14JF386 — Kansas Archeological Site Inventory

Site number: 14JF386

County: Jefferson

Site name:

Site type: Petroglyph UBS number: Not assigned

Original or revision: Original

Component: Single

General Time Period(s):

Specific time period(s):

Historic European/American/Afro-American:

1861-1900 1900-1954

Cultural affiliation: European-American

Site description: Inscriptions are incised on 2-2.5-m-high limestone rock face of stream channel for length of ca. 50 m. Included are initials, names, dates, and designs. On partially visible quotation is dated 1865: "Listening to the stem . . . a sound is heard." Informant recognized numerous

local family names.

Artifacts observed none

but not collected:

Artifacts collected: none

Location of artifacts: None listed

Present condition: Eroded

Disturbance to site: Inscription panel is exposed to wind and water erosion. In damp weather thick moss covers rock face quickly, according to landowner. Old

Site has been tested: No Site has been excavated: No NRHP status: None reported.

for further work:

Recommendations Cleaning with soft brush would make inscriptions cleaner for photography and recording. Archival research of names is merited.

Comments: Site is south of Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Riley Rd. Current owners purchased land around 2001 and built new house about 2006.

Don Nelson of Lawrence accompanied Quimby, Kelsay, and Wulfkuhle to site on 9/27/12.

Historic maps, references, or informants:

Site owner or tenant:

12567 122nd St

None listed

Oskaloosa, KS 66066

Topographic location: Stream/Cut Bank

USGS map name: Winchester, Kans.

Drainage: Little Slough Creek, tributary of Delaware River

Legal location:

Township: 9 S Range: 18 E

Section: NE, NW, NW of 24 2. Section: None listed 3. Section: None listed 4. Township:

Range:

Township: Range:

USGS map date: 1959

Section: None listed Township: Range:

UTM datum: None listed

Zone

Area: 200 square meters

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I apologize for being so slow in following up on the September 27, 2012 field trip. I have enclosed a copy of the site recording form, and you will see that its trinomial is 14JF386.

One of our experienced laboratory volunteers, Paul Goebel, checked some basic sources in an attempt to make connections with names inscribed on the rock face, as well as those at Mike Kelsay's site; his summary is enclosed. A volunteer at the Jefferson County Historical Society was very helpful in providing information. Your site merits oral history interviews and archival research of names and dates in census and tax records and county histories and atlases. This would be a time-consuming project but a wonderful experience for local historians, even serious high school students. At the same time, you are wise to protect the site from potential damage by vandals or even well-meaning individuals who might use destructive cleaning or highlighting methods.

Thank you for allowing me to visit and record this unique site. I had a great time.

Sincerely,

Virginia A. Wulfkuhle Public Archeologist

Enclosures





12-06-12 Report on 14JF385 & 14JF386

In early October 2012 I was asked by Virginia Wulfkuhle to research names found on limestone ledges at two sites, 14JF385 and 14JF386, located in Jefferson County.

My search began in the library at the Kansas Historical Society. Searches in the card catalog revealed limited information on Fairview Township, where the sites are located. I found two sources that seemed relevant to the search.

Jefferson County 1929 Farm Directory

This source listed residents by township. Using last names transcribed from the stone panels, I found several matches.

Roy Quinton - found R.G. Quinton in Ozawkie Township

Noble - found Levi Noble and W.E. Noble, both in Ozawkie Township

R.H. Hawk - found W.A. Hawk in Jefferson Township and W.I. Hawk in Ozawkie Township

Blanche Newell - found Val Newell in Ozawkie Township

The First Hundred Years of Jefferson County, 1855-1955
This book gave a brief overview of each township. Fairview School was not mentioned, but the narrative stated that Fairview Township contained no villages or businesses.

The next part of my research led me to the Jefferson County Genealogy Society. I contacted Richard Wellman, a volunteer there, via email. Richard sent me student and teacher lists from the Fairview School located near the sites. The lists of the district's school-age residents in 1897, 1898, and 1927 were deemed relevant as they matched dates in the inscriptions. The teacher's list included the years 1925 to 1940. After cross-checking the inscription names to these lists, I found no matches.

A final piece of digging came in the form of a book, *Kansas Pioneers*, Vol 1, from the Topeka Genealogical Society, naming pioneer families in Kansas. With the help of the index, I crossed checked the school lists and residents list against the names in the book and found no matches.

One remaining possibility for future research is to find out if the Jefferson County Genealogy Society has a list of Grange members from the dates being researched. The Grange was prominent then in Kansas, and perhaps some of the inscribers were Grange members.

Also, here is the email address for the JCGS <u>icgs1979@yahoo.com</u>. My contact there was Richard Wellman.

Hope this report is helpful. Sorry that I didn't have more luck connecting names.

Paul Goebel Kansas Historical Society volunteer