

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Sedgwick	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.2.20.0006	2/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON: **University Hall, Friends University**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Garfield University**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **2101 2000 University Ave.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Wichita**

STATE: **Kansas 67213** CODE: **20** COUNTY: **Sedgwick** CODE: **173**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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	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"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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	Transportation Other (Specify) _____ Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Friends University**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2000 University Ave.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Wichita** STATE: **Kansas 67213** CODE: **20**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: **Sedgwick County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Wichita** STATE: **Kansas 67202** CODE: **20**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration**

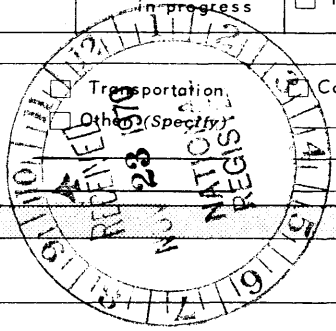
DATE OF SURVEY: **1939** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1939.**

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: DATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

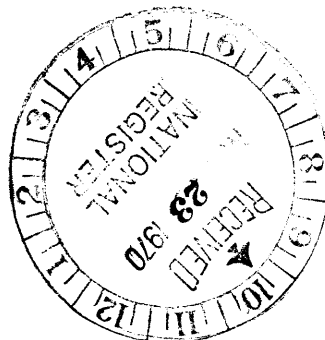
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

University Hall, measuring 232 feet in length, 150 feet in width, and approximately 100 feet in height, was designed in the Romanesque motif by Wichita architects, Proudfoot and Bird, and magnificently constructed in brick with stone trim. The structure, which faces east, is four stories in height with a full basement and a center tower 148 feet high. The brick walls are of running bond construction with stone quoining at the corners. Stone bands divide the building horizontally with decorative stone treatment at the window spandrels. The roof line is defined by a heavy ornate cornice resting on closely spaced brackets. The roof itself is steep-pitched and shingled. The form of the building is generally T-shaped with circular towers at the corners of the west wing and the north and south ends. Window openings are elongated rectangles; second and fourth floor windows have arched heads made of stone. Stone-capped buttresses separate the side windows of the west wing. The main entrance is terminated in a large circular rough-hewn stone arch. The entire building rests on a rough-hewn stone base.

The towers on the ends of the building, which had fire-proof walls of double thickness and great iron doors to prevent drafts, originally served as fire escapes. The spiral staircases in the towers have been removed and conventional fire escapes added at various points to the building's exterior. The main entrance has been changed by the addition of large glass panels and new doors. Otherwise the outward appearance is much the same as when the structure was built.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

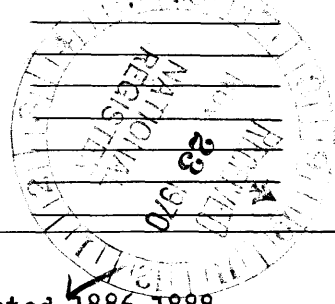
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1886-1888**

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



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

University Hall of Friends University was erected 1886-1888 as the main building of Garfield University. Various factors helped to bring the university into being: the Christian Churches of Kansas wanted to establish a church-related college for their young people; Rev. W. B. Hendryx, pastor of Wichita's Central Christian Church, wanted to establish a university as a memorial to his close friend, the assassinated President, James A. Garfield; and Wichita promoters and businessmen believed a university would help the city's growth and boom to continue.

Garfield University opened in September, 1887, and since the new building was not ready, classes opened in a building constructed nearby for business purposes. Before its first year ended Garfield enrolled about 500 students, and for the second year 1070.

After graduating its first and only senior class, Garfield University closed its doors in 1890 for several reasons: the building had cost almost twice as much as originally planned; the endowment of \$100,000 was not raised by the Christian Churches of Kansas; when the boom bubble burst, town lots which the school had been selling to meet operating expenses became worthless; and the end of the boom made money exceedingly difficult to raise.

The school was reorganized and opened again in March, 1892, as Garfield Central Memorial University. It closed for good on November 18, 1893. The campus then became the property of Edgar Harding, a Boston financier, who had loaned money to the school.

Unsuccessful attempts were made in 1895 and 1897 to interest the state legislature in acquiring the property for a state normal school.

For five years the building, of which only a small portion of the 66 rooms had been finished, was a haven for owls, birds, and bats and the campus a pasture for the cows and goats of Wichita residents.

