

Supplementary Listing Record

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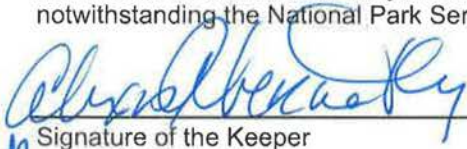
Date Listed:

Property Name: Marion Springs School

County: Douglas

State: KS

This Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation


Signature of the Keeper

9/14/2018
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

In Section 8 of the National Register nomination form Criterion A and area of significance of education has been removed. The Narrative Statement of Significance does not place the Marion Springs School in Context with the education of other schools Baldwin City or Douglas County, Kansas. Therefore Criterion A has been removed.

In Section 8 of the National Register nomination for architecture has been added as an area of significance. The Narrative Statement of Significance does enough to justify the context for architecture for the modern movement school.

The KANSAS SHPO was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

Historic name Marion Springs School
Other names/site number KHRI #045-6114
Name of related Multiple Property Listing Historic Public Schools of Kansas

2. Location

Street & number 316 East 900 Road not for publication
City or town Baldwin City X vicinity
State Kansas Code KS County Douglas Code 045 Zip code 66006

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:
 national statewide X local Applicable National Register Criteria: X A B X C D

Patrick Zollner
Signature of certifying official/Title Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO Date 8-6-18

Kansas State Historical Society
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
X entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
 other (explain:) _____

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 9/14/2018

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	3	buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
2	3	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/School

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
OTHER/Event Space

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

MODERN MOVEMENT

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: CONCRETE
walls: BRICK
CONCRETE
roof: METAL; SYNTHETICS
other: _____

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources, if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary

The Marion Springs School, 316 East 900 Road in rural Douglas County, Kansas is a buff brick Modern Movement institutional building. The school building is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Education as an early example of a consolidated rural school and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an example of the Modern style by architect Joseph Radotinsky. The 1963 building is eligible for listing under the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), "Historic Public Schools of Kansas" as a Country Two- (or more) Teacher School. The school retains most of its original exterior appearance and interior layout. The building, measuring approximately 70 feet deep and 256 feet wide, has exterior buff brick walls unless noted. The north portion of the building contains the overheight gymnasium. The one-story south portion contains the entrance, two offices, a kitchen, two bathrooms and eight classrooms. A 1993 renovation enclosed the west entrance, replaced windows in the original fenestration patterns and added two rooms to the south elevation. The building is in good condition and retains integrity of design, materials, association, setting and location.

Elaboration

Site

The Marion Springs Elementary School is located in the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 14 South, Range 19 East in rural Douglas County. It sits just north of the junction of U.S. Highway 56 and East 900 Road/ County Road 1039, the site of the unincorporated community of Worden (Figure 1). The school building faces west toward East 900 Road. On the west side, it has a front drive accessed from two entrances and a west parking lot. The building has historical entrances in the west and east elevations and an altered 1993 entrance in the south elevation. Additional entrances to the gymnasium are located in the northwest and northeast corners of the building.

The rural school building sits on 9.5 acres. The site was purchased in 1962 for the new school that would consolidate six one-room schoolhouses in the south portions of Willow Springs and Marion townships. The large site includes a south playground with asphalt and gravel footing, an east concrete pond, three east non-historic outbuildings and two east septic ponds (Figure 2, Photo 22). The entire site is considered contributing to the nomination as it served educational functions during the school's period of significance. The three outbuildings are considered non-contributing.

Today the school is one of five remaining buildings in Worden. U.S Highway 56, located south of the building, connects Olathe on the east edge of Kansas to the towns of Overbrook, Scranton and Burlingame west of Worden. The Modern Movement school building in its rural location reflects the area's transition from the one-room country schoolhouses to a graded system.

Exterior

The Marion Springs School's main façade, the **west elevation**, contains the building's main entrance in a central projecting block with three glass and metal doors under a flat roof (Photos 1-4). The north and south sides of the block have two windows on each side.¹ The south portion of the west elevation has a flat metal roof. Rectangular clerestory windows are located under wide wood eaves supported by metal brackets. The north, center and south areas of this section have full windows with lower hinged windows—one in the north portion and pairs in the center and south areas. The southernmost window, added in 1993, is surrounded by stucco. The north portion of the west elevation contains the school's gymnasium. The gymnasium has upper metal walls and a low gabled rubberized roof with a north-south ridge. The west side has six center clerestory

¹ The original sheltered entrance was enclosed in 1993.

