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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Arrow Rock

AND/OR COMMON
Arrow Rock

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Arrow Rock

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
004

STATE
Missouri

CODE
07

COUNTY
Saline

CODE
195

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	X MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	X PARK
__STRUCTURE	X BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Multiple: contact

NAME
Missouri State Park Board (Mr. James L. Wilson, Director)

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY, TOWN
Jefferson City

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Missouri

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Saline County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Marshall

STATE
Missouri

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Sites Survey

DATE
1964

X FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Historic Sites Survey

CITY, TOWN
Washington

STATE
D.C. 20240

Mrs. David Eads, President, Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc., Arrow Rock, Missouri

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Arrow Rock today has a small (81) and dwindling population. Most of its structures are either incorporated into Arrow Rock State Park or administered by the Friends of Arrow Rock, incorporated in 1959. Points of interest include: The Old Tavern built in 1834 by Judge Joseph Huston, one of the original town commissioners, who had been born in Philadelphia, and moved to Saline County in 1819. The Tavern (originally called the City Hotel) is a two-and-a-half story brick structure, to which Huston added about 1840 a store with a second-floor ballroom. The latter still retains its unusual stenciled wall decoration. The Tavern is operated by the Missouri Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is furnished in Period antiques.

The Arrow Rock Academy Boarding House, a frame structure built about 1843 which housed a succession of girls' schools until long after the Civil War. Now the residence of the Park superintendent.

The Arrow Rock Jail. A small stone building with wrought iron door, built in 1871.

A wing of the George Caleb Bingham House, constructed by Missouri's artist of the frontier in 1837. Bingham sold the property in 1845.

The Dr. Matthew Walton Hall House, a one-and-a-half story brick house, constructed about 1845, and owned at an early date by one of the pioneer physicians of Saline County. Now used as headquarters for the Missouri Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Arrow Rock Town Spring, in the valley below the town, near the former road leading from the river landing into the town.

Early Historic Quarry, in the southeast corner of the park.

The Old Court House, a two-room log structure, with woodwork and clapboarding dating from about 1830, which according to tradition served as the temporary Court House of Saline County, 1839-40.

Dr. Charles M. Bradford House. Original frame portion built between 1831-1841 by William G. Miller. Additions were made to the house by Dr. Bradford following his purchase of the property in 1841. Dr. Bradford, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania came to Arrow Rock in 1840, where he married Miss Lavinia Pearson, a granddaughter of Dr. John Sappington. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Miller, who operate an antique shop.

Dr. William Price House. Dr. Price, a native of Maryland, began the practice of medicine in Arrow Rock, September 24, 1835. He married Mary Ellen Sappington, a daughter of Dr. John Sappington. He built this handsome brick house about 1838. Part of the early and perhaps original wooden fence, of ornamental design, remains along the back yard. Now owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Argubright.

The Arrow Rock Baptist Church, located near the Bingham House, is now used as a summer repertory theater called the Arrow Rock Lyceum. The theater opens on July 4th for an eight-week season annually.

Doctors' House, so called for the many physicians who resided there in the 19th and early 20th centuries, is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williams and in the tradition of the early dress-makers, now houses the firm of Page One Fashions, a custom dress-making establishment.

The Black Sheep Inn, located in an ante-bellum house on the outskirts of the village, is a fine restaurant, open daily except Tuesdays and caters to parties. Owned and operated by Mr. Taylor Williams and Mr. Jay Turley.

John P. Sites Sunshop and Home. Sites, a native of Virginia, who learned the trade of gunsmith at Boonville, moved to Arrow Rock in 1844 where he lived until his death in 1904. His rifles were popular throughout Central Missouri. His two-story brick shop adjoins his red brick home, both dating from 1866.

Arrow Rock Friendship Lodge No. 40, I.O.O.F. Hall. Built 1868, with lodge rooms on the second floor. The first floor was originally occupied by a newspaper office, where the Saline County Herald was published.

Arrow Rock Lodge No. 55, A.F. & A.M. This lodge was formed in 1842. In 1868 they constructed this brick building with their hall on the second floor, and the first floor rented for commercial purposes. The first floor is presently used by the Arrow Rock Craft Club, an organization whcih sells only hand-made articles and homemade jams and jellies and pickles as well as cakes, pies and bread.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Built in 1857, now owned by the congregation of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church of Arrow Rock.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1817-1860 (Period of activity) BUILDER/ARCHITECT N/A

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Arrow Rock, the starting point for the traders from Old Franklin and Boon's Lick who opened the Santa Fe Trail, commemorates the beginning of the Santa Fe trade.

The Missouri River crossing at Arrow Rock figured prominently in the very early trail-breaking expeditions that opened the West. Traffic was so great that by 1817 a ferry crossed the river there. Two years later a road was laid out from the ferry to Cooper's Fort. This road was later incorporated into the post road from Arrow Rock to Fort Osage, and became the great thoroughfare of early traders.

Both of the pioneering Becknell expeditions in 1821 and 1822 were organized at Arrow Rock. Here other major caravans of the early 1820's, including the important one led by Captain William Becknell in 1821, assembled and prepared for the long journey to Santa Fe.

The rock cliff of Arrow Rock, remains of the old Ferry Road, and the Santa Fe Spring used by those who rendezvoused there in the early days of the Santa Fe Trail are preserved in Arrow Rock State Park. The park adjoins the town of Arrow Rock, which was associated with the later trail days. The town preserves many structures having historical and cultural association of later periods and presents a charming and almost unique picture of mid-19th century frontier village-town architecture and atmosphere of the Mississippi-Missouri valley region.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Ravensway, Charles Van, Arrow Rock, The Story of a Town, Its People, and Its Tavern, 1959.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 260

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	505000	432460	B	15	503900	432380
C	15	504710	432330	D	15	504270	432420

E 15 504170 4324460

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

As shown in the accompanying U.S.G.S. map, labelled "Arrow Rock, Missouri" and dated 1971, the boundaries are contiguous with those for Arrow Rock State Park and the town of Arrow Rock as they join to form a single, contigous 260-acre area. Accompanying map A. labelled "Arrow Rock State Historic Site" and dated 1973, pinpoints some features of the landmark. The boundary shown is exact where it is drawn contiguous to the State park boundary and approximate where it is drawn to represent contiguity

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Missouri	07	Saline	195
Missouri	07	Cooper	053

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmarks Boundary Review Project

ORGANIZATION National Park Service
Historic Sites Survey

DATE 9-8-76

STREET & NUMBER 1100 L Street, NW.

TELEPHONE 202/523-5464

CITY OR TOWN Washington

STATE D.C. 20240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL ___

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9/14/84

ATTEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

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with town of Arrow Rock boundaries as shown on the U.S.G.S. map. Some of the few generally unobtrusive features which do not contribute to the national significance of the landmark include: a water tower, rudimentary picnic facilities, and a few modern structures in the town of Arrow Rock.