

Notes on Kemper Military School Historic District:

The district was initially listed on 1/24/1983 as Historic District A based on the *Historic Resources of Boonville, MO MRA*. The district was amended with an Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase, both listed on 7/24/2024. The AD initiated the name change and changed the contributing status of some resources. Demolished resources were also removed. The BI expanded the acreage to include the entire campus, which encompassed several resources.

Bookmark 1: 2024 Additional Documentation/Boundary Increase nomination (both covered on one nomination form)

Bookmark 2: 1983 initial nomination

--A, Scott  
NRS Section Chief, 10/9/2024

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name The Kemper Military School Historic District - (Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase)  
Other names/site number Kemper Military School, Historic District A  
Name of related Multiple Property Listing Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri MRA

## 2. Location

Street & number Generally bounded by Vine Street, Third Street, Spruce Street, and the Katy Trail (vacated tracks of the Missouri Pacific Railroad) N/A not for publication  
City or town Boonville N/A vicinity  
State Missouri Code MO County Cooper Code 053 Zip code 65233

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,  
I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_X\_\_\_ statewide X local  
Applicable National Register Criteria: X A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D

B. K. De DEPUTY SHPO 5-25-24  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- \_\_\_ entered in the National Register
- \_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register
- \_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register
- \_\_\_ removed from the National Register
- \_\_\_ other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only **one** box.)

**Number of Resources within Property:**  
**Additional Documentation**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private		building(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public - Local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	district
	public - State		site
	public - Federal		structure
			object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
1	0	sites
5	11	structures
1	0	objects
<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Number of Resources within Property:**  
**Boundary Increase**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
0	0	sites
5	0	structures
0	0	objects
<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register**

14

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling  
DEFENSE: Arms Storage  
DEFENSE: Military Facility  
EDUCATION: School  
EDUCATION: Education-Related  
EDUCATION: Library  
LANDSCAPE  
RECREATION AND CULTURE: Outdoor Recreation  
RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling  
EDUCATION: College  
EDUCATION: Library  
RECREATION AND CULTURE: Outdoor Recreation  
RECREATION AND CULTURE: Monument/Marker  
RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility  
LANDSCAPE  
VACANT/NOT IN USE

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late Victorian: Queen Anne

Late Victorian: Gothic Revival

Late Victorian: Romanesque Revival

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals: Colonial  
Revival

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals: Classical  
Revival

MODERN MOVEMENT: Art Deco

OTHER

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Stone

Concrete

walls: Brick

Vinyl

Stone

roof: Asphalt

Ceramic Tile

other:

x

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE ON CONTINUATION PAGES**

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

EDUCATION

MILITARY

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1885-1966

**Significant Dates**

N/A

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository:

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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property**    Approximately 46.20 acres  
Acreege previously listed in the National Register    Approximately 20 acres  
Acreege of boundary increase    Approximately 26.20 acres

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1	38.972911	-92.746427	19	38.969400	-92.748410
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
2	38.971700	-92.746062	20	38.968960	-92.748270
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
3	38.971732	-92.745877	21	38.968800	-92.749130
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
4	38.971975	-92.745951	22	38.968920	-92.749520
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
5	38.972079	-92.745243	23	38.968130	-92.789280
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
6	38.971763	-92.745151	24	38.967760	-92.749670
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7	38.971786	-92.745019	25	38.968130	-92.749790
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8	38.971444	-92.744902	26	38.968130	-92.749660
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9	38.971287	-92.745741	27	38.968720	-92.749820
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11	38.971593	-92.746027	29	38.968180	-92.751350
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12	38.970187	-92.745602	30	38.968020	-92.752120
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13	38.970067	-92.746278	31	38.967690	-92.752590
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
14	38.969420	-92.746100	32	38.968070	-92.754390
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:

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15	38.969340	-92.746550	33	38.970780	-92.750450
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
16	38.969380	-92.746560	34	38.970780	-92.750450
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
17	38.969410	-92.747150	35	38.972740	-92.748000
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:
18	38.969350	747130	36	38.972630	-92.747970
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:**
  - A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
  - A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Photographs**
- **Owner Name and Contact Information**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log:

Name of Property: **The Kemper Military School Historic District (Additional Documentation)  
(Boundary Increase)**

