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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

historic name Trail Park & Trail Park DAR Marker

other names/site number KHRI #045-4398

2. Location

street & number Trail Park, NW intersection of E 1700 RD & N 400 RD [ ] not for publication

city or town Baldwin City [x] vicinity

state Kansas code KS county Douglas code 045 zip code 66006

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national X statewide ___ local

Patrick Zollner — Signature of certifying official — 2-11-13 Date

DSHPO — Title — State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official — Date

Title — State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register ___ determined eligible for the National Register

___ determined not eligible for the National Register ___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain:)

for Edson H. Beall — Signature of the Keeper — 7.17.13 Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- [X] private
- [ ] public - Local
- [ ] public - State
- [ ] public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box)

- [ ] building(s)
- [ ] district
- [x] site
- [ ] structure
- [ ] object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	district
1	0	site
0	0	structure
1	2	object
2	**2**	**Total**

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail (2012)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/marker
LANDSCAPE/park

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/marker
LANDSCAPE/park

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: Concrete
walls: N/A
roof: N/A
other: Stone

Narrative Description

Summary

Trail Park is a triangular parcel (0.44 acres) at the intersection of North 400 Road and East 1700 Road located on the north edge of Baldwin City, Douglas County, in eastern Kansas (Figure 1). The park features a granite marker that is sited along a portion of North 400 Road that has been in use since its creation as part of the Santa Fe Trail. Along with the road segment, remnants of the trail are visible in private fields beginning about two-thirds of a mile to the northwest of the marker. This marker is an example of a Memorial and Marker property type, as defined in the *Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail* revised multiple property nomination.

Elaboration

Landscape Context

The Santa Fe Trail enters Douglas County at its extreme southeast corner, east of Baldwin City. As it enters the county from the east, the trail is generally oriented toward the west, but it turns to the northwest as it nears Baldwin City. The portion of the trail that is now North 400 Road is angled to the northwest, but the trail generally continued in a westward direction paralleling US-56 Highway. The trail crossed into northeastern Osage County near Overbrook (Figure 2).

Baldwin City is located in southeastern Douglas County approximately 15 miles south of Lawrence, the county seat. Baldwin City has a population of approximately 4,500 and is in a rural area that is experiencing suburban development. South of Trail Park is a new neighborhood called Firetree Estates. Across East 1700 Road to the east is a newer church and subdivision of residences. East 1700 Road is a paved north-south road that passes through the center of Baldwin City less than one-half mile to the south; it becomes North 6th street at this point. North 400 Road is a gravel county road that intersects with East 1700 Road in a northwesterly direction. North 400 Road turns east approximately two-thirds of a mile northwest of the park. Remnants of the trail are visible in the private fields north of where the gravel road turns.

Trail Park

There is a small creek that clips the northwest corner of the park's property boundary. Trees along the creek denote its path. The small park includes three signs/markers and no other built features. There is a 1907 DAR Marker made of stone (contributing), a metal commemorative sign erected in 1983 by two alumni of Baker University (class of 1932) (non-contributing), and a late 20th century wood sign erected by the local Santa Fe Trail Historical Society that identifies the park (non-contributing).

The DAR monument is located very near the junction of North 400 Road and East 1700 Road (Figure 3). The marker is approximately four feet tall and is a red granite boulder with a marble plaque that sits atop a concrete base. The granite portion has an inscription that reads ERECTED BY THE LAWRENCE AND / OTTAWA CHAPTERS DAUGHTERS / OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION / 1907. The marble plaque was replaced in 1968 or 1969 when the original bronze face was stolen. The original 26"x19" bronze face was a pattern used on several special markers, including one in Penn Valley Park in Kansas City, Missouri, after which this marble replacement is patterned.[1] The marble portion has an inscription that reads THIS MARKS THE ROUTE OF THE / SANTA FE TRAIL / KANSAS CITY TO SANTA FE 1822-1880.

[1] Size of plaque noted in Mrs. T. A. [Almira] Cordry, *The Story of the Marking of the Santa Fe Trail by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Kansas and the State of Kansas* (Topeka: Crane and Company, 1915), 53.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- [x] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- [ ] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- [ ] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- [ ] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- [ ] A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- [ ] B removed from its original location.
- [ ] C a birthplace or grave.
- [ ] D a cemetery.
- [ ] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- [x] F a commemorative property.
- [ ] G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Period of Significance

1907

Significant Dates

1907

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Maude Miles (bronze plaque artist)

Period of Significance (justification)
The period of significance encompasses the year Trail Park was established and the marker was placed.