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windows. A brick block projects from the gym's north elevation to accommodate an interior stage. This block has a solid west wall.

The **north elevation** consists of the gym's solid brick walls and a projection for the interior stage (Photo 5). The stage projection has a flat roof and projects beyond the main wall below the upper metal gable. The northwest and northeast junctures have one-story covered entrances with flat roofs.

The **south elevation**, added in 1993, has a pair of central entrance doors under an overhang supported by a brick pier (Photo 6). The engaged overhang extends from the roof of the east portion of the elevation, which extends forward of the west portion. The east and west walls of the south elevation each has a central window with a lower hinged window surrounded by two projecting greenhouse windows. The south elevation is a combination of buff brick and stucco.

The north portion of the **east elevation** contains the gym with clerestory windows matching those in the west elevation and the stage block with a one-story entrance in the northeast juncture (Photos 7-8). A modern one-story metal shed with a south door projects from the east wall of the gym. A single east entrance door is located between the north gymnasium and the south classroom wing. The south portion of the east elevation matches the west side with wide eaves, clerestory windows and full-height windows in the center and south sections. The southernmost window in the east elevation is surrounded by stucco.

Interior

The spaces within the Marion Springs School building are clearly defined (Figure 3). The gymnasium with its north stage fills the north portion of the building. The school's kitchen, offices and bathrooms are located in the center portion. The south portion holds six former classrooms and two resource rooms on either side of a center hall. Unless noted, interior walls are concrete block, floors are linoleum tile and nine-foot ceilings are modern suspended panels.

The gymnasium has a poured concrete floor.² The high arched ceiling with historic ceiling tiles is supported by metal trusses. Twelve historic industrial lights illuminate the space. Basketball goals hang from the north and south ends of the ceiling. The gym's north wall has a wood central stage. Six wood storage drawers under the stage originally held the school's lunchroom tables. The northeast and northwest corners of the stage hold two small modern classrooms. Two doors on each side of the stage provide access to storage closets and exits. The east wall has one single door and one pair of doors that lead into the east shed. The west wall has no openings. The gym's south wall has two west pairs of entrance doors to the school's entrance and two large east window openings accessing the kitchen.

The kitchen and two bathrooms in the center east portion of the building have glazed block walls, terra cotta tile floors and historic tile ceilings (Photo 11.) The kitchen retains stainless steel counters and sinks and a center work island. The bathrooms retain their original layouts with stalls, sinks and showers.³ The building's entrance with an airlock space is between the gym and reception window, also in the center of the building (Photos 14-15.) A reception window is located on the south wall of the interior entrance area.

The school's original six classrooms are located on the east and west sides of the south hall (Photos 12-13.) Each classroom door is wood with a narrow window (Photo 16.) Each classroom has clerestory windows on east and west walls, a full exterior window with a lower hinged window and retains its original configuration with a recessed area for coat storage. Most classrooms also have chalk boards, white boards and/or sink areas (Photos 17-20.)

A south addition was added to the school in 1993. The addition contains a west technology room and an east

² A 2017 tornado caused damage to the gymnasium roof and floor. The gym's original linoleum tile floor adhesive contained asbestos. The floor was removed as part of the abatement.

³ According to former school secretary Glenda Rockers, the showers were originally used by junior high students after gym class.

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library.⁴ The suspended ceilings in this area of the building are approximately eight feet tall and the floors are carpet. Each room has three south windows—one central window with a lower hinged pane surrounded by two greenhouse windows. The north wall of each room is the building's exterior buff brick (Photo 21.)