City or Vicinity: **Boonville**

County: **Cooper** State: **Missouri**

Photographer: **Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography**

Date  
Photographed: **August 2023**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus. "A" Barracks is to the left, and the Science building is in the background, center. Looking northwest from near the intersection of Third Street and Center Street.
- 2 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus. The Johnston Field House and Pool annex is in the background (left), "D" Barracks (left) and "A" Barracks (right) are in the center, and the Math Hall can be seen to the right. Looking southwest from near the intersection of Third Street and Center Street.
- 3 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, path and gates between the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (left) and "D" Barracks (right), looking west.
- 4 of 28:** Johnston Field House and Pool Annex, looking northwest.
- 5 of 28:** Cannon Headquarters/Garage (background, right), Academic Building Parking lot (foreground), and the Southeast Baseball Fields (background, right), looking southwest from southwest corner of "D" Barracks.
- 6 of 28:** Academic Building, north (primary) elevation, looking southwest.
- 7 of 28:** "D" Barracks, north (primary) and west elevations, looking southeast.
- 8 of 28:** "A" Barracks, east (primary) elevation, looking west.
- 9 of 28:** Math Hall, south (primary) elevation, looking northwest.
- 10 of 28:** Science Building, east (primary) elevation, looking southwest.
- 11 of 28:** Blakefield Residence, looking southwest from northeast corner of district.
- 12 of 28:** Looking northeast from near the intersection of Center Avenue and Third Street. The Dillender Residence and Bertha Hitch Hall are just out of frame, right.
- 13 of 28:** Dillender Residence, looking south.
- 14 of 28:** Bertha Hitch Hall, looking south.
- 15 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, the Parade Field/Athletic Field is to the right, looking west from "D" Barracks.
- 16 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Parade Field/Athletic Field, the Road to Kemper Arena is to the left, looking east.
- 17 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Kemper Arena, looking southwest from east end of track.
- 18 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, East Tennis Court, looking north.
- 19 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Kemper Lake, the Kemper Lake Bridge can be seen in the background, center, looking north.
- 20 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Rupe Branch Bridge, looking east.
- 21 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Flagpole and Memorial Plaque, looking south.
- 22 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Southeast Baseball Fields, looking southwest from the Cannon Headquarters/Garage.



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- 23 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park, looking north.  
**24 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Math Hall Parking Lot, West Access Road, and Garage (background), looking north.  
**25 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Science Hall Parking Lot, West Access Road, Garage, and Garage Parking Lot, looking north.  
**26 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Kemper Lake and West Access Road, looking south from along the north boundary.  
**27 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, field south of the East Tennis Court, view northeast.  
**28 of 28:** Kemper Military School campus, Kemper Lake and Kemper Lake Bridge, the rear of "D" Barracks, "A" Barracks, and the Math Hall can be seen in the background, looking southeast.

### Figure Log:

Include figures on continuation pages at the end of the nomination.

- Figure 1:** Approximate extent of original 1983 boundaries, outlined in red. See Figure 3 for resource names. For resources not extant at the time the aerial was created, approximate locations are given (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, boundaries added by Mason Martel, 2023, not to scale).  
**Figure 2:** Original and expanded district boundaries. The original boundaries are shaded with the square pattern; the expanded boundaries are outlined with the heavy red line. (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 3:** Table of all current resources (Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 4:** Table of original resources listed in the District A nomination (Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 5:** Table of newly counted resources in the Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase (Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 6:** Context map (Google Maps, 2023).  
**Figure 7:** Site map, with district boundaries outlined in red (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, boundaries added by Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 8:** Site map, with district vertices numbered. Numbering begins at the northeast corner and continues clockwise around the boundary. Sections of the boundary that are not straight, such as points along bodies of water, are simplified with a point at the beginning and end. See table in section 10 for a table of points (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, boundaries, and points added by Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 9:** Site map, showing resource location and contributing/noncontributing status. See Figure 2 for resource names (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 10:** Detail site map, showing resources in the east third of the district along with contributing/noncontributing status. See Figure 2 for resource numbers (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).  
**Figure 11:** Top: Undated (likely ca. 1925) postcard of the Johnston Field House; Bottom: 1939 photo of the interior of the Pool Annex ("New \$150,000 Gymnasium, Kemper Military School, folder 7, *Kemper Military School (Boonville, MO.) Collection (C4174)*); Kemper Military School, *View Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1939), no page. Kemper Military School Museum Archives).  
**Figure 12:** 1939 photo of the exterior of the Cannon Headquarters/Garage, looking southeast (Kemper Military School, *View Book*, (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1939), no page Kemper Military School Museum Archives).  
**Figure 13:** Interior photos of the Academic Building. Top: typical corridor and stair; Bottom: typical classroom (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).  
**Figure 14:** Top: Historic photo of the dining hall in "D" Barracks; Bottom: similar view of the dining hall today (Kemper Military School, *View Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1939), no page; Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).  
**Figure 15:** Historic photograph showing a portion of the primary south elevation of "A" Barracks (left) and the Math Hall (center) in 1920 (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), 92. Kemper Military School Museum archives).  
**Figure 16:** Top: Undated photo showing the original interior configuration of the Math Hall. Bottom: Upper floor of Math Hall, looking northeast from southwest corner (Undated photograph from the Kemper Military School and College Museum archives; Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).

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**Figure 17:** 1963 photo of the Science Building (Kemper Military School, *View Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1963), 5. *E. W. Tucker Papers* (C4000); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia).

**Figure 18:** 1920 photograph of the Dillender Residence (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), no page. Kemper Military School Museum archives).

**Figure 19:** 1920 Photograph of Bertha Hitch Hall (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), no page. Kemper Military School Museum archives).

**Figure 20:** 1931 aerial of the campus showing buildings and associated circulation. (Kemper Military School, *View Book*, (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1931), no page. Kemper Military School Museum Archives).

**Figure 21:** Resources 35 (top) and 36 (bottom) (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).

**Figure 22:** Sketches of the Kemper Military School Campus, 1845-1931 (Kemper Military School, *View Book*, (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1931), no page. Kemper Military School Museum Archives).

**Figure 23:** Photographs of the Parade Field/Athletic Field. Top: field in athletic-related use. Bottom: field in military-related use (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), no page. Kemper Military School Museum archives).

