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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cimarron Redoubt (preferred name) HCK305

AND/OR COMMON

Deep Hole Redoubt

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Nine miles south of Ashland  
(SE1/4 Sec. 36, T34S, R23W  NOT FOR PUBLICATION)

CITY, TOWN

Ashland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 1 Keith Sebelius

STATE

Kansas

CODE

20

COUNTY

Clark

CODE

025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lewis and Nadine George

STREET & NUMBER

Rural Route

CITY, TOWN

Ashland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kansas 67831

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Clark County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Ashland

STATE

Kansas 67831

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Archaeological Survey of Kansas

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Kansas State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Topeka

STATE

Kansas 66612

025-0000-005

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cimarron Redoubt is located approximately one-half mile south of the Cimarron river on the east bank of Clark creek south of the present day town of Ashland, Kansas. Its historic location was along the road from Fort Dodge, Kansas, to Camp Supply, Indian Territory.

It was built in the fall of 1870 by a detachment sent out from Camp Supply. A description of the redoubt was written by the wife of an army lieutenant when she and her husband were stationed there in January, 1873.

"The redoubt is made of gunny sacks filled with sand, and is built on the principle of a permanent fortification in miniature, with bastions, flanks, curtains, and ditch, and has two pieces of artillery. The parapet is about ten feet high, upon the top of which a sentry walks all the time. This is technically correct, for Faye has just explained it all to me, so I could tell you about our castle on the plains. We have only two rooms for our own use, and these are partitioned off with vertical logs in one corner of the fortification, and our only roof is of canvass."  
(Roe 1909:86-7)

The site has one major feature consisting of rounded walls two to three feet above the present grade and forming a square some 60 feet on a side. This square is enclosed by a shallow depression approximately eight feet wide. An area of approximately two acres surrounding the redoubt has been fenced and a portion is used as a lot for hay storage. The remainder is overgrown with tall grass. Land to the east beyond the fenced redoubt area is cultivated. Clark creek loops to the east at this point and its east bank is not far from the remains of the structure. Some erosion of the west wall has taken place but the grass has elsewhere been successful in slowing erosion of the site.

The tall grass has obscured additional smaller features which may be present. A trash area should be associated with the redoubt, and there are perhaps other features associated with the later civilian occupation.

# **B** SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870-1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cimarron Redoubt was constructed in the fall of 1870 in conjunction with one similar in design to the north near the headwaters of Bear creek in order to provide protection and a convenient resting place for military mail coaches and freight wagons travelling the road between Fort Dodge and Camp Supply. Post returns from Camp Supply mention detachments sent to repair the redoubt at various intervals through the year 1872. The last mention of the redoubt as a military post is an account relating events in January, 1873.

Subsequently the redoubt was used by early settlers of Clark county. It was a general store and post office in 1876, and an 1884 advertisement offered ranch supplies for sale at this location. It was officially established as a post office from May, 1881, until April, 1887. At some indeterminate date after the latter year the redoubt was abandoned.

Cimarron Redoubt and its companion Bear Creek Redoubt came into existence as a military response to meet a specific threat to military communications. A similar situation occurred at various times along the frontier of 19th century Kansas, each precipitated by the increasing tempo of small scale attacks on the white population, both civilian and military, by the various Plains Indian tribes. Forts or camps were created where necessary, often by digging dugouts in suitable terrain; however, no other military installations of sandbag construction are known for the state.

Cimarron Redoubt has importance as the visible expression of a series of documented events occurring in the last century and as a unique type of military structure. Its excellent state of preservation and its present use should insure that its features will be preserved for an indefinite period of time.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Martin Stein, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION

Kansas State Historical Society

DATE

April 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

120 West 10th Street

TELEPHONE

913-296-5294

CITY OR TOWN

Topeka

STATE

Kansas 66612

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE X

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Nyle H. Miller*

TITLE

Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

DATE

August 4, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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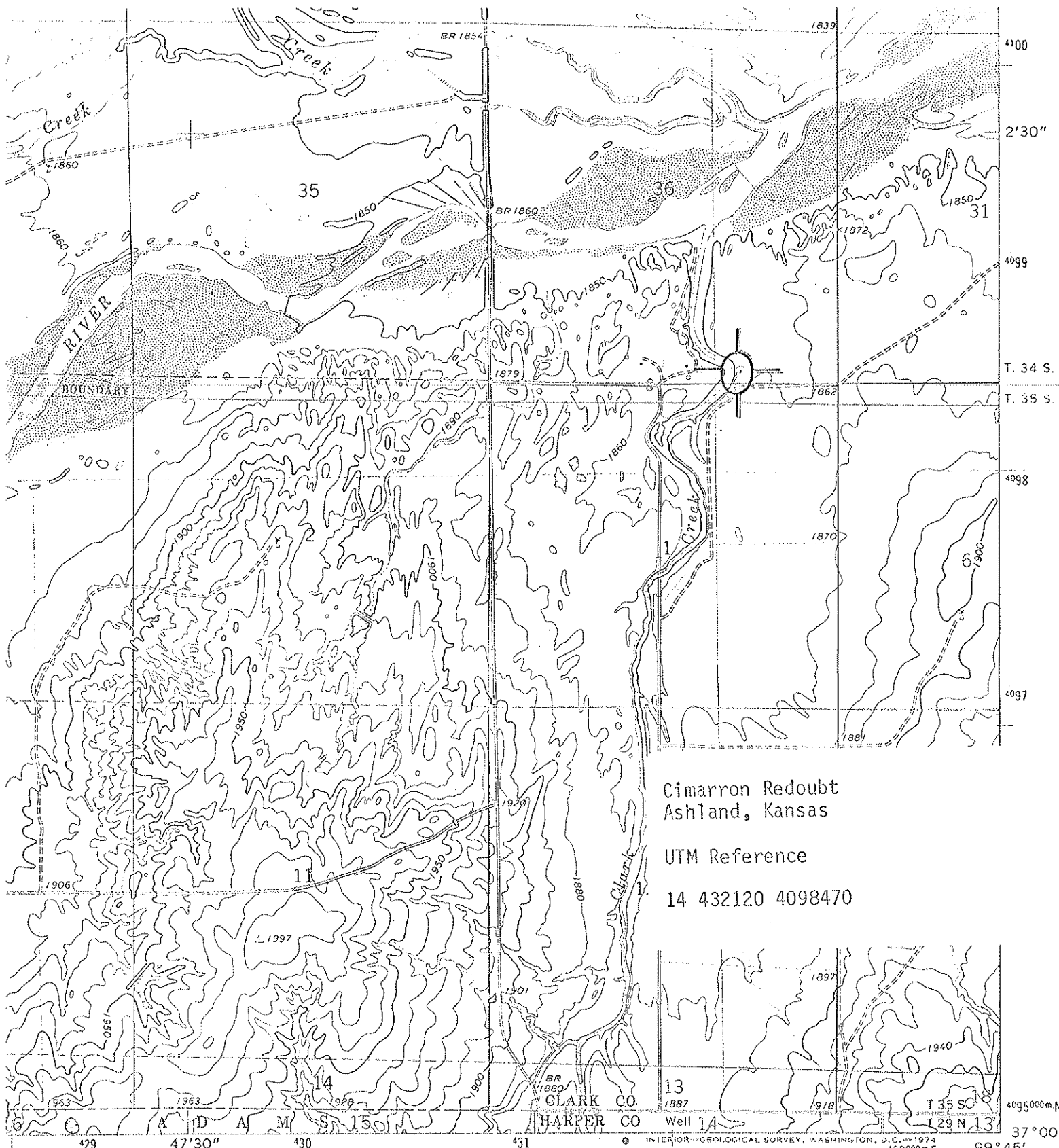
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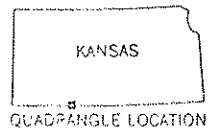
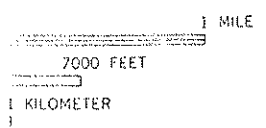
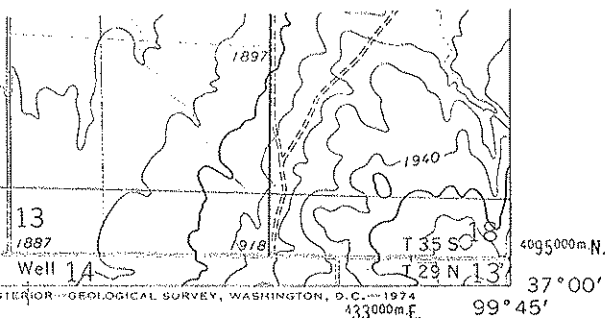
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Cimarron Redoubt  
Ashland, Kansas

UTM Reference  
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- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway, hard surface
  - Secondary highway, hard surface
  - Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
  - Unimproved road
  - Interstate Route
  - U. S. Route
  - State Route

(BUFFALO NW  
6057 1 NW)

