

Kansas Historic Resources Inventory

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121-4220-00003
Osawatomie Congregational
Church
315 6TH ST
Osawatomie



LOCATION:

County: Miami

Address: 315 6TH ST

Address Remarks:

City: Osawatomie

Zip: 66064

Parcel ID: 171-11-0-20-14-010.00-0

Legal Description: Section 11 Township 18S Range 22E

Legal Description Remarks: OSAWATOMIE , BLOCK A , Lot 19 & 20 , N50' LTS 19 & 20 BLK A CHURCH SQUARE (OLD STONE CHURCH)

Latitude, Longitude 1: 38.50038 -94.95096

Latitude, Longitude 2:

Latitude, Longitude 3:

Latitude, Longitude 4:

Datum: WGS84

DESCRIPTION:

Historic Name: Osawatomie Congregational Church

Alternate Name: Old Stone Church

Historic Function: Religion

Subcategory: Religious Facility

Historic Function Remarks: The congregation was organized 04/13/1856. The building was begun in 1859, completed in 1860 and dedicated in 1861. The congregation's first pastor was the Rev. Samuel Adair, brother-in-law of abolitionist John Brown (*A Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas*, Topeka: Kansas State Historical Society, March 1957:43.) Samuel Adair, his son Charles, and local volunteers built the structure.

Present Function: Religion

Subcategory: Religious Facility

Present Function Remarks: Stopped use as a church in the 1920s. Used for hay storage in 1957. Was a museum in 1975, according to the survey form from that year. Currently (2011) used as an All-Faiths Chapel for special events.

Residential/Commercial/Religious Style: Vernacular

Secondary Style:

Barn Type: Not Applicable

Bridge Type: Not Applicable

Landscape Type: Not Applicable

Physical Description/Remarks: Belfry (still holds original cast iron bell made in Troy, NY) was added after the Civil War.
Limestone. Restoration plans created in the late 1940s. Restored also in 1961-63 (addition of HVAC and electricity). Original pews were repurchased in 1963; they are walnut with a wooden skirt drop that provided a draft-free enclosure for the feet of the worshippers. A concrete subfloor was added at this time; it was topped by pine joists and walnut flooring to match original. Entryway made ADA accessible. 2009 restoration work included repair to the belltower and windows, installation of carpet.

Plan Form: Rectangle

Commercial Building Type: Not Applicable

Roof Form: Gable

Stories: 2

Condition: Excellent

Principal Material: Stone

Condition Remarks:

Architect/Designer/Builder: Adair, Sam

Year of Construction: 1861

Certainty: Documented

Date Notes: Foundation stones laid in 1858; Construction progressed slowly. Completed and dedicated 07/14/1861.

General Remarks:

Ancillary Structures: None

Ancillary Structure Remarks:

REGISTER STATUS:

Listed in State Register: Yes

Date of State Listing: 05/12/2012

Listed in National Register: Yes

Date of National Listing: 01/29/2013

Historic District:

Demolished:

Date Demolished (if applicable):

Potentially Eligible for National Register:

Register Status Remarks: Determined potentially eligible for the NR by KS SHPO and recommended for nomination by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review in 1973, but was denied by the NPS due to insufficient documentation in the nomination. Subsequent PSIQs were submitted in 1987 and 2011. Positive determination of eligibility by SHPO still relevant.

Thematic Nomination (MPDF):

National Historic Landmark:

SURVEY INFORMATION:

Survey 1

Survey Project Name: PSIQ Submittal

Sequence Number:

Surveyed By: Hays, Margaret

Survey Date: 06/28/2011

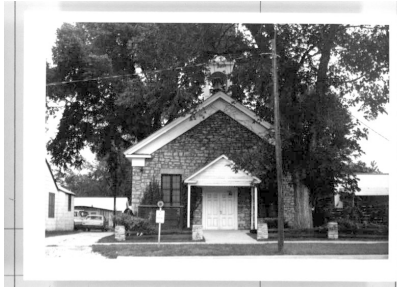
Survey Project Name: Kansas - Territorial Era Survey (HPF 2011)

Sequence Number: MI103

Surveyed By: Ford, Susan

Survey Date: 07/25/2011

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. Principal Elevation.
07/22/1971. KSHS.



