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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 *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A) Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-9000a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Black Jack Battlefield (Boundary Increase)
Other name/site number _____

2. Location

Street & number SW of int. of E 2000th Rd. & N 175th Rd. not for publication
City or town Baldwin City 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 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 4/20/05
Signature of certifying official/Title Kansas State Historical Society Date
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of commenting official /Title Date
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is
 entered in the National Register. [Signature: Edson H. Beall] Date of Action 6/6/05
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other, (explain): _____

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County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	6	buildings
1	1	sites
_____	1	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	8	total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

4

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter Categories from instructions)

Defense: battle site

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant / Not In Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation: N/A
Walls:

Roof:

Other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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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)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Military

Period of Significance

1856

Significant Dates

1856

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, designated landmark, recorded by survey, recorded by engineering.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 39.24

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1
Zone

1	5
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 Easting

3	1	4	1	3	0
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 Northing

4	2	9	2	5	4	0
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2
Zone

1	5
---	---

 Easting

3	1	4	8	8	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

 Northing

4	2	9	2	5	3	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

3
Zone

1	5
---	---

 Easting

3	1	4	8	8	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

 Northing

4	2	9	2	1	3	0
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4
Zone

1	5
---	---

 Easting

3	1	4	1	2	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

 Northing

4	2	9	2	1	4	0
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Edited by KSHS staff

Organization Kansas State Historical Society Date April 20, 2005

Street & number 6425 SW Sixth Ave. Telephone 785-272-8681

City or town Topeka State KS Zip code 66615

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

Name Black Jack Battlefield Trust, c/o Brenda Day, President

Street & number P.O. Box 65 Telephone 785-869-2870

City or town Baldwin City State KS Zip code 66006

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Amendment to the Nomination of the Black Jack Battlefield (Boundary Increase)

The National Register nomination for the Black Jack Battlefield in Douglas County, Kansas, is being amended to expand the boundaries to include an additional 39.24 acres.

The original nomination, submitted by Carolyn Bailey Berneking for the Lawrence Preservation Alliance (LPA), identifies the geographic boundaries of the property as including 1) Black Jack Park containing the creek, 2) the Ivan Boyd Prairie Preserve containing Santa Fe Trail ruts, and 3) the Robert Hall Pearson Memorial Park. The Park is identified as located two-tenths of a mile south on County Road #2000 at the junction of E2000 and N175. It is a .27 acre wooded parcel donated to Douglas County in 1970 by Mr. and Mrs. Dana Cavender in memory of Dana's grandfather, Robert Hall Pearson, who fought with John Brown in the Battle of Black Jack.

The parcel of land being added to the National Register nomination through this amendment was historically part of a farm site, acquired in September 2004 by the LPA for the recently formed Black Jack Battlefield Trust. The property is identified as 39.24 acres, 12-15-20 E ½ S1/2 NE ¼, less the land donated for the Robert Hall Pearson Park. The Trust has just received 501(c) 3 status and the transfer of ownership from the LPA to the Trust is underway at this time. The previous owner, Alice J. Cavender is the widow of James W. Cavender, the son of Dana Cavender who donated the Park identified above. Robert Hall Pearson's daughter married a Cavender and their son was Dana Cavender.

The land is slightly rolling with a number of topographical changes and is fairly heavily timbered along the creek that runs through the property. The additional acreage being added through this amendment includes eight buildings in various states of repair. As all of these buildings post-date the battlefield's period of significance, they have all been deemed non-contributing (NC) resources. Descriptions of these buildings follow:

Robert Hall Pearson House (NC)

The Robert Hall Pearson House is located at 163 E. 2000 Road. The wood-frame front-gabled house dates to approximately 1890. The home faces east, with two additional entrances on the south elevation. The building footprint is approximately 48' X 20'. A 16' X 7' enclosed porch is attached to the south side of the house. A small lean-to addition is attached to the west side of the house. The home features a tab composition roof, wood clapboards, original 2/2 wood windows, and limestone and concrete foundations. It is in fair condition. Because the home post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

