

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review

Meeting Agenda – Regular Meeting

Kansas Historical Society

Virtual Zoom Meeting

November 7, 2020 9:00 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2020 meeting
- IV. Consideration of National Register Nominations
(* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)
 - 1. Reuter Organ Company Buildings - Lawrence, Douglas County*
KHRI # [045-6867](#)
 - 2. Gardner Hill Department Store – Eudora, Douglas County*
KHRI # [045-3576](#)
 - 3. Winter School No. 70 – Lecompton, Douglas County*
KHRI # [045-5657](#)
 - 4. Lyon Creek Bridge – Wreford, Geary County
KHRI # [061-0000-00153](#)
 - 5. Rocky Ford Bridge – Emporia, Lyons County
KHRI # [111-0000-00082](#)
 - 6. Fire Station No. 1 – Topeka, Shawnee County*
KHRI # [177-5400-01724](#)
 - 7. Star Block Building – Osage City, Osage County
KHRI # [139-4210-00019](#)
 - 8. Howard National Bank – Howard, Elk County
KHRI # [049-2570-00001](#)
 - 9. Louis Werner Barn – Pretty Prairie (vicinity), Kingman County
KHRI # [095-73](#)
 - 10. Sappa Creek Massacre Site – Rawlins County
KHRI # [153-31](#)
- V. Consideration of State Register Nominations
 - 11. Blue Rapids Ice House – Blue Rapids, Marshall County
KHRI # [117-304](#)
- VI. Delisting of National Register Nominations
 - 12. Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round Barn – Harper, Harper County
KHRI # [077-0000-00030](#)
- VII. Adjournment

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Virtual Webinar Meeting
November 7, 2020
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS**

Board Members

Present: Jennie Chinn, John Hoopes, Mark Kelly, Terry Marmet, Mary McMurray, Jay Price, Gregory Schneider, Jean Schodorf, Edna Wagner and Dana Williamson.

A quorum was established.

Staff

Present: Craig Dannenberg, Bethany Falvey, Jamee Fiore, Robert Hoard, Kristen Johnston, Lauren Jones, Marsha Longofono, Robert McLaughlin, Katrina Ringler and Patrick Zollner.

Proceedings

Chairman Gregory Schneider called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. He asked KSHS staff member Katrina Ringler to provide instructions on navigating the Webinar menu and participating in the meeting. Schneider asked for introductions from board members.

Approval of minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 1, 2020.

Report of the Executive Directory

Jennie Chinn encouraged board members and participants to ask questions and reminded everyone to identify themselves by name when speaking.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

Reuter Organ Company Buildings¹

Lawrence, Douglas County

Criterion A: Commerce

Period of Significance: 1919-1971

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 buildings, 1 structure

Summary: Built in 1919, The Reuter Organ Company Buildings are located at 612-614-616 New Hampshire Street in downtown Lawrence. There are two buildings and a connection via a covered walkway. Constructed in 1822, the stone building was remodeled in 1919 and the administrative building in 1927. They are locally significant as examples of the Commercial Building property type described in the MPDF. They are associated with the Reuter Organ Company, who headquartered there between 1919-2001. Although constructed in 1882, the buildings are associated with the Company, and so, the period spans from when they started using the buildings through the 50 years guidance because there is no clear end-date.

Prepared by: Amanda Loughlin, Rosin Preservation

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Discussion: John Hoopes suggested the addition of information about the building's association with film history in Lawrence, to which Fiore agreed. Jean Schodorf asked about the current use of the building, to which Fiore replied it is vacant. Amanda Loughlin remarked that the owners are considering options to make the building

¹ Two letters of support were received for this nomination (see appendix).

functional again. Terry Marmet noted no owner was listed and asked if that information was needed to process the nomination, to which Fiore responded no. John Hoopes suggested that future nominations that have pipe organs associated with this Company be flagged as important to preserve. Patrick Zollner replied we would take that under consideration.

Motion: John Hoopes moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places with the changes that have been suggested and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for Commerce. Second: Jean Schodorf.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention²

Cohn/Gardner-Hill & Company Store³

Eudora, Douglas County

Criteria A & C: Commerce, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1860-1946

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: The Cohn/Gardner-Hill & Company Store is a two-story frame commercial building on the main street in Eudora. It is architecturally significant as an example of the later 19th century wood-frame two-part commercial block. It contains a rare surviving example of a territorial period commercial building with a partial three-story section with a gable roof. Built for commercial use on the 1st floor with offices on the 2nd floor, and a 3rd floor loft that served as an apartment in the early years, the building housed various commercial uses over the years.