**Figure 24:** Table of Military Junior Colleges, 1940 (adapted from Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 32).

**Figure 25:** Kemper Family School Advertisement ("Kemper Family School, *St. Charles Cosmos* (St. Charles, Missouri), August 20, 1890, 4).

**Figure 26:** West Tennis Court (*Resource 19*) (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).

**Figure 27:** Southeast Gate (*Resource 34*), looking west from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).

**Figure 28:** Rupe Branch Bridge (*Resource 23*), showing wood deck and railing, looking east (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).

**Figure 29:** Laura Speed Elliott Middle School. Top: North half; Bottom: South half (Google Streetview, accessed 2023).

**Figure 30:** Sumner School, 1111 Rural Street (Google Streetview, accessed 2023).

**Figure 31:** Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (Mason Martel, 2023).

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## SUMMARY

Historic District A-Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri Multiple Resource Area (MRA), hereafter referred to as the Kemper Military School Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 01/24/1983 (NRIS #83000979)<sup>1</sup>. In that nomination, the district contained approximately twenty acres and encompassed the core academic buildings on the Kemper Military School campus grounds, along with residential houses to the north and east that have historic connections to the school, and some that do not, and were included for their architectural importance to Boonville (*Figures 1 & 2*). These original boundaries excluded a significant portion of the campus' recreational spaces. This Additional Documentation evaluates resources within the original boundaries that were either listed as noncontributing, were not included in the original nomination, or were not extant in 1983, and extends the period of significance to incorporate resources that were originally listed as noncontributing due to age. The Boundary Increase expands the boundaries to encompass additional land that was historically associated with the school and was not included in the original nomination (*Figures 2 & 3*). The entire campus is counted as one contributing site within the Additional Documentation, since it cannot be counted in both; other resources within the campus are individually counted. All told, within the Additional Documentation, one new site, five new contributing structures, one new contributing object, and eleven new noncontributing structures have been identified (*Figure 4*). The Boundary Increase adds five new contributing structures and no noncontributing resources.<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, within the site, a number of landscape features exist that are either too small or lack enough significance to be included in the resource count for the purposes of this additional documentation and boundary increase. These include internal circulation systems within the campus, benches, and small-scale signage. They are discussed below as part of the site but are not included in the resource count; larger signs are counted separately.

Most of the existing buildings and spaces at the Kemper Military School have seen few alterations since they were completed. Nearly all retain historic masonry openings on the primary

<sup>1</sup> Harper, Linda and James C. Higbie. *National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form*. "Historic District A-Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri MRA." Boonville, Missouri, 1980.

<sup>2</sup> New resources located in the Additional Documentation or the Boundary Increase were placed based off how much of that resource is located within each. For example, most of the Parade Field lies within the original District boundaries, so it was placed in the Additional Documentation.

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elevations, and historic windows are intact in many openings. The interiors vary from building to building depending on historic use. Generally, both the barracks buildings and the classroom buildings have wide, double-loaded corridors lined with rooms. Barracks tend to have smaller rooms with one or two communal bathrooms on each upper floor. Demolition of a few buildings listed in the original nomination have impacted the site, but the Kemper Military School's longtime academic use is still easily recognizable.

## ELABORATION

### Resource Count Notes and Methodology

The 1983 Historic District A nomination of the Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri Multiple Resource Area (the MRA) included fifteen contributing buildings and four noncontributing buildings for a total of nineteen resources (*Figure 3*). Since the initial designation, four contributing buildings and one noncontributing building have been demolished. These include the Stables (*demolished ca. 2014-2018, Resource 1*), the Kemper Administration Complex (*demolished 2016, Resource 2*), the Dormitory (*demolished between 2018 and 2020, Resource 5*), the Power Plant (*demolished 2011, Resource 11*), and the Lamar Residence (*demolished between 2014 and 2018, Resource 15, see Figure 1 for locations of all demolished resources*).<sup>3</sup>

The Boundary Increase adds 26.20-acres to the district, for a total of 46.20 acres. All told, there are thirteen contributing buildings, nine contributing structures, one contributing site, and one contributing object in the updated district. There are twelve noncontributing structures and one noncontributing building (*Figure 2*). Of the total resources, twenty three are newly evaluated resources and consist of a mix of recreational resources within the expanded boundaries and non-historic structures such as parking lots. Parking lots were omitted in the original nomination but have been included in this document to align with current National Register of Historic Places guidance.

Two previously noncontributing buildings in the district were not fifty years old at the time of the original nomination and were likely listed as noncontributing due to their age. They have since reached the fifty-year cutoff for significance related to the school and have been reevaluated. It has been determined that they have gained enough significance to justify a change

<sup>3</sup> Note: resource numbers in this paragraph refer to the original resource numbers from the MRA.

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in their status from noncontributing to contributing. These are the Academic Building (*Resource 3*), and the Science Building (*Resource 7*). Specific eligibility evaluations for each resource are discussed further below.