Integrity

The Marion Springs School retains integrity of location, setting, design, feeling, and association. The replacement of the original windows, enclosure of the west entrance and addition of the south resource rooms have partially compromised the building's architectural integrity. According to registration requirements set forth in Section F of the MPDF, "Historic Public Schools of Kansas," these alterations do not make the property ineligible for register listing. The Marion Springs School retains most of its historic masonry and form, interior configuration and interior finishes that are consistent with the Modern Movement. The building clearly conveys its historic function as a public elementary school and reflects the attributes of a consolidated Country Two- (or more) Teacher School sub-type described in Section F of the MPDF.

⁴ When the school was built, the library was located in the office space south of the entrance.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Education

Period of Significance

1962-1966

Significant Dates

1963

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Radotinsky-Meyn-Deardoff, Architects

Lawrence Construction Company, Builder

Period of Significance (justification)

The Period of Significance begins with the construction of the Marion Springs School building, beginning in 1962, and ends in 1966 when the school was incorporated into the Baldwin City school district, thus ending its tenure as a rural school.

Criteria Considerations (justification)

N/A

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Narrative Statement of Significance

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Summary

The Marion Springs School, 316 East 900 Road, Douglas County, Kansas is locally significant under National Register Criterion A in the area of Education for its association with rural school consolidation in Douglas County. As defined by the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), "Historic Public Schools of Kansas," the Marion Springs School has the characteristics of a Country School, specifically the Country Two- (or more) Teacher Consolidated School sub-type. The school's location in rural Douglas County also fits well with the description of a Country School. Country schools were typically built on section corners at two-mile intervals reflecting the walking distance of children. Consolidated schools were located in rural communities, such as Worden, and were often the first move to a graded school system from earlier one-teacher schoolhouses. The building is also eligible for listing under Criterion C in the area of Architecture for its association with architect Joseph Radotinsky as an example of the Modern Movement style.

The school building meets all of the registration requirements stated in the MPDF for its property type. The building is more than 50 years old. It remains in its original rural location and retains its original massing, exterior form, original primary building materials, ornamentation, fenestration patterns and interior configuration. The west entrance and south elevation have been altered and windows have been replaced, but alterations do not detract from the building's integrity. The building functioned as an elementary school through the 2010-2011 school year when the school district vacated the building. The Period of Significance, 1962-1966, encompasses the years that construction began to the first year of occupation of the school (1962-1964) to the year that the rural school was incorporated into the Baldwin City school district.

Elaboration

Marion Springs School History

In 1961, six Douglas County, Kansas school districts voted to consolidate into a single district with a single location. The six districts—Colyer, Union, Willow Springs, Central, Excelsior and Globe—were each comprised of one-teacher schools located in southwest Douglas County. County Superintendent of Schools Earl Wilson stated that by consolidating, the districts took a big step toward meeting modern state standards for elementary schools. The standards stated that ideal elementary schools should have eight full-time teachers for grades one through eight. The new consolidation left Douglas County with nine graded elementary schools and 11 one-teacher schools in the county system.⁵

The newly formed Marion Springs District 101 created a new school board in May 1962. Members included Dan Rappard, president, Harold Flory, treasurer, Hugh Boyce, clerk, Gilbert Gilges and Carl Russell, board members and George Christian, non-voting member of the board. A name was chosen for the consolidated school building by combining the names of the two townships involved—Marion and Willow Springs—to create Marion Springs School.⁶

A special bond election was held August 14, 1962 to raise funds for the construction of the building. A promotional flyer for the election described the new Marion Springs Elementary School, to be located north of Worden:

"The new facility will provide academic classrooms, administrative suite providing for a principal's office, library, teachers-health room, auditorium-gymnasium-stage facility with lunch program, and storm-fallout shelter...The building construction will be of reinforced concrete

⁵ "Six School Districts Merge," *The Baldwin Ledger*, 3 May 1962.

⁶ "Central Items," *The Baldwin Ledger*, 17 May 1962, 2.

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foundations, exterior walls of concrete with brick masonry facing back-up with masonry block. The interior frame of the building will be of structural steel-concrete.”⁷

The bond issue was approved by voters, raising \$185,000 for the acquisition of a school site and construction of a building. Voters went to the polls again on August 23, 1962 to determine the location of the new school.⁸ The site north of the Worden garage at East 900 Road and U.S. Highway 56 was selected. The August 14 election was invalidated when it was discovered that there was a delay in publishing a legal notice. A new, successful bond election was held on September 18.⁹

Lawrence Construction, Inc., was awarded the contract to build the new school. The cost of construction was estimated at \$163,000 and a completion date of September 1, 1963 was set.¹⁰ A productive water well was discovered nearby and building began during that spring (Figure 4).¹¹ The school was still under construction on August 28, the opening day of the 1963-1964 school year. The new district proceeded with a plan to transition local education from one-teacher schoolhouses to a graded system. Grades were divided between the previous rural schools, with grades one and two attending Globe School, grades three and four attending Willow Springs, grades five and six attending Exceline and grades seven and eight attending Central.¹²

The new school opened in January 1964 for the spring semester (Figure 5). According to a report written by School Board President Eldred Fisher Rappard, the new brick building included modern amenities, such as modern heating and indoor water fountains, “an improvement over taking a tin cup out to a do-it-yourself pump.” Rappard described other items in the new school, such as the vault, trophy case and restrooms.¹³

More than 500 Douglas County residents attended an open house for the new school in January 1964, three weeks after the spring term began. Guests were greeted at the reception desk and in the classrooms, where work by the 82 students was on display. Refreshments were served from the kitchen area adjacent to the gym.¹⁴

Reminiscing on the new school 35 years later, Barbara Stoebener Johnson recalled that consolidating the one-room schools gave her new opportunities beyond education. She had a chance to ride a school bus and to make many new friends. “I went through first to fourth grade with just two people in my grade...It was nice to have some girlfriends,” she recalled in a 1998 article.¹⁵ The school became an integral part of the community, according former student Ardyth Milburn. Milburn attended first and second grades at Exceline school and then moved to Marion Springs for subsequent grades. The students and their families all knew each other and often attended church together or worked together, she stated. In the early years, she said, the junior high sports teams and cheerleaders traveled to play against other Kansas schools. The school was also often used for community gatherings, meetings and family parties, she added.¹⁶ Glenda Rockers, who worked as the school’s secretary for 25 years, echoed Milburn’s sentiments. School events often included the entire community at the school’s outdoor environmental center, the playground or on the surrounding 9.5 acres.¹⁷

⁷ “Special Election” promotional flyer for August 14, 1962 election. Property of building owner. The planned basement storm shelter was never built.

⁸ “Patrons of New School District Approve \$185,000 Bond Issue,” *The Baldwin Ledger*, 16 August 1962, 1.

⁹ “Vote Again Tuesday,” *The Baldwin Ledger*, 13 September 1962, 1.

¹⁰ “New School To Be Completed Sept. 1, 1963,” *The Baldwin Ledger*, 18 April 1963, 1.

¹¹ “Start Work on Rural School,” undated newspaper article, property of owner.

¹² “Marion Springs School District No 101 School Opens,” *The Baldwin Ledger*, 22 August 1963, Back to School section.

¹³ “Eldred Rappard, February 2001,” Property of building owner.

¹⁴ “550 Attend Open House At Marion Springs School,” *BALDWIN LEDGER*, 23 January 1964, 1.

¹⁵ “Marion Springs marks 35 years,” *Lawrence Journal-World*, 20 November 1998.

¹⁶ Ardyth Miller, telephone conversation with author, 18 May 2018. Ms. Miller also cooked in the school’s kitchen for 14 years beginning in the early 1990s.

¹⁷ Glenda Rockers, telephone conversation with author, 16 May 2018.

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Activities over the years included school carnivals, lessons on prairie burning and annual fifth grade campouts. The grounds included native grasses, native flora and fruit trees.

In 1966, the Marion Springs School district joined the Unified District #348 of Baldwin.¹⁸ The school's population increased but the number of grades decreased. According to Ardyth Milburn, grades six through eight began attending Baldwin Junior High School around 1969 or 1970. Kindergarten may have been added to Marion Springs School in that year, too. Glenda Rockers remembered that the school had approximately 45 students when she began working there in 1986 but increased to around 100 students by 2011.

A district-wide bond election in 1993 provided funds to replace the school's windows and to add the gym's storage shed and south resource rooms for computers and a library.¹⁹ A mobile classroom was added to the grounds for art and music in the early 2000s.