James M. Davis, a wealthy Quaker businessman, saw a full page advertisement in a St. Louis paper in 1897 offering the Garfield University campus for sale. He acquired the campus in 1898 from Edgar Harding for \$50,000 and in addition received over 300 building lots provided by Wichita citizens as an inducement for the purchase. The university campus was offered to the Kansas Society of Friends with the stipulation that a \$50,000 endowment fund be raised for the school within six years. (The fund was in

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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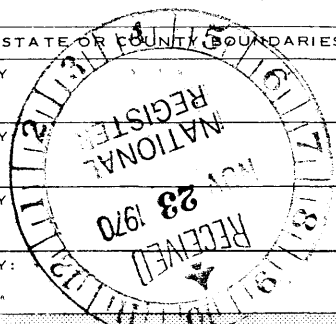
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2-3

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
 Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: November 18, 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
 Nyle H. Miller

Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date: November 25, 1970

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

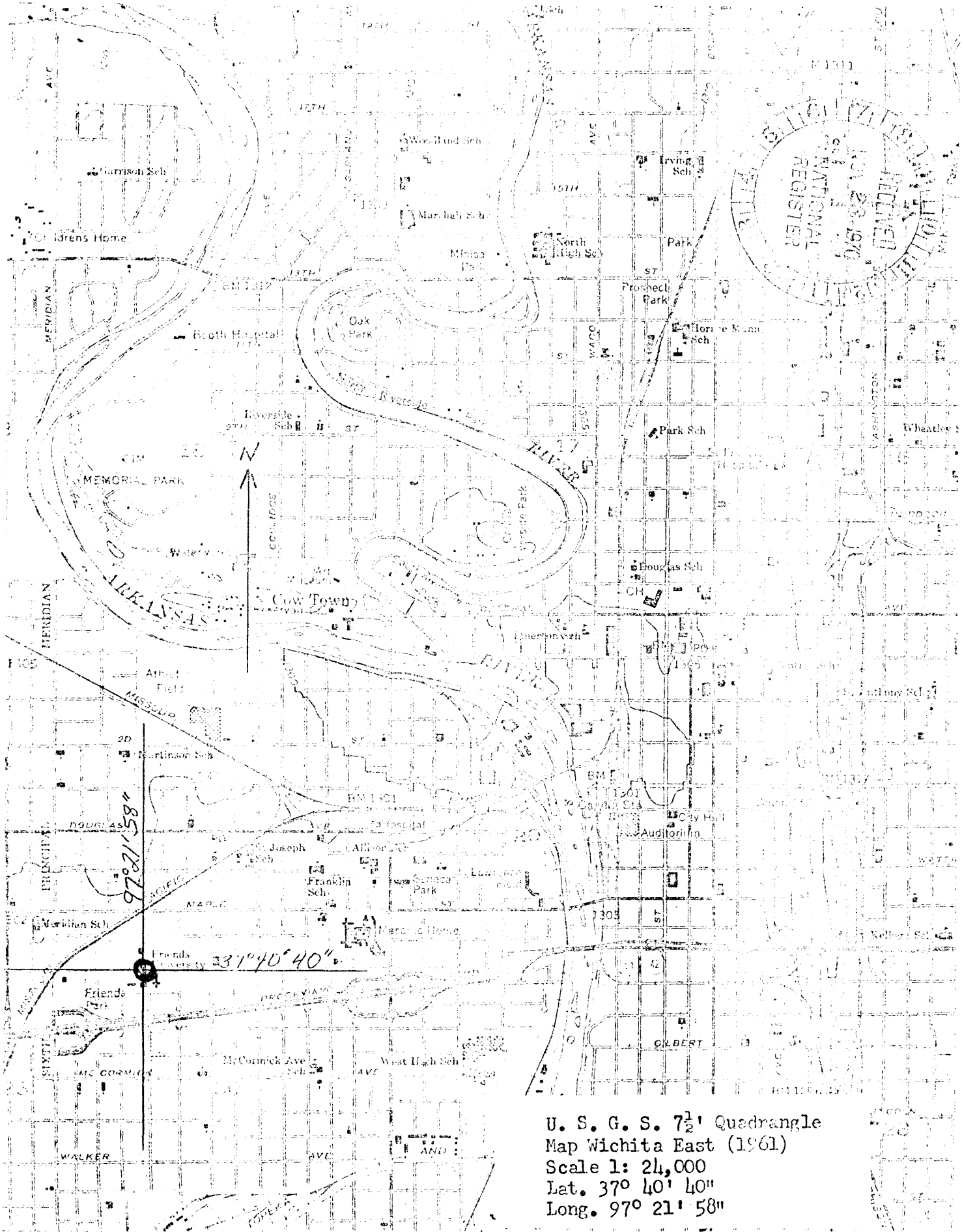
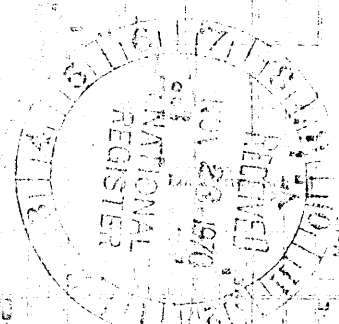
Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 FEB 24 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William J. Keatinge
 Keeper of The National Register
 JAN 21 1971

Date: _____

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85° 12' 26"

37° 40' 40"

U. S. G. S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle
Map Wichita East (1961)
Scale 1: 24,000
Lat. 37° 40' 40"
Long. 97° 21' 58"