

STATE	Kansas
COUNTY:	Doniphan
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ENTRY DATE	

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission

AND/OR HISTORIC: Highland Presbyterian Mission

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: one and one-half miles east of Highland on US-36 and two-tenths mile north on K-136

CITY OR TOWN: Highland CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: No. 2, Bill Roy

STATE: Kansas CODE: 20 COUNTY: Doniphan CODE: 043

**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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: State of Kansas

STREET AND NUMBER: State Capitol

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Doniphan County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Troy STATE: Kansas CODE: 66087

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: A Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas CODE: 66612 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 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 original building of the Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission, completed in 1846, was three stories high and topped by a belfrey that gave it a total height of 52 feet. It was 106 feet long and 37 feet wide. The first story was walled with native stone and the upper two with brick manufactured on the grounds. Shingles, doors, windows and finished lumber were sent from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Other building materials were acquired locally.

About 25 years after the Mission closed, a long-time resident of the area reminisced about it in a local newspaper. The building was ". . . built specially as a boarding house for the Indian children, with a large dining room on the ground floor, with a fine chapel and teachers' rooms on the second floor, and dormitories and teachers' rooms above, all furnished in the best manner."

Of the 32 rooms in the building, the largest were the dining room and the chapel, which measured 34 feet by 30 feet.

The present structure is only 46 feet long. The west three-fifths of the building was razed some time after the Mission was sold in 1868.

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IOWA, SAC & FOX PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

9. Cont.

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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) 1846

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" 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 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

In 1837 the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions sent Samuel M. Irvin and his wife to establish a mission among the Iowa, Sac and Fox Indians who had been removed to Kansas. The Mission was the first permanent white settlement in what is now Doniphan county. In 1844 the Mission Board authorized the construction of a permanent building which was completed in 1846.

The school, which the missionaries operated in the building, could have handled 100 students, but seldom had more than 40. Lessons were taught in the Iowa language and English. In 1843 the second printing press in Kansas began operating here, printing a hymnal and several grammars in the Iowa language.

The Indians, never too involved with the Mission, dropped their financial support in 1860. But even prior to that, their attendance at the mission and interest in its program had declined in the late 1840's and 1850's when cholera and smallpox epidemics had hit the area.

After the Indian funds were cut off, Irvin, who worked at the Mission from its beginning to its closing, was granted permission to change the Mission to an Orphan Indian Institute. This too was closed in 1866.

The Mission was inactive after 1863 and the building was sold in 1868.

The existing section of the building is now operated as a historic site-museum by the State Historical Society.

This is the only physical evidence remaining of Presbyterian Indian mission activity in Kansas.

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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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9-10

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 D. Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: Oct., 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sent to NR: 10/12/70

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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