Marion Springs School stayed open through the 2010-2011 school year. Despite a healthy enrollment and receiving the Governor's Achievement Award in 2008 and 2011, the school closed in May 2011.²⁰ According to Glenda Rockers, the district's budget precluded the Baldwin District from operating the Vinland and Marion Springs Elementary Schools. The current owners purchased the building in October 2014 for use as a single-family home and future event space.

Architecture

The firm of Radotinsky, Meyn & Deardorff was selected to design the Marion Springs School well before funding was in place. The firm created a proposed elevation and floor plan before the bond election was held in August 1962.²¹

Architect Joseph Radotinsky graduated with a degree in Architecture from the University of Kansas and accepted the position of Kansas State Architect in 1930.²² Radotinsky's career spanned decades and included many school buildings. The MPDF, "Historic Public Schools of Kansas," notes that Radotinsky's designs were prolific and ahead of their time, an attribute he brought to the Marion Springs School building. He utilized the Modern Movement in Kansas schools as a solo architect with the 1953 Turner High School building, 1312 S. 55th Street, Kansas City (KHRI #209-2061), the 1951 McKinley Elementary School, 112 N. Rogers Street, Abilene (KHRI #041-246) and the 1950 Syracuse High School, 312 N. Main Street, Syracuse (KHRI #075-18). The firm of Radotinsky, Meyn & Deardorff, formed in 1957, also designed many modern, commercial buildings throughout the midwest and Kansas. The firm was responsible for the 1960 Federal Building, 812 N 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City (KHRI #209-2820-01974) and the 1964 Kansas City Public Library and the School Administration Building, 625 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City (KHRI #209-2820-01840).

The Marion Springs School is an example of a rural elementary school designed in the Modern Movement style. Built in 1962-1963, the building contains clearly defined spaces for administration, classrooms, cafeteria and gymnasium, connected in a broad, horizontal form. The building today retains most of its original floor plan and historic finishes.

Conclusion

¹⁸ "Board of Education Draws Up Policies In Event of Marion Springs Addition," *The Baldwin Ledger*, 6 January 1966, 1.

¹⁹ The election also contributed improvements to other schools in the district.

²⁰ "Governor's Achievement Schools" Kansas State Department of Education, <http://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Communications/Governors%20Achievement%20Schools%20list.pdf>. Accessed online 23 May 2018.

²¹ "Special Election" promotional flyer.

²² Brenda Spencer, "Historic Public Schools of Kansas" National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form," 22 April 2005, 28.

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The Marion Springs School retains its architectural integrity as a Country Two- (or more) Teacher Consolidated School, described in the MPDF, "Historic Public Schools of Kansas." The school is significant as the first consolidated school in its rural community, moving the district from one-teacher schools to graded schools. Its modern form and style reflect the progressive work of the prominent architect Joseph Radotinsky. The building retains its historic interior layout and Modern Movement architectural features. The Marion Springs School was built within the period of significance and geographical area of the MPDF. It retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It clearly communicates its historic function as a rural consolidated elementary school.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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“550 Attend Open House At Marion Springs School.” *BALDWIN LEDGER*, 23 January 1964.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
 recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: Owner's library

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 9.5 acres

Provide latitude/longitude coordinates OR UTM coordinates.
(Place additional coordinates on a continuation page.)

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1	<u>38.784778</u> Latitude:	<u>-95.334858</u> Longitude:	3	<u>38.783254</u> Latitude:	<u>-95.332648</u> Longitude:
2	<u>38.784783</u> Latitude:	<u>-95.331215</u> Longitude:	4	<u>38.783411</u> Latitude:	<u>-95.334876</u> Longitude:

Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

The property is bound by East 900 Road on the west and rural property lines on the south, east and north.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

The boundaries include the entire site purchased for the Marion Springs school in 1962 and historically associated with the school building.

