National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter “N/A” for “not applicable.” For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

Historic name Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Grounds

Other names/site number 091-3842

Name of related Multiple Property Listing N/A

2. Location

Street & number Four Corners Rd (east side) approx., ½ mile north of 167th St N/A not for publication

City or town Gardner (McCamish Township) x vicinity

State Kansas Code KS County Johnson Code 091 Zip code 66030

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national          statewide          local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Signature of certifying official/Title Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO Date

Kansas State Historical Society

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register

other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Ground
Name of Property

Johnson County, Kansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)

- □ private
- □ public - Local
- □ public - State
- □ public - Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box.)

- □ building(s)
- □ district
- □ site
- □ structure
- □ object

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N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY: cemetery

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

FUNERARY: cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)

N/A

Materials (Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: N/A

walls: N/A

roof: N/A

other: N/A
Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Ground  
Johnson County, Kansas  

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County and State  

Narrative Description  
(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources, if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary  
Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Grounds is located at approximately the 16400 block of Four Corners Road, approximately two miles West of Gardner, KS, in rural Johnson County, Kansas, McCamish Township. The property is approximately four and a half miles northeast of Edgerton, Kansas and about 7 miles from Olathe – part of the Kansas City metropolitan area. Formally established in 1870, the earliest burial in the cemetery date is 1858; the last interment was in 1908. The 2.029-acre site is located in Section 16, township 14, Range 22 Beginning 396’ S NW Corner SE ¼ S 297’ E 297’ N 297’ W 297’ to Beg 2.029 ACS M/L MC –0229. There are approximately 25 people with headstones interred within the boundary, and approximately 15 more possible, which are marked by recently added crosses. In general, the cemetery consists of an open landscape with trees to the east, and west, and is a common design from the settlement period in Kansas. Four Corner’s Burying Grounds is in excellent condition, with minor alterations throughout its use. It retains its character defining features such as the disbursement between burials, the early settlement context and design, the untouched trees in the landscape, and the marble headstones. Two of the earliest headstones represent 1859 burials. The cemetery is located in a rural, agricultural area where farming is prominent. In its original location the cemetery retains its historic integrity, setting and layout. The property is still used and functions as a cemetery – although there are no active burials with the most recent being February, 1908. The Mt. Pleasant – Four Corners Burying Grounds is a good representative example of an early settlement cemetery.

Elaboration  
The Burying Grounds are located on the east side of Four Corners Rd approximately ½ mile north of 167th St near Edgerton, Kansas. The land was donated in 1870 by J. Ridlon, whose daughter, Ida Mae Ridlon, is buried in the cemetery. It is in northeastern Kansas, roughly 16 miles outside of the Kansas City metropolitan area. The property is fronted by two lane paved Four Corners Road to the west and surrounded on the north, south, and east side by open farmland. There is a 3% slope with surrounding 3-5% slope agriculture. The soil is black dirt and free from natural rock. There are several large trees that adorn the west side and the east side of the burying grounds. Prior to restoration (2020), the land was overgrown with trees and vegetative

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1 It should be noted that there is another early settler town called Mount Pleasant in Kansas. It was located approximately 15 miles northwest of Leavenworth in Atchison County.
2 M. A. Groves; died February, 1858. Frederick S. Smith; died October 13, 1859.
undergrowth. That, and contributing years of neglect, resulted in extremely limited access. During the restoration, new grass seed has been planted and established. As of 2020, there is no fence surrounding the cemetery, which is accessible by a single gravel drive entrance on the west side, located at Four Corners Road.

When the cemetery was cleared, massive amounts of foliage, saplings, and patchy trees were removed. Historical references indicate the property was originally bordered to the east by cedar and pine trees. One remaining pine tree is located in that tree line, but it was removed due to age and neglect. A large 10-foot section of the tree trunk was handcrafted into two benches for the burying grounds.

