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The original building of the Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission, completed in 1846, was three stories high and topped by a belfrey that gave it a total height of 52 feet. It was 106 feet long and 37 feet wide. The first story was walled with native stone and the upper two with brick manufactured on the grounds. Shingles, doors, windows, and finished lumber were sent from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Other building materials were acquired locally.

About 25 years after the Mission closed, a long-time resident of the area reminisced about the building in a local newspaper. It was ". . . built specially as a boarding house for the Indian children, with a large dining room on the ground floor, with a fine chapel and teachers' rooms on the second floor, and dormitories and teachers' rooms above, all furnished in the best manner."

Of the <u>32 rooms</u> in the building, the largest were the dining room and chapel, which measured 34 feet by 30 feet.

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The present structure is only <u>h6 feet long</u>. The west threefifths of the building was razed some time after the <u>Mission</u> was sold in 1868. The existing section is now operated as a historic site-museum by the Kansas State Historical Society.

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In 1837 the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions sent Samuel M. Irvin and his wife to establish a mission among the Iowa, Sac and Fox Indians who had been removed to Kansas. The Mission was the first permanent white settlement in what is now Doniphan county. In 1844 the Presbyterian Mission Board authorized the construction of a permanent building which was completed in 1846.

The school, which the missionaries operated in this building, could have handled 100 students but seldom had more than 40. Lessons were taught in the Iowa language and English. In 1843 the second printing press in Kansas began operating here, printing a hymnal and several grammars in the Iowa language.

The Indians, who never were deeply involved with the Mission, dropped their financial support in 1860. But even prior to that, their attendance at the Mission and interest in its programs had declined in the late 1840's and 1850's when cholera and smallpox epidemics hit the area.

After the Indian funds were cut off, <sup>I</sup>rvin, who remained at the Mission until its closing, was granted permission to change the Mission to an Orphan Indian Institute. This too was closed in 1866.

The Mission was inactive after 1863 and the building was sold in 1868.

This is the only physical evidence remaining of the Presbyterian Indian mission activity in Kansas.



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Significance: Of the many missions which were established in Kansas for the eastern Indian groups who were removed there, Highland is one of the few of which there are substantial remains.

Highland Mission was built by Reverend and Mrs. Samual M. Irvin, of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, in 1845, for the Iowa, Sac and Fox Indians who had recently been removed to eastern Kansas from northwest Missouri. This mission was operated from about 1846 to 1863 when these tribes' lands were reduced. During the period of its existence Indian children were given elementary schooling and instruction in domestic arts, manual trades and agriculture. School books and religious works were also printed here in the Iowa language.

Remains: The original mission consisted of one building which was 37 x 107 feet. It was three stories in height with an attic, containing in all, 32 rooms. There was a dining room on the first floor and a chapel on the second. During the past 50 years a large part of the building was destroyed. In 1941 the Kansas Legislature appropriated \$10,000 for the restoration of the remaining part of the old building. This mission comprises the mission building and ten acres of land, which is open to the public.

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