11. Form Prepared By

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name Mary and Jay Bessey
street & number 316 East 900 Road telephone 913-548-3601
city or town Baldwin City state Kansas zip code 66006

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each digital image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to a sketch map or aerial map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photograph Log

Name of Property: Marion Springs Elementary School

City or Vicinity: Baldwin City vicinity

County: Douglas State: Kansas

Photographer: Susan Jezak Ford

Date Photographed: 30 March 2018

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 22: West elevation. Camera pointing northeast.
- 2 of 22: West elevation. Camera pointing east.
- 3 of 22: West elevation. Camera pointing northeast.
- 4 of 22: Northwest elevation. Camera pointing southeast.
- 5 of 22: North elevation. Camera pointing south.
- 6 of 22: South elevation. Camera pointing north northeast.
- 7 of 22: Northeast elevation. Camera pointing southwest
- 8 of 22: East elevation. Camera pointing southwest.
- 9 of 22: Interior gymnasium. Camera pointing north.
- 10 of 22: Interior gymnasium. Camera pointing south.
- 11 of 22: Interior kitchen. Camera pointing east.
- 12 of 22: Interior hall. Camera pointing south.
- 13 of 22: Interior hall. Camera pointing north.
- 14 of 22: Interior entry. Camera pointing northwest.
- 15 of 22: Interior entry. Camera pointing east.
- 16 of 22: Interior door. Camera pointing northwest.
- 17 of 22: Classroom. Camera pointing southeast.
- 18 of 22: Classroom. Camera pointing northwest.
- 19 of 22: Classroom. Camera pointing northwest.
- 20 of 22: Classroom. Camera pointing south.
- 21 of 22: Library. Camera pointing northwest.
- 22 of 22: Playground. Camera pointing south.

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Figures

Include GIS maps, figures, scanned images below.

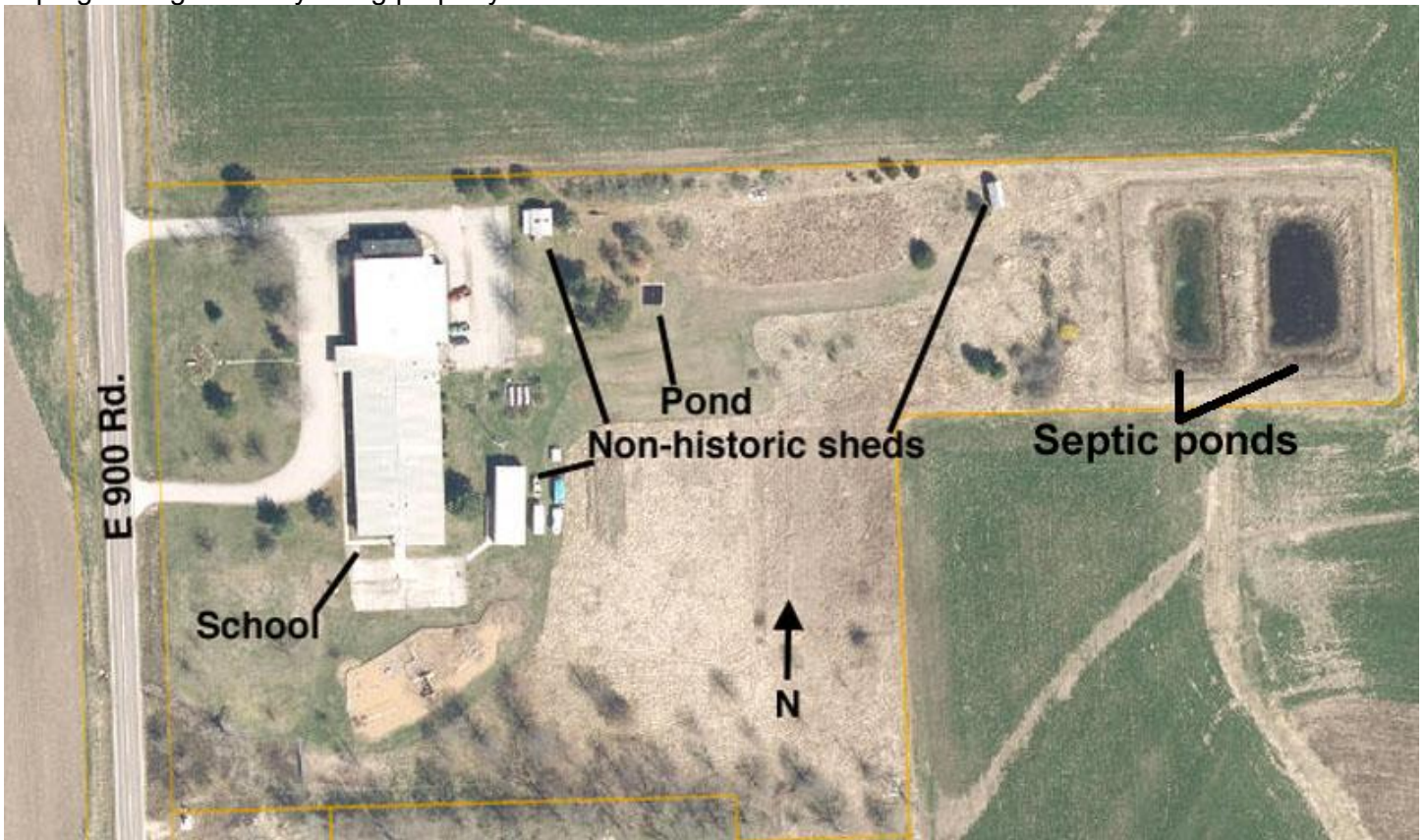
Figure 1. Location of Marion Springs School building at 316 East 900 Road from <https://www.google.com/maps>. Coordinates 38.784253, -95.334120. Screenshot accessed 29 May 2018.



