

**Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review**  
Meeting Agenda -- Regular Meeting

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Kansas Historical Society - Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)  
***Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:00 AM***

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2021 meeting
- IV. Historic Preservation Fund Committee Report
- V. Kansas Rural Preservation Grant Committee Report
- VI. Consideration of National Register Nominations  
(\* denotes properties within a Certified Local Government boundary)
  - 1. Cottonwood Falls Grade School -- Cottonwood Falls, Chase County  
KHRI #017-1170-00006
  - 2. Thomas McQuill(i)an Farmstead -- Baldwin City, Douglas County\*  
KHRI #045-6866
  - 3. Kanza (Kaw) Indians in Kansas (multiple property documentation -- Statewide
  - 4. Fool Chief's Village, *Kanza (Kaw) Indians in Kansas MPDF* -- Shawnee County  
KHRI # restricted
- VII. Consideration of State Register Nominations
  - 5. Liggett House -- Herington, Dickinson County  
KHRI #041-358
- VIII. Consideration of Relocation Request
  - 6. Furry Homestead -- Kingman, Kingman County  
KHRI #095-74
- IX. For the Good of the Order
  - 7. Next meetings
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjournment

## **Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review Virtual Webinar Meeting**

**May 8, 2021**

**Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS**

### **Board Members**

*Present:* Jennie Chinn -- State Historic Sites Preservation Officer (SHPO), John Hooes, Mary McMurray, Jay Price, Gregory Scheider, Jean Schodorf, Edna Wagner, and Dana Williamson.

*Absent:* Mark Kelly and Terry Marmet.

A quorum was established.

### **Staff**

*Present:* Jamee Fiore, Marsha Longofono, Tricia Waggoner, 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 Jamee Fiore to provide instructions on navigating the Webinar menu and participating in the meeting. Schneider asked for introductions from Board members and KSHS staff members.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 6, 2021.

### **Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Committee Report**

The recommendations of the 2021 HPF Grant Review Committee (Attachment 1) were read by Jean Schodorf. Schodorf thanked the committee members. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendations.

### **Kansas Rural Preservation (KRP) Grant Committee Report**

The recommendations of the 2021 KRP Grant Review Committee (Attachment 2) were read by Dana Williamson. Williamson thanked the committee members. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendations.

## **NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS**

***Cottonwood Falls Grade School***

Cottonwood Falls, Chase County

**Criteria A & C:** Education & Architecture

**Period of Significance:** 1904-1967

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Christy Davis

*Presented by:* Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** The original building was constructed in 1904, with two historic additions in 1915 and 1963. It retains much of its historic materials, layout and character features. The school is a good example of the Town Graded School property type in the MPDF. By the time the building was completed, the school district had nearly outgrown it, with 238 students in 6 classrooms. In 1915, a large addition was built to accommodate the growing population. The 1915 addition included a large auditorium and two new large classrooms. In 1957, the voters defeated a proposal to replace the historic building with a \$600,000 new school. In 1962, a \$195,000 bond was issued for a new addition, which included a gym, music room, tornado shelter, art room, and locker rooms. A kindergarten classroom was also constructed and opened in September 1963.

*Discussion:* Gregory Schneider asked if the building was still in use as a school, to which Christy Davis replied no. Schneider asked if an entirely new school was built, to which Davis responded yes; circa 2010, the county abandoned the school and consolidated the entire county into one school district, with an elementary school in Strong City and a high school in Cottonwood Falls. Schneider remarked that the school is in great shape, to which Davis replied there's a strong local interest in seeing the building used for community purposes and housing. Dana Williamson asked for more information regarding the planned use for the planned building, to which Davis responded a non-profit organization is currently in the process of trying to acquire the property to qualify for funding for redevelopment. The gym part is being used for community purposes, and the idea is that the 1904 and 1911 parts of the building will become housing, which is desperately needed in this area.

*Motion:* John Hoopes motioned 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 Education and Architecture. Second: Edna Wagner.