All of the headstones and foot markers are made of marble with the exception of William Easdale, which is made of granite. There are approximately 9 rows of headstones and crosses; these include uneven rows or random stones placed throughout the plat. These stones are typical of what was used in the early 1800s by settlers who could not afford to have a headstone made for their loved one. The headstones all face west. Estimates suggest 37 graves are located here, although there could be more as no records exist as to the exact burial points of those interred. It appears many of the graves were unmarked or marked only by a stone without chisel or engraving of names or dates.

In some sections, there are families, several husband and wife plots, and a couple of mother and child plots. Out of the twenty-four headstones we repaired and reset, twelve of them are infants, and small children. Known to be buried at this cemetery is Ida May Ridlon, aged 7 years, 11 months 16 days. She is the young daughter of Mr. Ridlon, who deeded over the 2.029 acres for the burial grounds in 1870. See Figure 1 for an updated inventory list of the headstones from July 23, 2020. The first burial appears to be M.A. Groves who was buried in 1858. She was the wife of Elder G.W. Groves, a Civil War Veteran and served with the 12th KS Infantry Company I.
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Restoration Project 2020: The burying grounds were completely overgrown with trees (Photo 1), and not one marker or headstone was upright when the restoration in January 2020 began (Photos 2-6). Most of the headstones were broken in multiple pieces, and four of the bases were beyond repair (Photos 7-10). Due to years of weather, erosion, and neglect most of them were buried beneath the ground, with only a portion of the headstone or base showing. After years of neglect there was an enormous amount of overgrowth to clear. The restoration project also included installing a rock driveway entrance, which included installation of a culvert. Once the entrance was complete and the overgrowth removed, the project moved to unearthing markers, headstones and bases. The use of ground penetrating radar was attempted; however, the radar proved to be somewhat unreliable due to a tremendous amount of buried tree roots. After GPR, probes were used, which proved to be much more reliable and successful in the effort to locate bases and headstones/footstones.

As of September 3, 2020, repairs to all the headstones were completed, and the new bases that needed replaced were rebuilt using concrete. To rebuild the bases, a custom form was made that included a recessed area in which the headstone could rest. Based on the appearance of existing headstones and bases, this method was determined to have been a similar method used during the original period. Restoration work included adding crosses where indentions in the ground where found and that have the appearance of a grave; also, spots where what appear to be hand crafted stones marking a grave. There are a total of fifteen crosses placed in the burying grounds.

The cemetery is being restored by a group of volunteers who all understand, respect and realize the importance of restoring such a significantly historical site. Everyone involved in this effort wish to ensure that these once forgotten souls will be able to rest peacefully knowing that their final resting place will be protected from future land development and expansion of suburban sprawl. The McCamish Township Board has taken on the duties of maintaining the burying grounds and will eventually install fencing around the 2.029 acres. For additional protection of the markers, landscape edging and river rock have been installed around each base and headstone, as there is visible damage to some of the bases (Photos 11-15). A recent Eagle Scout Project installed a new sign for the grounds (Photo 16).
The condition of the burial grounds in January 2020 was dilapidated to the point of being unrecognizable as a cemetery. As of October 2020, the burying grounds has been repaired, restored, and returned to a condition that respects the dignity of those buried there. The Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Ground retains a good level of historic integrity needed to communicate the property’s historic feeling and association with the early townsite of Mt. Pleasant from the mid- to late-nineteenth century. The rural setting has changed little over the decades apart from the foliage and other trees. Currently, the layout and remains within the boundary, reflect the period for a rural farmland cemetery. Some grave markers have been damaged, but recently repaired. The Burying Grounds remain in its original location, design, and materials, which help to indicate the association and feeling of the property as a cemetery.
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [x] A  Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- [ ] B  Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- [ ] C  Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- [ ] D  Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- [ ] A  Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- [ ] B  removed from its original location.
- [ ] C  a birthplace or grave.
- [x] D  a cemetery.
- [ ] E  a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- [ ] F  a commemorative property.
- [ ] G  less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

