pair of 4/1 double-hung wooden windows. Other significant Craftsman features include exposed roof rafters, the low-pitched gable roof with a wide, unenclosed eave overhang, and decorative beams under the gables.

1a. 800 Arkansas Street (Garage) Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 2

A one-story, one-car front-gabled garage with a composition shingled roof that matches the primary building. Accessed from the alley by a curved concrete driveway that faces north towards 8th Street. The garage is located on the southeast corner of the lot.

2. 804 Arkansas Street (House) KHRI #045-3010-01744 Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 23

Style: National Folk

Date of Construction: c. 1920

Exterior Materials: Wood frame construction with weatherboard, shingle sheathing in gable ends, concrete foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 3

Description: This rectangular two-story house has a front gabled, full-length front porch. The porch is supported on concrete block piers with two square wooden end posts. The porch has a wooden floor,

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steps, two square low posts, and benches between the posts. One entrance faces west towards Arkansas Street, with a side entrance in the center of the north elevation. The front entrance door appears to be wooden with an upper glazed panel and a wooden storm door. The north side entrance door appears to be a replacement. The majority of the windows are 1/1 double hung windows. The house features simple ornamentation, including a slightly projecting molding above windows and doors and a leaded glass section in the large front window. The house has been enlarged with a substantial contemporary rear two-story addition with a lower two-story bay extending to the east northeast. This addition has a rear wooden deck and stair.

2a. 804 Arkansas Street (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 4

The garage is a 1 1/2-story, front-gabled structure constructed to match the primary building. Accessed from the alley by a paved driveway, the entrance faces south. The garage is located on the northeast corner of the lot.

3. 806 Arkansas (Ochse House) KHRI #045-3010-01743

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 22 & N 1/2 LT 21 (U05127 & U05128 COMBINED 1987)

Style: Craftsman

Date of Construction: c. 1925

Exterior Materials: Wood frame construction with weatherboard, concrete foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 5

Description: This is a rectangular one-story Craftsman style bungalow with a front gable roof. There is a cantilevered projecting window bay in the south elevation, a projecting second story rear bay above a screened porch in the east elevation, and a shed bay to the northeast. It appears that the two gable roof dormers in the front and a shed-roofed dormer in the rear are additions. The projecting front porch has been enclosed and a large wooden deck that runs along the south side provides access to the main side entrance and the rear. The house has a concrete or concrete block foundation, wood frame construction, weatherboard, and composition shingle roofing. The partial-width porch has concrete block piers, wooden lattice skirting, floor, and posts. The front entrance door appears to be a wooden door with glazed panel. The majority of the windows are 4/1 double-hung. Craftsman ornamentation includes detailing on the porch lintel and eave braces on the porch and main gable ends.

3a. 806 Arkansas (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 6

This one-story front gabled garage is accessed by a driveway from Arkansas Street. The garage door opens to the west side, towards Arkansas Street.

4. 818 Arkansas (House) KHRI #045-3010-01738

Non-Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 20 & S 1/2 LT 21 (U05125 & 26 COMBINED 1988)

Style: Minimal Traditional

Date of Construction: c. 1950

Exterior Materials: Wood frame on slab construction with synthetic siding, brick chimney, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 7

Description: This is a rectangular one-story house with a side-gable roof and central entrance. There is a slightly projecting one-story addition with a side-gable roof to the north. The house is wood frame on a slab construction with synthetic siding, and composition shingle roofing. There is a prominent brick chimney on the west elevation of the addition. The entrance door appears to be a synthetic door with an aluminum storm door. There is a picture window flanked by 2/2 double-hung sash. Other windows are 2/2 double-hung sash in the main block and 1/1 sliding sash in the addition.

5. 820 Arkansas (House) KHRI #045-3010-01736

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Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 19

Style: Minimal Traditional

Date of Construction: c. 1954

Exterior Materials: Wood frame construction, synthetic siding, concrete foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 8

Description: This is a rectangular one-story Minimal Traditional type house with a side-gable roof and central entrance. There is a partial width shed-roofed entry to the north. There is a contemporary shed-roofed rear addition to the northeast with a small wooden deck and steps. The house has a concrete foundation, wood frame construction, synthetic siding, and composition shingle roofing. The entrance has a paneled door with a glazed aluminum storm door. To the north, there is a picture window flanked by 2/2 double-hung windows. Other windows are 2/2 double-hung windows. In the addition, the windows are 1/1 sliding sash. There is an L-shaped aluminum wheel-chair ramp providing access to the front entrance.

6. 824 Arkansas (Overston House) KHRI #045-3010-01734

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 18

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1915

Exterior Materials: wood frame construction with shingle sheathing, brick foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 9

Description: This is a rectangular two-story Four-square house with Prairie style features. The house has a two-bay front, a side entrance, and a pyramidal roof with hipped roof dormers. There is a second-story sleeping porch in the rear. There is a prominent front porch, a projecting one-story addition in the south elevation, a two-story projecting addition in the north elevation, and a one-story shed-roofed rear addition with a contemporary wooden deck and two flights of steps. The house has a brick foundation, wood frame construction, shingle sheathing, and composition shingle roofing. The additions have concrete foundations. The front porch is supported on brick piers with stone caps and brick posts. The pedimented gable end has a lintel with modest dentil molding, wide cornice returns, and a dentil molding in the eave. The broad roof overhang is a Prairie style detail. The replacement windows are 9/1 double-hung metal sash.

7. 828 Arkansas (Birch House) KHRI #045-3010-01732

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 17

Style: National Folk

Date of Construction: c. 1912

Exterior Materials: Wood frame with weatherboard and shingle sheathing, stone block foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 10

Description: This is a rectangular, one-and-a-half-story National Folk house. It has a front gable roof with gable roof dormers to the north and south. The house has a rock-faced coursed stone block foundation, wood frame construction, weatherboard on the first story and shingle sheathing on the gable ends and roof dormers, and composition shingle roofing. There is a central interior brick chimney. The full length front porch has a hipped roof and is supported on three slender columns. The porch has a wooden floor, lattice skirting, and a low railing. The central entrance has a glazed wooden door and aluminum storm door. There is a leaded glass window to the north. Other windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with aluminum storms. Ornamental features include the porch columns, a bay window in the south elevation, and the slightly projecting pedimented dormer roofs. A projecting rear second-story sleeping porch rises from a rear one-story hipped roof addition. There is a small shed addition projecting to the southeast from this rear addition.

7a. 828 Arkansas (Garage)

Non-Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 11

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This is a one-store, front gabled garage with synthetic siding. The garage door faces to the east towards the alley. The building features exposed rafter tails and a composition shingle roof.

8. 832 Arkansas (Young House) KHRI #045-3010-01730

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 16

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1912

Exterior Materials: Wood weatherboard, brick foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 12

Description: This is a Prairie style American Four-square house. It has a two-bay front with a side entrance and a hipped roof with hipped roof dormers to the west, north, and south. The house has a brick foundation, wood frame construction, weatherboard, and composition shingle roofing. There is a second-story tripartite bay window above the side entrance and a bay window in the south elevation. There is a one-story gable-roofed rear addition. The full length front porch has a shed roof supported on three square wooden posts. The porch has a wooden floor, lattice skirting, steps, and railing. There is a wooden entrance door with three upper lights and a glazed storm door. Windows are 1/1 double-hung sash.