Criteria Considerations (justification)
As discussed in the revised multiple property nomination, the park and commemorative DAR marker is eligible because the age, intent, and symbolic value of this resource contribute to the park and marker's own historical significance. This significance is in large-part directly tied to the effort to memorialize the trail by those who were associated with the trail. This object is located along a county road that was the Santa Fe Trail, and in this way helps to confirm and illuminate the history of the trail itself.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Summary

Trail Park is significant on a statewide level for its association with the commemoration of the Santa Fe Trail through Douglas County, Kansas. The park was created in 1907 when local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) placed a commemorative marker at the site, which sits along a segment of the Santa Fe Trail still utilized as a county road. These commemorative activities were part of a broader effort by the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution from 1906 to 1914 to document sites along the trail. This property is nominated as part of the *Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail* revised MPS under Criterion A in the area of social history. This site materially reflects important historic events outlined in the historic context Commemoration and Reuse of the Santa Fe Trail, 1880-1987.

Elaboration

Santa Fe Trail through Douglas County

The Santa Fe Trail enters Douglas County at its extreme southeast corner east of Baldwin City. As it enters the county from the east, the trail is generally oriented toward the west, but it turns in to the northwest as it nears Baldwin City. Maps of this area produced as early as 1857 indicate that this small portion of the trail north of Baldwin City was incorporated into the local road network early in the county's history. J. Cooper Stuck's 1857 map, which pre-dates the founding of Baldwin City, lists this as the road to Westport, Missouri (Figure 4). F.W. Beers' maps of Palmyra Township published in 1873 and 1909 show this road as a rare angled thoroughfare in an otherwise gridded road pattern (Figures 5 & 6). This 1909 map records the owner of this property as I. Stickel (sometimes spelled Stickle), who donated the land for Trail Park.

The DAR and Trail Park

The Kansas Society DAR was a rather new organization when it undertook this major project to document and mark the Santa Fe Trail in Kansas. Two local chapters partnered to erect the Trail Park monument: the General Edward Hand chapter of Ottawa and Betty Washington chapter of Lawrence. These two chapters were among the first to organize in Kansas. The Lawrence chapter organized in 1896 and Ottawa followed in 1899.

The Kansas Society DAR worked with local chapters, governments, school children, and interested citizens to place 93 granite markers along the 500-mile trail route in Kansas from 1906 to 1914. Eighty-nine markers follow the basic wording pattern: SANTA FE TRAIL / 1822 – 1872 / MARKED BY THE / DAUGHTERS OF THE / AMERICAN / REVOLUTION / AND THE / STATE OF KANSAS / 1906. Four special markers were erected, each differing in scale or design from the 89 smaller granite markers. These special markers were erected at Baldwin City (Trail Park), Burlingame (Fannie Geiger Thompson Memorial), Lost Spring (Eunice Sterling Chapter), and Lyons (Sterling Chapter).[2] The text of the Trail Park marker reads ERECTED BY THE LAWRENCE AND / OTTAWA CHAPTERS DAUGHTERS / OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION / 1907 and THIS MARKS THE ROUTE OF THE / SANTA FE TRAIL / KANSAS CITY TO SANTA FE 1822-1880. The DAR erected seven markers in Douglas County. These sites included (from east to west) Black Jack, Palmyra, Trail Park, Brooklyn, Willow Springs, Globe, and Flag Springs/Simmons Point Stage Station, all of which are extant.[3] Of the seven, this was the only was erected with a bronze face.

[2] "Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail" National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form - Amended (Topeka: Kansas Historical Society, 2012), 116.

[3] Daughters of the American Revolution, Kansas Society, *Ninetieth Anniversary Survey of the Santa Fe Trail DAR Markers in Kansas* (Kansas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1998), 15-22; and Cordry, 106-108.

In 1907, Civil War veteran Isaiah Stickle (1830-1911) and his wife Jennie donated to Baker University this small half-acre parcel along the trail route to commemorate the Santa Fe Trail.[4] The *Baldwin Republican* described this parcel as "a tongue of land having a connection to the original trail itself...because no where else is the old Trail used as a public highway."[5] At least nowhere in the vicinity had the trail path itself been converted to a public roadway.

As was the case with many DAR markers, local school children contributed to the fundraising efforts to erect the monument at Trail Park. It is not clear how much money the Baldwin City students raised, but they paid for the installation of the marker's foundation.[6] This, too, was part of a broader effort by Kansas Society DAR to stimulate interest in the Santa Fe Trail project. According to DAR historian Almira Cordry, the Kansas Society DAR sent correspondence to all public school superintendents asking each student to donate a penny toward the effort of erecting markers along the Santa Fe Trail. Teachers were asked to encourage their students to write essays on local history topics for prizes.[7]

