

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

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT:**

**Assessment date:** 05/25/2017

**Assessor:** KSHS/Anderson, Rick.

**County:** Ford

**Site:** Fort Dodge – Old Fort Dodge Hospital

**Alternate site name:** Fort Dodge – Pershing Barracks

**KHRI:** 057-1821-00004

**Address:** 300 Custer Street

**Sequence number:** FO\_004

**Attachments:** Sketches; photographs; research

**Coordinates:** [See notes.]

**Coordinates 1\*:** 37.732260 -99.937060

**Coordinates 2\*:** 14S 417429 4176523

**Coordinates 3\*:** 14S 417427 4176526

**Assessment date:** 05/25/2017

**Area assessed:** Interior and exterior

**Type of resource:** Building

**Occupied:** Yes

**Ruins:** No

**Historic use:** Health Care/Hospital

**Present use:** KS Commission on Veteran’s Affairs offices

This is the second of the early hospitals on post. The first hospital was adobe and was used until 1866.

**Date of construction:** 1867 **Verified:**  **Reported:**  **Estimated:**

**Architect/Designer/Builder:** Hesselberger, Lieutenant George A. [U .S. Army]. Hesselberger also directed the construction of the Enlisted Men's Barracks (KHRI 057-1821-00003) in 1867.

**Number of stories:** 1 **Plan:** L-Shaped **Architectural style:** Vernacular

**Roof type:** Cross-gable **Roof material:** Asphalt shingles **Exterior wall material:** Limestone

**Chimney:** Original chimneys are non-extant

**Window type:** Original windows are non-extant; all windows have replaced recently

**Entrances/doors:** Primary entrance (south, front elevation) has a 5-lite fanlight transom. The door, door frame and side-lites have been replaced. The north elevation door has a 4-lite fanlight transom but without side-lites.

**Foundation:** Limestone; basement. Basement exterior access on east elevation at southeast corner of building.

**Landscape features:** South (front) elevation immediately adjoins a concrete sidewalk paralleling Custer Street. The sidewalk extends east to Garfield Street and turns north; paralleling Garfield along the east elevation of the building. Between the east sidewalk and the building is a “Pershing Barracks” sign carved from limestone and suspended by chains from a wood post structure with a limestone base.

Around the base of the sign decorative gravel is infilled up to the curb. Within the same area of the sign is a flagpole. The sidewalk turns back west and ends at the east entrance to the building. From the east

sidewalk north to the north (rear elevation) is planted a grass yard. At the northeast corner of the building, a concrete sidewalk commences to the west paralleling the alley behind the building. Between the L-wing and the main building is another yard with one mature deciduous tree. The sidewalk through this yard extends from the north sidewalk to two entrances.

**Historic designation:** No; not accessed

**Is there a sign or plaque:** Yes; words "HOSPITAL" and an original plaque are on the south (front) gable. Plaque reads: "Hospital. A.D. 1867. Lieut. G. A. Hesselberger. A. A. Q. M. U. S. A."

**\* Evaluation of the building \***

**Collapsed or off foundation:** No

**Leaning, other structural damage:** No

**Damage to windows, doors:** Original windows are non-extant; primary entrance (south elevation) door and all windows have been replaced.

**Chimney, parapet, or other falling hazard:** Original chimneys are non-extant; other falling hazards not evident at time of survey.

**Roof damage:** None evident; asphalt shingles installed recently

**Foundation damage:** Minor/none

**Exterior wall damage:** See evaluation comments below.

**Exterior structural cracks:** Minor/none

**Interior wall damage:** None evident; interior has been renovated into offices spaces.

**Interior structural cracks:** None evident

**Damaging vegetation (trees, shrubs, etc.):** Minor/none

**Insect/rodent/bird damage:** Minor/none

**Moisture damage/accumulation:** See evaluation comments below.

**Inappropriate repairs/additions:** See evaluation comments below.

**Evaluation notes:** South (front) and north elevation limestone surfaces and porches have been painted. A stone veneer has been applied to the lower walls of the east, north, and west elevation of the kitchen wing. This is near the same method used with the application of concrete on the Enlisted Men's Barracks lower exterior walls. (See KHRI 057-1821-00003). The limestone is spalling on the east elevation just above the stone veneer as it did above the concrete on the barracks building.

All windows in the building have been replaced recently. Seven of the eleven window sills on the east elevation have been replaced with close replications of an original sill. (See photos #008-017 in "Images and Documents".) All four of the north elevation window sills have been replaced as well as the single window sill in the south elevation of the kitchen wing.

The gable trim is still wood and painted. The soffits and eaves are covered with a vinyl-type material.

The south (front) elevation entrance door and side-lites have been replaced. The fanlight arch above the door is very similar to the Commanding Officer's Quarters (KHRI 057-1821-00002) primary entrance.

**Estimated Building Damage:**

**None:**    **1-10%:** **X**    **10-30%:**    **30-60%:**    **60-90%:**    **90-100%:**

**Intervention level:** Monitor limestone for further deterioration in the areas of the stone veneer. Continue with maintenance plans as have been conducted.

**Association with the Santa Fe Trail:** Documented: the Fort Dodge – Old Fort Dodge Hospital is located 465 feet south of the trail. The north side of Fort Dodge is located on the Santa Fe Trail.

**Proximity to SFT:** *[See notes.]*

**KHRI-GLO \*:** 75 ft. (0.01 miles [north])

**NPS ARC-GIS \*:** 465 ft. (0.09 miles [south])

**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 – Army Quartermaster Building; ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1399)

Fort Dodge – Junior Officers’ Quarters; ca. 1872 (KHRI: 057-1426)

Fort Dodge – Dead House (Relocated); ca. 1867 (KHRI: 057-1427)

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**\* NOTES \***

**Coordinates:**

**Coordinates 1** - ACME Mapper Google coordinates *[default setting: NS d.ddd EW d.ddd]*

**Coordinates 2** - ACME Mapper Google coordinates *[UTM]*

**Coordinates 3** - Handheld GPS *[WGS84 datum]*

*A difference between UTM readings for ‘ACME Mapper Google’ and ‘Handheld’ coordinates would be the placement of the GPS unit outside center front of the buildings when possible.*

**Proximity to the SFT:** Two readings may be recorded per NPS’s advice whenever there are possible discrepancies in the distance from the trail to the resource when comparing the KHRI map measurements and the NPS ARC-GIS map measurements.