8a. 832 Arkansas (Garage)

Non-contributing Building

Photograph Number: 13

This building is a two-story structure with a front gabled roof and synthetic siding. The double-wide garage door entrances faces east towards the alley. On the second floor are non-historic windows. The roof eaves have a slight overhang, and an awning is located above a pedestrian entrance on the north side of the building.

9. 838 Arkansas (House) KHRI #045-3010-01727

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 15

Style: National Folk

Date of Construction: c. 1916

Exterior Materials: Wood weatherboard, concrete block foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 14

Description: This is a rectangular two-story house with a front gable roof and Craftsman details. It has a two-bay front with a side entrance. The house has a concrete block foundation, wood frame construction, weatherboard, and composition shingle roofing. There is an interior brick end chimney to the east. The gable-roofed porch has brick piers, wooden floor, lattice skirting, steps, railing and posts. There is a wooden multi-light entrance door and aluminum storm door surmounted by a transom window. Windows appear to be 1/1 metal replacements. Ornamental features include the recessed paneled porch posts, overhanging eaves with ornamental rafter tails, and eave knee braces.

9a. 838 Arkansas (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 15

This one story garage has a front gabled roof, with the entrance facing south. The appearance resembles the main house with weatherboard siding and exposed rafter tails. The roof appears to be a modern composition shingle.

10. 844 Arkansas (House) KHRI #045-3010-01726

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 14

Style: Tudor Revival

Date of Construction: c. 1930

Exterior Materials: Brick, stucco, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 16

Description: This rectangular one-and-a-half-story Tudor Revival style features a front-facing gable with wing and a front brick chimney. The front-gabled projecting one-story entrance bay is flanked by the

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prominent exterior brick chimney to the north. The house has a stucco foundation and walls. The roof is covered with composition shingle roofing. The entrance has a concrete landing with concrete steps capped with red brick and an ornamental iron railing. There is a wooden multi-light entrance door with an 8-light storm door. Windows are 6/1 double-hung sash.

11. 846 Arkansas (House) KHRI #045-3010-01725

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 13

Style: Tudor Revival

Date of Construction: c. 1930

Exterior Materials: Stucco, concrete foundation, and composition (possibly concrete tile) shingle roof

Photograph Number: 17

Description: This is a rectangular one-and-a-half-story Tudor Revival style house with a front-gabled roof and a side shed-roofed entrance. It has an irregular T-plan with a recessed side entrance to the northwest and a projecting entrance bay to the southwest. There is a rear basement garage entrance. The house has a concrete foundation (scored to imitate stone courses), stucco walls, and composition (possibly concrete tile) shingle roofing. There is an interior brick chimney in the south slope of the front gable roof. The front gable ends have vents with arched tops.

Both front entries have concrete landings with concrete steps accentuated by a curved border surmounted with red brick and iron railings. The wooden front entrance doors have four upper lights—a pattern repeated in the 4/1 wooden double-hung windows with aluminum storms. Ornamental Tudor Revival features include the steeply pitched roof, paired 4/1 windows, stucco, and arched vents. Windows to the east have shed awnings.

800 BLOCK OF MISSOURI, WEST SIDE

12. 801 Missouri (Granger House) KHRI #045-3010-01765

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 1

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1910

Exterior Materials: Wood siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 18

Description: This Prairie-style house has a two-bay front with a side entrance to the north and a central entrance in the north elevation. The stone foundation is constructed of rock-faced blocks in an ashlar pattern. The house has a gable roof with a curved cornice return detail. In the north elevation, there is a projecting gable window bay lighting the stair and a similar projecting window bay in the south elevation. There is a rear wing with a second-story sleeping porch and a shed-roofed rear porch. The house is wood frame construction with weatherboard and composition shingle roofing. The house has a central interior brick chimney.

The wood frame front porch has a gable roof with curved end cornice returns supported by two tapered and grooved square posts with molded capitals. The porch has wooden steps, floor, and railing. The wooden entrance door has a large glazed panel and a wooden storm door. There are 1/1 double-hung windows. Modest ornamental features include a small leaded glass window beside the entrance and ornamental wood shingle courses in the main and porch gable ends.

12a. 801 Missouri (Garage)

Non-contributing Building

Photograph Number: 19

This one-story front-gabled garage features a modern garage door that faces the north towards 8th Street. The garage is accessed via the alley. It is constructed with modern siding and a composition shingle roof.

13. 805 Missouri (House) KHRI #0445-3010-01741

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 2

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Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1912

Exterior Materials: Wood siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 20

Description: This is a rectangular two-story *Foursquare* type residence with Prairie and Craftsman style features. The house has a two-bay front with a side entrance to the north. The foundation is constructed of coursed rock-faced stone blocks. The house has a side-gable roof with wide overhangs and cornice returns. There are front and rear hipped roof dormers. The rear first story extends slightly to support a cantilevered sleeping porch. A one-story hipped roof addition to the north extends from this wing. The house is wood frame construction with weatherboard on the first story and shingle sheathing on the second story and gable ends. The roof has composition shingle roofing. There is an interior brick chimney to the southwest. The hipped roof front porch is wood frame construction with three tapered posts, a railing and steps with railings. The wooden entrance door has a large glazed panel and contemporary glass storm door. There are 1/1 double-hung windows with aluminum storms. Ornamental features include a small leaded glass window to the north and a larger window with leaded ornament to the south.

13a. 805 Missouri (Garage)

Non-contributing Building

Photograph Number: 21

This is a one-story front-gabled garage with doors that face to the north. The garage is accessed from the alley to the west. To the left of the garage door is a pedestrian door with access to the fenced-in back yard. The garage is constructed with modern siding and a composition shingle roof.

14. 809 Missouri (Klein House) KHRI #045-3010-01763

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 3

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1914

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 22

Description: This is a rectangular two-story *Foursquare* plan house with simplified Prairie and Craftsman style features. The house has a square plan with a secondary entrance on the north, a hipped roof, and hipped roof dormers to the east, south, and north. The foundation is constructed of coursed rock-faced stone blocks. The house is wood frame construction with weatherboard on the first story and shingle sheathing on the second story. There is a projecting bay in the north elevation and a bay window in the south elevation as well as a rear hipped-roof wing to the northwest with a second floor sleeping porch. There is a central interior brick chimney. The house has a full-length front porch on stone piers. The porch has a wooden floor, steps, railing, and square posts. Ornamental features include the broad overhanging eaves and contrasting shingle sheathing on the second story and roof dormers. There is a paneled wooden entrance door with a contemporary aluminum storm door. The windows are 1/1 double-hung with aluminum storms.

14a. 809 Missouri (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 23

This one-story garage does not open to the alley. Due to the fencing in the backyard, it is difficult to confirm, but the garage likely opens towards the house to the east. The small structure has wood weatherboard siding, a concrete foundation, and a composition shingle roof.