The Ottawa and Lawrence chapters organized the placing and unveiling of the marker. The monument was erected several days prior to the official unveiling, which took place on October 11, 1907 at the Methodist Church. Speakers included George W. Martin, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, and Ottawa resident Grace Meeker, Secretary of the Kansas Society DAR. Following the program, a procession walked from the church to the monument where it was officially unveiled by Mrs. Charles Seewir of Lawrence.[8] Mrs. Seewir, Regent of the Betty Washington Chapter, was on the Press Committee for the Kansas Society DAR during its efforts to mark the trail.[9]

When the marker was unveiled, it had a bronze plaque depicting a romanticized wagon caravan (Figure 7). This plaque was designed by Maude Miles, who was an art teacher in the Manual Training School in Kansas City. The Kansas City, Missouri boards of Park Commissioners and Public Works paid Mrs. Miles $400 for the design.[10] The plaque was installed on four granite markers in the Kansas City area, including one in Penn Valley Park (Figure 8); they were dedicated in 1906.[11] The marking of the trail in Kansas City was initiated in May 1905 when the City of Kansas City's Board of Public Works invited a group of trail freighters to tour the city and locate the route of the trail.[12]

As the Kansas Society DAR began finalizing its plans for the Kansas markers, a Topeka Daughter, Mrs. J.K. Hudson, suggested that the Board of Park Commissioners share the design with the Kansas Society DAR.[13] At $30 each, the Society suggested the plaques might be best used for special markers.[14] Besides the cost – almost double what was paid for the other DAR state markers – the artistic depiction of the caravan was criticized by the DAR, as well as by Santa Fe Trail alumni.[15]

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[4] Isaiah Stickle (sometimes spelled Stickel) served in companies A and F of the Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War. National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, online <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>, accessed August 23, 2012.

[5] *Baldwin Republican*, 4 October 1907.

[6] *Baldwin Ledger*, 4 October 1907.

[7] Cordry, 49-51.

[8] *Baldwin Ledger*, 4 October 1907; 18 October 1907.

[9] Cordry, 52, 95.

[10] Ibid., 53.

[11] Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners, *Historic & Dedicatory Monuments of Kansas City* (Kansas City, Missouri: Self-published, 1987), 52.

[12] Ibid.

[13] Cordry, 53.

[14] Ibid., 53-54.

[15] Cordry, 53-57. Cordry includes a letter from a Mr. W.A. Madaris, a former wagon driver, who wrote to the *Kansas City Journal* December 1905 to explain what exactly was wrong with the depiction.

The original bronze plaque on the marker was stolen in 1967 and replaced with a marble replica. The original bronze face served as a pattern for the marble replacement now adorning the face. The local Santa Fe Trail Historical Society of South Douglas County installed the new marble plaque in 1968 or 1969.[16]

Baker University has retained ownership of the property since 1907, and it remains open to the public.

[16] Katharine B. Kelley, *Along the Santa Fe Trail in Douglas County, Kansas: A Brief History of the Seven D.A.R. Marker Sites and Town Sites Along the Route of the Trail in Douglas County, Kansas* (privately published, 1987), 18.

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Trail Park & DAR Marker
Name of Property

Douglas County, Kansas
County and State

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

____preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been Requested)
____previously listed in the National Register
____previously determined eligible by the National Register
____designated a National Historic Landmark
____recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #_____
____recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #_____

Primary location of additional data:

x State Historic Preservation Office
____Other State agency
____Federal agency
____Local government
____University
____Other
Name of repository: **Kansas Historical Society**

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.44
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage)

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Lat. = 38.790913 Long. = -95.186625 (WGS84)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	15	310090	4295845	3			
2				4			

Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)
Trail Park is a 0.44-acre parcel at the NW intersection of N 400 Rd and E 1700 Rd (N 6th St) in the E/2, NE/4 of Section 33, Township 14 South, Range 20 East.

The property's legal description (according to Douglas County) is as follows: .44A 33-14-20 3-COR TR IN E 1/2 NE 1/4 LYING W OF RD BETWEENSECS 33 & 34 & N & E OF DIAGONAL RD THRU E 1/2 SD NE 1/4 KNOWN AS SANTA FE TRAIL,SD TR IN FORM OF ISOSCELES TRIANGLE APEX AT JCT OF THE TWO ROADS & SIDES LYING ALONG EACH RD 225 FT FROM SD APEX, BASE BEING STRAIGHT LINE CONNECTING THE TWO PTSIN EACH RD 225 FT FROM INTERSEC OF W & NE LINES OF SD RDS TCW82.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)
The nomination boundaries encompass the land historically associated with Trail Park. While extant Santa Fe Trail-period resources exist within a visual proximity, land owner consent was only granted for the park and monument.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kansas State Historical Society date August 2012
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

  A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**

- **Additional items:** (Historic images, maps, etc.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Trail Park & DAR Marker
City or Vicinity: Baldwin City vicinity
County, State: Douglas County, Kansas
Photographer: Amanda K. Loughlin
Date of Photos: 28 March & 14 October 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

28 March 2012:
1 of 10: Looking NW along N 400 Rd (old Santa Fe Trail), showing relation of road to marker.
2 of 10: Face of marker.
3 of 10: Looking SE along N 400 Rd (old Santa Fe Trail), from Ridge Lane.
4 of 10: Looking NNE from N 400 Rd right-of-way across swale.