### Setting

The Kemper Military School is located near the west edge of the city limits of Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri (*Figures 5 & 6*). The area to the north, east, and south contains residential neighborhoods with late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century houses set on narrow city lots with moderate setbacks from the street. A mix of wooded areas and modern residential development are to the west. This area corresponds with a former golf course that was at one point part of the campus. The golf course is no longer in use and much of the land has been redeveloped into housing. Downtown Boonville and the Missouri River are approximately one-half mile to the north.<sup>4</sup> Numerous historic districts are located within one mile of the district, many of which were also listed in 1983 with the MRA and include a mix of residential and commercial buildings. Individually listed resources nearby include the Phoenix American Cob Pipe Company Factory less than one block to the north (NRIS #100004604, listed 11/14/2019), and the St. Matthew's Chapel A.M.E. Church to the east (NRIS #82005324, listed 03/16/1990).

Vine Street, Third Street, and Spruce Street generally comprise the north, east, and south boundaries of the site, respectively. Five resources in the district line both sides of the 300 Block of Center Street. These streets are paved with a mix of concrete and asphalt. Concrete sidewalks abut both sides of Center Street, along with the west side of Third Street, and the north side of Vine Street. The Katy Trail, a statewide recreational trail that was built on the vacated alignment of the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, abuts the west part of the north boundary. The general east part of the original district boundary is retained with this expansion.

### District Name Change

To align with current National Register of Historic Places guidance, the name of the district is being changed in this document from the current name, "Historic District A," to "The Kemper Military School Historic District." Following the guidance in *National Register Bulletin 16A*:

<sup>4</sup> Boonville's street grid is set at a slight northwest/southeast angle and does not correspond with true north. Plan north is used throughout this document.

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*How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*, the current name does not reflect the historic importance of the district and was not commonly used during the period of significance.<sup>5</sup>

**RESOURCE DESCRIPTIONS (SEE FIGURES 8 AND 9 FOR RESOURCE LOCATIONS)**

**1. Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (C Building)<sup>6</sup>**

*Date of Construction: 1923-1925*

*Architectural Classification: LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Present Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Photo 4*

This two-story building is located at the southeast corner of the district. It has a large L-shaped footprint, concrete structural system with brick cladding, a flat roof behind parapet walls, and Classical Revival detailing that includes a stone portico above the main entrance, battlements at the corners of the parapet, and stone accents. The west slope of the site in this location gradually exposes more of the basement level along the north and south walls, and the full basement along the west wall of the field house block. All windows are non-historic aluminum-framed replacements within the historic masonry openings. Most windows have a stacked 3-light configuration with a central hopper and have dressed stone sills. The symmetrical east (primary) elevation of the field house block fronts Third Street and is divided into three bays. The center bay projects out by a few feet. Battlements line the parapet wall along the entire elevation, and a tall triangular gable rises from the center bay. A two-story stone portico with a wide frieze band below a dentiled cornice covers much of the center bay below a wide three-piece elliptical arch opening. Regularly spaced ionic stone columns support the portico. Three identical entrances fill the center bay. Each has a pair of non-historic glazed, aluminum-framed doors with a fixed transom. Two windows separated with a wide strip of brick are above the entrances on the

<sup>5</sup> Linda F. McClelland, *National Register Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* (Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, 1997), page 8.

<sup>6</sup> Note about resource numbers: The original Historic District A nomination listed nineteen resources, numbered one through nineteen. This additional documentation and boundary increase retains that numbering system for ease of reference and comparison. Numbers that correspond to demolished resources (1, 5, 8, 11, 13, and 15) have been omitted from this document, but are listed in Figures 1 and 3. Resources are organized with the original resources first, followed by the site, new contributing structures, and new noncontributing resources.

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second story. The flanking bays each contain three openings on each story; the second-story openings have a half-round brick arch with a keystone above a stone band. The south elevation is divided into eleven bays generally defined by engaged brick pilasters. The outside two bays each project out a few feet and contain a pair of masonry openings in each bay of each story except for the west two bays, which correspond to the pool annex. The bays in between have an identical configuration; the basement and first story each have three openings, with a large half-round opening on the second story. The long north elevation generally follows the south elevation. A two-story wing projects from the center three bays of the basement and first story. Battlements line the parapet, and a round arch entrance with a pair of non-historic aluminum-framed doors is centered at the basement level. The secondary west elevation is divided into five bays. The two outside bays project out a foot or so and contain three openings on the basement and first story. The center bays have a similar arrangement of openings on the lower two levels; each second-story bay has a round arched opening.

The one-story pool annex extends south from the southwest corner of the field house block. Each corner bay projects out from the rest, and generally have battlements with a central triangular gable and a stone band near the top third. The primary elevation faces west and is divided into seven bays. The annex's main entrance is in the north bay. A short stone portico that mimics the larger one in front of the field house spans most of the bay. A pair of non-historic glazed doors are flanked with sidelights below the portico. Three square openings are above. Engaged pilasters define the five center bays. Each contains a tall arched opening filled with a non-historic aluminum-framed window. The south bay contains three tall rectangular openings below a stone band, and three square openings above the stone band.

*Interior:* The gymnasium occupies a historic two-story volume of space at the first floor. It is largely open and consists of painted brick walls with an unpainted lower third. The historic barrel-vaulted ceiling and the steel trusses are exposed throughout. Wood planks cover the floor. The east end of the gym contains a historic upper bleacher section with wood bleachers. The west section contains a group of non-historic partial-height offices. The offices do not extend above the line of the first-floor windows. The basement contains a mix of non-historic weight/fitness rooms, offices, restrooms, and locker rooms. These spaces contain a mix of plaster, drywall, and exposed brick walls. Ceilings are either recessed ACT, painted tin, or plaster. The flooring is either concrete or rubber gym flooring. The annex has exposed brick walls with a concrete pool deck and tile coping. The painted steel truss ceiling structure is exposed above. The pool annex contains historic exposed brick walls with painted concrete block

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at the lower portion of the wall. The ceiling has exposed steel trusses, and the pool deck is concrete with tile coping around the pool. The pool basin is lined with tiles.