15. 815 Missouri (Pickens House) KHRI #045-3010-01761

Non-contributing building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 4

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1912

Exterior Materials: Synthetic siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 24

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Description: This is a rectangular two-story Prairie style house. It has a two-bay front with a side entrance. The house has a tripartite bay window with a pedimented head in the south elevation, an entrance in the north elevation, a small shed-roofed addition at the northwest corner, and a two-story rear wing with a second-story sleeping porch, and a one-story gable-roofed addition. The house has a coursed rock-faced stone foundation (parged with mortar). It is wood frame construction with synthetic siding and composition shingle roofing. There is a central interior brick chimney in the north roof slope. The house has a full-length front porch on brick piers with stone caps supporting two end columns and wooden steps and railing. The wooden entrance door with glazed panels is flanked by a small leaded glass window to the north and a large window with leaded ornamentation to the south. Windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with aluminum storm windows. Contemporary shutters are affixed beside the front second story and attic windows. Due to the secondary siding, the house is considered non-contributing. If the siding be removed in the future, the status should be reevaluated.

15a. 815 Missouri (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 25

This one-story garage appears to be constructed of concrete masonry units and finished with a parging that has been detailed to have the appearance of horizontal siding. There is no entrance to the alley, and the roof is composition shingle.

16. 817 Missouri (Kirchoff House) KHRI #045-3010-01760

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 5

Style: Craftsman/Bungalow

Date of Construction: c. 1910

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 26

Description: This rectangular two-story house features Craftsman details. It has a two-bay front with a gable roof and off-set entrance. The house has a bay window with hipped roof in the south elevation and a rear wing with a second story sleeping porch. The house has a coursed rock-faced stone block foundation. The house is wood frame construction with weatherboard sheathing and shingle sheathing in the main and porch gable ends. The house has standing seam metal roofing. There is an exterior metal flue in the south elevation. The full-length front porch has three brick piers with stone caps supporting end columns. There is a wood floor, steps, and railing. The wooden entrance door has an oval glazed panel and storm door. It is flanked by a small leaded glass window to the north and a large window with leaded detail to the south. Windows are 1/1 double-hung sash that appear to be metal replacements. Ornamental features include a slightly projecting head molding over doors and windows and knee braces in the eaves and a tripartite window in the gable ends.

16a. 817 Missouri (Garage)

Non-contributing building

Photograph Number: 27

This garage is a small 1 ½ story structure with a shed roof and clerestory aluminum windows. The roof appears to be metal. The building has non-historic wood siding and a door that faces to the north.

17. 823 Missouri (Edie, Ernest, House) KHRI #045-3010-01757

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 6

Style: Craftsman/Bungalow

Date of Construction: c. 1910

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, brick foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 28

Description: This is a rectangular one-and-a-half-story Craftsman style bungalow with a front-gabled roof, a front screened roof dormer, and two roof dormers to the north and south. It has a three-bay front with a central entrance. There is a rear shed-roofed entry to the northwest. The house has a brick foundation. It is wood frame construction with weatherboard on the first story, shingle sheathing on the gable ends and

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dormers, and composition shingle roofing. There is an exterior brick chimney with rock-faced stone ornamentation in the south elevation.

The full-length hipped-roof front porch has brick piers, wooden lattice skirting, floor, railing, steps and handrail. The porch roof is supported on four tapered wooden posts. The wooden glazed entrance door has a contemporary glazed storm door and is flanked by two large windows with upper leaded glass ornamentation. Craftsman ornamental features include the porch posts, 3/1 double-hung windows, two small ornamental leaded glass windows in the north and south elevations, and cornice returns.

18. 825 Missouri (Hill House) KHRI #045-3010-01756

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 7

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1909

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 29

Description: This is a two-story Prairie style house with a Foursquare plan. It has a three-bay front, central entrance, and truncated hipped roof with broad overhang. There is a projecting window bay in the second story to the east, a bay window in the south elevation, a projecting bay in the north elevation, and a hipped roof rear wing with a hipped entry to the northwest. The house has a rock-faced stone block foundation laid in an ashlar pattern. It is wood-frame construction with weatherboard on the first story and ornamental shingle sheathing on the second story. There is a composition shingle roof and a central interior brick chimney. The full length front porch has rock-faced stone block piers, wooden floor, railing, and square posts. There is a glazed wooden entrance door with a contemporary aluminum storm door. The large flanking windows have upper leaded glass ornamentation. There is a small leaded glass window in the north elevation and a bank of three leaded glass windows in the south elevation. Other windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with aluminum storm windows.

18a. 825 Missouri (Garage)

Non-contributing Building

Photograph Number: 30

This two-story garage has a pyramid hip roof with a second-story dormer facing to the south. The second story dormer is covered in wood shingles painted to match the primary house. The first floor has a modern garage door that faces west to the alley and synthetic siding. The roof is wood shingles.

19. 829 Missouri (Winey House) KHRI #045-3010-01754

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 8

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1912

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 31

Description: This is a rectangular two-story Prairie style house with a rectangular plan and front-gabled roof. It has a two-bay front with side entrance and front-gabled roof. The house has a foundation constructed of coursed rock-faced stone blocks. It is wood frame construction with weatherboard sheathing and composition shingle roofing. There is a two-story bay window in the south elevation, a gable-roofed bay in the north elevation and a rear wing with a second story sleeping porch. There is a central interior brick chimney. The full length front porch is supported on brick piers. It has a wooden floor, lattice skirting, railing, steps, and square posts. The glazed wooden entrance door has a paneled wooden storm door. There are 1/1 double-hung windows with aluminum storms. Ornamental features include the curved porch cornice returns and eave cornice returns. There is a leaded glass window in the center of the first story bay and a cruciform address block centered in the porch gable end.

19a. 829 Missouri (Garage)

Contributing Building

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This two-story front-gabled garage has a first-floor garage door opening that faces to the south. On the south side is a second-story window, as well as two openings on the west side that have been closed in. The building features exposed rafter tails and a composition shingle roof.

20. 833 Missouri (Cronemeyer House) KHRI #045-3010-01752

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 9

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1910

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 33

Description: This is a Prairie style house with a rectangular floor plan and a front-gabled roof. It has a two-bay front with side entrance and front-gabled roof. There is a bay window in the south elevation, a rear shed-roofed entry addition, and a gable dormer addition in the north elevation. The house has a coursed rock-faced stone block foundation. It is wood frame construction with weatherboard sheathing and composition shingle roofing. There is a central interior brick chimney. The full length front porch has concrete block piers covered by the wooden lattice skirting. The porch has a wooden floor, railing, steps, handrail, and square posts. The wooden entrance door has an aluminum storm door. There is a small leaded glass window beside the entrance, another in the north elevation, and a large window to the south. Other 1/1 double-hung windows appear to be metal replacements. Ornamental features include the cornice returns on the porch and main gable ends, the tripartite window in the attic, and the projecting pedimented roof over the bay window.

20a. 833 Missouri (Garage)

Non-contributing Building

Photograph Number: 34

This is a two-story structure with a front-gabled roof and synthetic siding. There are no doors, pedestrian or vehicular, on the north, south, or east sides. There are vinyl windows on each of these sides. On the north side, two vinyl windows in the second story and one on the first. The west side towards the alley has two irregular windows, and the south side has two windows in the second story as well. The roof is composition shingle.