7 votes yes, 1 abstention<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Chinn typically abstains from voting except when a tiebreak is needed

**Thomas McQuill(i)an Farmstead**

Baldwin City, Doniphan County

**Criterion A:** Agriculture

**Period of Significance:** 1860-1960

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 4 buildings, 2 sites, 1 structure

**Prepared by:** Amy Van de Riet

**Presented by:** Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** The farmstead includes a farmhouse (1869, 1900, 1950), barn (1890), outbuilding (1920), garage (1920), WPA Pond (1935), South Pond (1940), and the Stone Well (1860).

Overall, the farmstead is still in active use and in great condition. The farm began in the 1860s with 160 acres. Various buildings and structures were constructed over the years with the last addition completed around 1950. Thomas McQuillian worked the property until his passing in 1893. Over a series of decades, the property went through the hands of the McQuillian family. In the 1960s, the farm transitioned from dairy to beef cattle and horses.

*Discussion:* There were no questions from the Board or audience.

*Motion:* Gregory Schneider motioned 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 Agriculture. Second: Dana Williamson.

7 votes yes, 1 abstention

***Kanza (Kaw) Indians in Kansas MPDF***

Cottonwood Falls, Chase County

**Criteria A & C:** Education & Architecture

**Period of Significance:** 1887-1941

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Lauren Ritterbush

*Presented by:* Lauren Ritterbush &  
Tricia Waggoner

**Summary:** The Kanza have a long ancestral history. Their stories begin as a group of peoples living east of the Mississippi River, who then split into different tribes as they moved westward. The earliest remains attributed to ancestral Kanza are in northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. They were pushed to a reservation along the Kansas River from 1825-1847. This

relocation impacted more than the Tribe as it opened up lands for Treaties and more Relocations to take place.

*Discussion:* The Board discussed options with the preparer and Kanza THPO, Crystal Douglas, for correcting and creating consistent terminology in the document. Since this is a precedent-setting document in Kansas, the Board would like the context to be as current as possible. SHPO staff will work with all parties to ensure the context's terminology is revised.

*Motion:* John Hoopes motioned to accept this historic context for inclusion in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and recommended the SHPO forward this MPDF to the Keeper of the National Register. Second: Mary McMurray.

After the vote, John Hoopes suggested that SHPO staff consult with the Kaw Nation and other Native American groups in Kansas to develop a Land Acknowledgement Statement to be read as part of the introductory comments at each HSBR meeting. Patrick Zollner stated that a Board motion is not required. However, SHPO staff will consider this suggestion.

7 votes yes, 1 abstention

The Board took a break at 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.

### **Fool Chief's Village -- RESTRICTED**

Shawnee County

**Criteria A & D:** Ethnic Heritage, Archeology

**Period of Significance:** 1828-1844

**Level of Significance:** National, statewide

**Resource Count:** 1 site

*Prepared by:* Tricia Waggoner

*Presented by:* Tricia Waggoner

**Summary:** The Village was located on the eastern portion of the first reservation by the federal government for the Kanza Indian Tribe in 1825. The settlement was occupied by a band of the Tribe under the leadership of Fool Chief between 1828-1844 when it was abandoned due to a devastating flood in Kansas River Valley. The area is approximately 35 acres and partially covered by a highway interchange. The site is eligible for its association and part in the greater Indian Removal movement of the 19th century and the first Indian reservation to be established in Kansas. The site is likely to yield important information about the Kanza and their lifeways, impacts of the first reservation, resettlement of eastern tribes, and Euromerican immigration on the Kanza and pre-territorial Kansas.

*Discussion:* John Hoopes thanked the author of the nomination, remarking that it works extremely well with the Kanza MPDF, and he is pleased to see this site nominated. Hoopes also commented that this is a nice example of how grant funding has resulted in a very solid nomination.

