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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas
COUNTY: Wyandotte
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Grinter Place

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1420 South 78th St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Muncie

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
no. 2, Bill Roy

STATE: Kansas CODE: 20 COUNTY: Wyandotte CODE: 209

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Kansas

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Capitol

CITY OR TOWN:
Topeka

STATE: Kansas CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Wyandotte County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Kansas City

STATE: Kansas CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historic Sites in Kansas

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 W. 10th

CITY OR TOWN:
Topeka

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Grinter Place comprises about eight acres of land and the original residence built by Moses Grinter in 1857. The building, which sits at an angle facing southeast, is situated at the brow of a hill overlooking the Kansas river. It is two stories in height, the exterior of red, home-kilned brick, and all walls, interior and exterior, are of solid brick. In style it has been called a "colonial, southern type farm house," modeled after a Kentucky farmhouse built by Grinter's uncle in 1800.

The house has a separate kitchen connected to the main house by a "dog run" which in later years was enclosed. All rooms in the house are square and have about the same dimensions, approximately 18 feet by 18 feet. Upstairs there are two bedrooms plus the center hall; downstairs a parlor, dining room, central hall, and the detached kitchen. There are roofed porches on both the north and south fronts.

Interior construction is of native walnut and white pine. Millwork on the columns and cornice moldings was done in St. Louis. There are five fireplaces, three downstairs and two upstairs. They were designed with shallow fireboxes which expelled the heat into the room and throats which prevented the rooms from filling with smoke.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1857

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moses Grinter came to Cantonment Leavenworth in Kansas in 1828 and began operating the first ferry across the Kansas river in 1831, 23 years before Kansas was created as a territory and 30 years before statehood. Since the ferry was located on the Fort Leavenworth-Fort Scott military road laid out in 1842, it was vital to the military operations in Kansas. Many immigrants also used Grinter's ferry in the 1840's and 1850's on their way to California and Oregon.

The first Kansas post office, other than those at military posts, was established September 10, 1850 at this site. At first called Delaware, it was renamed Secondine on February 1, 1856.

Grinter operated a trading post at the landing from 1855 to 1860 and built a log cabin where he and his half-Delaware wife lived until 1857, when the brick house was completed. The house is said to be the oldest house standing in Wyandotte county.

Moses Grinter was the first permanent white settler in what is now Wyandotte county and one of the earliest in Kansas. His ferry operation was important to the military, to the westward movement, and to the commercial development of Kansas and the West.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hanson, Harry E., compiler, A Historical Outline of Grinter Place from 1825 to 1878 (1963).
History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), p. 1226.
 Letter from Forrest R. Holdcamper, The National Archives, Washington, D. C., to Mrs. Lela Barnes, Treasurer, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas, July 14, 1950 (in KSHS correspondence files).
 Lutz, Rev. J. J., "The Methodist Missions among the Indian Tribes of Kansas," Kansas Historical Collections, v. 9 (1905-06), see notes pp. 203-205.
 Morgan, Perl W., editor, History of Wyandotte County, Kansas, and Its People (Chicago, Lewis Publishing Co., 1911), pp. 13, 88.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39° 4' 30"	94° 45' 37"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	39° 4' 31"	94° 45' 28"				
SE	39° 4' 23"	94° 45' 23"				
SW	39° 4' 21"	94° 45' 25"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Richard Pankratz, Historic Sites Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: Oct., 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 120 W. 10th

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Local

Name: Nyle H. Miller

Title:

Date Sent to NR: 10/12/70

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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1966 federal

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Washington, D. C. 08

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"What Future for a Kansas Landmark?" Kansas City Star, September 23,
1967.