Period of Significance

1858-1908

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Check only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Architect/Builder

None

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance begins in 1858, with the first known burial of M.A. Groves. She was the wife of Civil War veteran, G. W. Groves. The last known burial was that of William Easdale on February 2, 1908. The significance is associated with the early settlement town of Mt. Pleasant – which was lost around the turn of the 20th century.
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Name of Property
County and State

Criteria Considerations (justification)

The cemetery meets the requirements of Criteria Consideration D as the last known historical resources of Mt. Pleasant. Aside from the burying grounds, nothing else remains of this long-lost community. The Mt. Pleasant – Four Corners Burying Grounds are associated with exploration and settlement of Mt. Pleasant. No other resources of the town are extant.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Summary
The Mt. Pleasant – Four Corners Burying Grounds served as the final resting place for those homesteading in Mount Pleasant and the surrounding area. The property was deeded over on March 18, 1870, by J.F. Ridlon. The Squires family was one of the founding families of Mount Pleasant, while several other homesteaders made their way to Mount Pleasant from the Ohio area. The town consisted of three churches, one schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, a general store, a cemetery, and Bellflower Grange No. 621. Mt Pleasant Burying Grounds is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its association with an early settlement in Kansas and it being the last remaining resources of the once thriving community known as Mount Pleasant (a.k.a. Four Corners), Johnson County, Kansas.

Elaboration

Settlement in northeastern Kansas Territory

As early as 1855, the Federal Government awarded tracts of landamounting to 160 acres in the Kansas Territory to soldiers and officers who had served in the military. The allure of free land and opportunity appealed to many settlers. Financial uncertainty was a huge concern for early settlers and any possible chance of improving the lives of themselves and their families played a significant role in the thought processes of moving to a new and promising land of opportunity. The most significant draw to Johnson County was the opportunity to join in a large farming community. The offer was 160 acres of prime farmland for little to no cost for anyone willing to settle and work the land was the dream of many early settlers.

The Territory of Kansas was organized by an Act of Congress on May 30, 1854. Even though the territory was open to white settlers, the Shawnee Indians living in the area were given temporary protection, and no white settlers were allowed to take up a claim in Johnson County, Kansas until 1857. When it became legal, settlers came in and staked out a claim or bought the land from the Indians. Johnson County was known for having rich land for farming, clear streams, wildflowers and prairie grass. Johnson County also had plenty of wild animals. Due to these factors, Johnson County was known as the “EDEN” of Kansas.

4 From a document edited and compiled by Margaret Squires Gay. A daughter of the Squires family, an original settler of Four Corners, Mount Pleasant. The History of “Four Corners” Mount Pleasant, Johnson County, Kansas 1976.
In 1862, the Homestead Act passed Congress which allowed the head of a family to become the owner of one hundred sixty acres. They were required to live on the land and farm it for five years. A residence had to be built on the claim, and the family was required to live there at least six months each year.

In the late 1860’s, the families of R.L. Squires, G.W. Groves, William Easdale, Fred Ridlon, C.O. Ridlon, Z.H. Thomas, A.J. Pearce, J. Gottstein, L.D. Jewett, N. Whittaker, J Davenport, Henry Rodes, T.G. Marshall, A.W. Davis, D.V. Rankin, and Willian Gordon lived in Sections 16 and 21 of Township 14, Range 22. The road running through the center of these Sections was T.G. Marshall Road that would later be called Four Corners Road, and the east-west road was called McCann Road, which would later be renamed at 167th Street. The name Mount Pleasant was selected for the town due to the high ridge in the county and the folks found the area to be pleasant.

...Be it known that some three miles north-west of Gardner, in Johnson county, there is one of the most beautiful elevations or “Ridge” of land, in a fine state of cultivation – inhabited by a moral and intelligent people; which has been “christened” Mount Pleasant...  