*Public Discussion:* Burt Morey, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, stated, “We are happy that our project led to more than a transportation improvement. The project environmental study led to the archaeological investigation, which revealed details of the Kanzan Indian settlement. Hopefully the findings of this investigation will be useful in future research into our past in this area.” Tricia Waggoner thanked the Kanza Tribe, Lauren Ritterbush, KDOT, and the KAA for their assistance during the investigation and preparation of the NR nomination for Fool Chief’s village.

*Motion:* John Hoopes motioned 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 Ethnic Heritage and Archaeology. Second: Jay Price.

7 votes yes, 1 abstention

## **REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES NOMINATIONS**

### **William Henry & Minnie Liggett Residence**

Herrington, Dickinson County

**Criterion C:** Architecture

**Period of Significance:** 1906-1908

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Prepared by:* Dan McDonald & KSHS Staff

*Presented by:* Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** The Liggett Residence is a good example of the Queen Anne style and is locally eligible for its architecture. It retains its character-defining features and integrity. The one exception is the addition of metal siding, which obscures the original wood clapboard siding (still intact under the metal). However, the ornate details, trim, shingles, and finishes remain intact on the exterior and interior. The original owner and builder, William Henry Liggett, was a prominent businessman in Herrington. He owned and operated the largest horse and mule barn from Herrington to the Colorado border and the Liggett Hotel in Herrington. The house is a George Barber design, a successful plan-book salesman known throughout the U.S. and Japan, and the Philippines.

*Discussion:* Gregory Schneider questioned the rationale for listing on the state register only, to which Fiore replied it is because of the addition of secondary metal siding.

*Public Discussion:* Homeowner Dan McDonald spoke in support of the nomination

*Motion:* John Hoopes motioned to approve this nomination for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places. The nomination meets the eligibility requirements under Criterion C for Architecture. Second: Gregory Schneider.

7 votes yes, 1 abstention

## **RELOCATION REQUEST OF STATE REGISTER NOMINATION**

### **Furry Homestead**

Kingman, Kingman County

**Criterion A:** Exploration/Settlement

**Period of Significance:** c1880

**Level of Significance:** Local

**Resource Count:** 1 building

*Preparer:* Deborah Foster

*Presented by:* Jamee Fiore

**Summary:** The Furry Homestead was listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places on August 1, 2020. The property is a good example of an early settlement homestead and is one of the few surviving examples. Currently, the building is in an agricultural field located fairly close to an intersection. The proposed building is not accessible and is crumbling. The City is working with the property owner to relocate the building and accurately dismantle and reconstruct it at the City park to be used as an interpretative center.

*Discussion:* Gregory Schneider remarks that a relocation request is a better option than removing the property from the State Register, to which Fiore replied yes; it is up to the Board to approve the relocation request. Patrick Zollner provided additional information, stating that once the building is relocated and reconstructed, the Board will see this property a third time to confirm that it was done as stated and remains on the State Register.

*Public Discussion:* Preparer Deborah Foster spoke in support of the relocation request, stating that the property is in a state of deterioration. One whole corner of the building has started to collapse, and the roof has a huge hole. The City advocates relocating now while the opportunity presents itself, or it may be too late if we wait another season or two.

*Motion:* Jean Schodorf motioned to approve this relocation request of a Register of Historic Kansas Places property. Second: Jay Price.

7 votes yes, 1 abstention

**Other Business**

The next meeting of the Historic Sites Board of Review Meeting will be on August 7, 2021 via Zoom, hosted by the Kansas Historical Society. There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.



**Historic Preservation Fund  
Report of the Grant Review Committee  
April 30, 2021**

On Friday, April 30, 2021, a virtual meeting was hosted by the Kansas Historical Society, pursuant to notice given to all applicants. This meeting allowed applicants an opportunity to address the grant review committee and for the committee to ask questions of the applicants. Ten members of the public were in attendance and seven spoke in favor of their grant applicants.

