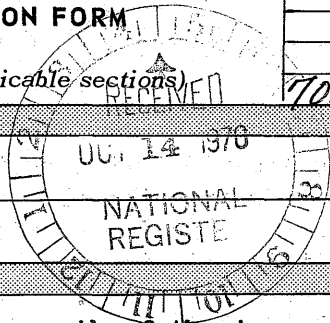


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70.12.20.0005	12/29/70



1. NAME

COMMON: Pawnee Rock

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Two-tenths mile north of the town of Pawnee Rock, off US-56

CITY OR TOWN: Pawnee Rock vicinity

STATE: Kansas 67567 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Barton CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Kansas

STREET AND NUMBER: State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Barton County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Great Bend STATE: Kansas 67530 CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER: 801 19th St., N. W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 08

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

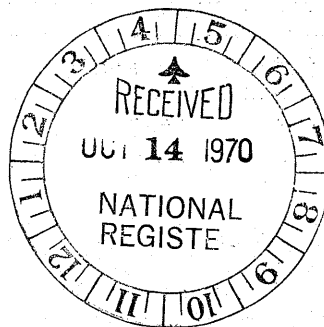
Pawnee Rock is located in the southwest corner of Barton county, about 100 yards from the old Santa Fe trail.

The rock is today a prominence rising some 50 or 60 feet high. Originally it is said to have been twice that height and much the highest ground for miles. Matt Field, who traveled the Santa Fe trail in 1840, later wrote, "Pawnee Rock springs like a huge wart from the carpeted green of the prairie."

Traders, soldiers, emigrants, and others passing the site carved or chiseled their names into the front of the rugged mass of brown sandstone. Some of these names are still discernible among the graffiti and names of more recent visitors.

A considerable portion of the rock was removed by homesteaders to use in buildings and by the Santa Fe railroad to lay its roadbed along the route of the old trail.

Atop the rock at the present time is a memorial monument, picnic area, and a pergola, from the top of which visitors can view the Arkansas river valley and the route of the Santa Fe trail.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1820's to 1860's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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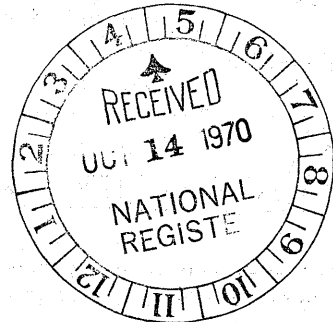
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pawnee Rock was for many years a place where Comanche, Kiowa, Arapahoe, Cheyenne, and Pawnee tribes held their councils of war and peace. Many Indian battles were fought nearby in the days before the white men came to Kansas.

Pawnee Rock was a landmark on the Santa Fe trail, serving as a lookout place for both white men and Indians, as well as a rendezvous and ambush for the Indians. It was a favorite camping spot for caravans bound for Santa Fe because once camped there, the rock afforded some protection against hostile Indians.

Many travelers and traders on the Santa Fe trail considered Pawnee Rock the most dangerous place on the Central Plains for encounters with the Indians.

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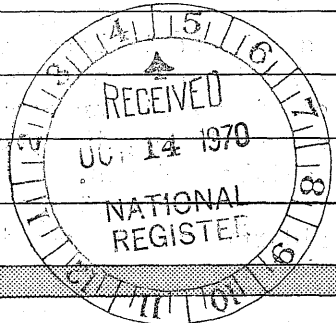
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Richard D. Pankratz, Planner**

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **August 15, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West 10th St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66612** CODE: **20**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Nyle H. Miller
Nyle H. Miller

Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society, and State Liaison Officer for Kansas

Date: October 12, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ewert A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 29 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Hunt
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **DEC 7 1970**