Edgerton Items...Begging Betsy Bobbins’ pardon for trespass, we would make a little item of our visit to Mount Pleasant to church last Lordsday. A nice little three miles drive over a smooth road, behind what we are pleased to term the spryest stepping team in the country, brought us only too quickly to “the corners,” where, being a little late, we found the roadway in front of the M. E. and United Brethren church, crowded and blockaded with wagons, buggys [sic.] and saddle horses; upon enquire we learned that the denominations to whom this building belongs, having no appointment for that day themselves, had kindly offered it to the use of the Lanesfield congregation, before whom Elder Morrison of Pleasant Hill, Mo., was delivering the funeral sermon of the late Mr. Robt. Shippy, who had been a worthy and beloved member of that congregation. The house was filled to its utmost seating capacity, and the easy mannered and fluent Elder delivered a deeply interesting discourse of modest duration, after which the members and friends adjourned across the way to the school house, where a bountiful repast was spread and a social reunion of a couple hours enjoyed with the friends from Norwood and Farnham’s. In the evening services were again held, and a good congregation in attendance and one addition made to the church. Elder Morrison will again preach at the same place on the 3rd, Lordsday in September, at 11 o’clock and also in the evening – all are kindly invited...  

G.W Groves worked tirelessly in an effort to build the Mount Pleasant Christian Church. During the time the building was being erected, the church members met with the Lanesfield Church and on the first Sunday of each month, they held services at the home of the Elder Groves. G.W. is buried at the Gardner Kansas Cemetery.

**Mount Pleasant Community**

The town of Mount Pleasant was established in 1857 and consisted of three churches, one schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, a general store, a cemetery, and Befflower Grange. Reported in the April 1, 1880 edition of *The Kansas Patron*: “Mt. Pleasant wants a blacksmith. The shop is standing ready...” An article from an 1885

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newspaper held that the Mt. Pleasant wood framed church was constructed nine years prior in 1876. In 1879 other businesses mentioned were: “Mt. Pleasant, a beautiful little village is the home of...Abe. Smith who keeps store, post office and a cracker and cheese restaurant...” in 1984 carpenters were reportedly at work on the new hall. Mt. Pleasant hosted the county fair in the late 1870s. A local citizen, Col. G.M. Waugh, who commanded troops during the Civil War, was a guest speaker for the Mt. Pleasant fair in 1878.

Judge Hendrickson was out yesterday to the Farmers’ and Mechanics’ fair at Mt. Pleasant. Nearly all the politicians of Johnson county were in attendance yesterday upon the Farmers Fair at Mt. Pleasant...Col. G. M. Waugh made the heavy speech to the farmers and mechanics, at their fair, yesterday, at Mt. Pleasant. William Easdale, who died 1908, is buried at the Mount Pleasant Burial Grounds, along with six of his immediate family members. William was the father of John Easdale, who became the Sheriff of Johnson County, in 1889. John served as the Sheriff through 1894. Although the town of Mt. Pleasant was short lived, the local citizens would share in some of the same technology and entertainment as other towns. In the form of entertainment a boxing club was formed in 1894.

...The sporting boys of Mt. Pleasant have formed a boxing club with a membership of ten. The gloves have been purchased and we presume regular training has commenced. Undoubtedly some fine ‘boxers’ will be developed as the weeks go by... The telephone was noted to have reached Mt. Pleasant in 1901. “Charles Marshall is going to have a telephone put in his home soon and all who wish to talk to him may have the pleasure...” “Wes Millington is the proud possessor of a new buggy, and the girls are wondering which one will ride in it first.” “With the help of the local grange, the literary society funded a library for Mount Pleasant...In 1928, a light beacon was constructed next to the school house to help guide mail planes at night...” In 1928 a Beacon Light was constructed on the corner across from Four Corners on the spot where the Union Church stood in the late 1800s. It was one of the many that were constructed across the United States to guide mail planes from city to city. The tall metal tower with a revolving light on top, stood on a cement base shaped like an arrow and painted orange.

