

Inventory Number 127-000-080

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property Charles G. Parker Home

Location vicinity of Parkerville  
(street and number)

(city, town, or vicinity location)

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 8, T 15, R 7  
(legal description)

Morris  
(county)

Owner of Property W.L. Parker, Jr. and Mildred L. Corn

68 Pepper Tree  
(street and number)

Topeka, Kansas 66611 (Shawnee County)  
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review n.a.

date entered in National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Description: The C.G. Parker house is a two-story rectangular gable-roofed farmhouse built of dressed, coursed limestone blocks. The front entrance is at the center of the east facade, which parallels the roof ridge. The ground floor has two large rooms, with a staircase along the north wall. The second floor has a large room on the north and two small rooms on the south. The assymmetrically-placed windows have plain stone lintels. The house is at the eastern edge of a forty-acre tract which also contains the original settlement site of Parkerville.

**Significance** The house was built between 1870 and 1873 by Charles G. Parker, who had settled in the area by 1855. As early as 1840 Parker had become active in trade on the Santa Fe Trail, operating out of Westport, Missouri. By 1859 he was on the principal shippers on the trail, owning 32 wagons and 229 mules.

Parker established a settlement on this property about 1855, which was called Parker. In 1871, when the Union Pacific railroad purchased land for its right-of-way nearby, the town was relocated to its present location on the north side of the Neosho and was incorporated as Parkerville. In 1870 Parker was elected to the (cont. below)

Form prepared by Richard J. Cawthon date February 27, 1984

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on February 25, 1984  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Feb. 29, 1984  
Date

State Legislature, serving one term. About the same time he began construction of the stone house, in which he lived until the death of his wife in 1879.