

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Ka 18	
COUNTY: Doniphan	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.2.20.0009	2/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON: Irvin Hall, Highland Community Junior College

AND/OR HISTORIC: Highland University

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Highland Community Junior College campus, on Main St. (US-36)
(Blocks 67 and 68 of Original Town Plat)

CITY OR TOWN: Highland

STATE: Kansas 66035 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Highland Community Junior College

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Highland STATE: Kansas 66035 CODE: 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 66087 CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

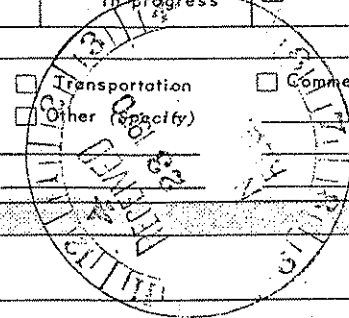
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First St., S. E.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

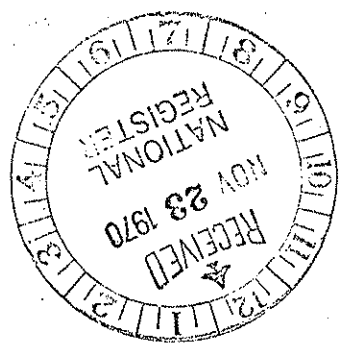
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Irvin Hall is a rectangular two-story red brick building with a gable roof. Flat stone lintels are placed above each door and window. Pilasters are located between the windows on the south front and the east side of the building. Also, above the top windows on the same two sides is a strip of patterned brickwork. The other two sides are plain except for the openings. On both the front and back sides of the building three chimneys rise from the areas between the windows. On the east end of the building sits a large, square, flat-topped wooden bell tower, which is painted white to match the trim on the rest of the building.

The interior of Irvin Hall has been completely remodeled; likewise the south entrance has been modernized.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century

- 16th Century
- 17th Century

- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1859**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

- Prehistoric
- Historic

- Agriculture

- Architecture

- Art

- Commerce

- Communications

- Conservation

- Education

- Engineering

- Industry

- Invention

- Landscape

- Architecture

- Literature

- Military

- Music

- Political

- Religion/Philosophy

- Science

- Sculpture

- Social/Humanitarian

- Theater

- Transportation

- Urban Planning

- Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Irvin Hall was the first permanent structure of Highland University, whose charter was granted by the Kansas Territorial Legislature and approved by the acting territorial governor, James W. Denver, on February 9, 1858. Construction of this building began in 1858, and the first story was completed for the fall term of 1859. The second story, which included the chapel, was added later.

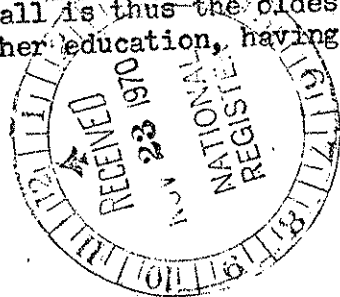
The Highland Presbytery operated the school until 1866 when the Presbyterian Synod of Kansas assumed the responsibility. The Synod cut off all relations with the school in 1882, re-adopted it in 1905, and finally terminated all support in 1913. In 1910 the name had been changed to Highland College since university status was never attained.

After struggling financially for several years, the school in 1920 dropped the upper two years and became a junior college. Accredited by the state in 1922, it became a public tax-supported junior college in 1937. In 1959 it was designated a county junior college by the state legislature, the first to be so established in Kansas.

Irvin Hall honors the name of the Rev. Samuel M. Irvin, founder and for many years missionary at the nearby Iowa, Sac and Fox Presbyterian Mission. Irvin was also one of the founders of Highland University, and after the mission's closing, he devoted the remaining years of his life to the interest of the school.

Irvin Hall possesses both architectural and historical significance. A two-story red brick building, it is an excellent example of the Plains Vernacular style. Known today as Highland Community Junior College, it is presently the oldest institution of higher learning in Kansas, having operated continuously since its chartering. Irvin Hall is thus the oldest building in the state still used for higher education, having served that purpose since 1859.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"An Act to Incorporate the Highland University," Private Laws of the Territory of Kansas, 1858 (Lecompton, Kansas Territory, S. W. Driggs and Co., 1858), pp. 77-79.

"Charter Day Centennial, Highland College, Highland, Kansas, February 9, 1958" (n. p., n. d.), 4 pp.

Flint, Jack M., F. Floyd Herr, and Carl L. Heinrich, The Kansas Junior College, (Topeka, State Department of Public Instruction, 1968), pp. 26, 81, 82.

"Highland Junior College Centennial," Atchison Globe, January 19, 1958.

"Highland, Kansas," The Voice of the Road, v. 1, no. 11 (November, 1906), pp. 7-15.

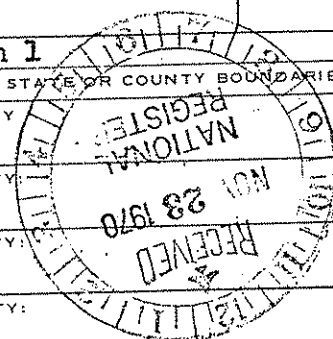
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
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NE	° ' "	° ' "	95°	16'	13"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1

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: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: November 3, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth St.