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Garage (NC)

The garage, which dates approximately to the early twentieth century, is located northwest of the house. The building faces southeast toward the house. It consists of two wood-frame elements, a front-gabled structure that measures 12' X 22' and a lean-to shed that measures 10' X 20'. The building is in ruin condition. Because the garage post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

Shed (NC)

A wood-frame shed is located southwest of the house. The L-shaped shed is made up of two cross-gabled wings, one 12' X 34', the other 16' X 20'. The roof is corrugated metal. The building is sided a combination of vertical planks, corrugated metal and plywood. The building is in deteriorated condition. Because the shed post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

Barn Foundation (NC)

A partial barn foundation sits directly north of the shed. The foundation is raised several feet from the ground. It consists of a rubble limestone foundation topped by three courses of concrete masonry units. The foundation wall is open on the east side. The foundation is in ruin condition. Because it post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the battlefield site.

Barn (NC)

A wood-frame barn, dating to the early twentieth century, is located northwest of the house. The barn, which faces south, consists of three bays, a center half-pitched gabled bay with a hay good, flanked by two shallow shed bays. The overall footprint of the building is 58' X 28'. The building features a corrugated metal roof. Like the shed, it is sided with a combination of vertical planks and corrugated metal. It likely dates to the construction of the Pearson House in approximately 1890. It is in deteriorated condition. Because the barn post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

Silo (NC)

A silo is located near the southwest corner of the barn. Its hollow clay tile construction dates the silo to post 1920. The ladder is protected with horizontal bands of corrugated metal. The structure is in fair condition. Because the silo post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

Trailer House (NC)

A 64' X 14' trailer house is located southeast of the Pearson House. The trailer, which faces south, dates to post-1950. The principal material is corrugated metal. It is in fair condition. Because the trailer house post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

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Chicken House (NC)

A 38' X 12' chicken house is located east of the trailer house. The wood-frame building is clad in horizontal sheets of corrugated metal. Because it post-dates the 1856 period of significance, it does not contribute to the significance of the battlefield site.

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Statement of Significance

The original nomination identifies the ruts of the Santa Fe Trail, from which Brown's forces fired on the pro-slavery forces of Henry Clay Pate during the battle as the location of the battlefield. The assumption was that the ruts involved were those on the Ivan Boyd Prairie. A recently uncovered 1953 sketch of the site based on testimony of early settlers suggests that the battle site was on the Pearson/Cavender property which is also the testimony of Dana Cavender whose wife was a granddaughter of Robert Hall Pearson. Dana Cavender recounted how Captain Samuel Shore, who fought with John Brown, returned to the site in 1911 and identified the focus of action as having taken place along the stream that flows through the Cavender property north of the farmhouse. The interview of Dana Cavender with Ron Parks of the Kansas State Historical Society accompanies this amendment to the nomination. Unfortunately the U.S. General Land Office's Surveyor plat map of the area was completed in January of 1856, before the battle. The Land Office map indicates that the Santa Fe Trail ran across the northern side of Section 12; the Trust's property is the 39.24-acre site on the eastern side of that section.

If the battle site was located on the presently identifiable ruts, the area of the farmstead was part of the field of action. It may have been where Brown and his men prepared for their final assault on Captain Pate's forces.

It is the intent of the Trust to secure the professional services of an historic archeologist to undertake extensive metal detection surveys of all of the properties identified in the nomination.

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Verbal Boundary Description

E ½, S ½, NE ¼ of Section 12, Township 15 South, Range 20 East, less .27 acres in the northeast corner.

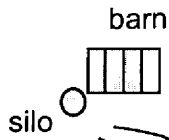
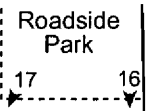
Boundary Justification

Recent documentation indicates that the 39.24 acre parcel of land being added to the National Register nomination through this amendment was historically part of the 1856 battle.

