

057-1427
Fort Dodge - Dead House
(Relocated)
317 PERSHING ST
Fort Dodge



LOCATION:

County: Ford

Address: 317 PERSHING ST

Address Remarks: On parcel addressed 11511 FT DODGE RD.

City: Fort Dodge

Zip: 67843

Parcel ID: 162-03-0-00-03-002.00-0

Legal Description: NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 3 Township 27S Range 24W

Legal Description Remarks: ACRES 163, LTS 2-7 LYG S HWY ROW; N RVR; INCL LSED LND

Latitude, Longitude 1: 37.731370 -99.937900

Latitude, Longitude 2:

Latitude, Longitude 3:

Latitude, Longitude 4:

Datum: WGS84

DESCRIPTION:

Historic Name: Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated)

Alternate Name:

Historic Function: Funerary

Subcategory: Mortuary

Historic Function Remarks: Association with the Santa Fe Trail - Direct Association: in its original location, the Fort Dodge - Dead House would have been located approximately 240 feet south of the trail. The north side of Fort Dodge is located on the Santa Fe Trail. The Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated) was an example of the military's version of a morgue. The dead houses were used as temporary storage facilities for bodies especially during the winter months when the ground was frozen. Fort Riley in Riley Co. Kansas had a similar building referred to as "...well adapted for a post-mortem room". Fort Riley's building (12'x14') was about the same dimensions as that at Fort Dodge (10'x12') except that Riley's dead house was constructed of limestone instead of wood. Source: "Circular No. 4. War Department, Surgeon General's Office, Washington, December 5, 1870. A Report on Barracks and Hospitals with Descriptions of Military Posts." Washington, Government Printing Office, 1870. p. 289.

Present Function: Vacant/Not in Use

Subcategory:

Present Function Remarks: Storage

Residential/Commercial/Religious Style: Federal

Secondary Style: Vernacular

Barn Type: Not Applicable

Bridge Type: Not Applicable

Landscape Type: Not Applicable

Physical Description/Remarks: Wood-frame construction with lap-siding; gable-ends are clad in wood shingles. The square wood-framed shed addition has also lap siding but is narrower than on the original building. The north gable has a louvered vent for the attic. The shed addition's roof is flat, sloped to the south. Later concrete pad poured outside front entrance.

Plan Form: Rectangle

Commercial Building Type: Not Applicable

Roof Form: Gable-Front

Stories: 1

Condition: Fair

Principal Material: Wood

Condition Remarks: See condition assessment in "Images and Documents" below.

Architect/Designer/Builder: Unknown

Year of Construction: 1870

Certainty: Documented

Date Notes: Unknown when the building was moved from northwest of the hospital to its current location.

General Remarks:

Ancillary Structures: Other

Ancillary Structure Remarks: Ancillary structures/buildings: Other Santa Fe Trail related ancillary buildings are as follows. Fort Dodge – Commanding Officer's Quarters; ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1821-00002); Fort Dodge – Enlisted Men's Barracks; ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1821-00003); Fort Dodge – Officers' House; ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1821-00005); Fort Dodge – Old Fort Dodge Hospital; ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1821-00004); Fort Dodge – Army Quartermaster Building; ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1399); and the Fort Dodge – Junior Officers' Quarters; ca. 1872 (KHRI: 057-1426).

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: Fort Dodge - Reconnaissance Survey (2015)

Sequence Number: 029

Surveyed By: KSHS/Anderson, Rick

Survey Date: 05/14/2015

Survey 2

Survey Project Name: Kansas - Santa Fe Trail Buildings Survey (2016-2017)

