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“SEVEN ALONE” NEXT FILM IN SERIES AT SHAWNEE INDIAN MISSION STATE HISTORIC SITE

FAIRWAY, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that the next film in its “Movies at the Mission” series will be “Seven Alone,” depicting the true story of the Saeger children making it is way west to the Oregon Territory. The film will be shown at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, 2008. A donation of \$2 per person is requested. Popcorn will be provided.

The Shawnee Indian Mission is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. The Mission was opened in 1839 to serve Indian children from 15 different tribes. Students learned basic academics, manual arts, and agriculture. At the height of its activity the mission was an establishment of more than 2,000 acres with 16 buildings, including the three large brick structures that still stand, and an enrollment of nearly 200 Indian boys and girls. During its history as a school, Kansas Territorial Governor Andrew Reeder had his offices at the mission and the first territorial legislature met there. It was during this legislative session that the so-called "bogus laws" were passed in an attempt to perpetuate slavery in Kansas. While the manual training portion of the school ceased in 1854, the mission continued to operate until 1862. The state of Kansas acquired the mission in 1927. For more information visit kshs.org/places/shawnee.

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