21. 839 Missouri (Edie House) KHRI #045-3010-01752

Contributing Building

Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LT 10

Style: Craftsman/Bungalow

Date of Construction: c. 1912

Exterior Materials: Weatherboard siding, concrete block foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 35

Description: This is a rectangular one-story Craftsman bungalow type with well-preserved Craftsman details. It has a main cross-gable roof, a central entrance, a projecting window bay in the south front and a projecting porch in the north front. There is a projecting window bay in the south elevation and a similar screened porch bay in the north elevation. The house has a concrete block foundation, wood frame construction, wood shingle sheathing, and composition shingle roofing. There is an exterior brick chimney with rock-faced stone ornament in the south elevation. The front porch has a central entrance with wooden floor, steps, railing, solid railing covered with shingles, tapered square end posts with a molded cap, and an ornamental lintel. There is a glazed wooden entrance door and storm door. The windows are 9/1 with double-hung sashes. Ornamental features include the extra stickwork in the gables, wide, unenclosed eave overhangs, and the curved rafter tails.

21a. 839 Missouri (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 36

This one-story garage features a front-gabled roof over the garage door, which fronts the alley to the west. It appears to retain its historic weatherboard siding and is covered with a composition shingle roof.

22. 845 Missouri (Johnson, Victor, House) KHRI #045-3010-01747

Contributing Building

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Legal Description: LANE PLACE ADD BLK 16 LTS 11 & 12 (U05116 & 17 COMBINED 1988)

Style: Prairie

Date of Construction: c. 1908

Exterior Materials: Tan brick and stone, stone foundation, and composition shingle roof

Photograph Number: 37

Description: This is an irregular shaped two-story Prairie style house oriented east-west with a wing to the south and a side entrance in the main block. It has a hipped roof with broad, overhanging eaves. There is a side entrance in the main block to the north and a shed-roofed entrance porch which extends into a porte-cochere to the northeast. A one-story sunroom with a rear entrance extends from the west elevation. There are hipped-roof dormers to the east, north, and west. The house has a coursed rock-faced stone block foundation which is continued in the stone masonry first story. The second story is constructed of tan brick. The roof is covered with composition shingle roofing. There are two interior chimneys constructed of tan brick. The house has an oblique entrance to the southeast leading to a concrete deck extending into the entrance porch. The deck and porch have rock-faced stone block piers, a smooth-cut stone water table and a rock-faced stone block railing with a smooth-faced cap. The porch and porte-cochere are supported on rough-cut stone block posts. There is a 15-light wooden entrance door with a wooden storm door flanked by a horizontal leaded glass window. A similar window overlooks the porte-cochere and another is located in the south wing. Other windows are 9/1 double-hung. Ornamental features include the smooth-cut stone water table, belt course, window sills, lintels, and corner quoins.

22a. 845 Missouri (Garage)

Contributing Building

Photograph Number: 38

This one-story garage has a hipped roof covered in composition shingles. The garage door faces to the north and is accessed from the alley to the west.

	Address	Resource	Contributing Status
1	800 Arkansas St.	Yancey House	C
1a		Garage	C
2	804 Arkansas St.	House	C
2a		Garage	C
3	806 Arkansas St.	Ochse House	C
3a		Garage	C
4	818 Arkansas St.	House	NC
5	820 Arkansas St.	House	NC
6	824 Arkansas St.	House	C
7	828 Arkansas St.	Birch House	C
7a		Garage	NC
8	832 Arkansas St.	Young House	C
8a		Garage	NC
9	838 Arkansas St.	House	C
9a		Garage	C
10	844 Arkansas St.	House	C
11	846 Arkansas St.	House	C
12	801 Missouri St.	Granger House	C
12a		Garage	NC
13	805 Missouri St.	House	C
13a		Garage	NC
14	809 Missouri St.	Klein House	C
14a		Garage	C
15	815 Missouri St.	Pickens House	NC

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15a		Garage	C
16	817 Missouri St.	Kirchoff House	C
16a		Garage	NC
17	823 Missouri St.	Edie, Ernest, House	C
18	825 Missouri St.	Hill House	C
18a		Garage	NC
19	829 Missouri St.	Winey House	C
19a		Garage	C
20	833 Missouri St.	Cronemeyer House	C
20a		Garage	NC
21	839 Missouri St.	Edie House	C
21a		Garage	C
22	845 Missouri St.	Johnson, Victor, House	C
22a		Garage	C

Historic Integrity

The neighborhood retains a high degree of historic integrity. Overall, most houses retain their original siding, windows, and distinctive features. It is the policy of the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office and the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review to not list or nominate resources containing non-historic siding either individually on the National Register of Historic Places, on the Register of Historic Kansas Places, or as contributors to historic districts. For over 25 years, the National Park Service has provided guidance for treating historic buildings through its Preservation Briefs. Preservation Brief #8, "Aluminum and Vinyl Sidings on Historic Buildings," states that "To the degree that they conceal the original building fabric, substitute materials such as aluminum and vinyl sidings will always subtract from the basic integrity of historically and architecturally significant buildings."¹

¹ John H. Myers, rev. by Gary L. Hume, "Aluminum and Vinyl Sidings on Historic Buildings," National Park Service Preservation Brief #8 (1984): 2.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1908-1930

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Overton & Leigh

Victor Johnson

Period of Significance (justification)

The Johnson Block experienced its boom in growth in just over twenty years, from 1908 – 1930. The first contributing structure was built in 1908, and the last contributing structures were constructed in 1930.

Criteria Considerations (justification)

N/A

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Narrative Statement of Significance

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Summary

The Johnson Block is a locally designated district located in Lane Place Addition. The majority of the residences were constructed during the "A Quiet University Town, 1900-1945" period described in the multiple property documentation form "Historic Resources of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas" (1998). This multiple property listing outlines the historic context for this district. As a whole, the district is an example of southern and western residential expansion of Lawrence.

Elaboration

The Johnson Block historic district is located in Lane Place Addition, a subdivision which was dedicated on March 14, 1871. It is located to the south of a slightly older subdivision, Lane Place, dedicated on May 8, 1868. To the east, a small subdivision, Logan Place, was dedicated on June 4, 1887, and Sinclair's Addition on the south side of Ninth (Warren) Street was dedicated on March 4, 1884.² When Victor Johnson initiated residential development of the Johnson Block, the area west of Lane Place Addition was occupied by several larger tracts and was not subdivided as residential lots.³

In the early twentieth century, the area of the Johnson Block was described as "a pasture." Downtown Lawrence was located to the east and there was some residential development to the north and south. A few houses were scattered to the west as the terrain rose sharply to the top of the Mount Oread ridge. Today the Johnson Block of early twentieth century residences is surrounded by residential development of a similar age and character. On the west side of Arkansas Street, there are residences of a similar age, size, and character with some compatible infill buildings. North of Eighth Street and on the east side of Missouri Street, there are also similar residences. To the south, Ninth Street is a major connector with a relatively high traffic volume, but residences of a similar age, size, and character remain.

The historic context for this district is outlined in the National Register multiple property listing "Historic Resources of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas," (1998). Almost all of the extant residences in the Johnson Block were constructed during the "A Quiet University Town, 1900-45" period described in the multiple property listing. As the Lawrence Daily Journal boasted in 1910, "Lawrence is conceded on all hands to be the most beautiful residence city in Kansas. Its homes present a uniformity in good architecture, a tasteful construction and in delightful surroundings." Few of these homes were rented, "most of them having been built to be occupied by the owners, which means good construction and well-kept grounds."⁴ The area in West Lawrence bordering Ninth Street encompassing the Johnson block was a popular location for new homes during this period of measured growth and urban development.