I, Jean Schodorf, and the other member of the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Review Committee -- Gregory Schneider -- met with SHPO staff via virtual meeting immediately following the hearing to go over application ratings and committee comments. The committee reviewed 12 grant requests totalling \$229,572.

The Historic Preservation Fund Grants Review Committee voted to recommend funding the following projects, as they were opposed, pending allocation of funding by the National Park Service for federal fiscal year 2021. The projects are listed alphabetically.

City of Lincoln -- ADA Improvements Plan for City Hall -- \$17,500

City of Newton -- Children's Historic Places Curriculum -- \$5,822

City of Topeka -- Survey of Topeka's Old Town Neighborhood -- \$16,500

Douglas County -- Douglas County Rural Preservation Plan -- \$20,000

Douglas County -- National Register Nomination Support for Rural Properties -- \$30,000

Kansas Anthropological Association -- Production of Kansas Anthropologist Volume 43 -- \$4,500

Kansas National Guard -- Hiawatha National Guard Armory Preservation Project -- \$39,000

Kansas State University -- Survey of Post-War Modernist Architecture in Manhattan KS -- \$21,750

Wyandotte County/Kansas City KS -- Nomination for a Downtown KCK Historic Commercial District -- \$12,500

Wyandotte County/Kansas City KS -- Nomination for an Historic Churches Multiple Listings Designation -- \$18,000

The committee has determined that these projects are deserving of funding and meet the funding requirements issued by the National Park Service. I therefore move that this report be accepted by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, pending funding by the National Park Service and the availability of funds.

Sincerely,  
2021 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Review Committee

Jean Schodorf -- Committee Chair  
Gregory Schneider

### Report of the 2021 Kansas Rural Preservation Grant Review Committee

On May 3, 2021, the Kansas Rural Preservation grant review committee met to discuss its final selection of applications and to prepare a list of recommendations to this Board. The members of the committee were Mark Kelly, Edna Wagner and Dana Williamson. The committee reviewed 62 applications requesting a total of \$2,538,159 in grant funds.

The committee evaluated the applications, employing the criteria stated in the program information. The criteria included urgency of the work proposed, potential benefit to the rural community, likelihood of the project's success, administrative ability of the applicant and the property owner's financial need.

Following is a list of properties recommended for funding in the 2021 round of Kansas Rural Preservation grants, pending approval and allocation of funding by the National Park Service. These recommended projects are listed alphabetically by county.

City	County	Property	Award
Iola	Allen	Kress Building	\$12,429.00
Atchison	Atchison	Atchison County Courthouse	\$ 9,450.00
Abilene	Dickinson	Perring Building	\$50,000.00
Baldwin City	Douglas	Elmwood Stock Farm Barn	\$33,448.00
Baldwin City	Douglas	Thomas S McQuillan Farmstead	\$45,000.00
Cimarron	Gray	Cimarron Hotel	\$50,000.00
Unincorporated Leavenworth		Little Stranger Christian Church and Cemetery	\$10,863.00
Sylvan Grove	Lincoln	Behrhorst Bros. Hardware	\$36,000.00
Frankfort	Marshall	Historic Frankfort School	\$50,000.00
Marysville	Marshall	Post Office Block Building	\$38,700.00
Marquette	McPherson	Hans Hanson House (& cabin)	\$15,000.00
New Lancaster	Miami	New Lancaster Grange Hall	\$22,230.00
Coffeyville	Montgomery	Condon National Bank	\$50,000.00
St John	Stafford	Gray Photography Studio	\$50,000.00
Wellington	Sumner	120 S Washington	\$26,525.00

These 15 awards total \$499,645.00 in proposed grant funding. The selected projects include many significant properties drawn from rural locations across the state. We believe the recommended projects will benefit these historic resources and the rural communities in which they are found. We hope these projects meet with your approval and that you will choose to endorse our recommendations. I therefore move that this report be accepted by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review, pending approval by the National Park Service and the availability of funds.

Rural Preservation Grant Committee: Mark Kelly, Edna Wagner, Dana Williamson