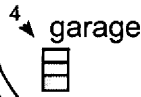
Black Jack Battlefield

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Pearson House

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foundation

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trailer

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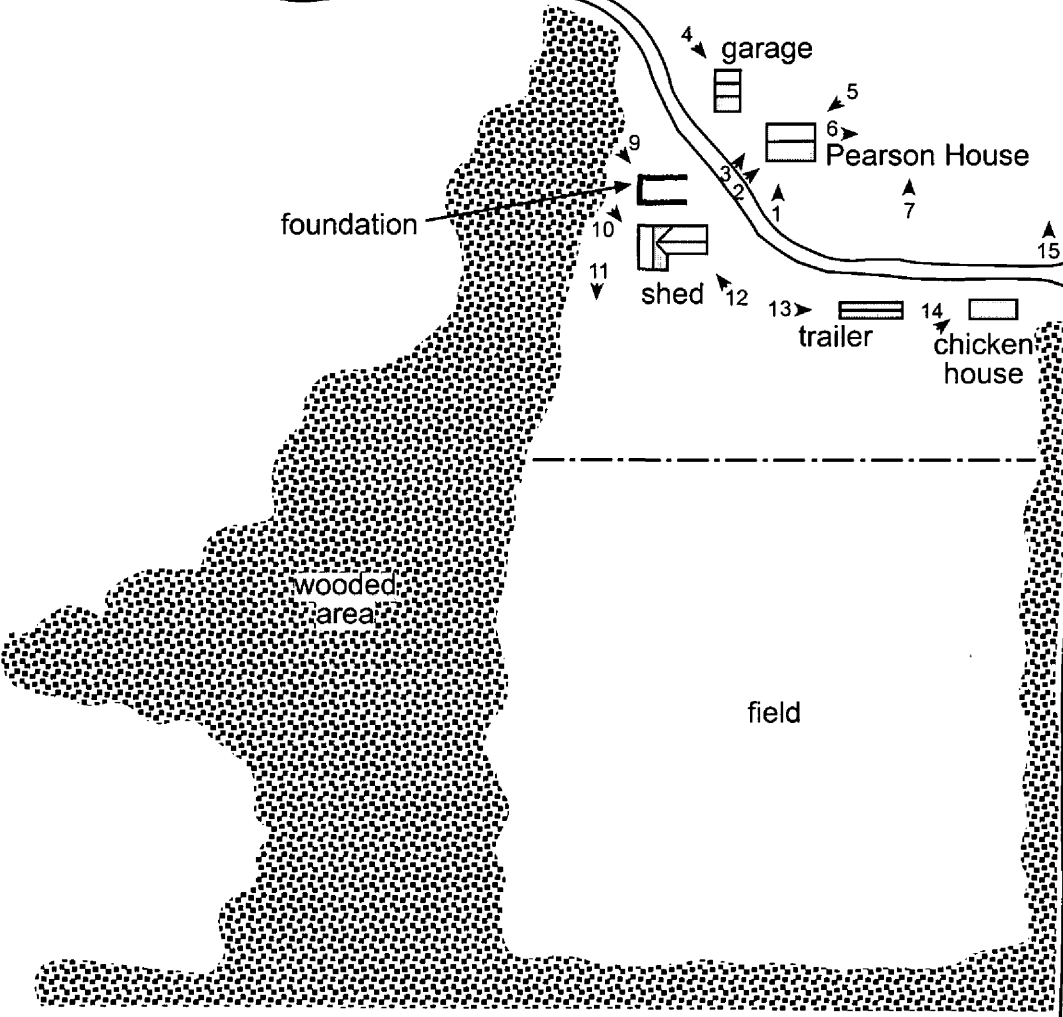
chicken house