The area included in the historic district was initially platted during the brief town-building boom in Lawrence history from 1864 to 1873. Lane Place Addition was dedicated on March 14, 1871. However, because of the recession following 1873 and slow population growth in Lawrence during the late nineteenth century, the subdivision actually was not developed until the early twentieth century. Block 16 had several owners before Victor Johnson purchased the tract on April 10, 1909. Johnson then developed the block beginning in 1909.

² Public records, Douglas County Register of Deeds, Lawrence, Kansas.

³ Standard Atlas of Douglas County (Chicago, IL: George A. Ogle & Son, 1921), "Section 36," 12.

⁴ Lawrence Daily Journal, "Live Lawrence," commemorative edition (November, 1910), 1.

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A contemporary description offered a dramatic perspective of this significant urban development in the “quiet University town.” As the Lawrence Daily Journal reported on May 4, 1909,

What can be done under the leadership of a wide awake man has been demonstrated in the development of the Vic Johnson block, situated in the 800 block between Arkansas and Missouri streets in West Lawrence. The block has been a pasture for years and when it was placed on the market the men to whom it was offered found little attraction in it. Vic Johnson finally bought it and before placing any of the lots on the market thought out a plan which has been strictly followed.⁵

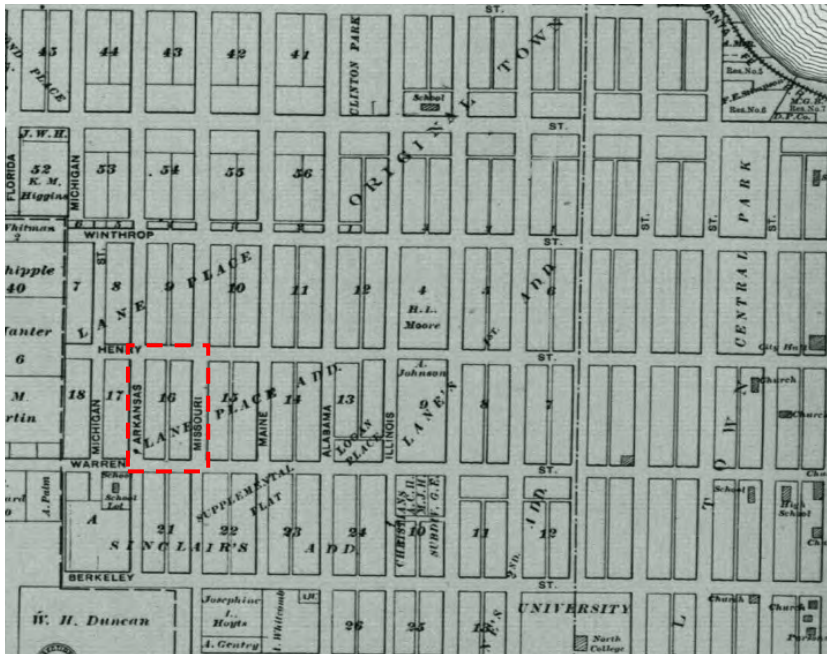


Figure 3: Plat book from 1909 showing Lane Place and Lane Place Addition. Johnson Block is marked in red. (Kansas Memory)

Johnson’s plan produced a uniformity and quality of design that created lasting value and architectural character. This included deed restrictions that stipulated each house “must stand back thirty feet from the line, must stand five feet from the north lot line, must not cost less than \$2,000 and each buyer bound himself to put in cement walks and to favor paving the street.” Sewer and water pipes were then laid in the alley and gas mains in front so “each home would have the benefit of modern conveniences as soon as completed.”⁶ Victor Johnson reserved the southeast corner of the block for himself and announced that he would build a \$6,000 home. He also expected to erect a \$3,000 rental property on the northwest corner and a third house for rent.⁷

facing the east (829 Missouri) and that of C.E. Birch directly back of it facing west (828 Arkansas). At the time, Ninth Street (Warren) on the south was paved and Johnson expected Arkansas and Missouri streets to be paved as quickly as possible.⁸ Johnson’s plan was an influential investment in local development. As the Daily Journal reporter commented,

Early in May, 1909, when the proposed “block of beautiful homes” was announced, two houses were already being erected, that of H.L. Winey, near the center of the block

Quite a number of new houses will be put up during the summer and it will be but a short time until the cow pasture of the past has been turned into the finest residence block in the city, where everything has been laid out with order and where every home is modern and of a high class. The wisdom of Mr. Johnson’s move has been shown by the eagerness with which the lots have been taken. Little effort has been made to find buyers, while many who have desired lots have been unable to secure them for various reasons. The idea has been so popular that it is understood that others expect to follow it later on in opening additions.⁹

⁵ “Will Make Model Block,” Lawrence Daily Journal 4 May 1909.

⁶ “Will Make Model Block,” Lawrence Daily Journal 4 May 1909.

⁷ “Will Make Model Block,” Lawrence Daily Journal 4 May 1909.

⁸ According to the City of Lawrence, Arkansas Street was paved with cement in 1914.

⁹ “Will Make Model Block,” Lawrence Daily Journal 4 May 1909.

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Documentation of the significance of the Johnson Block and developer Victor Johnson further defines the early twentieth century trend of southern and western residential expansion in Lawrence. In 1909 residential development was facilitated by the construction of the electric street car system by the Lawrence Light and Railway Company. That line extended west to Mississippi Street, just a few blocks east of the Johnson Block. At that time, only a few residents owned automobiles and most used horses or walked to go to work and shop. The Johnson Block is only eleven blocks west of Massachusetts Street, the main route of the streetcar line. The streetcar system and increasing automobile use stimulated the expansion of residential development at a greater distance from the historic town center. Real estate advertising in the summer of 1909 began to emphasize proximity to the new streetcar line as an advantage.

After 1920, the pace of urban development in Lawrence slowed down. The town recorded twenty-nine additions and subdivisions between 1901 and 1919, primarily in the south part of town. However, between 1920 and 1945, only seven new plats were recorded—the first in 1925 and the last two in 1938.¹⁰

Victor Johnson biography¹¹

Victor Johnson was a US citizen born in Lawrence on June 28, 1874. He was the son of John and Jane Johnson, Swedish immigrants. According to Victor's grandson, Peyton McLamb, family records gave the names as John and Sophia Johannsen. Victor's father was the proprietor of a meat market, Johnson & Company, at 637 Massachusetts Street. According to Lawrence city directories, Victor joined his father from 1893 to 1898. The business, renamed Johnson & Son, was located at 633 Massachusetts.

Victor Johnson married Mayme Augusta Rich (b. 1876, Muncie, IN) in Lawrence circa 1899. The couple had one child, Esther (1907-2004). Apparently, Victor Johnson expanded the business and was listed as a grocer, 633 Massachusetts Street, from 1900 to 1907. Victor and Mayme lived above the store at 6411/2 Massachusetts. Also, Victor became a partner in a men's clothing business, Johnson & Carl, located at 905 Massachusetts. Development of the Johnson Block was a crowning achievement in Victor Johnson's career. After 1923, he was listed with no occupation, living with Mayme at 845 Missouri. Victor and Mayme are presumed to have moved from 845 Missouri sometime before 1932, as that year's city directory lists a Floyd V Rankin (wife Phyllis) at 845 Missouri. The 1932 city directory, a Vic Johnson, wife Mayme, is listed at 846 Arkansas. By 1935, Ray T. Wright is listed at 846 Arkansas.