14 October 2012:
5 of 10: Looking NNW from E 1700 Rd into park.
6 of 10: Looking south.

Property Owner:

(complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name On file with SHPO.

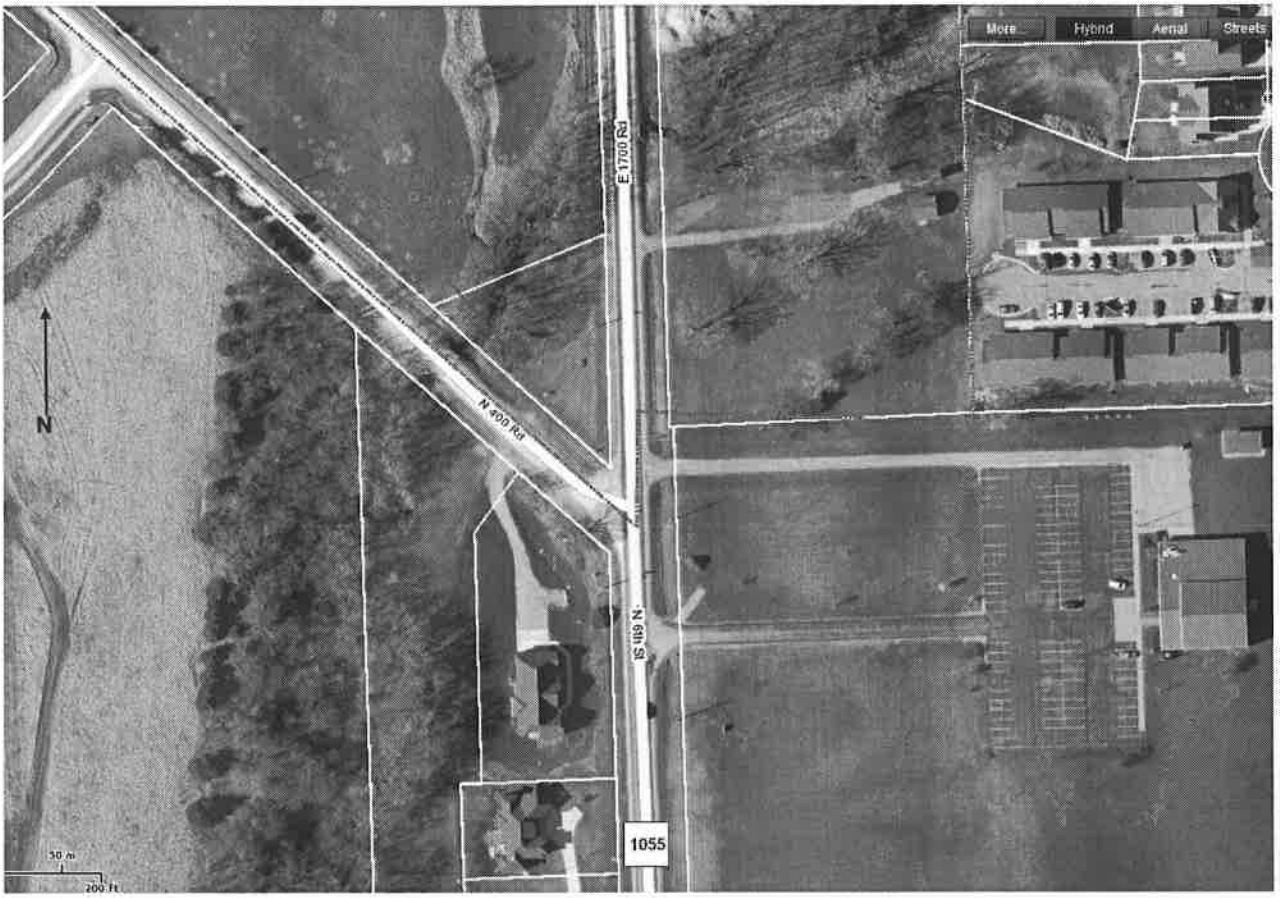
street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Figure 1.