*Integrity:* The Johnson Field House and Pool Annex has seen relatively few exterior alterations and retains integrity. Modern aluminum-framed windows replaced historic windows at an unknown date after the early 1960s. Few (if any) historic openings appear to have been altered. The interior of the building retains its historic athletic use (*Figure 9*). Spaces have been updated over the years to accommodate a new function as a local YMCA branch, but the character-defining pool and gymnasium spaces have seen few alterations and continue to function in much the same way as they did during the period of significance.

## 2. Cannon Headquarters/Garage (C Building)

*Date of Construction: 1900-1910*

*Architectural Classification: NO STYLE*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DEFENSE: Arms Storage*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Garage*

*Photo 5*

The Cannon Headquarters/Garage is located west of the Academic Building across a paved parking lot. This small one-story brick building has a rectangular footprint with a concrete foundation and brick walls. A hipped roof flairs out slightly at the eaves and is clad with red ceramic tiles. The tiles are likely not original, but they are similar to the historic material. Non-historic mesh insect screens fill the space in front of all window openings. The north elevation contains four openings filled with pairs of wood paneled doors with narrow multilight transoms above. The two openings to the east are spaced close together and are larger than the two west openings. The east elevation contains three evenly spaced bays. Each bay has a pair of 9/9 wood double hung windows. The west elevation has three evenly spaced openings set high up on the wall. The center opening has three fixed nine-light wood-framed windows; the flanking openings each have a pair of nine-light wood windows. The south elevation has two 9/9 wood-framed double-hung windows in the west third, and two non-historic paneled doors in the east third. Electrical equipment is in the center of the wall.

*Integrity:* The Cannon Headquarters/Garage has seen few exterior alterations (*Figure 10*). The east third of the south elevation may have historically mirrored the west third. It was altered at an



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unknown date when the restrooms were added. The rest of the interior was not accessible. Despite these alterations, the building still conveys its historic utilitarian function.

### 3. Academic Building (C Building)

*Date of Construction: 1939*

*Architectural Classification: MODERN MOVEMENT: Art Deco*

*Original Historic District A Status: Noncontributing Building*

*Historic Function: EDUCATION: School*

*Present Function: VACANT/NOT IN USE*

*Photo 6, Figure 11*

The academic building is located just north of the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (*Resource 1*). A narrow concrete path leads to a concrete stoop with projecting brick wing walls in front of the primary north elevation, and a second path passes along the south elevation between the Field House. A paved parking lot (*Resource 28*) is to the west. This two-story brick building has a full basement, concrete structural system, a flat roof behind short parapet walls, and restrained Art Deco elements. Historic aluminum-framed windows fill the masonry openings. The slope of the land creates three-story south and west elevations, and two-story north and east elevations. A brick entablature with corbeling lines the north, east, and south elevations. The basement level extends out slightly beyond the wall plane of the upper stories; bands of brick line the basement, and a thin angled band of concrete separates the basement and first story along all elevations. The primary north elevation is divided into three bays. The center bay features a stepped projection which contains the main entrance between the first story and basement level. Concrete panels with the school's crest and date of founding, 1844, are set into the brick above the second story in this bay. The entrance contains a pair of aluminum-framed glazed doors with narrow sidelights and is topped with a narrow transom. A large masonry opening between the first and second stories contains a pair of wood framed windows separated with a wide mullion. Each has three stacked hung three-light windows. The outside bays are relatively unadorned; each has a large, recessed brick panel that spans both upper stories. The east elevation is divided into five bays with engaged brick pilasters. Each bay of each upper story has three 3/3 hung wood windows. The partial basement level has a single opening in each bay that is partially below grade in a window well. Each opening has a pair of four-light fixed wood windows that are covered with plywood. The south elevation sits close to the Field House. A small brick landing extends out from the first story. An aluminum-framed entrance fills the first story above the landing, and a tall window spans the mid-floor space between the first and

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second stories. The rear west elevation is divided into five bays with engaged brick pilasters. Each story in each bay has similar windows as the east bay except for the south basement bay, which has a single window.

*Interior:* The interior is bisected north-south by a wide terrazzo corridor on the first and second floors. All areas of the first and second floors have historic glazed blonde brick on the lower third of the wall with painted plaster walls and ceilings above. Classrooms line both sides of the corridors and have a mix of historic tongue-and-groove wood and non-historic carpet. Most contain historic wood built-ins. The basement contains a mix of rooms arranged around a central corridor.<sup>7</sup> Most floors have carpet, ceilings are painted plaster, and walls are a mix of painted plaster and painted concrete block (*Figure 11*).

