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Bill Ray

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON:
Bogan Archeological Site (14GE1)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: Milford Reservoir
CITY OR TOWN: Junction City vicinity
STATE Kansas
CODE 20
COUNTY Geary
CODE 061

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One)
- Site
- Structure
- Object
- Building
- District

OWNERSHIP
- Public
- Private
- Both

STATUS
- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Being Considered
- In Process
- Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)
- Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER’S NAME: U. S. Government
Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
STREET AND NUMBER: U. S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City
700 Federal Building
CITY OR TOWN: Kansas City
STATE: Missouri
CODE: 64106

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER: Geary County Courthouse
CITY OR TOWN: Junction City
STATE: Kansas
CODE: 66441

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE
DATE OF SURVEY:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE:

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY OR LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Thomas A. Witty, Archeologist

ORGANIZATION

Kansas State Historical Society

DATE

June 27, 1972

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [X] Local □

Name

Myle H. Miller

Title

Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date

June 29, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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
The significance of the Bogan archeological site is primarily its state of preservation and the historic identification of its builders. Within the Central Plains unaltered fortified historic earth lodge villages are rare. The Kansas Monument site in Republic county and the Bogan site are the only two such sites known in the state of Kansas.

The Bogan site is only the third such village on the Republican drainage to be identified with the Historic Pawnee. The other two, the Hill site of Nebraska and the Kansas Monument site, are recognized as being built by the Republican Band of the Pawnee. The Bogan site is the southernmost, being some 80 miles below the others.
The Bogan Site, 14GE1, consists of the visible remains of a small fortified earth lodge village identified as Pawnee in origin and dating circa A.D. 1800. The surviving portion of the site is in a hay meadow and was probably never cultivated. Therefore the village features are apparent as low linear and circular mounds and depressions. These features consist of an encircling linear mound or ridge, identified as a burned fortification wall, some .6 to 1.0 foot high and 4 to 5 feet wide. The ridge encloses an elongated area 350 feet north to south and 280 feet wide at its broadest point. The south end of the wall line has been obliterated by agricultural terracing and cultivation in an adjacent field. It was estimated that the remains could have extended another 100 feet to the south.

Within the wall line are three circular mounds, two with depressed centers, which have been identified as the locations of earth lodges. These mounds are some 40 feet in diameter. A small depression adjacent to Lodge 1 was identified as the mouth of a storage pit.

The site was originally found and named in 1930 by an amateur, Floyd Schultz, but an incorrect legal description caused it to be "lost" until 1964 when it was reported to the Kansas State Historical Society and recognized as the missing site. In 1967 the Historical Society received a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to carry out archeological investigations at the site. One lodge floor was uncovered and found to be circular with a diameter of 44 feet. The structure had been destroyed by fire and contained a small number of artifacts of aboriginal, Pawnee, and European or American manufacture. It was concluded that the site had been occupied for a short period of time and perhaps abandoned before being completed.
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION