1. NAME
   COMMON: Dietrich Cabin
   AND/OR HISTORIC: 

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: Ottawa City Park, Main and Fifth streets
   CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa
   STATE: Kansas 66067
   COUNTY: Franklin
   CODE COUNTY: 20 059

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   □ District □ Building ■ □ Site ■ □ Structure □ Object
   ■ □ Public □ Private □ Both
   Ownership: Public Acquisition: □ In Process □ Being Considered
   Status: □ Occupied □ Unoccupied □ Preservation work in progress
   Accessible to the Public: Yes: □ Restricted □ Unrestricted □ No
   Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   □ Agricultural □ Government □ Park □ Transportation □ Other (Specify)
   □ Commercial □ Industrial □ Private Residence * □ Religions □ Comments
   □ Educational □ Military □ Religious □ Scientific
   □ Entertainment ■ □ Museum ■ □ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME: Franklin County Historical Society
   STREET AND NUMBER: 
   CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa
   STATE: Kansas 66067
   CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds
   STREET AND NUMBER: Franklin County Courthouse
   CITY OR TOWN: Ottawa
   STATE: Kansas 66067
   CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY: None
   DATE OF SURVEY: 
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: 
   STREET AND NUMBER: 
   CITY OR TOWN: 
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS
The Dietrich Cabin is a simple rectangular Frontier style structure of rough handcut walnut logs resting on a low rubble stone foundation. The cabin was relocated and restored in the Ottawa city park for the Kansas centennial celebration in 1961. It measures about 18 feet by 20 feet with an eight foot porch on the south front. Mortise and tenon joints are used at the corners. The first floor windows and doors have lintels and sills of walnut logs which are planed only in the area required for trim. All windows and doors are simple rectangular openings. There are two windows and a door on the south front, one door on the north side, and two windows on the east end, including one small window for the loft. Windows on the first floor are shuttered. There are no windows in the doors.

The wood shingle gable roof extends past the front wall to serve as a porch roof. Consequently the porch seems to be quite well protected. The gable ends of the cabin are of wood siding painted to match the front porch. A stone fireplace on the west end was rebuilt when the cabin was restored at its present site.

Several rooms added over the years while the building was used as a farmhouse were removed at the time of restoration. At the same time the wood shingle roof had to be replaced, the chimney and fireplace rebuilt, windows replaced, and chinking between the logs replaced.
The Dietrich Cabin, which is now situated in the Ottawa city park, was built in 1859 by Jacob Dietrich, a German immigrant who brought his family to Franklin County, Kansas, in 1857 after spending several years in Chicago. He settled three miles south and two and one-fourth miles west of the present town of Princeton, where he built a cabin on a hill overlooking the Humboldt trail. The family's first dwelling and most of their possessions were destroyed by a prairie fire in 1858. Both Jacob Dietrich and his wife Catherine worked for neighbors to raise enough money to build a new cabin. It was built on the original site in 1859.

In June, 1863, Jacob became ill and died of pneumonia. His widow decided to remain on the prairie homestead to raise their three sons. To support her family she walked six miles to Ohio City to get the laundry which she did for the county officials who lived there.

The building was used as a farmhouse for many years, and during that time several rooms were added. The cabin was given to the Franklin County Historical Society by a granddaughter of the Dietrichs. Since the restoration project in 1961, the cabin has served as a pioneer museum in Ottawa.

The pioneer log cabin was an important factor in the settlement of the state and a significant stage in the architectural development of Kansas. The Dietrich Cabin is one of the few remaining examples of an early Kansas log house and is considered worthy of nomination for that reason.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"100-Year-Old Cabin Now Resides in Ottawa Park As a Museum," Ottawa Herald, October 3, 1964.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NAME AND TITLE: Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant
Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society

DATE: March 29, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka

STATE: Kansas
CODE: 66612

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 [X] State [X] Local [X]

Date: Nov. 30, 1971

Name: Nyle M. Miller
Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register