Prepared by: Dale Nimz

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Discussion: John Hoopes suggested the addition of Criterion B in association with the significance of Asher Cohn as a prominent member of the Jewish community in Kansas history. Patrick Zollner responded that we recommend nominating properties under other criteria if they are eligible because Criterion B is much harder to establish context and significance for listing purposes due to an added level of analysis from the National Park Service.

Public Discussion: Property owner G. W. Weld spoke in support of the nomination and briefly discussed plans to turn this property into a commercial office/retail space, which is sorely needed in downtown Eudora.

Motion: John Hoopes moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C for Commerce and Architecture. Second: Edna Wagner.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

² Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed.

³ Two letters of support were received for this nomination (see appendix).

Winter School No. 70⁴

Lecompton, Douglas County

Criteria A & C: Education, Architecture

Period of Significance: c 1869-1949

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: The Winter School No. 70 is a good example of a typical rural school and sits prominently upon a hill along the county road known as Farmers Turnpike. The Winter School retains a high degree of historic integrity. Although there has been some deterioration, the key features and elements remain intact. The addition of stucco and antechamber are typical historic alterations to buildings of this type. The building is a good example of the One-Room Schoolhouse property type as defined by the multiple property documentation.

Prepared by: Katherine Winter

Presented by: Bethany Falvey

Discussion: Greg Schneider asked if the building is being used to demonstrate a one-room schoolhouse, to which Falvey replied yes. Schneider asked for clarification regarding ownership of the building, to which Falvey responded Winter family members own it. Jean Schodorf asked if the diagonal tongue-and-groove flooring was original, to which Falvey replied they did a renovation in 2019, so it may be refurbished. Patrick Zollner clarified that the flooring was an older pattern, probably not the original one; the owners did replicate that during the 2019 renovation. Terry Marmet noted that the description of the 2019 renovation states that the roof was finished with shake cedar shingles; however, they look like smooth sawn shingles in the photos. Patrick Zollner agreed and stated that we would confirm with the owners and make a correction to the nomination if necessary.

Motion: Jean Schodorf moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C for Education and Architecture. Second: Edna Wagner.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

Lyon Creek Rainbow Arch Bridge

Wreford, Geary County

Criteria A & C: Transportation, Engineering

Period of Significance: 1925

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 structure

Summary: The Lyon Creek Bridge is a Marsh rainbow arch design unique because it uses reinforced concrete to carry traffic over large spans. James Barney Marsh created the rainbow design, and the characteristics at the time were innovative because the design addressed the main flaw in using concrete during this period. It's an excellent example of the Rainbow Arch bridge type as defined by the multiple property document.

Prepared by: Brett Wilkinson, Kaw Valley Engineering

Presented by: Lauren Jones

Discussion: Jones remarked that this bridge is being nominated through a mitigation agreement for a Section 106 project. This bridge is nearly identical to the Conroe Bridge in Geary County, which is scheduled for demolition. John Hoopes commented that the nomination mentioned that 27 of these types of bridges exist and asked if they are currently listed on the state or National Register. Jones replied, approximately one dozen are listed as part of a

⁴ Three letters of support were received for this nomination (see appendix).

Multiple Property listing. Hoopes asked how the Lyon Creek Bridge's integrity compares to other bridges that are listed, to which Jones responded I think it has excellent integrity. Gregory Schneider remarked that the bridge design is so fancy for a rural creek crossing, to which Jones agreed.

Motion: Gregory Schneider moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended that the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C for Transportation and Engineering. Second: Jay Price.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

Rocky Ford Bridge (Bird Bridge)

Emporia, Lyon County

Criteria A & C: Transportation, Engineering

Period of Significance: 1907

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 structure

Summary: The Rocky Ford bridge was originally built in the Kansas City stockyards and moved to its current location in 1907. The Pratt Truss design was patented in 1844, and many bridges were built into the 1930s-40s. Key characteristics of the design and engineering include trapezoidal shape, primary pinned connections with nuts, secondary pinned connections with keys, forged eyebars in the lower chords, forged eyebars as diagonal tension members, and built-up members of channel iron and lacing. The Rocky Ford Bridge was designed using steel, iron and concrete construction. It is a good example of the Pratt Truss bridge and meets the registration requirements of the MPDF. In 1983, the Rocky Ford Bridge was the bridge of Sandry Bird's murder, a story that was covered by CBS. It is locally known as Bird Bridge.