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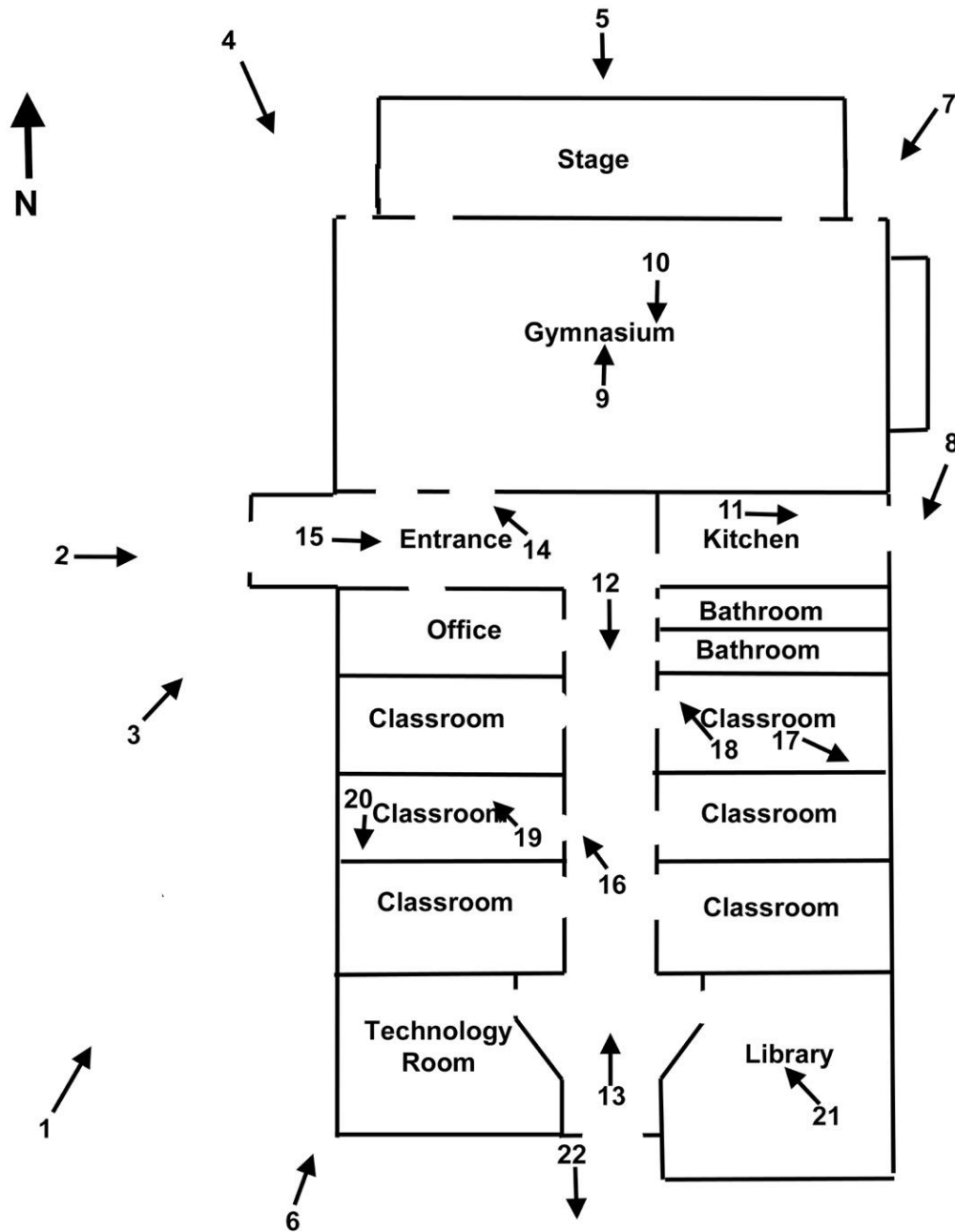
Figure 2. Douglas County tax map of property. Accessed 29 May 2018.
<http://gis.douglascountyks.org/propertyviewer/?find=169-32-0-00-00-008.00-0>.