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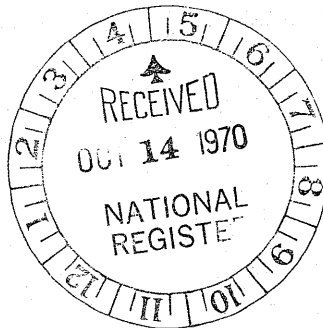
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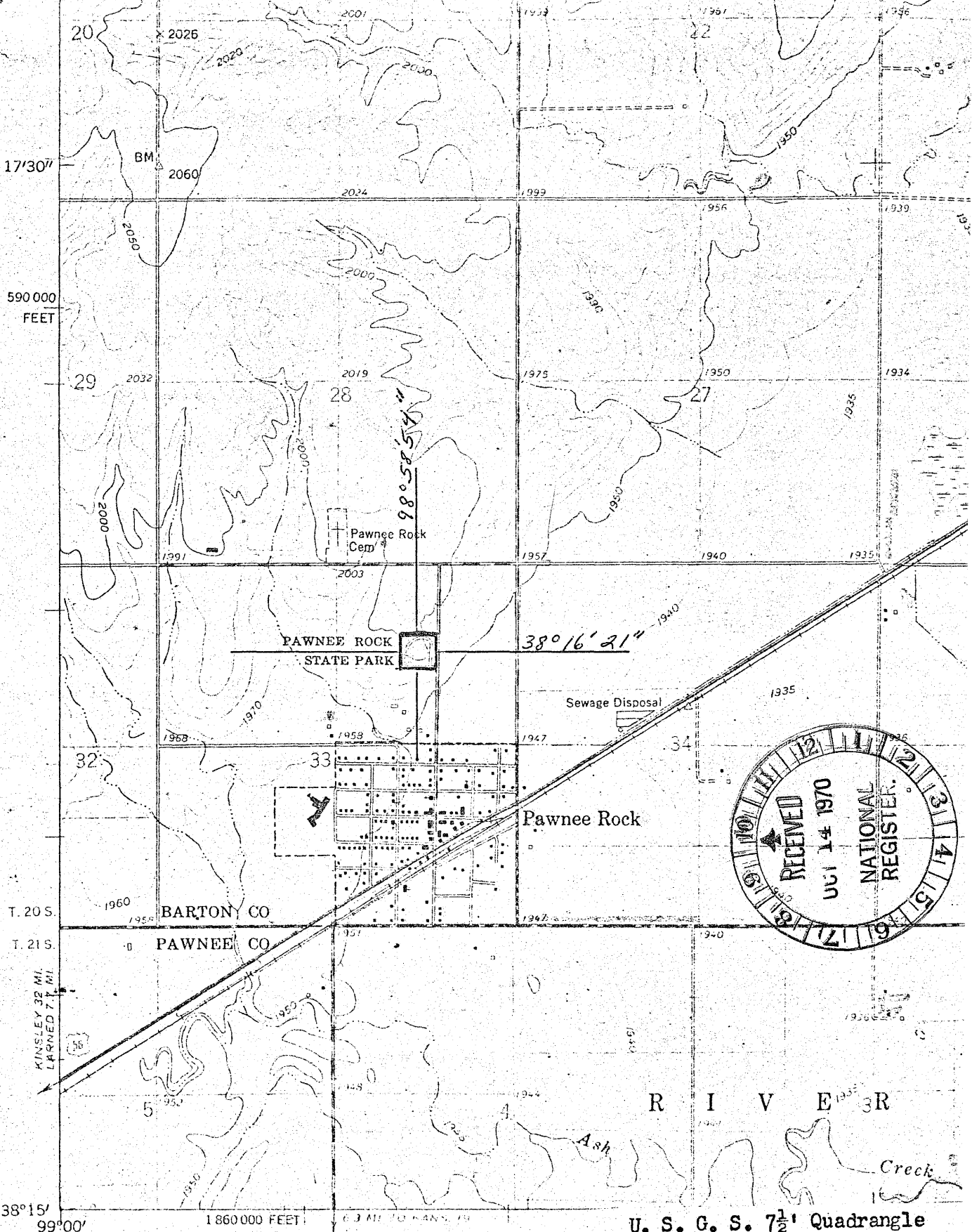
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