Peyton McLamb reported that his grandfather, Victor Johnson, prospered in Lawrence and lived well for many years. He was a speculator and some of his business investments succeeded. However, he lost most of his savings in a scheme for cold storage of eggs in railroad cars. At some point, a load of eggs was parked on a siding and ruined. That incident was financially devastating for Johnson. According to Peyton McLamb, his grandfather then worked as a bartender at the "Belle Rive" hotel in Lawrence. Mayme moved east to be near their only daughter's children. The family visited Lawrence during the summers until Victor Johnson sold the house on Missouri Street and moved east to New Jersey to join his family where he remained until his death in 1968. Mayme Johnson died in 1947.

City Directory Listings of Residents

The first house built within the district was Victor Johnson's home at 845 Missouri. The house, a key contributing structure to the nominated district, was built in 1908. The first city directory listing for the house shows Victor Johnson, developer of the block, and wife Mayme as the owners from 1911-1928. Also listed as an owner is Owen Carl, of Johnson & Carl Clothing Co. From 1929 to 1930, the house is listed as vacant.

¹⁰ Stan Hernly, "Cultural Influences on Suburban Form: With Examples from Lawrence, Kansas," M.Arch. Thesis, University of Kansas (1984), 112.

¹¹ This biography is based on research and interviews conducted by Michael Arp.

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The next house to be built on the block was 825 Missouri, constructed in 1909. The first city directory listing from 1913-1928 show Mr. and Mrs. William Hill. The occupation listed is the owner of the City Drug Store at 706 Massachusetts, but by 1927, the occupation listed is laborer.

Three houses on the block are listed as being constructed in 1910. 833 Missouri's first listing in the city directory shows Earl and Venia Cronemeyer from 1911 – 1917. Earl was an accountant at Kansas University. The next listing is 1917 – 1928, J. Herman and Mabelle Fritts, travelling salesman. Moving north along the block, the next 1910 house is 823 Missouri. The first listing from 1913 – 1917 shows Ernest and Ethel Edie; Ernest was a letter carrier. The next listing from 1927 – 1928 has Mrs. Myrtle Winsor, a widow. Next door to this property is 817 Missouri, also built in 1910. From 1913 – 1928, the residents were George and Ada Kirchhoff, Jr., salesman and then buyer for the Theo Poehler Mercantile Company. The final c. 1910 house is 801 Missouri, where the city directory lists Dwight and Mary Granger from 1911 – 1914. No occupation is listed. Records show Maurice and Blanche Pearson in 1917; Maurice was a ticket clerk on the Santa Fe Railroad. From 1927 – 1928, John and Clara Bollin are listed. John was a travelling salesman.

In 1912, the 800 block of Missouri begins to fill in and development starts on Arkansas as well. 839 Missouri's first listing in the city directory is 1911 – 1914, Albert and Lucy Edie, clerk RMS. The next listing is 1928 – 1928, William and Alta Essick, high school teacher. 829 Missouri lists Henry and Lotta Winey from 1913 – 1914. Occupation listed is owner of Winey and Arnold Clothing at 902 Massachusetts. In 1928, Mrs. Anna Rice, widow, is listed. 815 Missouri is the next lot with a construction date of 1912. The first listing in 1911 – 1914 has Norman and Nellie Pickens, travel agent, Theo Poehler Merc. Co., wholesale grocers. The next listing is 1927-28, John and Annette Henry; occupation listed as physician. Finally, 805 Missouri was also constructed c. 1912. The first city directory listing from 1913 – 1917 has Leslie and Alice Deforest, also a travel agent at Theodore Poehler Mercantile Company. From 1927 – 1928, listed are Raymond and Eula Schwegler. Raymond was a professor at Kansas University.



Figure 4: Postcard showing Theo Poehler Mercantile Co., where several residents of the Johnson Block worked.

On Arkansas, two lots date to c. 1912: 828 Arkansas and 832 Arkansas. Records indicate that 828 Arkansas was constructed by Clarence C. Birch (wife Elizabeth Edna), principal of Haskell Institute. It is speculated it was an investment property, as there is no record Birch ever lived there. Lawrence H. DeForest and wife Martha were residents in 1911. DeForest worked at Theodore Poehler Mercantile Company as a traveling agent. George S. Ware (wife Nida) purchased the house from Clarence Birch on August 4, 1919. Ware was a clerk at C. P. Starkweather, later a salesman at Butler Sanderson Motor Company. John H. Lehman (wife Mary C.) bought the house from Ware on May 28, 1920. Lehman worked as a carpenter. The Lehmans sold

the house to Fred Brown et al on December 23, 1943. The first city directory listing for 832 Arkansas is in 1911 for James R. Young and wife Lou. James owned a store specializing in groceries, meat, flour, and fruit at 1033 Massachusetts. From 1913-14, the city directory lists J.R. Dougan and wife Nellie. J.R. Dougan was sales manager for American Cement Plaster Co. In 1917, Edward Kendall, a travel agent, and Lillian. From 1927-28, U.S. Roadmaster Arthur Jung and Flora.

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The final lot to be constructed on the 800 block of Missouri was 809 Missouri, dated c. 1914. The first city directory listing from 1913 – 1917 shows Edward and Blanche Klein, harness maker. From 1927 – 1928, only Blanche Klein, widow of Edward, is listed.

In the 800 block of Arkansas, only one lot dates to 1915, 824 Arkansas. The first listing in 1911 city directory, Albert and Pearl Overston, owner of Overton [sic] and Leigh Contractors. Next listing is 1913-14, Joseph and Jeanette Hoopes; Joseph Hoopes was a travel agent. From 1927-28, the house was shared by the Rev. Burton Cragg and his wife Sara, along with Cameron and Dessie Day. Cameron Day was an instructor at Kansas University.

Following this, 838 Arkansas was constructed c. 1916. The first listing in 1917 is Walter H. Wellhouse, a student at KU. In 1927-28, the city directory lists Mahlon and Lottie Perkins. Mahlon Perkins was listed as a farmer.

In 1920, the north portion of the 800 block of Arkansas begins to develop with 800 and 804 Arkansas. The first documented resident for 800 Arkansas appears in the 1927 – 1928 city directory: Alfred N. Yancey, manager, Zephyr Bakery. Although the county records date the construction of 804 Arkansas to 1920, the city directory has listings for the property beginning in 1911. It's unknown if a house previously existed on the lot. The 1911 city directory lists Mrs. Belle L. Fairchild, a widow. In 1913-14, the directory lists Miss Ulriah Barnes, no occupation listed. In 1917, Edward and Edna Houghton, no occupation listed. Finally, in 1927-28, Mrs. Tina Weisley, no occupation, is listed.

After this period, construction slows in the district, with the next house constructed c. 1925 at 806 Arkansas. The first city directory listing is found in 1927-28 for Adolph Ochse, printer.

