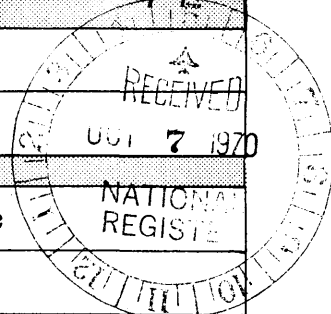


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1. NAME

COMMON: **Pawnee Indian Village ~~Museum~~ and Site (14RP1)**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Pawnee Indian Village Site**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **On K-266, 8 miles north of US-36, near Republic (NE 1/4, Sec. 3, T 2 S, R 5 W)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Republic**

STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **66964** COUNTY: **Republic** CODE: **157**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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: **State of Kansas**

STREET AND NUMBER: **State Capitol**

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: **Republic County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Belleville** STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **66935** CODE: **20**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

STREET AND NUMBER: **801 19th St., N. W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **98**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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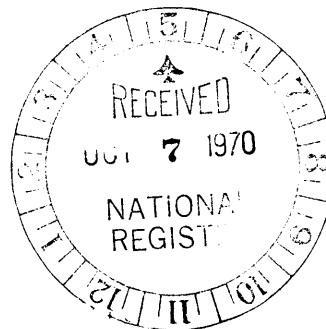
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was the site of a Republican (Kitkehahki) Pawnee village in the 1820's and 1830's. It had 30 to 40 earthlodges and perhaps 1000 people. The earthlodges were round, dome-shaped structures with a framework of heavy timbers covered with sod. They closely resembled huge mounds of earth. Most lodges were 30 to 40 feet in diameter. In this village two of the 22 known lodge sites on the state-owned land were considerably larger. Presumably they were the dwellings of more important families.

A museum and interpretive center was built in 1967 over one of the larger lodge sites. While other lodge sites have been scientifically excavated and then refilled, the one inside the museum has been left exposed. It has a diameter of 50 feet and an area of almost 2000 square feet. On the floor of the lodge visitors can see remains of burned timbers from the collapsed walls and the post holes in which roof and wall supports once stood. Ashes still remain in the hearth. Left where they were found on the floor are remains of stone, bone, and metal tools and implements, which were left behind when the lodge was abandoned.

Surface features of the site which are visible are the locations of lodge floors, storage pits, and remains of the fortification wall around the village.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



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) **1820's and 1830's**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

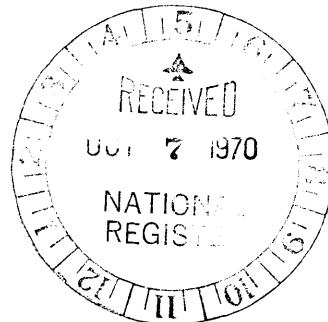
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Pawnee Indian village on the Republican river was probably inhabited in the 1820's and 1830's. It is believed to have been the village visited by Jedediah Smith, famed mountain man and explorer, in January, 1826, when he was on his way west with a party of trappers.

This is one of only a few documented Pawnee sites which have been scientifically excavated and the only one in Kansas. It is the only major preserved Pawnee village site in the Central Plains area. The museum constructed around a scientifically excavated earthlodge is unique in Plains archeology.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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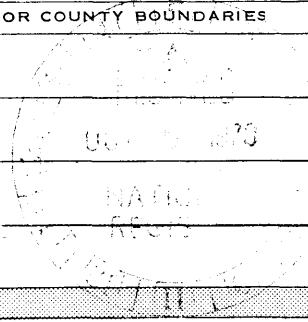
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **Aug. 21, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West 10th 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 **October 12, 1970**

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
MAY 14 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:
William M. ...
 Keeper of the National Register
APR 19 1971

Date _____

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