

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 800.6(a)

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that Road Work Drainage Improvements, Grave Site Development & Building Construction, Leavenworth National Cemetery, VAMC Leavenworth, Kansas will have an effect upon the Leavenworth National Cemetery, VAMC Leavenworth, a property eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Kansas SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

Stipulations

The Department of Veterans Affairs will ensure that the following measures are carried out.

1. To eliminate further erosion of the open space of the National Cemetery no buildings other than the proposed new Administration Building will be constructed east of the western portion of Cemetery Road.
2. To make the Administration building design more compatible with the architecture of its environs, the VAMC, the windows will be designed as punched openings within the wall plane and will not wrap around building corners.
3. The windows will be glazed with clear glass.
4. All work on existing historic structures and statues will be done using currently appropriate preservation methodology to include the following:
 - a. all refinishing and cleaning methods use the gentlest methods possible;
 - b. previously unpainted historic masonry will not be painted;
 - c. historic materials and character defining features will not be removed unless damaged beyond repair or absolutely necessary for the contemporary use;
 - d. replacement materials and features will match damaged materials being removed unless unavailable or prohibitively expensive;
 - e. replacement materials for missing features will be compatible with the historic materials; and
 - f. all masonry and tile cleaning, repair and repointing will meet currently accepted preservation standards.

5. Prior to demolition of the two story frame Maintenance Building high quality black and white photographs showing the interior and exterior of the building will be submitted to the SHPO.

6. Before implementation of the proposed project, fully complete plans and specifications are submitted for review by the SHPO and the SHPO finds that all proposed work meets currently accepted preservation standards.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Kansas SHPO, its subsequent acceptance by the Council, and implementation of its terms, evidence that the Department of Veterans Affairs has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the Road Work Drainage Improvements, Grave Site Development & Building Construction, Leavenworth National Cemetery, VAMC Leavenworth, Kansas and its effects on historic properties, and that the Department of Veterans Affairs has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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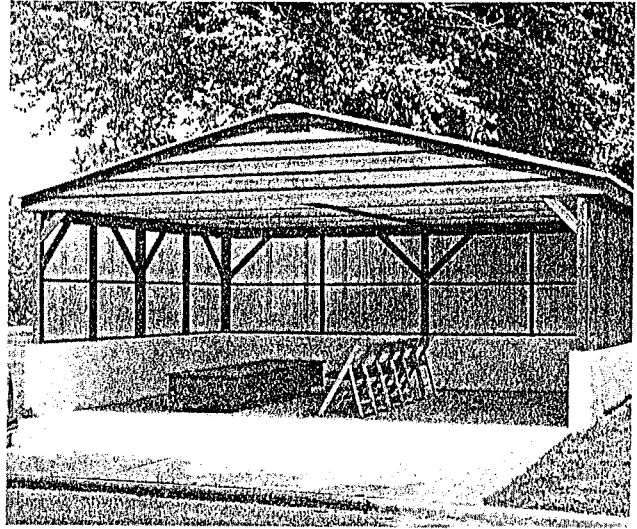
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BY: Ramon Powers Date: Oct. 12, 1989
Ramon Powers, State Historic Preservation Officer