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas CODE: 66612
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
Nyle H. Miller

Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date: November 3, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connors
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: FEB 24 1971

ATTEST:

William H. Stewart
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: JAN 20 1971

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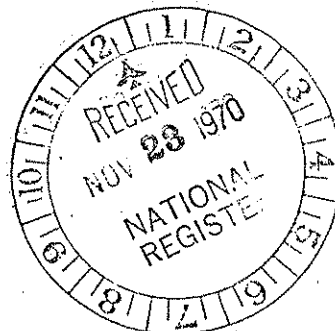
- 6. Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration
1939 Federal

Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in 1939.

Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas (State)
1957

Kansas State Historical Society
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- 9. Plank, Pryor, "The Iowa, Sac and Fox Indian Mission and Its Missionaries, Rev. Samuel M. Irvin and Wife," Kansas Historical Collections, v. 10 (1907-1908), pp. 312-325.
Turtle, Howard, "They Have a Way of Getting Things Done in Highland," Kansas City Star, January 23, 1955.



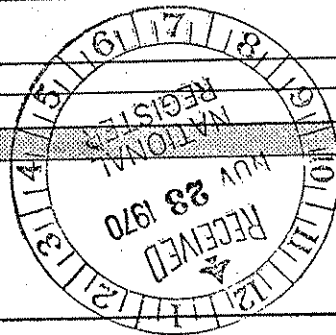
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

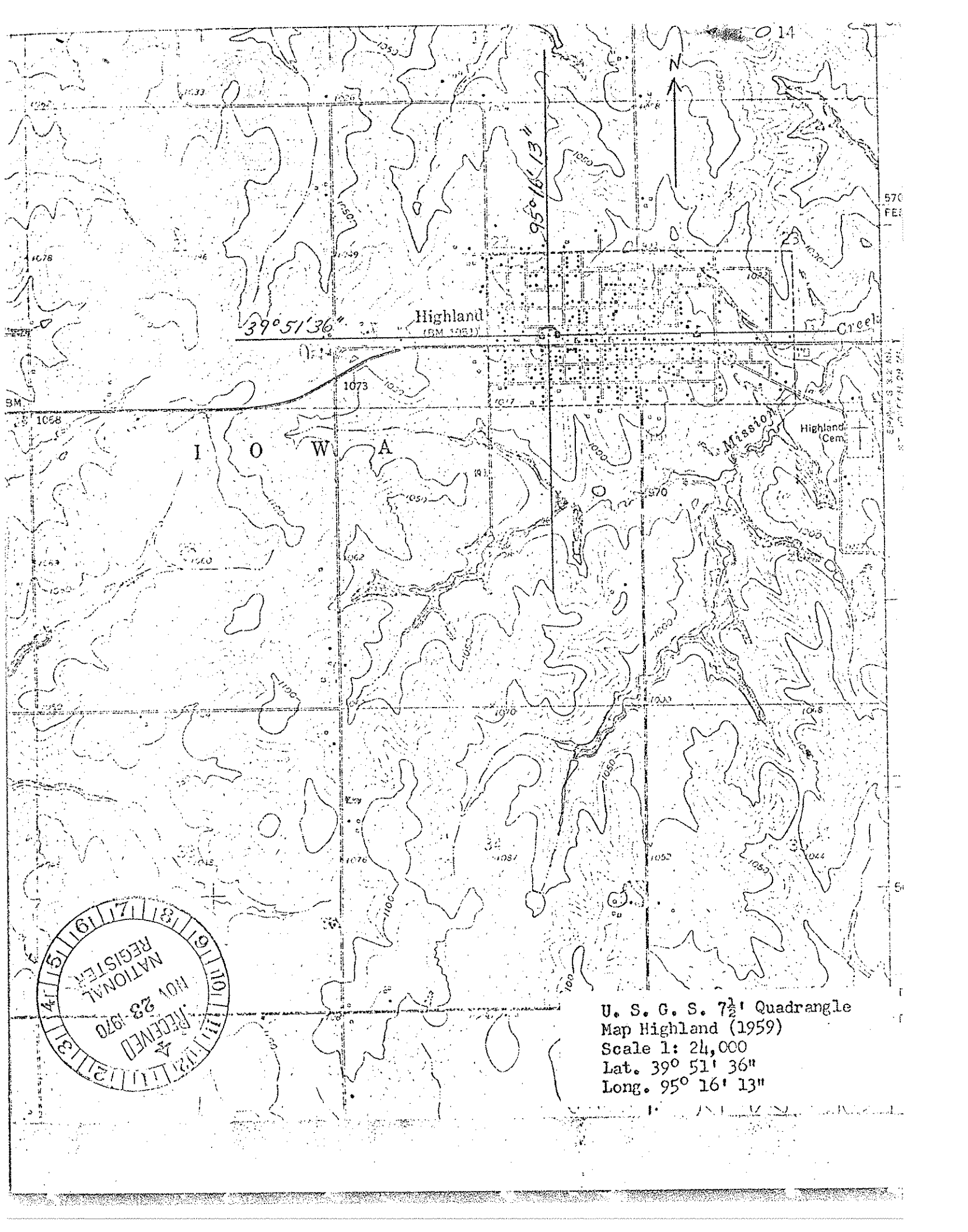
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U. S. G. S. 7½' Quadrangle, Highland			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
DATE: 1959			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





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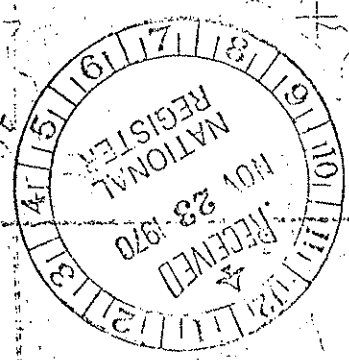
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Highland
(BM 1231)

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U. S. G. S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle
Map Highland (1959)
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