Pawnee Indian Village and Site (14RP1)

On K-266, 8 miles north of US-36, near Republic

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This was the site of a Republican (Kitkehahki) Pawnee village in the 1820's and 1830's. The earthlodges were round, dome-shaped structures with a framework of heavy timbers covered over with sod. They closely resembled huge mounds of earth. Most lodges were 30 to 40 feet in diameter. In this village two of the 22 known sites on the state-owned land were considerably larger. Presumably they were the dwellings of more important families.

A museum and interpretive center was built in 1967 over one of the larger lodge sites. While other lodge sites have been scientifically excavated and then refilled, the one inside the museum walls has been left exposed. It has a diameter of 50 feet and an area of almost 2000 square feet. On the floor of the lodge visitors can see remains of burned timbers from the collapsed walls and the post holes in which roof and wall supports once stood. Ashes still remain in the hearth. Left where they were found on the floor are remains of stone, bone, and metal tools and implements, which were left behind when the lodge was abandoned.

Surface features of the site which are visible are the locations of lodge floors, storage pits, and the remains of the fortification wall around the village.
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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Pawnee Indian village on the Republican river was probably inhabited in the 1820's and 1830's. It is believed to have been the village visited by Jedediah Smith, famed mountain man and explorer, in January, 1826, when he was on his way west with a party of trappers.

This is one of only a few documented Pawnee sites which have been scientifically excavated and the only one in Kansas. It is the only major preserved Pawnee village site in the Central Plains area. The museum constructed around a scientifically excavated earthlodge is unique in Plains archeology.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Thomas A. Witty, State Archeologist
Richard Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society

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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 [X] Local [ ]

Name: Nyle H. Miller

Title:

Date Sent to NR: 10/12/70; 2/8/71

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

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _________________________

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

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PAWNEE INDIAN VILLAGE

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