

139-334  
 Sac & Fox Agency Building  
 6878 E 277TH ST  
 Quenemo vicinity



## LOCATION:

County: Osage

Address: 6878 E 277TH ST

Address Remarks:

City: Quenemo vicinity

Zip: 66528

Parcel ID: 205-16-0-00-00-003.00-0

Legal Description: SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 16 Township 17S Range 17E

Legal Description Remarks: ACRES 137.5 , SE1/4 LYING W OF CO RD; LESS ROW

Latitude, Longitude 1: 38.569628 -95.533743

Latitude, Longitude 2:

Latitude, Longitude 3:

Latitude, Longitude 4:

Datum: WGS84

## DESCRIPTION:

Historic Name: Sac & Fox Agency Building

Alternate Name:

Historic Function: Government

Subcategory: Government Office

Historic Function Remarks: Though the exact function of this building is unknown, it is believed to have been built as part of the Sac & Fox Agency, established in and around what became Quenemo in c.1860. The 153,600 acres surrounding this section were part of a diminished reservation ceded by the Iowa. The ceding and establishment of the reservation was created in a Treaty with the Sauk and Foxes in 1859. The treaty was ratified by Congress in 1860, and the reservation was surveyed in the fall of that year. The treaty established an agency and a school, but did not specify a location. According to Blackmar, "For more than ten years before the founding of the town, the Sac & Fox Indian agency was at this place, and the name Quenemo was the name of a celebrated Indian chief of those times. ... The first building was erected by the government in 1860. It was located on what is now Third street and was used as a trading post.... In 1862 some 4,000 Indians, belonging to the Chickasaws, Choctaws, Creeks, Cherokees and Kickapoo, who were driven out of the Indian territory on account of their loyalty to the government, joined the Sac and Fox at the agency" (Source: Kansas: a cyclopedia...).

The S/2, NW/4, SE/4 of Section 16 was still owned by the United States in 1879, according to the county atlas from that year that shows a building in this location. The first patent for this small parcel was granted to Michael K. Myers in June 1888. Myers was still owner of this parcel, and most of the rest of the section, in 1899. By 1918 the entire south half of Section 16 was owned by the Arkansas Rice Land Development Co.; the building is still

extant on the atlas from that year.

Present Function: Agriculture/Subsistence

Subcategory: Agricultural Outbuilding

Present Function Remarks: Structure was incorporated into a barn, probably in the late 1800s.

Residential/Commercial/Religious Style: Vernacular

Secondary Style:

Barn Type: Not Applicable

Bridge Type: Not Applicable

Landscape Type:

Physical Description/Remarks: Original building was two stories tall. Later additions on northwest and southeast sides covered much of the building with a Prairie-style barn. Elements have likely disappeared since then.

Plan Form: Rectangle

Commercial Building Type: Not Applicable

Roof Form: Gable

Stories: 2

Condition: Incorporated into later structure

Principal Material: Wood

Condition Remarks: Original building is balloon-frame construction with vertical siding and stone foundation. Current barn is wood with a metal roof.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Unknown

Year of Construction: 1862

Certainty: Estimated

Date Notes: Incorporated into structure possibly around 1900,

General Remarks: The text of the 1859 treaty is available through Oklahoma State University library:  
<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/kappler/Vol2/treaties/sau0796.htm#mn7>  
(accessed 26 June 2014).  
This site should be resurveyed to better understand what is there. Could this have been a barn to begin with?

Ancillary Structures: Other

Ancillary Structure Remarks: Structure is now an ancillary outbuilding to the farmstead.

#### REGISTER STATUS:

Listed in State Register: No

Date of State Listing:

Listed in National Register: No

Date of National Listing:

Historic District:

Demolished:

Date Demolished (if applicable):

Potentially Eligible for National Register: Not Assessed

Register Status Remarks:

Thematic Nomination (MPDF):

National Historic Landmark:

#### SURVEY INFORMATION:

Survey 1

Survey Project Name: Kansas - Territorial Era Survey (HPF 2011)

Sequence Number: OS103

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



6878 E. 277th barn, east view, Ford, 08/02/2011.



6878 E. 277th barn, west view, Ford, 08/02/2011.



Sac and Fox Mission Building interior, Ford, 08/02/2011.



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Sac and Fox Mission Building interior, Ford, 08/02/2011.



Sac and Fox Mission Building northeast wall, Ford, 08/02/2011.



Sac and Fox Mission Building northeast wall, Ford, 08/02/2011.



6878 E. 277th barn, site plan, Ford, 08/02/2011.