Prepared by: Brian Engelke, Professional Engineering Consultants

Presented by: Lauren Jones

Discussion: Mark Kelly commented that it looks like there is quite a bit of erosion going on and noted that there is funding available through the USDA and RCS to correct the aspects of stream mechanics, to which Jones responded this is a county project; we will be sure to let them know about this. Gregory Schneider remarked that this is a great example of a Truss bridge, to which Jones agreed. Jennie Chin commented that the photos are beautiful.

Motion: Terry Marmet moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C for Transportation and Engineering. Second: John Hoopes.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention.

Fire Station No. 1

Topeka, Shawnee County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1940

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: Fire Station No. 1 is locally eligible for the National Register for its architecture. The building is also associated with the geographic growth and development of Topeka. The Station is a good example of an eclectic mid-20th century fire station and Italianate Revival influences. Designed by the renowned Kansas architectural firm Cuthbert & Suehk, Station No. 1 embodies the functionality required by professional firehouses in materials and construction techniques. Unlike other fire stations in Topeka at this time, this Station did not utilize the New-Deal era funding options. For this reason, the City of Topeka chose to utilize all available local resources, particularly the bond passed by voters in 1926.

Prepared by: Tim Paris, City of Topeka

Presented by: Lauren Jones

Discussion: Gregory Schneider remarked that this nomination is a little different, but they're all fantastic buildings. John Hoopes commented that it's a beautiful building that looks like it's well preserved, to which Schneider agreed.

Motion: Jay Price moved to approve this nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion C for Architecture. Second: Gregory Schneider.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

The Board took a 10-minute break at 10:21 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m.

Star Block

Osage City, Osage County

Criterion A: Commerce

Period of Significance: 1883-1923

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: The Star Block is a two-story commercial building in a row of retail storefronts in the heart of Osage City. It's a two-part commercial block with a brick façade, tall, narrow windows, and cast-iron curvilinear pediments. Not only is it one of the largest buildings on the block, but it also retains a good amount of historic integrity and features. Most of the thoroughfare was updated post-1960s and no longer reflects their historic character. The building has a significant role in the commercial history of Osage City. It opened as a centerpiece of commerce in the community and remained so for much of its history. It is one of the best remaining examples of the period when money from the coal boom of the late 1800s washed through Osage City and the surrounding area. It reflects the prosperity during the town's early coal mining boom and is a good example of a two-part commercial block from that period.

Prepared by: Nathan Willis

Presented by: Bethany Falvey

Discussion: Jamee Fiore commented regarding the rationale for recommending eligibility under Criterion A for Commerce. Although a lot of the building's ornamentation has been removed, this property remains a large and prominent structure in downtown Osage City. There were no comments from the Board.

Motion: Terry Marmet moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for Commerce. Second: Edna Wagner.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

Howard National Bank Buildings

Howard, Elk County

Criteria A & C: Commerce, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1935-1940

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 2 buildings

Summary: The Howard National Bank Buildings are a two-part commercial block that occupies two lots in downtown Howard. The Richardsonian Romanesque buildings are made of stone and designed by architect Charles W. Squires. The building at 149 Wabash housed a hardware and agricultural implements business and later a furniture store. The second floor of the bank house apartments. The Bank buildings are the tallest and most prominent buildings on the corridor and retain their historic characteristics and integrity. They are an excellent example of Criterion A for its association with Howard's early commerce and Criterion C as the Richardsonian Romanesque bank.

Prepared by: Elk County Preservation Society, Inc.

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Discussion: John Hoopes remarked that this is a spectacular property and asked how many listed properties are in Elk County, to which Katrina Ringler responded four. Jean Schodorf stated that she believes this property should be listed; however, it is in horrible condition. She asked if the owners have plans to restore this building, to which Katrina Ringler replied yes, they are seeking listing because then they will be eligible for tax credits and grants for restoration. They have also applied for the upcoming Heritage Trust Fund grant round.

Public Discussion: Marcia Taylor, Curator of Museums in Howard KS and a board member of the Elk County Preservation Society, spoke in support of the nomination and stated that they hope to restore the building into a viable commercial entity. They are working with Bill Morris in Augusta, KS, to develop plans that would include apartments, an event center, and retail spaces. Receiving an HTF grant will allow them to stabilize the structure.

Motion: John Hoopes moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & C for Commerce and Architecture. Second: Jean Schodorf.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

Louis Werner Barn

Pretty Prairie, Kingman County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1914

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: The Louis Werner Barn is a simple wood-framed rectangular barn that features a gambrel roof and was constructed in 1914. It is an excellent example of the gambrel roof barn as defined in the MPDF. The barn was designed, planned, and built by its original owner. It features a gable-roof milking parlor addition on the north side. It retains its historic integrity and character-defining features. Its history, design and construction make it a significant contribution to the Kansas landscapes and eligible for the NRHP for its architecture. It also retains its roof structure, interior structure, opening and its distribution and use of space.