The last two houses constructed within this period of significance are 844 and 846 Arkansas, both dated c. 1930. In the 1932 city directory, both EE Fisher (wife Cora) and Lucille Fisher are listed at 844 Arkansas. The directory shows Vic Johnson (wife Mayme) at 846 Arkansas.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 6.02 acres

Provide latitude/longitude coordinates OR UTM coordinates.

(Place additional coordinates on a continuation page.)

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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Latitude: Longitude:

3 38.967457 -95.248662
Latitude: Longitude:

2 38.969421 -95.248657
Latitude: Longitude:

4 38.967486 -95.249890
Latitude: Longitude:

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UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

The district is bounded on the north side by W 8th Street and on the south side by W 9th Street. On the west, the district is bounded by Arkansas Street and bounded on the east by Missouri Street.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

Although there are similar houses in the surrounding neighborhoods, these two blocks represent an area specifically developed by Victor Johnson. In addition, these two blocks have a high concentration of extant resources that represent the growth of Lawrence during this time. These boundaries define the locally designated district as well.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dale Nimz and Michael Arp with Lynne Zollner (City of Lawrence) and Lauren Jones (KSHS)

organization _____ date September 14, 2018

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Lawrence State KS zip code _____

e-mail _____

Property Owners: (complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name On file with SHPO.

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each digital image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to a sketch map or aerial map. Each photograph must be

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numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photograph Log

Name of Property: Johnson Block Historic District

City or Vicinity: Lawrence

County: Douglas State: Kansas

Photographers: Dale Nimz, Lauren Jones

Date

Photographed: Dale Nimz – August 2016, Lauren Jones – August 2018

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 01 of 41:** 800 Arkansas. Looking SE at north and west elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 02 of 41:** 800 Arkansas garage. Looking SW at north and east elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 03 of 41:** 804 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 04 of 41:** 804 Arkansas garage. Looking NW at south and east elevations, Lauren Jones
- 05 of 41:** 806 Arkansas. West elevation, Lauren Jones.
- 06 of 41:** 806 Arkansas garage. Looking NW at south and east elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 07 of 41:** 818 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 08 of 41:** 820 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 09 of 41:** 824 Arkansas. Looking NE at west and south elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 10 of 41:** 828 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 11 of 41:** 828 Arkansas garage. East elevation, Lauren Jones.
- 12 of 41:** 832 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 13 of 41:** 832 Arkansas garage. North side of east elevation, Lauren Jones.
- 14 of 41:** 838 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 15 of 41:** 838 Arkansas garage. Looking NW at south and east elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 16 of 41:** 844 Arkansas. West elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 17 of 41:** 846 Arkansas. Corner of Arkansas and 9th Streets, looking NE at south and west elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 18 of 41:** 801 Missouri. Corner of Missouri and 8th Streets, looking SW at north and east elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 19 of 41:** 801 Missouri garage. Looking SE at north and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 20 of 41:** 805 Missouri. East elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 21 of 41:** 805 Missouri garage. Looking SE at north and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 22 of 41:** 809 Missouri. Looking SW at north and east elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 23 of 41:** 809 Missouri garage. Looking SE at north and west elevations, Lauren Jones
- 24 of 41:** 815 Missouri. Looking SW at north and east elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 25 of 41:** 815 Missouri garage. Looking SE at north and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 26 of 41:** 817 Missouri. Looking NW at south and east elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 27 of 41:** 817 Missouri garage. Looking SE at north and west elevations obscured by fence, Lauren Jones.
- 28 of 41:** 823 Missouri. East elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 29 of 41:** 825 Missouri. East elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 30 of 41:** 825 Missouri garage. Looking NE at south and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 31 of 41:** 829 Missouri. East elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 32 of 41:** 829 Missouri garage. Looking NE at south and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 33 of 41:** 833 Missouri. Looking NW at south and east elevations, Dale Nimz.
- 34 of 41:** 833 Missouri garage. Looking NE at south and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 35 of 41:** 839 Missouri. East elevation, Dale Nimz.
- 36 of 41:** 839 Missouri garage. Looking NE at south and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 37 of 41:** 845 Missouri. Looking NW at south and east elevations, Dale Nimz.

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- 38 of 41:** 845 Missouri garage. Looking SE at north and west elevations, Lauren Jones.
- 39 of 41:** View of Missouri Street. Looking SW from in front of 805 Missouri, Dale Nimz.
- 40 of 41:** View of Arkansas Street. Looking N from in front of 844 Arkansas, Dale Nimz.
- 41 of 41:** View of Arkansas Street. Looking SE from 801 Arkansas, Dale Nimz.

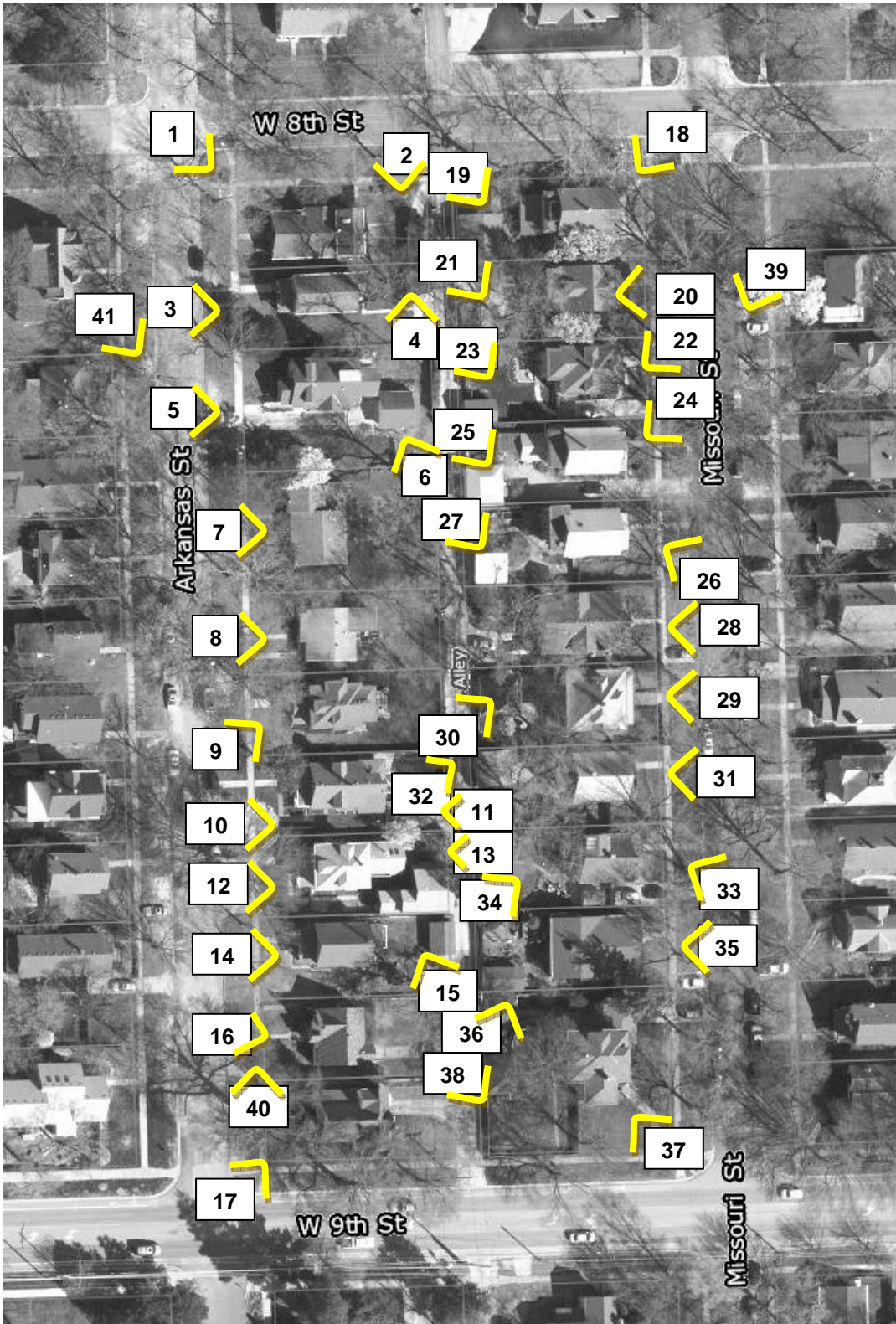


Figure 5: Photo Key Plan

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Figures

Include GIS maps, figures, scanned images below.