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8 “Editor Patron,” The Kansas Patron, March 19, 1885. “Editor Patron: - There is a place 3 ½ miles northwest of Gardner known as Mt. Pleasant where there is a frame church that was built some nine years ago, by the Protestant Methodist and the United Brethren Denominations...”
9 “Mt. Pleasant, March 30th,” The Kansas Patron, April 1, 1880.
10 “Mt. Pleasant Items,” The Kansas Patron, April 3, 1884.
11 “Mt. Pleasant Items,” The Olathe Mirror, October 10, 1878.
12 “Mt. Pleasant,” The Olathe Mirror, May 10, 1894.
15 Squires Gay, Margaret 1976. The History of “Four Corners” Mount Pleasant, Johnson County, Kansas.
In 1895, the first of the three churches decided to discontinue their church services. In 1896, Mount Pleasant lost their local blacksmith, H.M. Terrill, when he moved to Gardner. The Liberty Church continued services until about 1900, then ceased.

In her compiled research, Margaret Squires Gay, the last known resident of Mount Pleasant, says this about the community’s decline:

It had become increasingly difficult to secure a preacher for the country church and as there was an active Methodist Church in Gardner, the two congregations merged. On April 15, 1895 the Methodist Episcopal Church building at Mount Pleasant was listed for sale. The building was purchased by R.L. Squires… and it was moved across the road to become the school building. For the past year and more there had been concern about the crowded condition of the school so the addition of the church building solved that problem. ... Around 1896 H.M. Terrill moved to Gardner and continued his work as a blacksmith in the building formerly occupied by Sheriff Glover.16

The Bellflower Grange continued until 1920, when they merged with Gardner Grange #68. The last year that school was held in the old schoolhouse was 1944. The students were merged into the Unified School District 231 Gardner-Antioch-Edgerton District, and the old school building was sold. Thus, all the signs of the once thriving community all but disappeared. The expansion of the Kansas City and Neosho Valley Railroad (Frisco) through Edgerton, Kansas caused a great migration from Mt. Pleasant, as well as the surrounding community of Lanesfield, to the Edgerton area. Slowly residents and the institutions began relocating to more populated areas and Mount Pleasant began to decline.

Four Corners Burying Grounds

In 1870, J. Ridlon deeded over the 2.029 acres to create Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Grounds. In her compiled research, Margaret Squires Gay, the last known resident of Mount Pleasant, says this about the cemetery:

The spot chosen for the ‘Burying Grounds’ was a beautiful rise that sloped gently on the road. Along the back line a row of pine trees were set. Osage Orange Hedge was planted along the road in front of the cemetery. The hedge was started at the northwest corner at the road and curved into the lot to a center point about one hundred feet from the road then curved back west to the southwest corner of the lot. A archway and gate were in the center of this curve. The space provided a convenient place for the horse drawn hearse and buggies off the road during a burial service.17

On April 25, 1882, Ida May Ridlon, daughter of J. Ridlon, passed away at 7 years 11 months 16 days old. She is buried in row 3, grave 19. Her headstone is engraved with the verse; “Hold her O Father in thine arms let her hence forth be. A messenger of love between our human hearts and thee.”

M. A. Groves was the first interment that took place in 1858. She was the wife one of the original settlers G.W. Groves. G.W. Groves was a veteran of the Civil War. G.W. served in the 12th KS Infantry Company I. Olive B. Hale & Louis M Hale buried here are the wife and son of Civil War veteran Benjamin Hale. He served in the 1st Iowa Cavalry Company H. Also buried in the cemetery is Army veteran Pvt. William B Tewksbury. He enlisted in the US Army on November 11, 1839. He served in the 2nd Infantry H Company and served for 5 years. His service would have been during the Second Seminole War which took place in Florida from 1835-1842. 18 The last burial was in 1908, with the internment of William Easdale.

William Easdale Dead. William Easdale, an old and highly respected citizen of Johnson county, died at this home in Olathe, Friday, Jan. 31, and was buried in the Four Corners cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mr. Easdale was 83 years old, and came to Johnson county in an early day, and had an active past in the upbuilding of this part of Kansas. The deceased was the grandfather of our townsman, F.E. Hale, and of Mrs. F.B. Haney, south of town.19

William Easdale was living in Olathe [Kansas] at the time of his death, but was returned to his former township for burial in a horse drawn hearse.20

The Four Corners Burying Ground is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with early exploration and settlement of Mount Pleasant. The cemetery meets the Criteria Consideration D due to the interment of several early community leaders, veterans, and their families. These include U.S. Army veteran William B. Tewksbury, the families of Civil War veterans Benjamin Hale, and G.W. Groves and the family of Johnson County Sheriff John Easdale. The landscape, layout, and elements (headstones, markers, etc.) convey their association with the settlement of Mount Pleasant and the historic cemetery design.

The Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Grounds retain its historic integrity and character defining features such as the original marble headstones and foot markers, a number of the original rock bases, the disbursement between burials, the early settlement context and design, the untouched trees in the landscape. As with many old cemeteries, family members are buried closely together within a “family plot.” While the cemetery is in its original location, in recent years, the surrounding area has seen an increase in development. This would include a large city sports complex, a middle school, and several large housing subdivisions. With minimal changes throughout the historic period to the cemetery itself, it still retains its historic layout, design, and features that qualify it as a cemetery from that period.
Mt. Pleasant Four Corners Burying Ground
Johnson County, Kansas

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)


Johnson County Historical Museum, Kansas State Historical Museum, Olathe Library, Johnson County Courthouse.

*The Edgerton Journal*, (Edgerton, Kansas).

*The Kansas Patron*, (Olathe, Kansas).

*The Olathe Mirror*, (Olathe, Kansas).

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

[ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
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[ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[ ] designated a National Historic Landmark
[ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
[ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
[ ] recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey 

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

Primary location of additional data:

[ ] State Historic Preservation Office
[ ] Other State agency
[ ] Federal agency
[ ] Local government
[ ] University
[ ] Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.029

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(Place additional coordinates on a continuation page.)

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)
The square Mt Pleasant Four Corners Burying Grounds is a 2.029 acre site described as follows;
Section 16, township 14, range 22 BEG 396’ S NW Corner SE 1/4 S 297’ E 297’ N 297’ W 297’ to BEG 2.029 ACS M/L MC -0229; Parcel number 4F221416-4002.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)
The boundary includes the entire 2.029 acres indicated in the original 1870 deed. A copy of the deed is at the end of this nomination. The surrounding land consists of agricultural property and is not historically associated with the cemetery.
11. Form Prepared By

name/title  Teri Atwell – Trustee (assisted by KS-SHPO staff)
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Figure 1: markers and names of burials
Figure 2: McCamish Township Map
Figure 3: Deed for the property
Figure 4: McCamish Township Map overview
Figure 5: Johnson Co. plat map with locations of Mt. Pleasant buildings marked. [I have an appt this Thursday, 07/15 1:00 PM downstairs to locate this map in the map card catalog. It was not in the pamphlet where it originated from. I will have it scanned and added to the page with Figure 5. REA 07/13/2021]

Figure 1: Markers and names of burials.

The rows begin on the West side of the cemetery and worked from North to South.
Row 1:
#1- A small double stone
    Daisey & Forbes
    Daughter & Son of W. & N.R. Calder
    * other lists from the 1970’s had the last name as CALDEZ? There was a Peter Calder at 167th and Edgerton Road on the 1874 & 1886 old township maps we have.
    Died July 11, 1877  Died August 10, 1879
#2- Unknown Cross with what appears to be a small stone headstone, no markings
#3- William Taylor died April 20,1860 aged 47 Yrs 8 Mos & 7 Dys
#4- Unknown Cross
#5- M.A. Groves died 1858 (stone is broken in several pieces)
    **M.A. is the wife of Civil War Veteran G.W. Groves
    12th Kansas Infantry Company I
#6- Unknown Cross

