

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Dawes	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAR 16 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON: Bordeaux (James) Trading Post

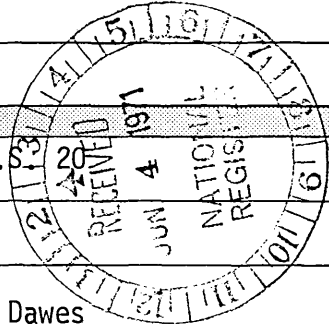
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Three miles east of Chadron on U.S. 20

CITY OR TOWN: Chadron vicinity

STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31 COUNTY: Dawes CODE: 045



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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Museum Association of the American Frontier

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 68

CITY OR TOWN: Loomis STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: County Clerk, Dawes County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER: 4th and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Chadron STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Preservation in Nebraska - Preliminary Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: October, 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Nebraska State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

STATE: Nebraska

COUNTY: Dawes

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* This nomination is located in the Third Nebraska Congressional District

7. DESCRIPTION

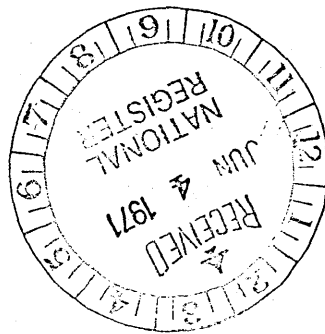
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Site includes two buildings: a combined trading house and living quarters, and a small warehouse. When development of the site by the Museum Association began in 1955, they were ruins in depressions in the virgin sod. Both buildings have been completely reconstructed to original lines and grades, including all post holes, as developed by thorough archeological investigations. Details of construction were furnished by John Bissonette, aged son of trader Joseph Bissonette, who visited the post in 1872. Construction details include log walls (using hand-hewn logs from a ranch house constructed nearby ca. 1880), cedar roof poles, sod roof and rough-sawn pine doors and counters, all as described by John Bissonette and as demonstrated by archeological evidence.

Large building is 13' -3" x 27' -6", including trade room 18' -9" x 13' -3" and living room 8' -9" x 13' -3". Small warehouse is 6' -10" x 13' -0". Reconstruction work is of excellent quality and buildings were used in filming fur trade sequences for orientation film now used at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis.

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8. 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1846-1876**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 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 checked="" 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

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This typical small trading house was established in the winter of 1845-46 by James Bordeaux while in the employ of Pierre Chouteau Jr. & Co. Provision for his outfit was covered in correspondence between Alexander Culbertson and Joseph Picotte in the summer of 1845. Bordeaux occupied an important position at Ft. Laramie and was mentioned at length by Fremont, Parkman and Matthew Field. He later established headquarters on the Platte near the site of the Grattan massacre but maintained this small post in northwestern Nebraska for 26 years and carried on a successful trade with the Sioux through its use.

This post was the scene of an attack and raid on his horse herd by a Crow war party under White Bear in October 1849. A pursuing Brulé Sioux party intercepted the raiders near the later site of Crawford, Nebraska and this action gave the name "Crow Butte" to a prominent landmark there. The creek beside the trading post was called "Bordeaux Creek" and still bears that name.

From 1872 until about 1876 this post was occupied by F. C. Boucher, another trader. In the summer of 1876 a military detail confiscated 40,000 rounds of Winchester ammunition at the post to prevent their sale to hostile Sioux.

Of all the trading post sites in northwestern Nebraska, this is the best documented and has had the most colorful history. It is, intimately associated with James Bordeaux, F. C. Boucher and Joseph Bissonette, who established his headquarters as sub-agent at a small trading post one half mile below this site about 1872.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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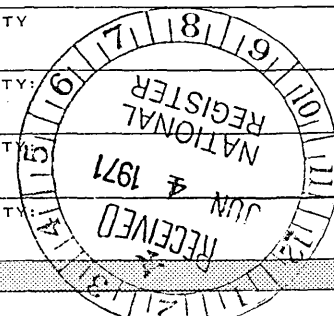
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		42°	49'	25"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		102°	55'	27"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO
UTM
CD

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Persijs Kolberg, Curator of Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society DATE: May 27, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Martin W. Krietz