Figure 1: Contextual map, showing Johnson Block District (bold, dashed line) in relation to downtown and University of Kansas (KHRI).

Figure 2: Douglas County's GIS aerial map, showing parcel separations within the district.

Figure 3: Plat book from 1909 showing Lane Place and Lane Place Addition. Johnson Block is marked in red. (Kansas Memory)

Figure 4: Postcard showing Theo Poehler Mercantile Co., where several residents of the Johnson Block worked.

Figure 5: Photo Key Plan.

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Figure 6: Map of contributing and non-contributing structures.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 1/28/2019 Date of Pending List: 2/12/2019 Date of 16th Day: 2/27/2019 Date of 45th Day: 3/14/2019 Date of Weekly List: 3/19/2019

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

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| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLG | |

Accept Return Reject 3/14/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Alexis Abernathy Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2236 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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October 18, 2018

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Cultural Resources Division
Kansas State Historical Society
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615-1099

Dear Board Members:

The Lawrence Historic Resources Commission (HRC) reviewed the National Register Nomination for the Johnson Block Historic District, at their September 20, 2018 meeting. The HRC voted unanimously to send a letter to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review supporting the nomination. The HRC considers listing in the National Register of Historic Places an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources in Lawrence.

The Johnson Block Historic District was listed in the Lawrence Register of Historic Places on December 6, 2016. The district was locally designated for its value as part of the development of the community and for its architecture. The majority of the existing structures in the district contributed to the significance of the district, and the majority of the property owners supported the district nomination.

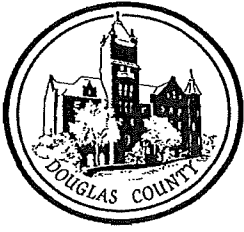
Chapter 11 of *Horizon 2020 The Comprehensive Plan for Lawrence and Unincorporated Douglas County* identifies the City of Lawrence's commitment to the identification and protection of Historic Resources. This plan encourages the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic resources. The nomination of the Johnson Block Historic District to the National Register helps to further this goal.

The Historic Resources Commission is of the opinion the Johnson Block Historic District is an important historic resource that is worthy of the recognition and protection that listing in the National Register of Historic Places provides.

Respectfully,

Aaron Bailey, Chair
Lawrence Historic Resources Commission





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October 24, 2018

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Cultural Resources Division Kansas State Historical Society
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CULTURAL RESOURCES

Re: Johnson Block Historic District (East side of 800 Block of Arkansas and West side of 800 Block of Missouri Street, Lawrence, KS)

Dear Board Members,

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council supports the nomination of the Johnson Block Historic District (East side of 800 Block of Arkansas and West side of 800 Block of Missouri Street, Lawrence, Kansas) to the National Register of Historic Places and Register of Historic Kansas Places. This important district, contains 19 contributing residencies and nine contributing outbuildings.

Listing in the National Register of Historic Places honors historic properties by recognizing their importance to the community. In addition, listing in the National Register is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources.

Chapter 11 of *Horizon 2020 The Comprehensive Plan for Lawrence and Unincorporated Douglas County* identifies the City of Lawrence's commitment to the identification and protection of Historic Resources. *Horizon 2020 Comprehensive Preservation Plan Element* is a revision to Chapter 11 and has been approved by the Historic Resources Commission and the Lawrence/Douglas County Planning Commission, and is in the process of being adopted by the City of Lawrence and Douglas County as a comprehensive preservation plan for Lawrence and the unincorporated areas of Douglas County. This plan encourages the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic resources.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

Cathy Dwigans
Chair

Longofono, Marsha [KSHS]

From: Zollner, Patrick [KSHS]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Longofono, Marsha [KSHS]; Ringler, Katrina [KSHS]
Subject: FW: In Support of Johnson Block Historic District

Another letter of support.

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Patrick Zollner

Director, Cultural Resources Division
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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785-272-8681, ext. 217
Patrick.Zollner@ks.gov

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From: Deena Amont <deenaamont@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 2:34 PM
To: Zollner, Patrick [KSHS] <Patrick.Zollner@ks.gov>
Subject: In Support of Johnson Block Historic District

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Mr. Zollner,
I received your letter of October 17 regarding the meeting on November 17 on the nomination of the Johnson Block Historic District to the National Register. I am unable to attend the meeting, but I wish to express my full support of the designation. Thank you and your staff for all of your work in making this happen.

Sincerely,
Deena Amont

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December 19, 2018

Christopher Hetzel, Acting Chief
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228
Washington, DC 20240

Re: National Register documents for Kansas

Dear Mr. Hetzel:

Please find enclosed the following National Register documents:

NEW NOMINATION in Certified Local Government (6)

- **Chewning House; Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas** (new nomination under “Historic Resources of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas” MPS)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination, .kmz file, and letters of support;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

- **First Methodist Episcopal Church; Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
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- **Wolf House Historic District; Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas** (new nomination under “Late 19th Century Vernacular Stone Houses in Manhattan, Kansas” MPS)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
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- **Johnson Block Historic District; Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas** (new nomination under “Historic Resources of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas” MPS)
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- There are 22 distinct property owners in this district; no notarized objections were received.

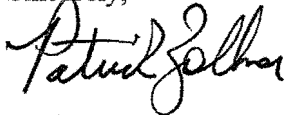
- **St. Joseph's School & Convent; Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
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- **Eastwood Plaza Apartments; Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas** (new nomination under "Historic Residential Suburbs in the United States, 1830-1960" and "Residential Resources of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas 1870-1957" MPS)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
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NEW NOMINATIONS in non-CLG communities (3)

- **Martin Farm; Paola, Miami County, Kansas** (new nomination under "Historic Agriculture-Related Resources of Kansas" MPS)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
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 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.
- **Municipal Auditorium & City Hall; Leoti, Wichita County, Kansas** (new nomination "New Deal-era Resources of Kansas" MPS)
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- **Lyman Christy Farmstead; Meriden, Jefferson County, Kansas** (new nomination under "Historic Agriculture-Related Resources of Kansas" MPS)
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If you have any questions about these enclosed items, please contact me at ext. 217 or patrick.zollner@ks.gov.

Sincerely,



Patrick Zollner
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Kansas State Historic Preservation Office

Enclosures