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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Arrow Rock

AND/OR COMMON

Arrow Rock

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Arrow Rock

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

004

STATE

Missouri

VICINITY OF

CODE

07

COUNTY

Saline

CODE

195

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Multiple: contact

NAME

Missouri State Park Board (Mr. James L. Wilson, Director)

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY, TOWN

Jefferson City

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Saline County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Marshall

STATE

Missouri

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1964

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historic Sites Survey

CITY, TOWN

Washington

D.C. 20240

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Mrs. David Eads, President, Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc., Arrow Rock, Missouri

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Arrow Rock today has a small (81) and dwindling population. Most of its structures are either incorporated into Arrow Rock State Park or administered by the Friends of Arrow Rock, incorporated in 1959. Points of interest include: The Old Tavern built in 1834 by Judge Joseph Huston, one of the original town commissioners, who had been born in Philadelphia, and moved to Saline County in 1819. The Tavern (originally called the City Hotel) is a two-and-a-half story brick structure, to which Huston added about 1840 a store with a second-floor ballroom. The latter still retains its unusual stenciled wall decoration. The Tavern is operated by the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is furnished in Period antiques.

The Arrow Rock Academy Boarding House, a frame structure built about 1843 which housed a succession of girls' schools until long after the Civil War. Now the residence of the Park superintendent.

The Arrow Rock Jail. A small stone building with wrought iron door, built in 1871.

A wing of the George Caleb Bingham House, constructed by Missouri's artist of the frontier in 1837. Bingham sold the property in 1845.

The Dr. Matthew Walton Hall House, a one-and-a-half story brick house, constructed about 1845, and owned at an early date by one of the pioneer physicians of Saline County. Now used as headquarters for the Missouri Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Arrow Rock Town Spring, in the valley below the town, near the former road leading from the river landing into the town.

Early Historic Quarry, in the southeast corner of the park.

The Old Court House, a two-room log structure, with woodwork and clapboarding dating from about 1830, which according to tradition served as the temporary Court House of Saline County, 1839-40.

Dr. Charles M. Bradford House. Original frame portion built between 1831-1841 by William G. Miller. Additions were made to the house by Dr. Bradford following his purchase of the property in 1841. Dr. Bradford, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania came to Arrow Rock in 1840, where he married Miss Lavinia Pearson, a granddaughter of Dr. John Sappington. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Miller, who operate an antique shop.

Dr. William Price House. Dr. Price, a native of Maryland, began the practice of medicine in Arrow Rock, September 24, 1835. He married Mary Ellen Sappington, a daughter of Dr. John Sappington. He built this handsome brick house about 1838. Part of the early and perhaps original wooden fence, of ornamental design, remains along the back yard. Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Argubright.

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The Arrow Rock Baptist Church, located near the Bingham House, is now used as a summer repertory theater called the Arrow Rock Lyceum. The theater opens on July 4th for an eight-week season annually.

Doctors' House, so called for the many physicians who resided there in the 19th and early 20th centuries, is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williams and in the tradition of the early dress-makers, now houses the firm of Page One Fashions, a custom dress-making establishment.

The Black Sheep Inn, located in an ante-bellum house on the outskirts of the village, is a fine restaurant, open daily except Tuesdays and caters to parties. Owned and operated by Mr. Taylor Williams and Mr. Jay Turley.

John P. Sites Sunshop and Home. Sites, a native of Virginia, who learned the trade of gunsmith at Boonville, moved to Arrow Rock in 1844 where he lived until his death in 1904. His rifles were popular throughout Central Missouri. His two-story brick shop adjoins his red brick home, both dating from 1866.

Arrow Rock Friendship Lodge No. 40, I.O.O.F. Hall. Built 1868, with lodge rooms on the second floor. The first floor was originally occupied by a newspaper office, where the Saline County Herald was published.

Arrow Rock Lodge No. 55, A.F. & A.M. This lodge was formed in 1842. In 1868 they constructed this brick building with their hall on the second floor, and the first floor rented for commercial purposes. The first floor is presently used by the Arrow Rock Craft Club, an organization whcih sells only hand-made articles and homemade jams and jellies and pickles as well as cakes, pies and bread.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Built in 1857, now owned by the congregation of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church of Arrow Rock.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1817-1860 (Period of activity) BUILDER/ARCHITECT N/A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Arrow Rock, the starting point for the traders from Old Franklin and Boon's Lick who opened the Santa Fe Trail, commemorates the beginning of the Santa Fe trade.

The Missouri River crossing at Arrow Rock figured prominently in the very early trail-breaking expeditions that opened the West. Traffic was so great that by 1817 a ferry crossed the river there. Two years later a road was laid out from the ferry to Cooper's Fort. This road was later incorporated into the post road from Arrow Rock to Fort Osage, and became the great thoroughfare of early traders.

Both of the pioneering Becknell expeditions in 1821 and 1822 were organized at Arrow Rock. Here other major caravans of the early 1820's, including the important one led by Captain William Becknell in 1821, assembled and prepared for the long journey to Santa Fe.

The rock cliff of Arrow Rock, remains of the old Ferry Road, and the Santa Fe Spring used by those who rendezvoused there in the early days of the Santa Fe Trail are preserved in Arrow Rock State Park. The park adjoins the town of Arrow Rock, which was associated with the later trail days. The town preserves many structures having historical and cultural association of later periods and presents a charming and almost unique picture of mid-19th century frontier village-town architecture and atmosphere of the Mississippi-Missouri valley region.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 260
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	5,0,5	0,0,0	4,3	2,4	6,4,0	B	1,5	5,0,5	3,9,0	4,3	2,3	2,8,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
C	1,5	5,0,4	7,1,0	4,3	2,3	3,3,0	D	1,5	5,0,4	2,7,0	4,3	2,4	0,2,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION E 1 5 5 0 4 1 7 0 4 3 2 4 4 0

As shown in the accompanying U.S.G.S. map, labelled "Arrow Rock, Missouri" and dated 1971, the boundaries are contiguous with those for Arrow Rock State Park and the town of Arrow Rock as they join to form a single, contiguous 260-acre area. Accompanying map A, labelled "Arrow Rock State Historic Site" and dated 1973, pinpoints some features of the landmark. The boundary shown is exact where it is drawn contiguous to the State park boundary and approximate where it is drawn to represent contiguity

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Missouri	07	Saline	195
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Missouri	07	Cooper	053

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
 Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmarks Boundary Review Project

ORGANIZATION National Park Service DATE 9-8-76

Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
 1100 L Street, NW. 202/523-5464

CITY OR TOWN STATE
 Washington D.C. 20240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature] DATE 9/14/84

ATTEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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with town of Arrow Rock boundaries as shown on the U.S.G.S. map. Some of the few generally unobtrusive features which do not contribute to the national significance of the landmark include: a water tower, rudimentary picnic facilities, and a few modern structures in the town of Arrow Rock.