Title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

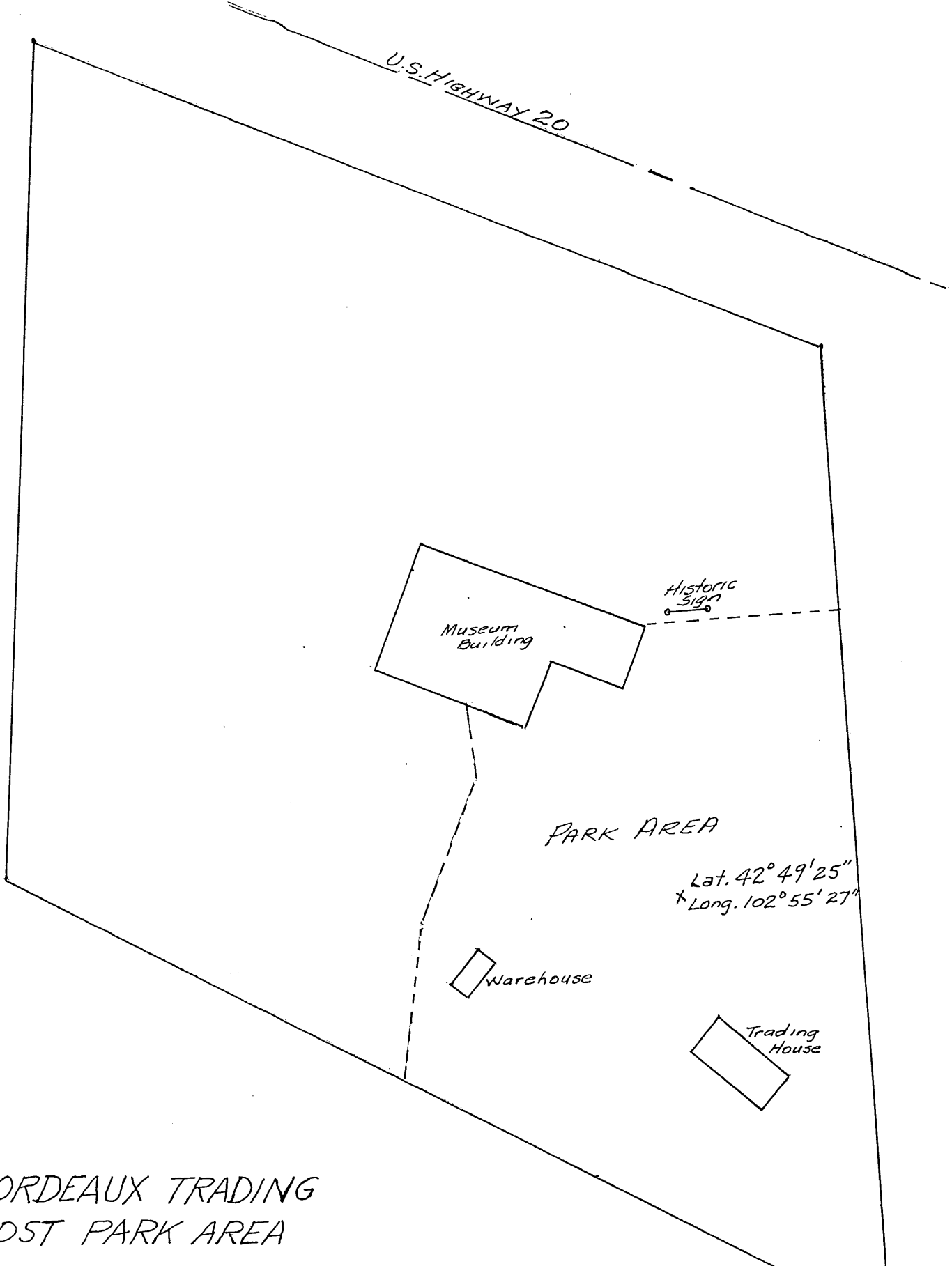
Date MAR 16 1972

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

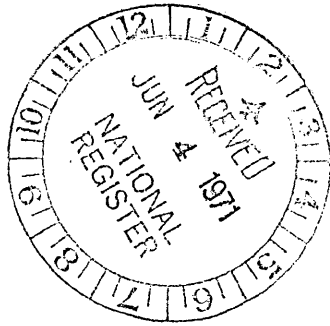
Date Feb 22 1972

U.S. HIGHWAY 20



BORDEAUX TRADING
POST PARK AREA

This point 699.4' No.
and 785.7' East. of SW cor.
of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24-33-48