*Integrity:* The Academic Building (built 1939) was likely not listed as a contributing building in the original 1983 nomination since it was built within the traditional 50-year threshold for significance at that time. It has seen few alterations, inside or out. A majority of the historic windows remain intact in their historic openings, and distinctive features such as the school crest are in good condition. The interior retains its historic double-loaded corridor on the upper floors, with historic built-in shelves in most classrooms. Historic materials such as terrazzo and glazed brick are intact and in good condition. Other historic materials such as painted plaster walls, ceilings, and the wood floors are intact, but are deteriorating or severely damaged.

#### **4. "D" Barracks (C Building)**

*Date of Construction: 1916-1918*

*Architectural Classification: LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: EDUCATION: Education-Related*

*Present Function: VACANT/NOT IN USE*

*Photo 7*

"D" Barracks is located along the east side of the campus, between the Johnston Field House and Annex (*Resource 1*) and "A" Barracks (*Resource 5*). It is a four-story building with a full basement, square footprint, reinforced concrete structural system, brick cladding, and a flat roof

<sup>7</sup> These spaces appear to retain their historic configurations.

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with parapet. A dentiled painted metal cornice lines the north, east, and west elevations at the parapet. The upper three stories form a U-shape, with a long south-facing lightwell. The basement level follows the slope of the site. It is visible along the east, south, and west elevations, and partially visible at the two west bays of the north elevation. A thin band of stone lines the top of the basement-level window openings along the east and west elevations. A metal flagpole extends from the center of the fourth story up through the cornice and above the parapet. Most masonry openings have flat stone lintels with keystones and stone sills. First-story openings along the north, east, and west elevations are taller than the upper stories. Historic double-hung wood-framed windows fill a majority of the masonry openings; some have plywood covering.

The building's primary elevation faces north. This symmetrical façade is divided into ten bays. A flat one-story painted wood portico covers the three center first-story bays. It is supported by paired columns and has a wide entablature with a mix of rectangular and circular panels, dentils, and a wide eave. A balustrade lines the upper part of the portico at the second story. The main entrance is filled with a pair of glazed aluminum-framed doors with a multilight wood transom above. Secondary entrances are located in bays #3 and 8, looking from east to west. Outside bays on the upper floors have a narrower opening with a single 1/1 window with a border of stone around the rest of the opening. The other walls each contain a single masonry opening in each bay of each floor.

*Interior:* The interior of "D" Barracks contains a large historic dining room/mess hall, along with a historic auditorium and kitchen on the first floor. The dining room occupies most of the center of the floor. It has a historic painted pressed tin ceiling with a central monitor opening, painted plaster walls, and a linoleum (or asbestos) tile floor. The auditorium has painted plaster walls with similar tiles to the dining room. Painted concrete beams line the ceilings in this space. A short wood stage is at the north end of the auditorium. The upper floors historically functioned as a dormitory. Each has an identical configuration, with a historic double loaded corridor that wraps around the center of the U-shaped floors. Rooms line all exterior-facing walls.

*Integrity:* "D" Barracks has seen few alterations and retains integrity. Almost all historic masonry openings are intact, and many are filled with historic wood windows. The main entry doors have been replaced with non-historic aluminum doors, but the opening has not been altered. On the interior, character-defining spaces such as the dining hall, auditorium, and configuration of the upper floors remains intact (*Figure 12*).

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**5. "A" Barracks (C Building)**

*Date of Construction: 1909*

*Architectural Classification: LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> EARLY 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: Spanish  
Colonial Revival*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: EDUCATION: Education-Related*

*Present Function: VACANT/NOT IN USE*

*Photo 8*

This three-story brick building is located between "D" Barracks (*Resource 4*) and the Math Hall (*Resource 6*). It has a rectangular footprint with Spanish Colonial Revival elements. Brick quoins line each corner, and a thin band of stone lines the entire building at the third floor windowsills. The site slopes down to the west, exposing more of the foundation and basement along the north and south elevations, and creates a four-story west elevation. Three dormers line each half of the east and west sides of the roof, with a larger gable in the north and south sides of the roof. Masonry openings are intact along all elevations. They generally have brick segmental arched openings with a keystone and stone sill. Basement-level openings do not have stone accents or sills. Many openings have historic double-hung 2/2 wood-framed windows; others are filled with plywood. The openings in the dormers each have a non-historic 1/1 hung vinyl-framed window.

The primary east elevation faces an open field that formerly contained the Kemper Administration Complex (*Non-extant, original MRA Resource 8*). It is visually divided into nine bays with a projecting center bay with a curvilinear parapet that is accented with stone orbs with a gable roof behind it. The recessed main entrance is in the center of the projection. It has a non-historic aluminum-framed entrance with a wood door and aluminum-framed sidelights. A tall historic wood-framed segmental arched transom tops the entrance. The second and third stories each have a pair of windows separated by a narrow band of brick. The flanking bays are nearly identical to one another, and generally contain a single opening on each story of each bay. The second entrance is in the first story of the second bay from the south. It has a similar configuration to the main entrance, except it does not have sidelights. The fourth story opening in that bay is about a foot lower than the rest. The west elevation has similar fenestration as the east elevation. The center and south entrances are in the basement along this elevation. The north and south elevations are similar; each has three bays with a single opening in the outside bays with two windows in the middle.

