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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Wallace
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
FEB 23 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON: Pond Creek Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec 19, T 13 S, R 38 W. Just east of Wallace near a roadside park on the north side of US-40

CITY OR TOWN: Wallace

STATE	Kansas	67761	CODE	20	COUNTY:	Wallace	CODE	199
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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"/> Public <input 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 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: Fort Wallace Memorial Association

STREET AND NUMBER: Fort Wallace Museum

CITY OR TOWN: Wallace STATE: Kansas 67761 CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Wallace County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Sharon Springs STATE: Kansas 67758 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 Street

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

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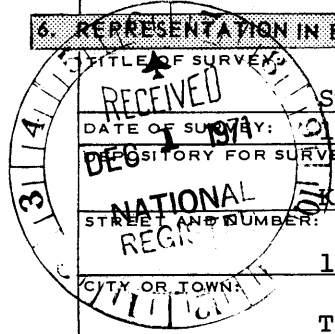
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

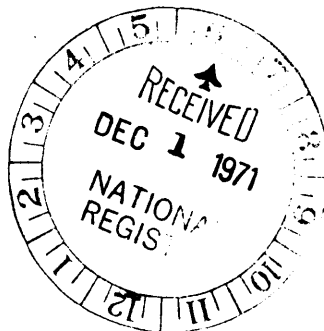
(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pond Creek stage station is a two-story rectangular frame structure approximately 16 feet by 32 feet, which is now located in the Fort Wallace Memorial Park. This solidly constructed building has four by six framing held together with wooden pins and is covered with yellow pine. Narrow strips of one-inch lumber were used to cover the joints of the siding. There are four rectangular window openings on the front of the station plus a double door. The simple gable roof is covered with wood shingles. At the present time the building is painted red with white trim. The exterior condition of the building is believed to be much like the original. Bullet holes are still visible from Indian attacks of a century ago. The Pond Creek stage station was moved to Wallace from its original location in 1871 and during the next 27 years stood at a number of sites in Wallace before being moved to the Thomas Madigan ranch in 1898. Although the building has been relocated a number of times, it is believed that its historical significance outweighs that factor. Presently the building is used for display purposes by the Fort Wallace Memorial Association.

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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) 1865

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
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| <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                   | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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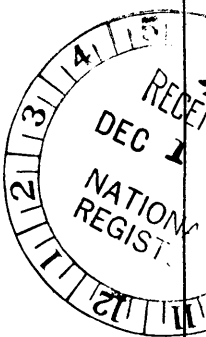
The Pond Creek Station, originally located one and one-half miles southwest of Wallace in Wallace county, was built in 1865 for use by the Butterfield Overland Dispatch as a "home" station. The B. O. D. was organized in the spring of 1865 by David A. Butterfield of Atchison, Kansas, to provide transportation for passengers and merchandise from the Missouri river to Denver, Colorado. That summer Butterfield sent out an expedition to determine the best route west, which became known as the Smoky Hill route, and Pond Creek Station, named after James B. Pond, the commander of the military escort accompanying the surveyors, was built that fall. Constructed of wide vertical siding on four by six framing, the two-story, 32 feet by 16 feet structure served as the stage tender's quarters and an eating station.

Because the Smoky Hill route ran directly through Indian hunting grounds, military protection of B. O. D. employees and passengers became necessary. Fort Wallace, originally called Camp Pond Creek, was established in September, 1865, about three miles east of the Pond Creek Station to defend the area and remained active until 1882.

In 1866 David Butterfield sold his company to Ben Holladay, who in turn sold to Wells Fargo and Co. in the same year. Wells Fargo continued to operate the stage line at least in certain areas until the Union Pacific railroad was completed in August, 1870. Consequently the Pond Creek Station may have been used as a stage station until 1869 or 1870.

Tom Madigan, an Irishman who arrived in the Wallace area in 1868 (1869), acquired the Pond Creek Station in 1871 and moved it to the town of Wallace where he used it as his home and merchandise store. While in Wallace, Madigan added two lean-to's to the building. In 1898 the Madigan family moved to a ranch 14 miles north of Wallace, taking the Pond Creek structure with them for use as a grain-storage facility.

The Pond Creek Station was given to the Fort Wallace Memorial Association by the Madigan family in 1960. It was moved to a Fort Wallace memorial park near Wallace just one-half mile from its original site. The lean-to's have been removed and the building now resembles its original appearance. The Pond Creek Station is believed to be the oldest man-made structure in northwest Kansas and the only surviving stage station of the B. O. D. in Kansas.



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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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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
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: April 14, 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 Nov. 20, 1971

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

Ernest H. Gruenly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 29 1972

ATTEST:  
William Pankratz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 6 1972

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