Douglas County (KS) Map Viewer, showing triangular parcel that is Trail Park.
http://www.douglas-county.com
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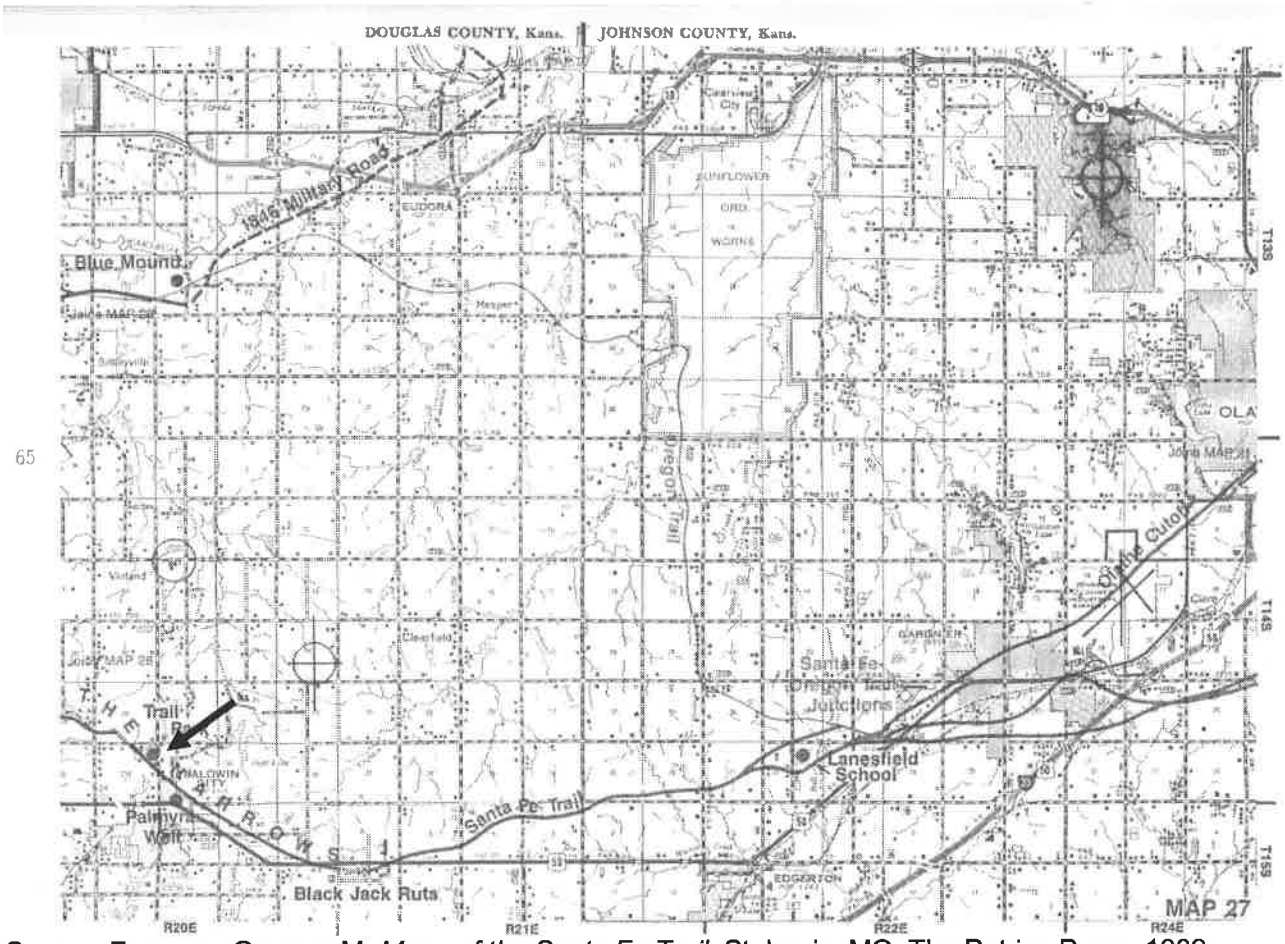
Figure 2.