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*Interior:* The interior of “A” Barracks is generally arranged around a wide double-loaded corridor that bisects the building north-south on all floors. The first floor and basement contains some offices and other larger classrooms/gathering spaces. Upper floors historically functioned as dormitories and generally have the same configuration with rooms on each side of the corridor. Walls and ceilings are painted plaster, some spaces have painted beadboard wainscotting. Asbestos tile clads the first floor. It is not known if it is a historic material. Carpet clads most areas on the upper floors above the historic wood floor.

*Integrity:* “A” Barracks has seen few alterations, inside or out, and retains integrity. All exterior masonry openings are intact; some are filled with historic wood windows. The addition of non-historic aluminum-framed entries has not significantly diminished the building’s integrity. The interior generally retains its historic configuration. Some first floor spaces were reconfigured at an unknown date, but the upper floors generally retain their historic configuration of dorm rooms arranged around the central corridor.

**6. Math Hall (C Building)**

*Date of Construction:* 1905-1906

*Architectural Classification:* LATE VICTORIAN: Romanesque Revival

*Original Historic District A Status:* Contributing Building

*Historic Function:* DEFENSE: Arms Storage/RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility/EDUCATION: School

*Present Function:* VACANT:NOT IN USE

*Photo 9*

Located north of “A” Barracks (*Resource 5*), the Math Hall is a two story reinforced concrete building with a metal standing seam gabled roof, rectangular footprint, brick cladding, a full basement, and Romanesque Revival detailing. The slope of the site creates a two-story primary (south) elevation, and three story north, east, and west elevations, exposing the concrete foundation. The primary elevation faces south. It is divided into three bays with engaged pilasters. Brick corbels line the gable at the roofline along this elevation, and the parapet is capped with a small orb above. A concrete stair accesses the central entrance, which has a flat portico supported with painted brick pilasters. A half round window sits on top of the entry portico and has a decorative brick arch above. A wheel window filled with wood lattice work sits above the entrance at the top of the gable. The flanking bays are mirror images of one another.

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Each has a pair of non-historic 1/1 hung windows on the first story, with a pair of half round windows on the second. A half-round arch lines the top of the second story openings. The other elevations are divided with engaged brick pilasters and generally have a single opening in each bay. The first and second story openings are generally similar to those on the south elevation. Basement-level openings are rectangular and have non-historic 1/1 hung windows. A basement-level entrance is located in the center of the east elevation. It has a dressed stone surround with an elliptical arch and an aluminum-framed door with multilight sidelights. A non-historic fire escape and brick stair/elevator enclosure extends out from the northwest corner of the building. The fire escape extends south for about one-half bay.

*Interior:* On the interior, the first and second floors are mostly open, with a few small non-historic offices in the southwest corner of the first floor. A large portion of the center of the second floor is open to the first floor. Non-historic metal railing rings the opening. Walls on these two floors are a mix of painted drywall and exposed brick, and the floors are covered with carpet. Metal trusses are exposed at the ceiling. This is a historic condition. The basement contains larger meeting rooms arranged around a double-loaded L-shaped corridor that leads from the entrance in the east elevation to the elevator and stairs. Walls are painted drywall, ceilings have a suspended ACT grid, and the floors have vinyl tiles.

*Integrity:* The exterior of the Math Hall has seen relatively few alterations. Masonry openings on the primary south elevation are intact. The addition of non-historic windows has little impact on the building's integrity, as does the fire escape/elevator enclosure, as it is on a secondary elevation. The interior has seen more alterations. Originally, the building contained an open two-story volume of space, and was used as a gymnasium (*Figures 13 & 14*). Historic photos indicate that the first floor was wood, and the walls were historically exposed brick. The ceiling likely contained beadboard, and a series of wood beams ran lengthwise along the entire ceiling. A stage was also located at one end of the gymnasium space, though it is not clear which end it was in. Sanborn maps show that the second floor was added between 1917 and 1929, and the building contained classrooms in the 1960s.<sup>8</sup> The date of the current configuration is not known. Ultimately, these interior alterations do have some impact on the building's integrity. This is lessened somewhat by the date of the second floor within the period of significance. Taken

<sup>8</sup> Sanborn Map Company, "Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri" (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1917, Sheet 8; Sanborn Map Company, "Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri" (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1929, Sheet 9.

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together with the high exterior integrity, the interior alterations do not detract enough from the building's overall integrity.

### **7. Science Building (C Building)**

*Date of Construction: 1941*

*Architectural Classification: MODERN MOVEMENT: Art Deco*

*Original Historic District A Status: Noncontributing Building*

*Historic Function: EDUCATION: School*

*Present Function: EDUCATION: School*

*Photo 10*

The Science Building is a three story brick building with a full basement, flat roof, and restrained Art Deco styling. The slope of the surrounding landscape makes for a three-story east (primary) elevation, and generally four-story north, south, and west elevations. Each bay of the east and west elevations contains a single masonry opening. All historic masonry openings are filled with double-hung aluminum-framed windows with a 3/3 configuration. Narrow stone bands ring the building at the windowsills of the first and third stories. The primary elevation is divided into five bays with engaged brick pilasters with stone caps. E The main entrance is in the north bay; it contains a pair of non-historic aluminum-framed glazed doors with narrow sidelights and a transom. Above the entrance, the word SCIENCE is carved in relief into a wide. stone panel The center three bays extend out from the face of the way by one structural bay. The north elevation is largely unadorned; the center bay contains a single opening on each upper story, with a non-historic glazed entrance at the basement level large brick bands outline the first and second stories. The south elevation has similar brick banding. A non-historic brick elevator enclosure generally occupies the center bay. The top of the enclosure extends out slightly from the roofline of the building.

