

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: **Kansas**

COUNTY: **Wyandotte**

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.2.20.0011	2/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON: **St. Augustine Hall**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Mather Hall, Kansas City University**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **3301 Parallel Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Kansas City**

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Kansas	66104	Wyandotte	209

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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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	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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Monastery of Saint Augustine**

STREET AND NUMBER: **3301 Parallel Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Kansas City** STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **66104** **20**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: **Wyandotte County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Kansas City** STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **66101** **20**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration**

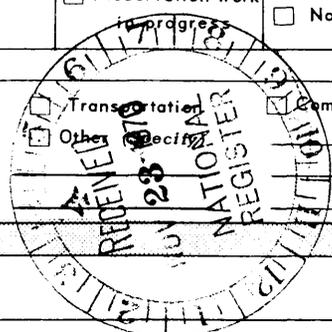
DATE OF SURVEY: **1939** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in 1939.**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1939.**

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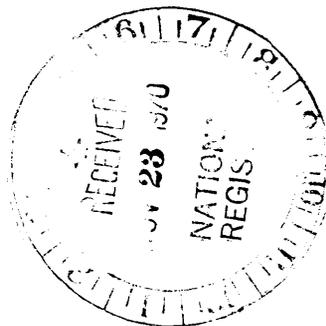
7. DESCRIPTION

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	(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

St. Augustine Hall presents an interesting combination of cut stone and red brick. The stone foundation seems to set the building away from the ground, in an attention-getting manner; one is not left to wonder what design features are hidden behind the shrubbery. This wide band of stone also pulls the eye to the entrance, which seems to be a proper outcropping of cut stone. The large deep arch with its columns develops a very strong and heavy statement. Although the building is over three stories high, the entrance tower dominates the design. The extremely tall false windows with their semi-circular glass and keyed lintels add an interesting note and hint at the elaborate cornice work around the tower platform. A strong gable roof line emphasizes the symmetrical floor plan. Although the facade is symmetrical about the tower, the treatment of windows varies greatly with each floor. The overall treatment of the facade offers a pleasant variation of shapes.

Some alterations were made after the building changed ownership in 1932, and in the late 1930's a west wing was added.



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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) **1896**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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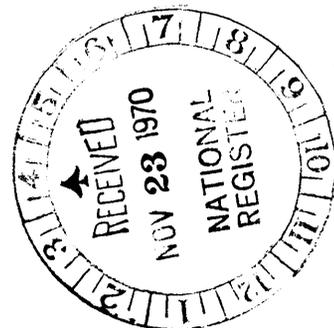
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Augustine Hall was originally built as Mather Hall of Kansas City University in 1896 at a cost of \$30,000. Dr. Samuel Fielding Mather, a descendant of the famous theologian, Cotton Mather, desired to see a college established in Kansas City and gave the Methodist Protestant Church tracts of land on the condition they erect suitable college buildings. Another of the early promoters and backers of Kansas City University was H. J. Heinz, the pickle millionaire.

In 1913 Campbell College of Holton, Kansas, under the control of the United Brethren in Christ Church, merged with Kansas City University. The two religious denominations jointly operated the school until 1926 when the Methodists withdrew and their interest was bought out by the United Brethren. The final years of the school's operation were difficult ones and in 1930 the United Brethren Board of Education decided to drop all support for the school. In 1932 the mortgage against the school was foreclosed and the property sold to the Augustinian Order of the Catholic Church. Mather Hall then became St. Augustine Hall.

St. Augustine Hall architecturally is an extraordinarily complex building in terms of form and detail, fitting into the Eclectic period of architecture in Kansas. It has a classic colonnade tower form, rounded windows, and layered facade.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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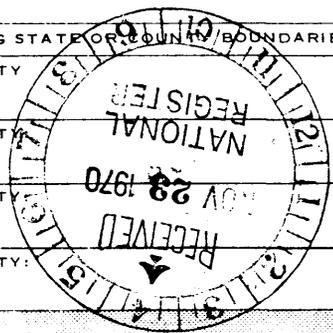
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
Richard Pankratz, Planner**

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **November 4, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth 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 November 4, 1970

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

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

Date **FEB 24 1971**

ATTEST:

William J. Conroy
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **JAN 21 1971**

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9. Lehman, Clayton George, "A History of the Kansas Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ (Part III, 1914-1943)," Seedtime and Harvest (n. p., 1948), pp. 104-109.

