

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Atchison	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

005-1260-0003
6/19/80

1. NAME

COMMON:
Mount Saint Scholastica Convent

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 South Eighth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Atchison

STATE Kansas	CODE 66002	COUNTY: Atchison	CODE 005
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mount Saint Scholastica Convent
801 South Eighth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Atchison

STATE:
Kansas

CODE:
66002

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Atchison County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Atchison

STATE:
Kansas

CODE:
66002

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NONE

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mount Saint Scholastica Convent building, which is situated in the south part of Atchison on the campus of Mount Saint Scholastica College, is a four-story U-shaped structure. The north wing of the building is the chapel, while the rest of the building houses the convent facilities. The exterior walls are of red face brick laid in common running bond. Native limestone trim is used to accent windows, doors, and other important features. The building sits on a massive rough stone foundation, which is partially exposed above grade. A cut stone water table with a beveled face links the stone base to the brick walls.

The steep pitched gable roof is covered with shingles. Large dominant dormers project from the gable roof, giving it a rhythmic modulation. A square brick tower located at the intersection of the two convent wings rises several stories above the roof line. The tower has a steeply sloped hip roof with an ornament at the peak and small dormers projecting from each side of the tower roof. Square minarets are located at the four corners of the tower, at each end of the roof gables and on each side of the dormers.

Windows on the first floor are simple rectangular openings with cut stone sills and shallow arched heads of brick. Windows on the second and third stories are coupled vertically by a recessed brick spandrel. Second floor windows are rectangles with stone sills while third floor windows have semicircular arched heads with decorative brick arches coupled in horizontal pairs. This detail gives a strong vertical accent to the building facade. The fourth floor is contained behind the gable roof and is separated from the brick portion by an ornamental cornice featuring a dentil treatment. This same cornice design is used around the roof gables and dormers. Windows for the fourth floor are in the dormers and the gable ends. Dormer windows are in groups of three with semicircular arched heads. Windows in the gable ends are simple rectangles separated individually by brick pilasters.

The chapel wing is one story with a gable roof. Its windows are slender, vertical openings with semicircular heads. Flying buttresses are used around the apse of the chapel. These buttresses are of brick trimmed with stone and terminated by minarets. A spire rises from the roof above the apse.

Except for the addition to the west at the southwest corner and the adjacent construction of new buildings, the exterior appearance of Mount Saint Scholastica Convent has been altered very little.

The building, which is in good condition, is basically Renaissance in design with some Gothic evidences in the buttresses and tower.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1901

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mount Saint Scholastica Convent, located on the campus of Mount Saint Scholastica College in Atchison, was completed in 1901 at a cost of \$65,000. The convent had been established in Atchison in 1863 by Rev. Mother Evangelista Kremeter and six other Sisters of the Benedictine Order. The Sisters organized an elementary school on December 1, 1863, and this became an academy for girls in 1866. In 1877 the Sisters acquired Price Villa at the south end of the city for use as a convent and academy and renamed it St. Cecilia's. Other buildings were planned and constructed on the campus as the convent and academy prospered. Planning for a new convent building began in 1889, but construction was delayed until 1899. The large brick and stone building, which was completed two years later, housed the convent and a chapel. Prior to the construction of the administration building in 1924, Mount Saint Scholastica Convent was the largest and the main building on the campus.

Both the school and the convent continued to grow. Junior college courses were added in 1926 and a four-year college program in 1930. The convent community had grown from seven in 1863 to more than 600 by the mid-1950's. By the 1950's the convent was supplying teachers for 80 schools in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, and California.

Besides its important contributions to education in the Atchison area, the Mount Saint Scholastica Convent building has significant architectural interest. It is a fine Kansas example of a large educational building executed in Renaissance-influenced architecture enhanced by Gothic touches in the buttresses and towers.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		95	07	27
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		39	33	11
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One-two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Pankratz, Planner
Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: December 15, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665); I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Nyle H. Miller
Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas
State Historical Society

Date December 15, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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