BORDEAUX TRADING POST
DAWES COUNTY, NEBRASKA

DOWNTOWN
CHADRON

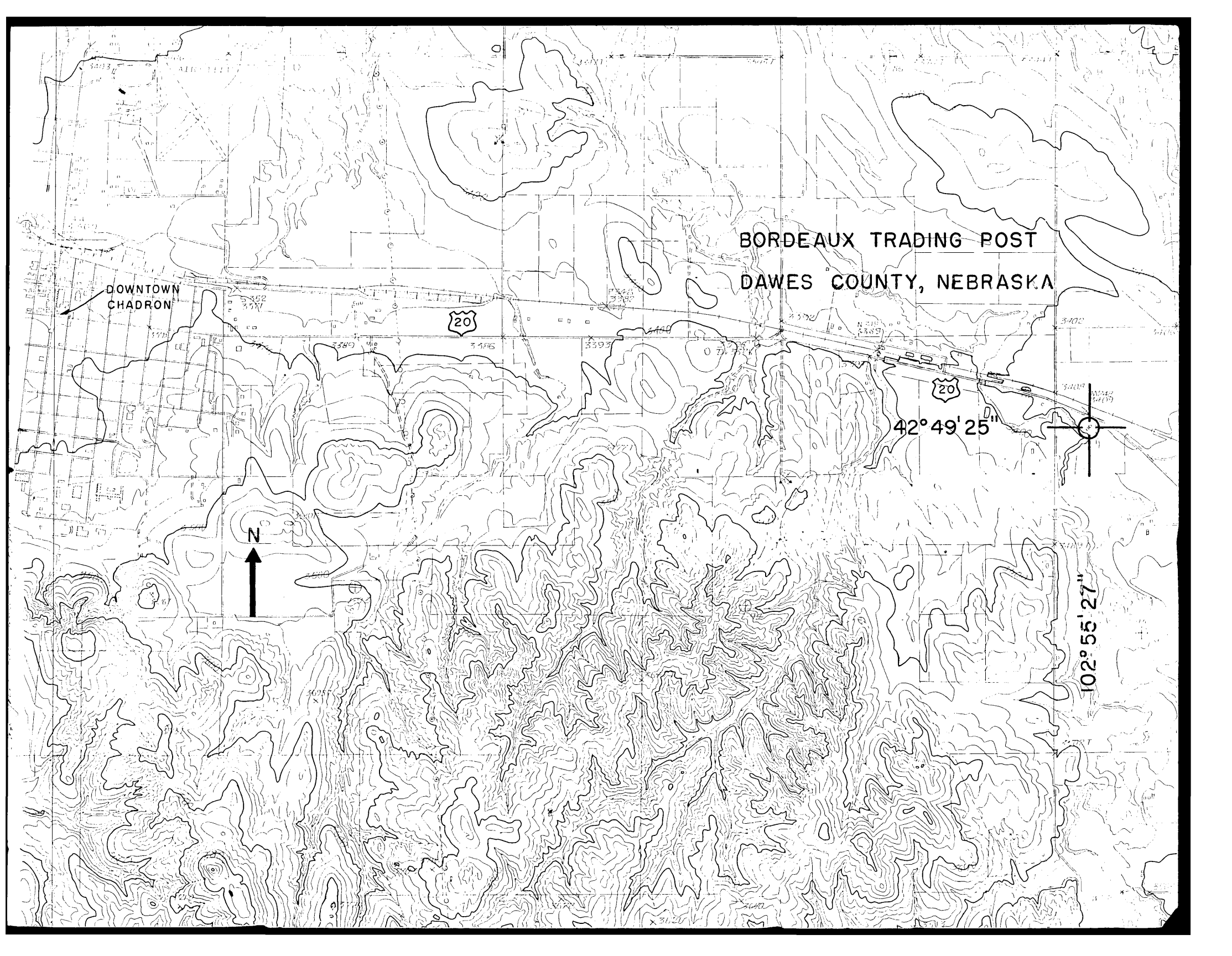
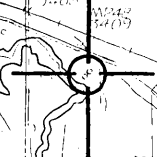
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42° 49' 25"

102° 55' 27"

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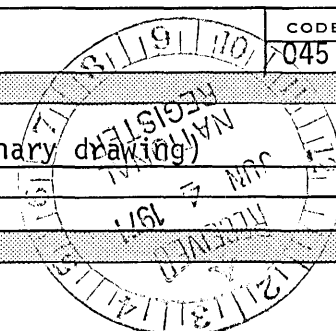
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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CITY OR TOWN:			
Chadron vicinity			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nebraska	31	Dawes	045
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7½', Chadron vicinity (Preliminary drawing)			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1969			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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June 1, 1971

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Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

On behalf of the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Board we are enclosing the following nominations for your consideration to the National Register of Historic Places:

1. U. S. Post Office
2. Bordeaux (James) Trading Post

Sincerely,

Marvin F. Kivett
Director

MFK:dvj