Row 2:
#7- Unknown Cross
#8-Unknown Cross
#9- Josephine Koontz wife of M. Koontz died Dec 30, 1871 Aged 32 yrs
#10- Olive B wife of B.A. Hale died Dec 18, 1882 Aged 32 Ys 3Ms & 15 Ds
  **Olive is the wife of & Louis is the son of Civil War Veteran Benjamin Hale
  1st Iowa Cavalry Company H
#11- Louis M Son of S.A. & O.B. Hale Born April 21, 1869 Died ??
  His stone is broken and we are unable to read the information.

Row 3:
#12- Unknown Cross
#13- Nancy J. Easdale died Apr 15, 1891 Aged 22 Yrs 5 Mo 13 D
  Dearest loved one, we have laid thee in the peaceful grave's embrace. But thy memory will be
  cherished till we see thy heavenly face.
#14- William Easdale Born Feb 7, 1826 Died Jan 31 1908
#15- Lettie A. Wife of WM Easdale Died May 1, 1886
  Aged 45 yrs 4 Mo 6 D
#16- Rebecca Easdale Died 1867?  Aged 18 Yrs 18 D? (stone is
  broken in pieces)
#17- Fransis son of Wm & L.A. Easdale Died Sept 22, 1870
  Aged 7 Yrs 1 Mo & 22 D
#18- Double headstone
  Curtis E. & Jennie
  Children of ? Easdale
  Died July 20, 1870  Died July 19, 1870
  Aged 4 Y & 15 D  Aged 2 Y 2 M & 1 D
#19- Ida May, daughter of Ridlon Died Apr 25, 1882
  Aged 7 yrs 11 mos 16 das
  Hold her O Father in thine arms. And let her hence forth be.
  A messenger of love between our human hearts and thee.

Row 4:
#20- Unknown Cross
#21- Elizabeth A wife of M Whetstone Born Apl 13, 1842
  Died Aug 22, 1887
  She was a kind and affectionate wife
  A fond mother, and a friend to all
#22- Unknown Cross

Row 5:
#23- Oscar F son of Sam L & Martha Smith
  Died Jan 19, 1884
#24- Infant Daughter of M. & J. Whetstone Born Feb 8, 1893
  Died Feb 11, 1893
  Little bud of love
  To bloom with God above
#25- George H son of M & E A Whetstone Died March 14, 1879
  Aged 2 Yrs 2 Mo 14 Das
  His dimpled hands are folded over his pure and sinless breast
  Take some sweet rose bud crush’d at morn
  He lieth now at rest

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#26- Unknown Cross

Row 7:
#27- Unknown Cross
#28- Unknown Cross
#29- Unknown Cross
#30- Bertie A. Morgan  Born April 21, 1885  Died Oct 13, 1888
    Gone but not forgotten

Row 8:
#31- Unknown Cross
#32- William – Son of J. & A. Davenport
    Aug 7, 1873 - Aug 6, 1874
    Rest little Willie til resurrection morn. Then enter into bliss
    by Angels bourne

Row 9:
#33- William B. Tewksbury  Born Sept 4, 1803  Died Jan 31, 1893
    Gone Home
    U.S. Army Veteran
    H Company of the Second Infantry Regiment
    1839-1844

#34- Unknown Cross
#35- Drusilla J.  wife of F.S. Smith  Died Apr 12, 1876  Aged 47Y 3M 12D
#36- Frederick S. Smith  Died Oct 13, 1859 Aged 33Y 4M 20D
#37- Unknown Cross
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Photograph Log

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City or Vicinity: Approx. 2 miles West of Gardner, Kansas
County: Johnson
State: Kansas
Photographer: Teri Atwell
Date Photographed: January 2020-October 2020 Photos were taken over a several month span

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Historic town of Mount Pleasant
(now) Gardner, Johnson County, Kansas
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