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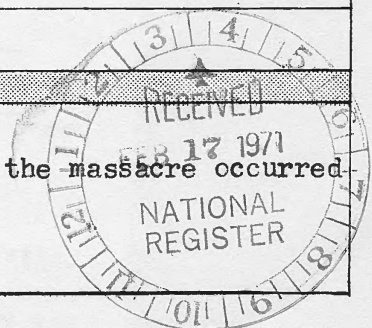
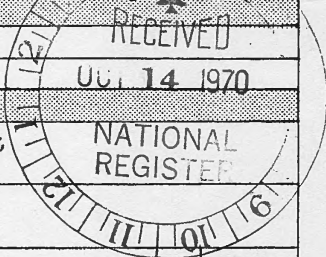
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COUNTY Linn	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON:		Marais des Cygnes Massacre Site	
AND/OR HISTORIC:		Marais des Cygnes Massacre Memorial Park	
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Five miles northeast of US-69 at Trading Post (NW 1/4, Sec. 26, T 20 S, R 25 E)			
CITY OR TOWN: Trading Post			
STATE: Kansas	CODE 66064	COUNTY: Linn	CODE 107
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Kansas State Historical Society Staff			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1965			
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View from the southeast of the ravine where the massacre occurred			





SITE OF THE MASSACRE

On May 31, 1856, in the little cabin below this marker, 2 free-trade settlers of Arkansas were lined up to face the fury of a firing squad. Their clothing and possessions were some 500 miles away from Missouri, but by chance, including:

John J. Caldwell, William C. Carter, Andrew Robinson, Perry K. Shaw and William Stillwell were killed. William Hutchinson and his brother Sam, Sam Hall, the Earl, Benjamin Ford and Charles Taylor were wounded. Captain Hall, who had accompanied the others to the cabin, returned to see his wife left for dead.

The white knaves in the Normal and Cypress Massacres, did more than anything else to bring the world's attention to "Bleeding Kansas."