

Inventory Number \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property Pierce Ranch 197-4400-0003

Location \_\_\_\_\_  
(street and number)

vicinity of Paxico  
(city, town, or vicinity location)

Approximately six acres that comprise the farmstead located in the  
E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 9, T12, R11.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(legal description)

Wabaunsee  
(county)

Owner of Property Edmund J. Meinhardt

Box 86  
(street and number)

Paxico, KS 66526 Wabaunsee Co.  
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ state register only \_\_\_\_\_  
date entered in National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Description: The Pierce Ranch is located about two miles southwest of Paxico in  
the northern portion of the Flint Hills. The nomination consists of the approximately six  
acres which comprise the farmstead. Only the house, the springhouse and the foundations of  
an unidentified structure are considered to be significant or contributing material resources.  
Contributing natural resources are the creek, the spring, and the topography, determining  
as they did the lay-out of the farmstead. The house is a two-and-a-half story limestone  
structure built into the side of a hill. Its plan is T-shaped with the ridge-line of the main  
portion of the house running north-south. The spring house is also built of limestone and is  
located just southeast of the main house. The limestone for the house and spring-house was  
quarried locally.

Wabaunsee County

Meinhardt Ranch  
T97-4400-0003  
Paxico Vicinity

Register of Historic Kansas Places

Significance The Pierce Ranch has been used mainly as a stock farm since it  
was established in the 1880's by Henry Pierce. The Flint Hills had for many years  
prior to 1880 served as winter quarters for cattle owned by dealers from Texas, New  
Mexico, and Arizona. By the mid-1880's locally-owned cattle operations were boom-  
ing. The Pierce Ranch is typical of the Flint Hills region which, for the most  
part, has always been better suited to raising livestock than to growing crops.

Form prepared by Nora Pat Small date 3/22/82

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places  
by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on 4/3/82  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas  
Places.

  
State Historic Preservation Officer

April 6, 1982  
Date