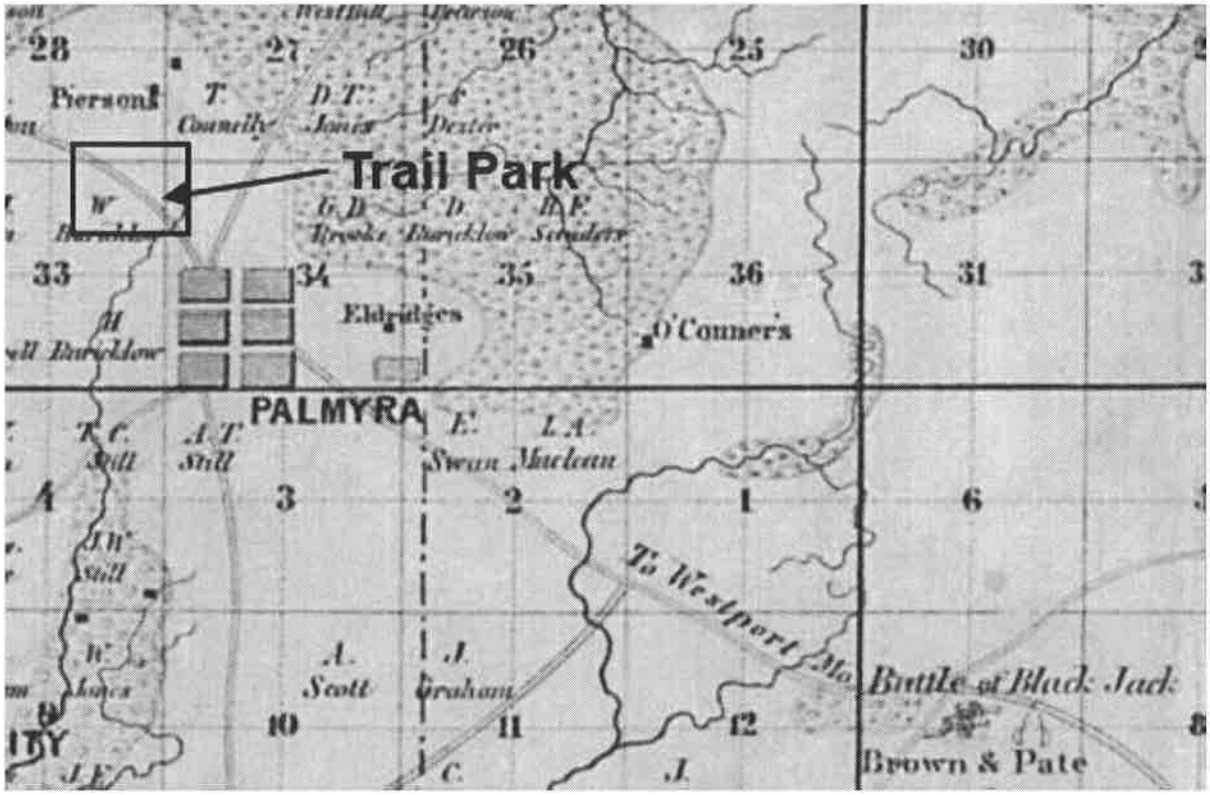


Source: Franzwa, Gregory M. *Maps of the Santa Fe Trail*. St. Louis, MO: The Patrice Press, 1989. (page 65). Arrow at bottom left indicates location of Trail Park.

Figure 3.

Trail Park.
Dot indicates location of DAR marker.
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (http://www.kshs.org/khri)
Accessed 28 September 2012; date of map 2008.

Figure 4.



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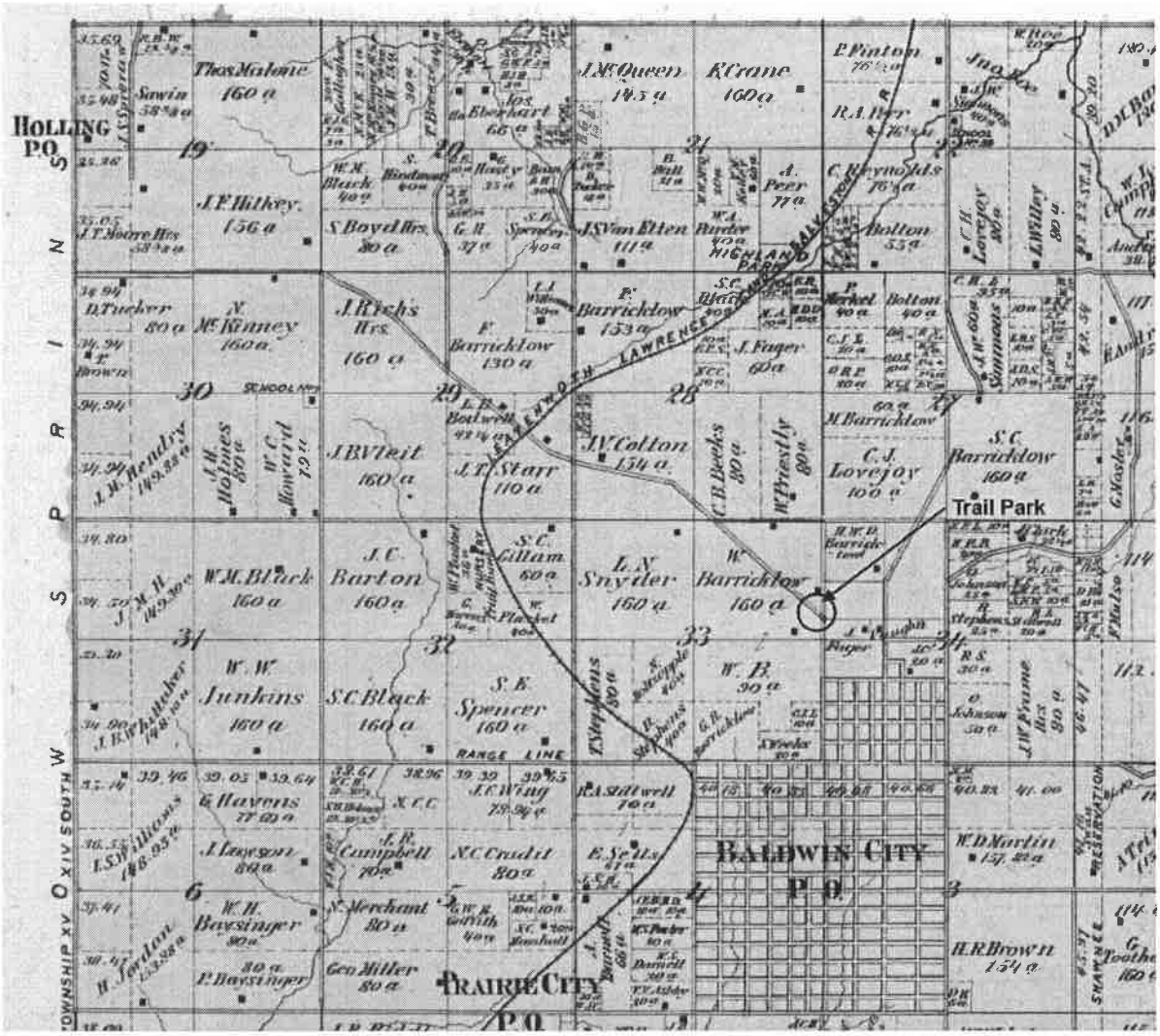