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wooded area

field

E 2000 Road



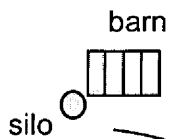
Black Jack Battlefield

not to scale

To US 56



Roadside
Park



barn

silo

garage



Pearson House



foundation



shed

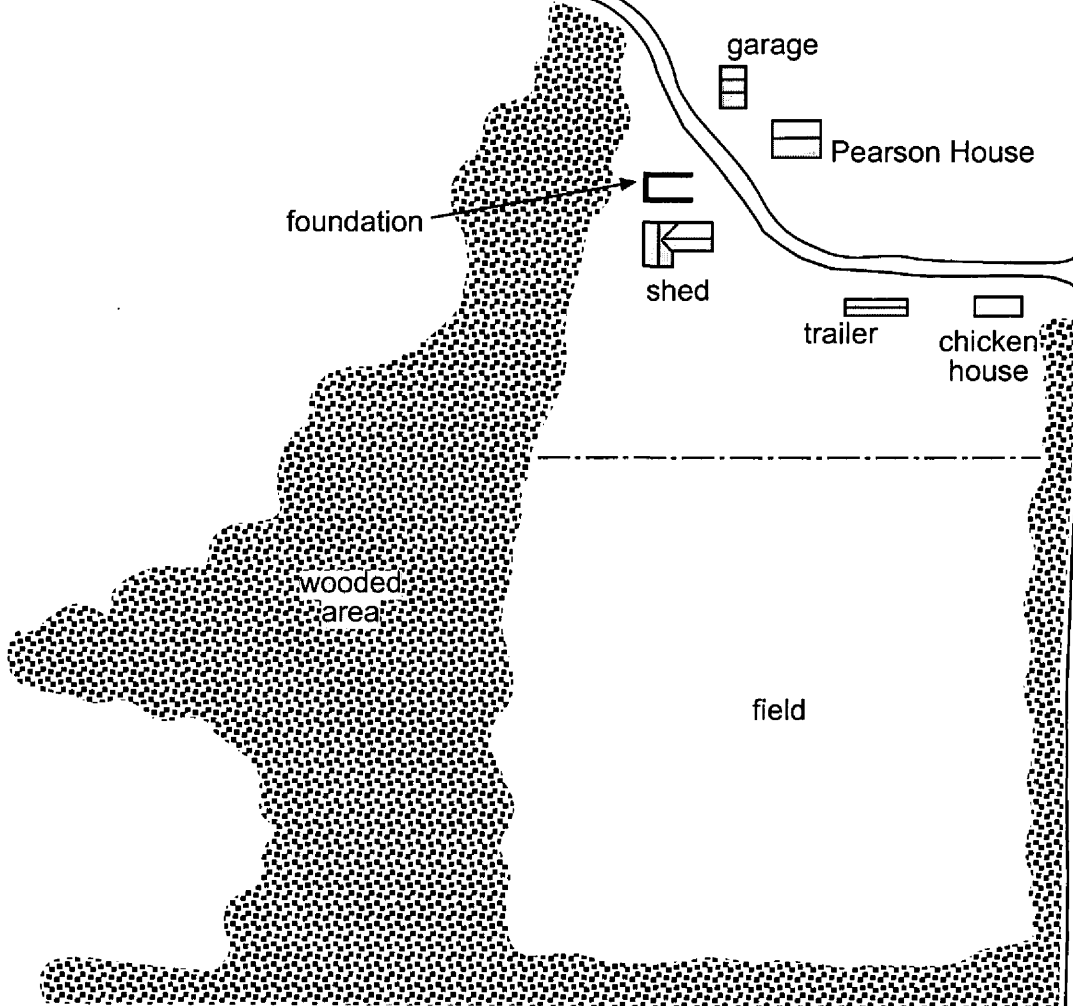
trailer



chicken house



wooded area



field

E 2000 Road



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Digital aerial image of Ezekiel Jack Battlefield Trust property (large square in center of image) and its environs. Property lines are pink. Southwest corner of Ivan Boyd Prairie Preserve is in top right (northwest) corner of image. Robert Hall Pearson house is in center right of Trust property.