

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Kansas</b>
COUNTY: <b>Coffey</b>
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ENTRY DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS 031-0000-008

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Williamson Archeological site, 14CF330**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**See continuation sheet**

CITY OR TOWN: **Five miles southeast of Hartford in John Redmond Reservoir** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **no. 5, Joe Skubitz**

STATE <b>Kansas</b>	CODE <b>20</b>	COUNTY: <b>Coffey</b>	CODE <b>031</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Reservoir</u> <u>Wildlife refuge</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**U.S. Government, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P.O. Box 61**

CITY OR TOWN: **Tulsa** STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Register of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Coffey County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Burlington** STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **20**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Appraisal of the Archeological Resources of the John Redmond Reservoir, Coffey and Lyon counties, Kansas**

DATE OF SURVEY: **Feb., 1961**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Archeology Division, Kansas State Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**120 West Tenth St.**

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

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" 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 Williamson site was first recorded during the archeological survey for the then-proposed John Redmond reservoir. The survey was carried out by the Archeological Division of the Kansas State Historical Society under contract with the National Park Service. The site was in a narrow terrace remnant at the base of a limestone bluff above Eagle creek near its confluence with the Neosho river.

One short season of controlled investigations of the site was conducted in 1963 by Society archeologists. It was found to be a multiple component site with at least four vertically stratified prehistoric cultural habitation levels. Portions of the upper three zones were excavated and identified as representing, from top to bottom, Late Woodland, early Middle Woodland and Late Archaic. The fourth and oldest zone was inundated by the reservoir pool before the investigations could be completed.

The Late Archaic component was marked by burned limestone fragments in piles or loosely scattered throughout the level. Distinct chipped stone dart points, other stone tool sections and a grinding slab were recovered. Two human burials (adult females) and a dog burial were also found. Two radiocarbon dates from this level were B.C. 1550 ± 100 and B. C. 1650 ± 190. The materials are similar to those recently designated as the El Dorado Phase.

The top of the site is now at the conservation pool level of the reservoir.

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2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION

NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 29, T 20 S, R 14 E

**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATES: (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Several aspects of the site have particular significance. It is vertically stratified with at least four different cultures represented. Such relationships are very desirable for establishing relative chronological sequences. The presence of a specific Archaic level with its distinctive artifact assemblage and associated burials provides excellent material for comparative and diagnostic study. These burials are the second oldest dated measureable finds in the state. Also, the site still has potential in its fourth and deepest level which was inundated by the pool. Wave and current action has probably caused some damage to the site but portions of it may still remain.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- Witty, Thomas A.  
 1961 Appraisal of the Archeological Resources of the John Redmond Reservoir, Coffey and Lyon counties, Kansas  
 1963 1963 excavations in the John Redmond Reservoir. Kansas Anthropological Association Newsletter, vol. 9, no. 2, October.  
 1964 Radiocarbon Dates from the John Redmond Reservoir Area. Kansas Anthropological Association Newsletter, vol. 9, no. 9, May.

**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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Thomas A. Witty, Jr., State Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: Aug. 21, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
120 West Tenth St.

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

**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  Local

Name Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date Sept. 25, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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