Prepared by: Dennis Werner

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Discussion: Gregory Schneider asked if the replacement roof added in the 1980s impacts the nomination. Fiore replied no because as part of the multiple-property listing, there is a little leeway for that type of change; the interior barn structure is still intact.

Motion: Gregory Schneider moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion A for Architecture. Second: Jay Price.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

Sappa Creek Massacre Site

Rawlins County

Criteria A & D: Military, Ethnic Heritage – Native American, Exploration/Settlement, Archaeology-Historic-Aboriginal

Period of Significance: 1972

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 site

Summary: The Sappa Creek Massacre Site is a Southern Cheyenne campsite and the location of a massacre and the mass cremation of Cheyenne killed in an attack by the Sixth United States Cavalry under the direction of Second Lieutenant Austin Henely. The site is relatively undisturbed, but the removal of period artifacts by collectors has been documented. In 1867, the U.S. government created a reservation for the Cheyenne, but some did not move to the property. The main focus of the site, where the possessions of the Cheyenne were burned and where, possibly the remains of Cheyenne killed, has been left undisturbed and thus is likely preserved.

Prepared by: Dr. Robert Hoard

Presented by: Dr. Robert Hoard

Discussion: John Hoopes congratulated the author of the nomination and thanked Hoard for maintaining the confidentiality of the site. Hoopes commented that, unfortunately, many cultural sites in Kansas are threatened by amateur relic hunters, and we simply cannot expose these sites to further destruction. Jean Schodorf concurred with Hoopes and remarked that the nomination contained great historical data.

Motion: John Hoopes moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criteria A & D for Military, Ethnic Heritage – Native American, Exploration/Settlement, Archeology -Historic-Aboriginal. Second: Jean Schodorf.

Public Discussion: None

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES NOMINATIONS

Blue Rapids Ice House

Blue Rapids, Marshall County

Criterion A: Commerce

Period of Significance: 1905-1950s

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: The Blue Rapids commercial limestone building is located off the town square in the main commercial area. The building is in fair condition and retains most of its exterior integrity and character-defining features like the native limestone structure and open roofing system. It is a good example of an early commercial building in Blue Rapids.

Prepared by: Connie Nugent, Alcove Spring Pres. Society

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Discussion: There were no questions from the Board.

Public Discussion: Homeowner Duane Iles and Laura Musil (City of Blue Rapids) spoke in support of the nomination.

Motion: Jay Price moved to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended that the nomination be forwarded to the SHPO to send the nomination on for review by the Keeper of the National Register. Second: Edna Wagner.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

DELISTING OF NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round Barn

Harper, Harper County

Criterion C: Architecture

Period of Significance: NA

Level of Significance: Local

Resource Count: 1 building

Summary: Removal request. This property has slowly failed to disrepair over the years. Originally listed in 1985 as an excellent example of the round-barn type, the Thompson-Wohlschlegel Round Barn began collapsing when the roof fell around c 2001. By 2017, the second and first floors had fallen to ruin. A concerned citizen brought its collapse to our attention earlier this year. We have decided that it no longer retains enough of the structure to be eligible for listing.

Presented by: Jamee Fiore

Discussion: Terry Marmet commented that he is very sad to see such a beautiful building fall into ruin. He remarked that this shows that listing on the National Register does not ensure a building's preservation; we have to encourage people to list a building and continue their stewardship.

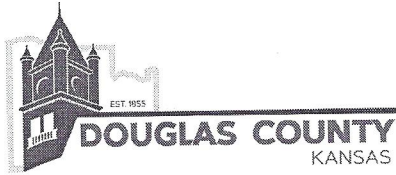
Motion: Gregory Schneider moved that this nomination be removed from the National Register of Historic Places and recommended that the SHPO forward the nomination for review by the Keeper of the National Register.

Second: Terry Marmet.

9 votes yes, 1 abstention

Other Business

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review will be on February 6, 2021, at the Kansas Historical Society. Jennie Chinn thanked the Board and remarked that it is very likely that this meeting will be a Virtual Zoom meeting because of COVID-19 concerns. There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



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Date: October 5, 2020

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Cultural Resources Division Kansas State Historical Society
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615-1099

Re: Reuter Organ Company Buildings (612-616 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, Douglas County)

Dear Board Members,

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council proudly supports the nomination of the Reuter Organ Company Buildings (612-616 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, Douglas County) to the National Register of Historic Places and to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

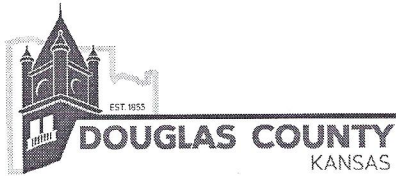
Listing this building in the state and national registers recognizes the importance of this particular building to the Lawrence community. In addition, listing in the Historic Register of Kansas Places is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources.

