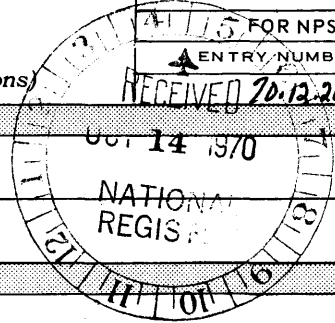


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: **Kansas**  
 COUNTY: **Geary**  
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 ENTRY NUMBER: **70.12.20.004** DATE: **12/2/70**



**1. NAME**  
 COMMON: **First Territorial Capitol**  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **On K-18 in Fort Riley Military Reservation, near Junction City**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Sec. 22, T 11 S, R 6 E**  
 STATE: **Kansas 66442** CODE: **20** COUNTY: **Geary** CODE: **061**

**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: **State of Kansas**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **State Capitol**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66612** CODE: **20**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Register of Deeds**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **Geary County Courthouse**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Junction City** STATE: **Kansas 66441** CODE: **20**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey**  
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1965**  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Library of Congress**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **10 First St., S. E.**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **11**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

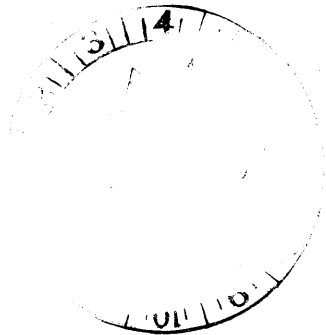
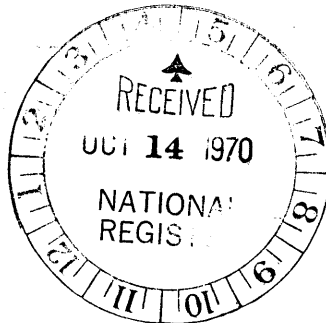
Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The first capitol of Kansas was a two-story native limestone building constructed as a warehouse in the spring of 1855. It is approximately 40 feet by 80 feet and has a simple gable roof with a chimney at either end. The only access to the second floor is by an inside stairway. Two inch plank flooring was used when the building was renovated in 1927 and 1928. Likewise, three-foot long shingles, like the original handhewn ones, were used in the restoration project. As nearly as can be ascertained, the restored structure now looks much as it did in 1855,



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1855

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first territorial legislature of Kansas was called by Gov. Andrew H. Reeder to meet in Pawnee on July 2, 1855. The governor was a member of the Pawnee Town Association which had laid out the new town adjacent to the Fort Riley military reservation.

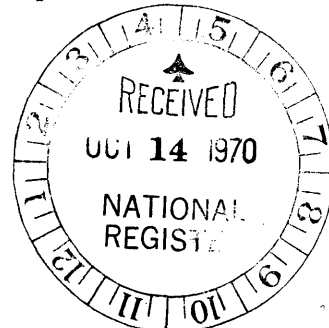
The legislature met in a large two-story warehouse built by the Pawnee Town Association. The lower floor was used as the house chamber and the senate occupied the upper floor.

Most of the members of the legislature were Proslavery adherents from border towns, and many of them had interests in Missouri. Consequently they felt Pawnee was too far west and too isolated to be the capital. So they passed a law on July 4 providing for the temporary establishment of the capital at Shawnee Mission in Johnson county. The governor vetoed this measure on July 6, but the legislature passed it over his veto and promptly adjourned to meet at Shawnee Mission on July 16.

The town of Pawnee went out of existence in the fall of 1855 when it was found to be within the boundaries of the Fort Riley reservation. For a time the former capitol was used as an army warehouse, but then it was allowed to deteriorate into ruins.

A major reconstruction project in 1927, financed mainly by the Union Pacific railroad on whose right of way the building partly stands, returned the building as nearly as possible to its condition in 1855. After the preservation work was completed, the Union Pacific railroad presented the building to the state of Kansas, and the first capitol is now operated as a museum by the State Historical Society.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Adams, Franklin G., "The Capitals of Kansas," Kansas Historical Collections, v. 8 (1903-04), pp. 331-351.  
 Connelley, William E., A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans (Chicago, Lewis Publishing Co., 1918).  
 Kansas State Historical Society, "The First Capitol of Kansas" (Topeka, State Printer, n. d.).  
 Letter from George W. Knapp to George W. Martin, October 3, 1896 (Kansas State Historical Society Manuscript Collection).  
 Richmond, Robert W., "The First Capitol of Kansas," Kansas Historical Quarterly, v. 21, no. 5 (Spring, 1955), pp. 321-325.

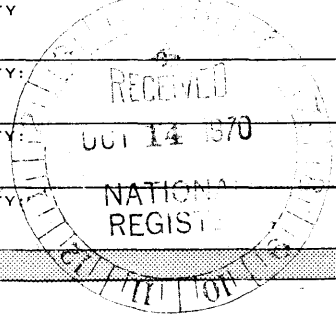
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.8**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **Sept. 4, 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 Exec. Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date October 12, 1970

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

Ernest Allen Connelley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. M... ..  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **NOV 17 1970**

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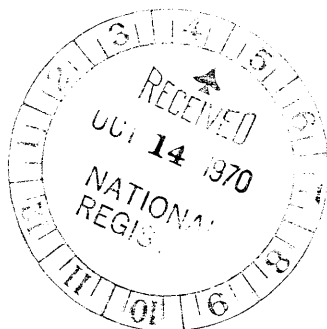
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4. Note: In 1928 the War Department granted the State of Kansas a revocable license to enter and occupy the 2.8 acres on which the First Territorial Capitol stands.
  
6. Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas (state)  
1957  
Kansas State Historical Society  
120 West 10th St.  
Topeka, Kansas 66612 Code: 15  
  
Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration (federal)  
1939  
Records destroyed. A guidebook, Kansas, was published in 1939.
  
9. Union Pacific Magazine, v. 7, no. 9 (September, 1928), pp. 10-12.



KANSAS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 FORT RILEY 15' QUADRANGLE

(KEAT)

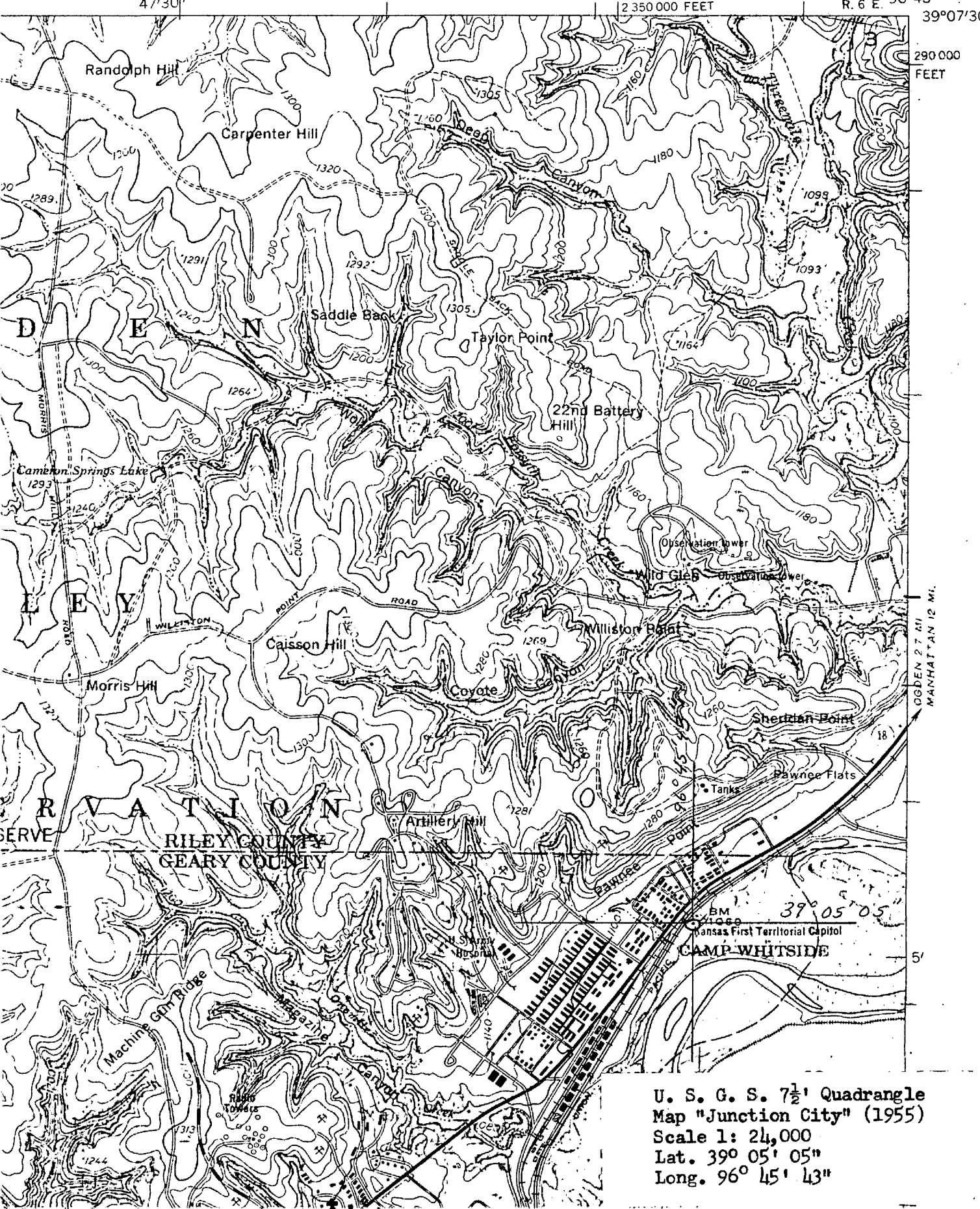
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SERVE

RILEY COUNTY  
GEARY COUNTY

U. S. G. S. 7½' Quadrangle  
Map "Junction City" (1955)  
Scale 1: 24,000  
Lat. 39° 05' 05"  
Long. 96° 45' 43"

OGDEN 2.7 MI  
MANHATTAN 12 MI.

39° 05' 05"

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: **U. S. G. S. 7½' Quadrangle, Junction City, Kansas**

SCALE: **1: 24,000**

DATE: **1955**

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.