Palmyra Township Map (1873) – prior to the creation of Trail Park.
Source: Beers, Frederick W. *Atlas of Douglas County, Kansas*. New York: F.W. Beers & Co., 1873. Accessed online at kansasmemory.org/item/208302.

Figure 6.

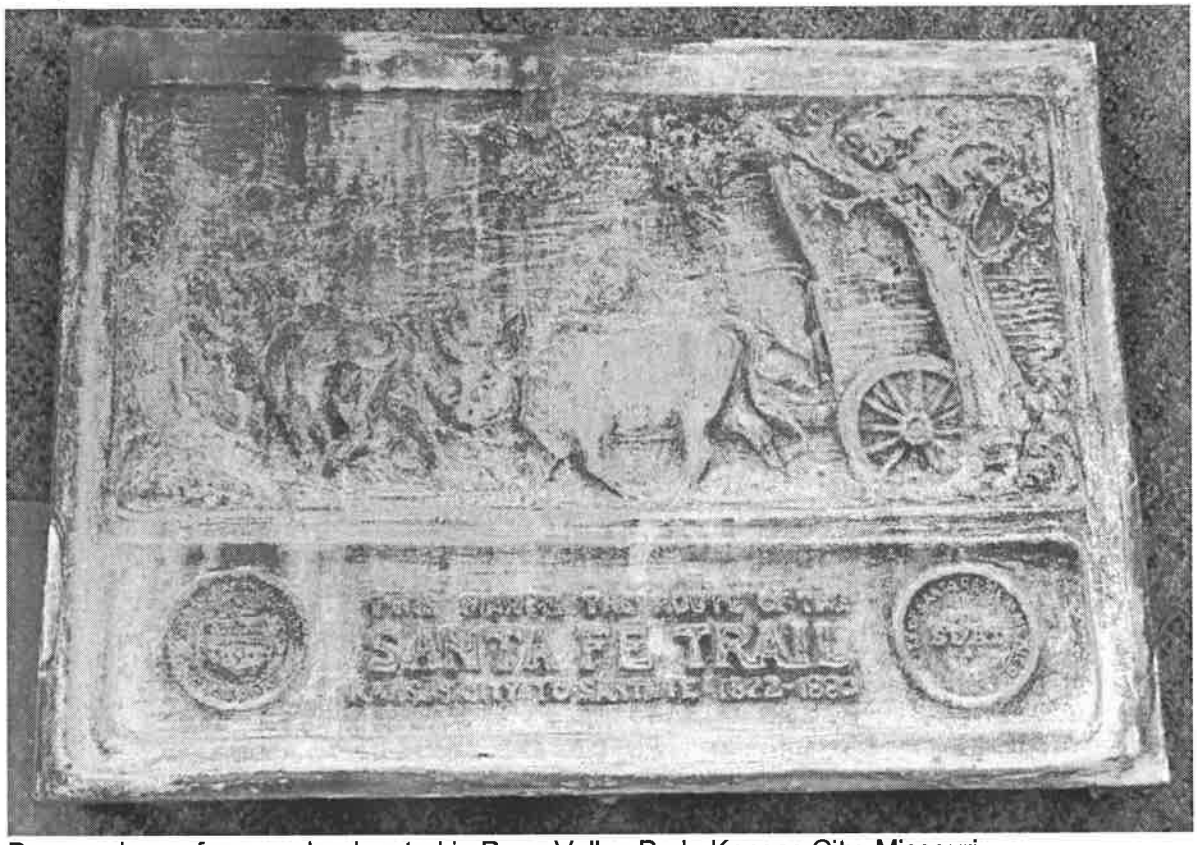
Palmyra Township Map (1909) – Two years after the creation of Trail Park.
Source: Beers, Frederick W. *Plat Work and Complete Survey of Douglas County, Kansas*. Des Moines, IA: D.B.M Soudeau, 1909. Accessed online at kansasmemory.org/item/208298