This nomination supports the continuing efforts to preserve buildings within the City of Lawrence which is vitally important to economic development, tourism, and other preservation efforts across Douglas County.

Thank you for considering this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Delaney, Chair



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Date: October 5, 2020

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Cultural Resources Division Kansas State Historical Society
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Re: Cohn/Gardner-Hill & Company Store, 714 Main Street, Eudora, Douglas County, KS

Dear Board Members,

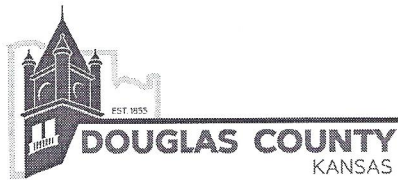
The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council proudly supports the nomination of the Cohn/Gardner-Hill & Company Store to the National Register of Historic Places and to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Listing this building in the state and national registers recognizes the importance of this particular building to the Eudora community with its extraordinary history. In addition, listing in the Historic Register of Kansas Places is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources. This nomination supports the continuing efforts to preserve buildings on Main Street in Eudora which is vitally important to economic development, tourism, and other preservation efforts across Douglas County.

Thank you for considering this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Delaney, Chair



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Date: October 5, 2020

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Re: Winter School No. 70, 744 N 1800 Road, Lecompton, KS

Dear Board Members,

The Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council proudly supports the nomination of the Winter School No. 70 to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Listing this building in the state register recognizes the importance of this particular building to the Lecompton community. In addition, this listing is an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources. This nomination supports the continuing efforts to preserve buildings in rural Douglas County which reflect our cultural heritage. The preservation of this school means that the people of rural Lecompton Township will have a meaningful place to gather for educational activities and for social events. This project also supports economic development, tourism, and will inspire other preservation efforts across Douglas County and the state.

Thank you for considering this important nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael Delaney, Chair

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Historic Sites Board of Review

October 15, 2020

Patrick Zollner

Re: Winter School No.70

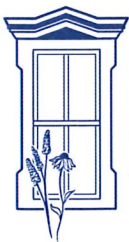
The board of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance supports the nomination of Winter School No. 70 to the Register of Historic Kansas Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

This folk vernacular 1869 native limestone structure is an excellent example of a building form and use that were central to developing frontier settlement and our country's rural educational system. In essence these structures also performed double shifts as community gathering spaces when school was not in session. One-room schoolhouses did lose their primary use, however, once transportation options improved, communities grew, and school consolidation became the rule of the day. Many schoolhouses were lost in the latter half of the 20th century. This is one that deserves to take its place with ones saved.

Winter School No. 70 retains a strong integrity of both structure and rural setting. Unlike many that have come before this board, stabilization and rehabilitation work, performed to preservation standards, has already been largely completed. Of added significance is the fact that the Winter family, from the original donation of the land on which to build, to reacquiring the property in 1984 and setting up Winter School Preservation Inc. has been the steady hand caring for it all along.

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November 6, 2020

Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review
Cultural Resources Division
Kansas State Historical Society
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Dear Board Members:

The Lawrence Historic Resources Commission (HRC) reviewed the National Register Nominations for the Reuter Organ Company Buildings, the Gardner Hill Department Store, and the Winter School No. 70 at their September 17, 2020 meeting. The HRC voted unanimously to send a letter to the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review supporting the nominations. The HRC considers listing in the National Register of Historic Places an important component of the identification and protection of historic resources in Lawrence and Douglas County.

Chapter 7 of *Plan 2040: A Comprehensive Plan for Unincorporated Douglas County & the City of Lawrence* identifies Douglas County and the City of Lawrence's commitment to the identification and protection of Historic Resources. This plan encourages the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic resources. The nomination of the Reuter Organ Company Buildings, the Gardner Hill Department Store, and the Winter School No. 70 to the National Register helps to further this goal.

The Historic Resources Commission is of the opinion the Reuter Organ Company Buildings, the Gardner Hill Department Store, and the Winter School No. 70 are important historic resources that are worthy of the recognition and protection that listing in the National Register of Historic Places provides.

Respectfully,

Jody Meyer, Chair
Lawrence Historic Resources Commission