This first known picture of Osawatomie was sketched by John Gaddis, a member of the 12th Wisconsin as his regiment passed through on the way to Ft. Scott in March, 1862. The Old Stone Church is the large building to the soldier's left. The bell tower had not yet been built for the bronze bell that was cast in 1868.

Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. 1862 view of
Osawatomie, showing church in
center. Gaddis, John.



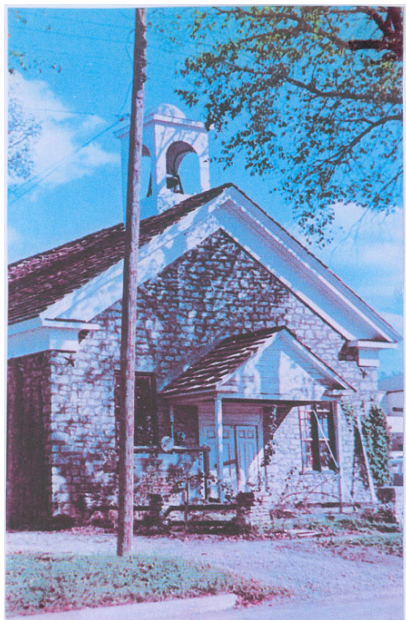
The church as it appeared in 1902-04.

Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. Looking NW and south
and principal elevations. c1903.



The church in 1906-07.

Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. North Elevation. c1906.



RPPC of the church after its
1963 restoration and re-
Dedication as "an All Faiths
Chapel."

Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. Principal Elevation after
restoration. 1963.



Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. View looking SW at
principal and north elevations. 1987.
Clark, Stephen.



Osawatomie Congregational Church,
northwest corner, facing SE, Ford,
07/25/2011.



Osawatومية Congregational Church.
315 6th St. Rear elevation. 1987.
Clark, Stephen.



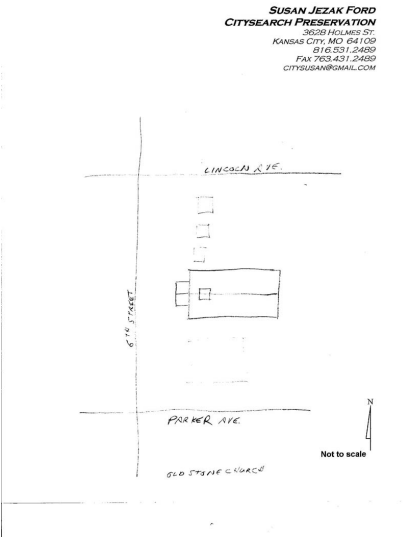
The church as it appeared in 1994.

Osawatومية Congregational Church.
315 6th St. Principal Elevation. 1994



Osawatومية Congregational Church,
southeast corner, facing NW, Ford,
07/25/2011.

Osawatومية Congregational Church,
signage, Ford, 07/25/2011.



Osawatومية Congregational Church,
site plan, Ford, 07/25/2011.



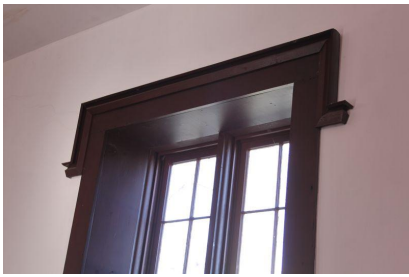
Osawatومية Congregational Church,
Interior, facing W. Martin, Sarah.
1/11/2012.



Osawatومية Congregational Church.
Interior, facing E. Martin, Sarah.
1/11/2012.



Osawatومية Congregational Church.
Interior, showing pews, floor, and
windows, facing S. Martin, Sarah.
1/11/2012.



Osawatomie Congregational Church.
Interior, close-up of window trim on
north wall, facing N. Martin, Sarah.
1/11/2012.



Osawatomie Congregational Church.
315 6th St. West Elevation. Photo by
William E. Fischer, Jr., 8/31/2013

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Church. National Register
Nomination. 2012.