ASHLAND SE, KANS.-OKLA.  
N3700—W9945/7.5

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242,

73069  
ON REQUEST

1972

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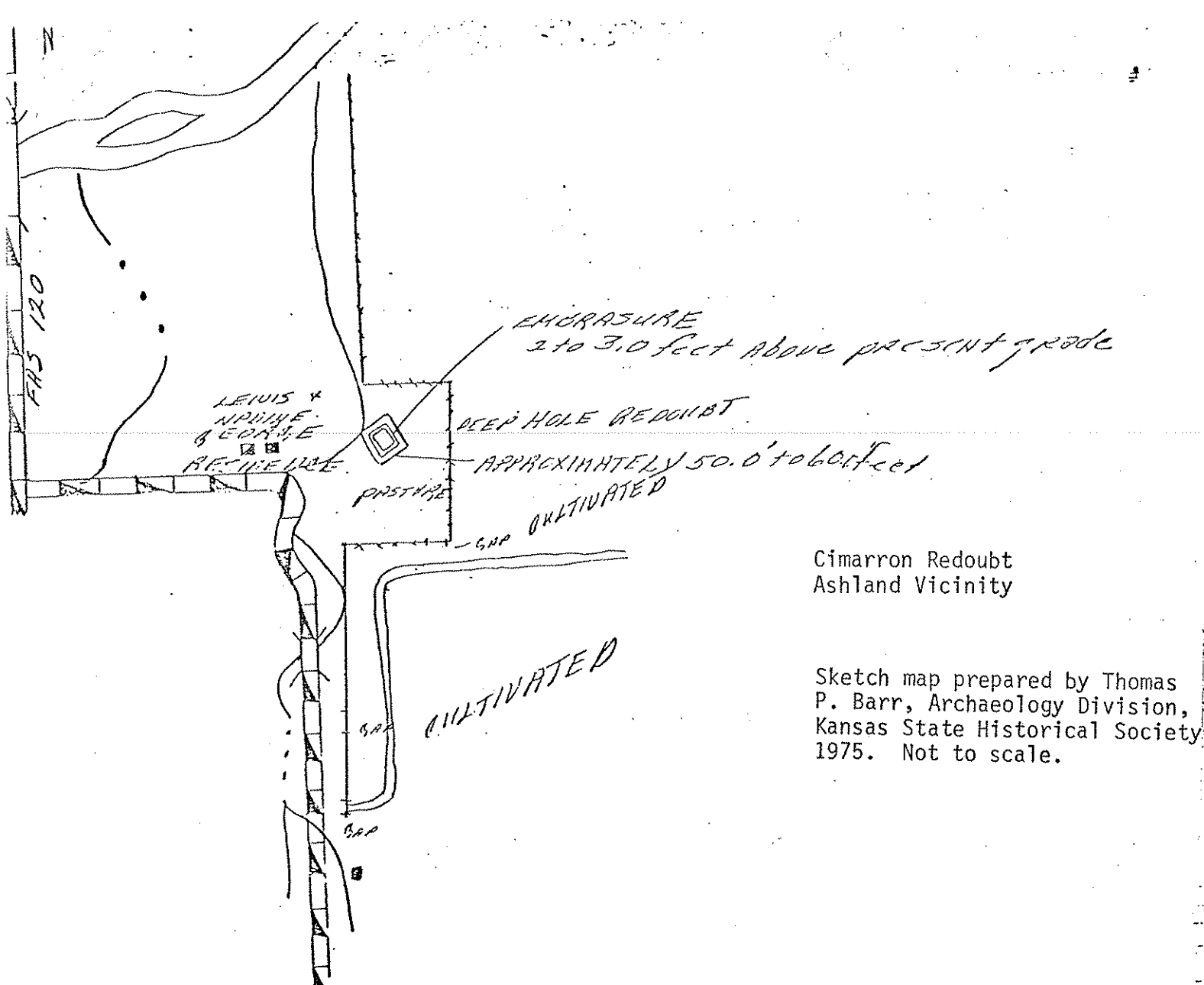
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(Number all entries)

CIMARRON REDOUBT

The area encompassed by the site designation includes the visible above ground remains of the redoubt. This is a square enclosure approximately 60 feet on a side composed of low rounded walls two to three feet above the present ground surface. The western boundary of the site is defined by the channel of Clark Creek while the north, south and east boundaries are measured to a point 250 feet beyond the centerline of the enclosure.



Cimarron Redoubt  
Ashland Vicinity

Sketch map prepared by Thomas  
P. Barr, Archaeology Division,  
Kansas State Historical Society  
1975. Not to scale.