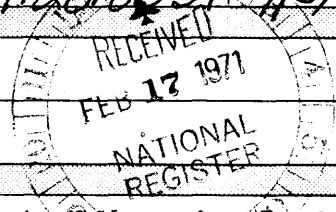


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 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: **Kansas**
 COUNTY: **Shawnee**
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1. NAME

COMMON: **Pottawatomie Baptist Mission Building**
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Off West Sixth Street, one-half mile west of Wanamaker Road NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 32, T 11 S, R 15 E**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka**
 STATE: **Kansas 66615** CODE: **20** COUNTY: **Shawnee** CODE: **177**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Barn

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Dale Carmean**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **1836 Oakley**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66604** CODE: **20**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Register of Deeds**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **Shawnee County Courthouse**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66603** CODE: **20**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas**
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1957** Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Kansas State Historical Society**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth St.**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66612** CODE: **20**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

		(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(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

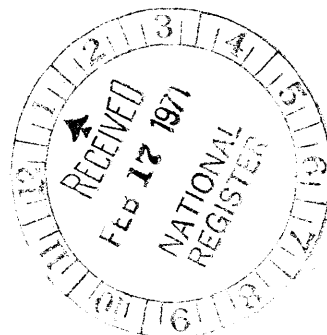
The original appearance of the Pottawatomie Baptist Mission building was quite different from the present. It was a three-story structure of rough-hewn ashlar stone 85 feet long and 35 feet wide. Divided into 12 rooms, it had 60 doors and windows. Walls were two feet thick on the first floor and one and one-half feet thick on the upper floors. The description was given in 1849 by the school superintendent, Rev. Johnston Lykins; however no photograph or sketch of the building when in use as a school has been located to date.

Existing evidence seems to indicate that the front of the school was either the north or east side, not the south as at present. A ramp and large door on the south which now permit access to the second floor probably were added when the building was converted to a barn. The remains of a fireplace on the first floor and the former location of a chimney directly above the door--which is visible in 1897 photographs--seemingly demonstrate that there was no door on the south. Some of the first and second floor windows have been boarded or blocked up. Also, some of the crosswalls have been removed from the second floor as has the stairway from the first floor. The third floor, which had been used as sleeping quarters for the Indian students, no longer exists. Substituted for it has been a third floor loft of frame construction.

At the present time the building has a gambrel roof with two ventilating cupolas. The upper roof portion projects over the end of the wall.

Periodic suggestions have been made that the building should be taken over by the state or local historical societies and either maintained "as is" for museum use or restored if more information can be found as to its appearance. No concerted effort has yet been made to implement the suggestions.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1849**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In 1847 the Pottawatomie Indians were removed to a reservation on the Kansas river just west of present Topeka. Baptist missionaries Robert Simerwell and Rev. Johnston Lykins moved to the reservation the next year. Lykins supervised the construction of various buildings including the school house. As superintendent of the Pottawatomie Baptist Manual Labor School he sent a report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 30, 1849. In it he described a stone building in the process of completion. Details of his description are given in item 7 of this nomination form. The estimated cost of the school building was \$4,800, which was to be paid by the federal government under its program of supporting manual training schools for Indian children.

In 1849 there were 39 students and two teachers. Training was to be offered in woodworking, metal work, farming, the three R's and religion. Progress made from year to year is somewhat difficult to trace because of missing reports. The early 1850's seem to have been troublesome times for the school. It apparently closed in 1855 when it was transferred to the Southern Baptist convention for reorganization. Reopened in 1856, the school had increased enrollment and its greatest success from 1858 to 1860. It was closed again in 1861 when the federal government dropped its support because the Southern Baptist convention which supervised the school was identified with the Confederacy. An unsuccessful attempt was by the Pottawatomies to have the school reopened in 1869.

A few years later the Baptist mission board sold the 320 acres on which the mission buildings were located to Robert I. Lee, who converted the building into a stable for race horses.