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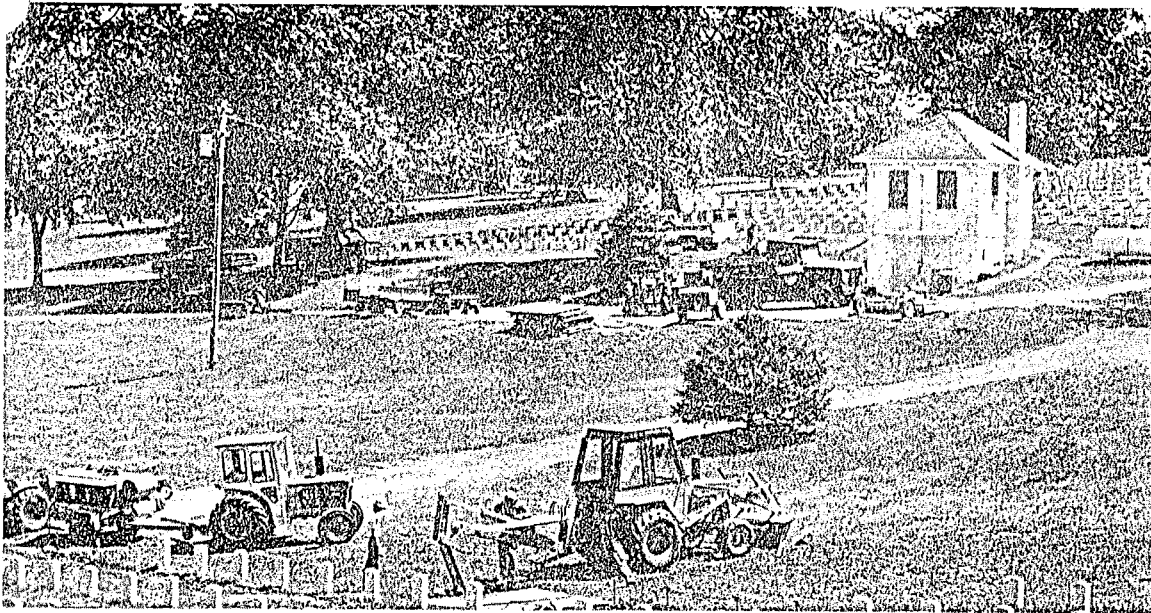
BY: John M. Fowler Date: 12/5/89
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The present Committal Service Shelter is a small open structure large enough to accommodate a bier and several chairs. The sidewalls and roof are a combination of wood and corrugated green fiberglass. This structure has a temporary quality and will be removed when the permanent Committal Service Shelter is built.



Near the northeastern corner of the site, there is a small low frame structure that houses dogs used for hospital research projects. This facility will be relocated to a site on the Veterans Administration Center property.

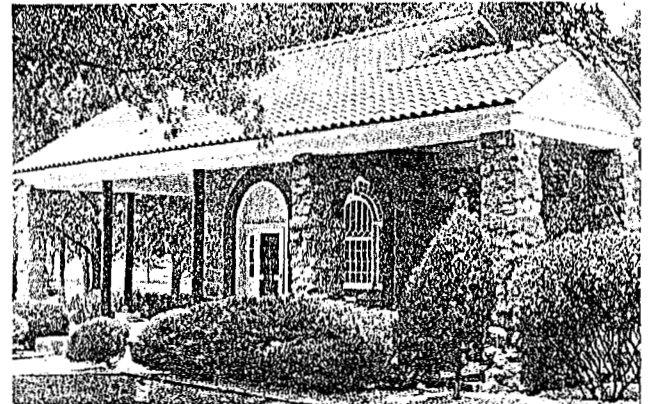
Northwest of the stone building, there is a small frame building which serves as a grounds maintenance office. Most of the maintenance equipment and service vehicles are parked nearby and exposed to view from the main entrance and a large portion of the cemetery. This structure has no historic significance and will be removed when the new maintenance center is completed.



There are two small buildings and four other structures existing on the site. All have been evaluated for their physical condition and potential use in the expanded facility.

Near the center of the original cemetery area, there is a small one room stone building which was constructed in 1921. This 350 square foot facility has a red tile roof and covered porch on the south and east sides supported by stone and cast iron columns. It is presently used as a combination cemetery office, visitor's center and employee lunch room.

The only existing restroom facilities on the site are in the basement of this building. However, they are not easily accessible to the public and do not meet minimum code requirements. The main portion of the building is in good condition and is suitable for renovation.



A large stone obelisk is located in the eastern portion of the site. Surrounded by grave sites of past commanders of Wadsworth Home, which was the former name of the Veterans Administration Center, this structure is visible from many areas of the cemetery.

A speakers rostrum is located north of the stone building, at the edge of a large open area. This classical structure was constructed at the beginning of the century and has served for special ceremonies and services for large and small gatherings since that time. A flagpole stands nearby.

