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\textsuperscript{\textfrac{1}{2}}\textsuperscript{\textfrac{1}{2}} of the SW\textsuperscript{\textfrac{1}{2}} of the NE\textsuperscript{\textfrac{1}{2}} 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.
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 booming. 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  Date  April 6, 1982