The location was near the Kansas river on the California-Oregon trail. The building is one of the few remaining Kansas links to that era. The date of construction makes it one of the oldest buildings in the state. It is also the only structure remaining from Baptist Indian mission activities in the state.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **November 12, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth 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

Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date: November 17, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connelley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 3 1971

Date _____

ATTEST: William H. Harty
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **SEP 2 1971**

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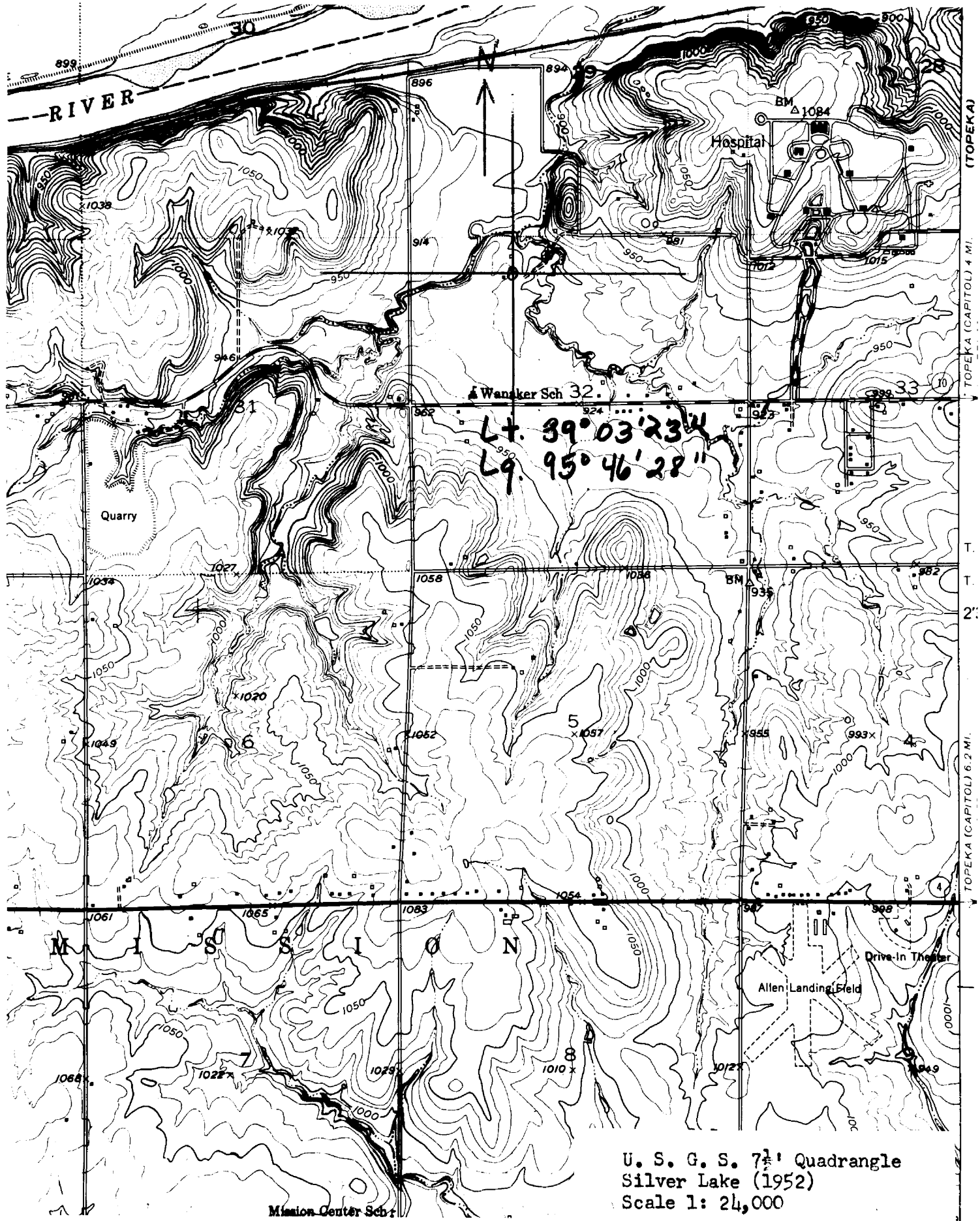
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U. S. G. S. 7½' Quadrangle
 Silver Lake (1952)
 Scale 1: 24,000

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U. S. G. S. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' Quadrangle, Silver Lake, Kansas

SCALE: 1: 24,000

DATE: 1952

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.