Figure 7.

MARKER AT BALDWIN.

Image of Trail Park marker shortly after its dedication in 1907.
Source: Cordry, Mrs. T.A. *The Story of the Marking of the Santa Fe Trail by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Kansas.* Topeka, KS: Crane & Company, 1915. (Page 94)

Figure 8.



Bronze plaque from marker located in Penn Valley Park, Kansas City, Missouri.
Photo courtesy Jocelyn Ball-Edson, Kansas City, Missouri Parks & Recreation.

Locational Map.

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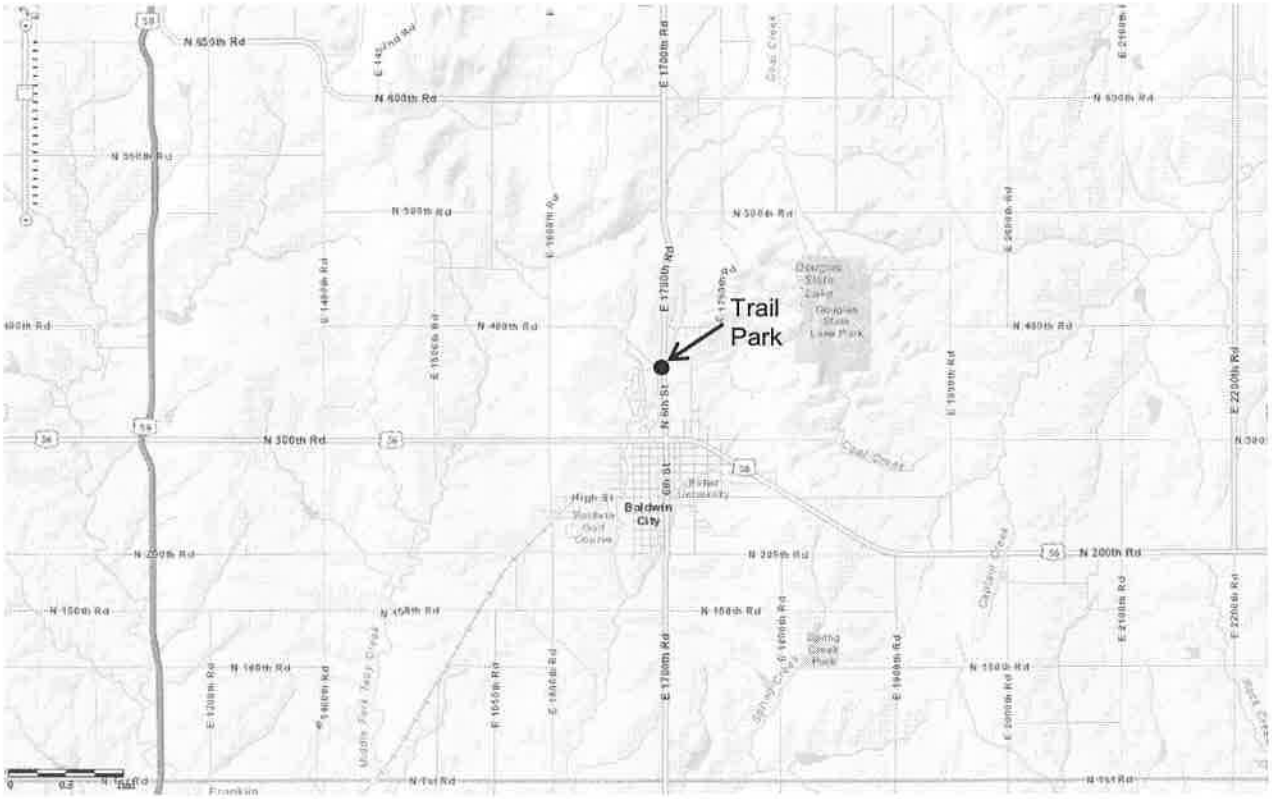
Trail Park & Trail Park DAR Marker
Baldwin City vicinity, Douglas County, Kansas
Map shows site and General Land Office Survey lines.

Datum = WGS84

Contextual Map.



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