

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Pottawatomie	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
21613	APR 13 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Pottawatomie Indian Pay Station (preferred name)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Indian Agency Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 10, T 10 S, R 12 E
Off US-24-40 east of the city limits, west of St. Mary's College campus, on

CITY OR TOWN: St. Marys *vic. (E)* Mission street

STATE Kansas	CODE 66536	COUNTY: Pottawatomie	CODE 149
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input 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 checked="" 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) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Missouri Provincial Educational Institute

STREET AND NUMBER:
4511 West Pine Blvd.

CITY OR TOWN: St. Louis

STATE: Missouri	CODE 29
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pottawatomie County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Westmoreland

STATE Kansas	CODE 66549
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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

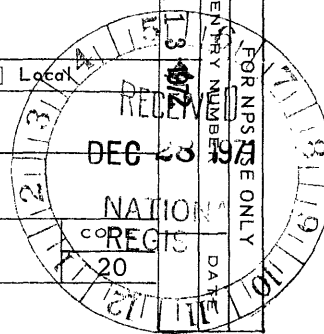
STREET AND NUMBER:
120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka

STATE: Kansas	CODE 66612
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Pottawatomie Indian Pay Station building was a one-story stone structure. Native stone was used for the walls with a minimum of effort being used to dress the stones. Coursing is extremely random, suggesting that any available stone was used. The mortar joints are very rough with a minimum of pointing. Larger stones were generally used for quoining with all the larger stones at or near ground level for the obvious reason that only manpower was available to lift the stones into position. Very simple windows and a door allow sunlight to reach the interior. Chimneys pierce the wood shingled gable roof at either end and effectively terminate the horizontal roof line. This structure is a typical example of the frontier architecture that served the very basic requirements of shelter for its occupants. The small stone structure has been enlarged by a one-story frame addition at right angles to the stone portion.



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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) ca. 1850's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

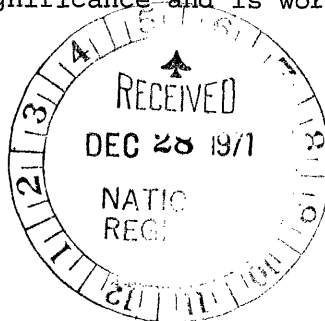
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pottawatomie Indian Pay Station in St. Marys, Kansas, reportedly built in the early 1850's, was used by government agents in paying the Pottawatomie Indians' annuities. These Indians had been moved in the 1830's from the Great Lakes region to Kansas, where they were allotted land to establish a reservation in what is now Miami county. Later the government permitted them to move to present Pottawatomie county. After choosing their own location, the first permanent group of Indians arrived September 9, 1848, accompanied by Catholic missionaries, who immediately began a mission and school. This settlement later became the town of St. Marys, and the Indian school became St. Mary's College in December, 1869.

When the Pottawatomies exchanged their lands for a reservation in Kansas, the United States government agreed to pay \$3,000,000 difference. This money was given to the individual members in small amounts every three months, often at the small stone building on the mission grounds. The annual amount paid to individuals in 1870 averaged \$688.00, and some families received as much as \$5,000. A newspaper account of one of the last annuities payments in St. Marys in 1870 described the event as "an utterly forlorn, dismal, and miserable spectacle." A paymaster from the Interior Department read off the names from inside the building, and an interpreter standing in the doorway repeated them, each individual coming forward to the building to get his payment. Much of the money passed immediately to traders or others having claims against an Indian.

The Pottawatomie Indian Pay Station is the oldest surviving building of the St. Marys Indian Mission and the oldest building in Pottawatomie county. Because of its use as a pay station for the Pottawatomie Indians by U. S. government agents during a period of approximately 20 years, it has significance and is worthy of recognition.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Kansas State Record (Topeka), October 30, 1870.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **October 12, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth Street**

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 December 15, 1971

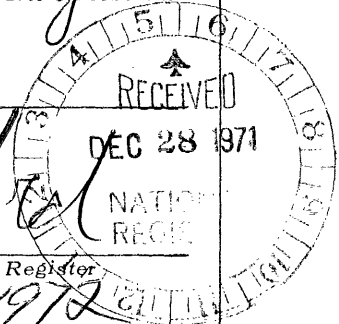
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Wiley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/12/72

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date April 17, 1972



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4. The City of St. Marys now has a 50-year lease on the Pottawatomie Indian Pay Station and it is being used as a museum.

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