Sequence Number: FO_007

Surveyed By: KSHS/Anderson, Rick

Survey Date: 08/16/2017

IMAGES & DOCUMENTS



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. N elevation, front façade, and E elevation, viewed facing SW. 05/14/2015, KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. The dead house is on the right (west); across the street (south) of the Fort Dodge Chapel (ca. 1902) at 316 Pershing Street. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. North (front) elevation; looking south. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. North (front) and west elevation; looking south-southwest. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. East and north (front) elevations; looking southwest. Shed addition shown at right. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. South and east elevations of the shed addition; looking northwest. East elevation of the original building and its south gable shown above the shed addition. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. West elevation of the original building (left) and shed addition (right); looking north-northeast. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. West elevation of the original building (left) and shed addition (right); looking north-northeast. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



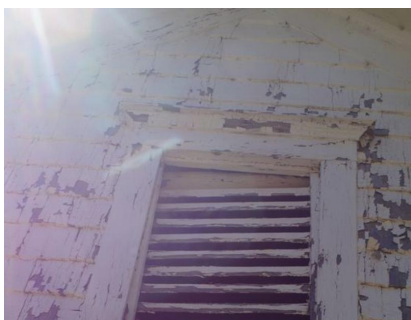
Fort Dodge - Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. West elevation of original building; looking east. 05/25/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



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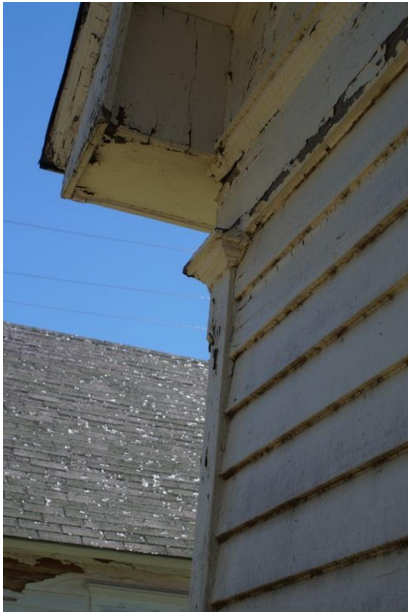


(Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. East and north (front) elevations; looking southwest. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.

(Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. East elevation of the shed addition (left) and original building (right); looking west-southwest. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. North elevation louver; looking south. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



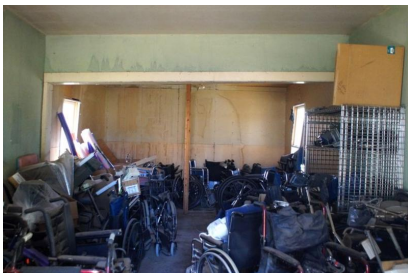
Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. North elevation details of corner trim boards, eave, soffit and fascia; looking east. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. Interior, northeast corner of the shed addition where it adjoins the original building; looking northeast. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



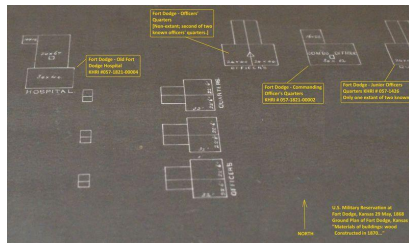
Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. Interior, northwest corner of the shed addition where it adjoins the original building; looking northwest. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



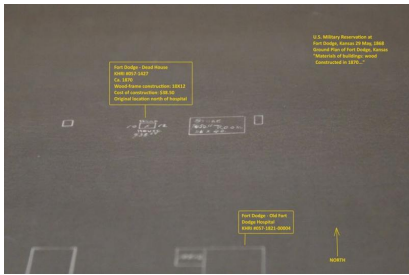
Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. Interior, looking south through the original building towards the interior of the shed addition. Note removal of the south wall has created a larger space. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. 08/16/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. Locations of Santa Fe Trail related buildings on the fort. U. S. Military Reservation at Fort Dodge Ground Plan. 29 May 1868. Image created from map photo. 05/24/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. 1870 location of Dead House and Old Fort Dodge Hospital. U. S. Military Reservation at Fort Dodge Ground Plan. 29 May 1868. Image created from map photo. 05/24/2017. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. 2017. Site plan. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.



Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated). 317 Pershing Street. 2017. Condition assessment. KSHS/Anderson, Rick.