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Figure 3. Site and floor plan with photograph locations. Susan Jezak Ford, not to scale.



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Figure 4. 1963 construction photos. Property of owner.



Figure 5. 1966 photograph. Property of owner.



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Photograph 2.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 8/7/2018 Date of Pending List: 8/27/2018 Date of 16th Day: 9/11/2018 Date of 45th Day: 9/21/2018 Date of Weekly List: 9/14/2018

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> PDIL | <input type="checkbox"/> Text/Data Issue |
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Accept Return Reject 9/14/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Alexis Abernathy Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2236 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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Topeka KS 66615-1099



Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D.
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director

August 6, 2018

Dr. Julie Ernstein, Acting Chief
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228
Washington, DC 20240

Re: National Register documents for Kansas

Dear Dr. Ernstein:

Please find enclosed the following National Register documents:
NEW NOMINATIONS in Certified Local Government (7)

- **Casson Building; Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination and a PDF of letter of support and Part 1 approval;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

- **Western Union Building; Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination and a PDF of letter of support and Part 1 approval;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

- **Pioneer Log Cabin; Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination and a PDF letter of support;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

- **St. John's Hospital; Salina, Saline County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination's first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination, a PDF with letter of support, and a PDF of notarized letter of objection from owner of Medialle Center and copy of Part 1 approval;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs

- **Marion Springs School; Baldwin City vicinity, Douglas County, Kansas** (new nomination under “Historic Public Schools of Kansas” MPS)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.
- **Appanoose Church of the Brethren & Cemetery; Overbrook vicinity, Franklin & Douglas counties, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination, a PDF of letters of support, and .kmz file;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs
- **Willow Springs Santa Fe Trail Historic District; Baldwin City vicinity, Douglas County, Kansas** (new nomination under “Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail” MPS)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
 - 1 DVD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination and .kmz file;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

NEW NOMINATION in non-CLG communities (1)

- **Dunlap Colored Cemetery; Dunlap vicinity, Morris County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
 - 1 CD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination and a letter of support;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

RESUBMITTED NOMINATION (1)

- **Harmon Park Swale; Prairie Village, Johnson County, Kansas** (resubmitted nomination) (NRIS #13000880)
 - Physical, signed copy of the nomination’s first page;
 - 1 DVD (disk #1) with a PDF of the true and correct copy of the nomination , a PDF letter of support, and a .kmz file;
 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photographs.

REMOVAL REQUEST (1)

- **Lyons High School; Lyons, Rice County, Kansas** (additional documentation; removal request)
 - Physical, signed copy of the documentation’s first page;
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 - 1 CD (disk #2) with photograph.

If you have any questions about these enclosed items, please contact Patrick Zollner, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, at ext. 217 or Patrick.Zollner@ks.gov.

Sincerely,



Amanda K. Loughlin
National Register Coordinator
Kansas State Historic Preservation Office