

## The National Register of Historic Places & Researching Historic Properties



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## What is the National Register of Historic Places?

National Register of Historic Places

National Park Service program since 1966

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

1,359 Kansas listings

Register of Historic Kansas Places

Significant properties that do not meet NR standards,  
yet deserve recognition and documentation



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## By the Numbers

### National & State Register Listings in Kansas, by County

Cheyenne	3	Rawlins	3	Decatur	6	Newton	10	Phillips	4	Smith	7	Jewell	10	Republic	8	Washington	21	Marshall	13	Neosho	12	Doniphan	139
Sherman	6	Thomas	5	Shannon	2	Graham	4	Rooks	7	Osborne	11	Clatsop	4	Clay	4	Pottawatomie	6	Johnson	41	Wagonwheel	146		
Wallace	3	Lugen	3	Gove	6	Trego	7	Ellis	18	Russell	14	Lincoln	2	Osage	2	Wabasha	82	Douglas	93	Lincoln	34		
Greely	1	Wichita	2	Scott	3	Lane	4	Ness	7	Rush	23	Ellsworth	15	Seminole	42	Morris	24	Lyon	16	Franklin	17		
Hamilton	4	Peasey	2	Finney	3	Hodgeman	6	Primer	21	Rice	16	Rice	27	Chase	19	Colfax	6	Anderson	5	LeFlore	9		
Stanton	0	Grant	4	Hasbrell	0	Gray	3	Ford	3	Edwards	3	Bent	8	Butler	23	Highway	23	Woodson	4	Allen	3		
Monte	7	Stovall	0	Seward	1	Meade	1	Clark	6	Comanche	4	Barber	2	Pratt	7	Kingman	135	DeSmet	28	Wilson	4		

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## What types of properties are listed in the registers?

Buildings (house, barn, church, garage, courthouse, city hall, etc.)

Sites (habitation / village site, battlefield, garden, trail, etc.)

Structures (bridge, silo, roadway, windmill, locomotive, etc.)

Objects (monument, sculpture, etc.)

Districts (business district, residential neighborhood, college campus, industrial complex, large landscaped parks, etc.)



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## Historic Districts

Designating an area as a district when there is a high concentration of historic buildings streamlines the documentation and nomination process.



University of Kansas campus, Lawrence  
Photo courtesy: University of Kansas

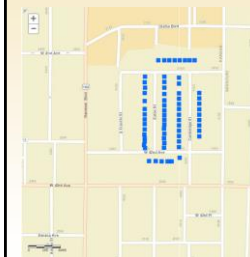
A historic district is a significant concentration of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.



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## Historic Districts



Hanover Heights Historic District  
Kansas City, Wyandotte County

Contributing Resources  
Non-contributing Resources




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### Why nominate a property or district?

- Recognition
- Documentation
- Limited protection
- Eligibility for financial incentives



Waterville Opera House, Waterville, Marshall County




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### Nomination Process


- Submit an inventory or survey / PSIQ
- Receive Feedback on Eligibility
- Submit a National Register Nomination
- Consideration by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
- Board Lists Property in the State Register
- NPS Lists Property in the National Register

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### What is a nomination?



Nomination form




Maps



Photos


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### What makes a good nomination?

- Strong, persuasive arguments based on sound research
- Information provided should demonstrate the significance of the property, not just summarize its history
  - Should answer the “so what?” question
  - Statements should be clearly connected to NR criteria and area(s) of significance selected
  - Cite reputable primary & secondary sources



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### What qualifies a property/district for the National Register?

Significance + Integrity = Eligibility

- At least 50 years old
- Retains its historic integrity (design, setting, materials, location, form, feeling, association)
- Possess documented historic significance (local, state, nat'l)






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### What is integrity?

Integrity is defined as the authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic or prehistoric period.

Seven Aspects of Integrity

Location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, association

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What is integrity?



Brookville Hotel – Saline Co., KS

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Brookville Hotel – Saline Co., KS

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301 N Broadway, Abilene – ca. 1910

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301 N Broadway, Abilene – 2009

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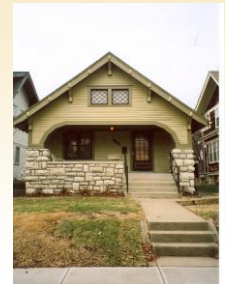


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What is historic integrity?



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### Criteria & Areas of Significance


NR Criteria	NR Criteria Considerations
A: Event B: Person C: Design/Construction D: Information Potential	<b>A: Religious Properties</b> B: Moved Properties C: Birthplaces & Graves D: Cemeteries E: Reconstructed Properties <b>F: Commemorative Properties</b> G: Properties Having Achieved Significance in Last 50 Years

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**Areas of Significance (a few)**

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Education
- Entertainment/Recreation
- Exploration/Settlement
- Politics/Government
- Transportation

**Period of Significance**




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### Historic Significance


#### Criterion A

Properties that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history



**Example**

Florence Water Tower –  
Association with community planning & development




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### Historic Significance


#### Criterion B

Properties that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past



**Example**

William Allen White House  
Emporia




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### Historic Significance


#### Criterion C

Properties that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction



**Example**

Miami County Courthouse  
Paola, Miami County




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### Historic Significance


#### Criterion D

Properties that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history



**Example**


Archeological sites



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### Researching a Historic Property

- What was the property called during its period of significance?
- How many buildings, structures and other resources make up the property?
- When was the property constructed/developed and when did it attain its current form?
- What changes have been made over time and when?
- How was the property used during its historic period and how is it used today?
- How does the property relate to the history of the community?
- Who occupied or used the property?



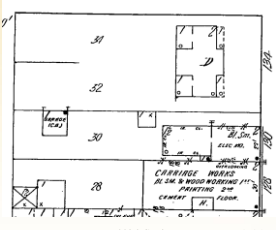
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### Researching a Historic Property

Useful Sources

- Property Deed
- Building permits
- Architectural drawings
- Historic Photographs
- Census Records
- City Directories
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Period newspaper articles



Krehbiel Carriage Factory: June 1915



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### Case Study: Osawatomie Congregational Church

Criterion A: Exploration/Settlement

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1858-1910

Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties

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### Case Study: Osawatomie Congregational Church

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The church as it appeared in 1902-04.



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### Case Study: Soldiers' Monument

Criterion A: Social History

Period of Significance: 1859-1962

Criteria Consideration C: Birthplaces/Graves

Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Property





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### Case Study: Soldiers' Monument




Dedication, 1877.



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Thematic Studies

Local

African American-Related Resources of Wichita  
Vernacular Stone Houses of Manhattan  
Historic Resources of Highland

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Statewide

New Deal-Era Resources of Kansas  
Historic Agriculture-Related Resources of Kansas  
Historic Public Schools of Kansas  
Lustron Houses of Kansas  
Theaters & Opera Houses of Kansas  
Historic Railroad Resources of Kansas  
Masonry Arch Bridges of Kansas

Multi-State / National

Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail  
Historic Residential Suburbs in the US, 1830-1960



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Morton	7	Stevens	0	Seward	1	Mask	1	Clark	6	Constance	4	Baker	2	Harper	11	Harper	15	Harper	15	Harper	15	Harper	15	Harper	15

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