*Interior:* The interior of the Science Building is generally arranged around a wide double-loaded corridor that bisects the building east-west. Classrooms line each side of the corridor on the first and second floors as well as the basement. Circulation includes an elevator and switchback stair at the south end of the building. The stair has terrazzo treads and risers with historic painted metal railing. Finishes include terrazzo in the corridors, and non-historic LVT in all other spaces. Partitions are a mix of historic plaster generally along the exterior walls, with non-historic partitions elsewhere. A dropped ACT grid covers the ceilings. The third floor is mostly open, and contains plywood flooring, with unfinished drywall along the exterior walls. The ceiling

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structure is visible throughout. The elevator lobby and stair landing at this floor retains historic terrazzo flooring with glazed tile on the lower half of the walls, with plaster above. Ceilings in these spaces are the same as the other floors.

*Integrity:* The Science Building has seen few apparent exterior alterations aside from the replacement of the entrances (*Figure 15*). All masonry openings on the north, east, and west elevations are intact and are filled with historic aluminum-framed windows. The elevator enclosure addition is a minimal intrusion overall. It was built with brick that is similar (but not identical to) the historic masonry and is about the same height as the building. The interior has seen more alterations but retains the historic configuration of the corridor. The classrooms may not be in their historic locations, but they are arranged on the east and west sides of the corridor as they were historically. The exact use of the third floor is unclear, but the renovations do not significantly detract from the building's overall integrity, and its historic educational use is still apparent on the exterior and lower floors.

### **8. Garage (NC Building)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1900, 1970 (addition)*

*Architectural Classification: NO STYLE*

*Original Historic District A Status: Noncontributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Garage*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Garage*

*Photo 25*

The Garage is located at the northwest corner of the district. It is a one-story building with a rectangular footprint. The west end of the garage is shorter than the rest and consists of a simple painted brick block with a shed roof. Masonry openings have segmented arched lintels and are filled with non-historic windows and doors. The rest of the garage is clad with standing seam aluminum and has a gabled roof. It extends further south than the brick block. A series of garage door openings face the parking lot to the south, and one garage opening faces west.

*Integrity:* The Garage is a noncontributing building due to age and alterations. The brick block to the west was built around 1900, but it always appears to have served a secondary or maintenance-related role on the campus. The larger addition has impacted its integrity.



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**9. Blakefield Residence (C Building)**

**601 Third Street**

*Date of Construction: 1890*

*Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling/EDUCATION: Education-Related*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Photo 11*

The Blakefield Residence is a two-story frame building clad with an irregular T-shaped footprint, a hipped roof with cross gables, and vinyl siding. The roof is clad with three-tab asphalt shingles. Non-historic windows appear to fill the historic openings. They generally have a 6/1 hung configuration and are likely aluminum- or vinyl-framed. The building has a wide setback from the southwest corner of the intersection of Vine Street and Third Street, with a large lawn and driveway in the northeast corner of the lot. A non-historic porte-cochere extends north from the from the original recessed porch over the driveway. The main entrance is in the northeast corner of the "T." It is covered by a two-story portico with paired columns and a flat roof. The entrance has a broken pediment with paired pilasters. Sidelights flank the door, and a half-round transom tops the opening. A non-historic garage addition is located in the northwest corner of the "T." It has a hipped roof that is clad with the same type of shingles as the rest of the building. The walls have vinyl.

*Integrity:* There have been no apparent changes to the Blakefield Residence since it was listed in the National Register in 1983. The description from the original nomination states that it was clad with vinyl siding at the time of listing, and that the garage addition was present. The porte-cochere is likely not a historic feature, but it does not significantly detract from the overall form, which is historic. Although built as a private residence, the building was listed in the 1917 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map as a "Dormitory."<sup>9</sup> It is not known how long the Blakefield Residence was associated with the school or when it returned to its original use. The 1929 Sanborn map shows that it was a dwelling but does not indicate that it was associated with the school. Today the building is on a separate parcel as the rest of the Kemper Military School Campus. It is a contributing building due to its historic association with the Kemper Military School during the period of significance.

<sup>9</sup> Sanborn Map Company, "Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri" 1917, Sheet 6.

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**10. Reese Residence (C Building)**

**303 Center Street**

*Date of Construction: 1887*

*Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Photo 12*

The Reese Residence is a two-and-one-half-story building with a stone foundation, painted brick masonry walls, a hipped roof with three-tab asphalt shingles, multiple intersecting gables, and Queen Anne styling. The building sits about twenty feet back from the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Center Street, with a paved sidewalk and short stone wall (*Resource 37*) between the building and the street. A concrete walkway with a short set of stone steps lead up to the building from Center Street. All masonry openings appear to be intact; most have segmental brick arch lintels with keystones and painted bracketed stone sills. Most openings are filled with non-historic 1/1 hung windows. The primary elevation faces south towards Center Street. The east bay projects out a few feet from the rest of the wall and has a bracketed gable above the second story opening. It contains the main entrance which is covered with a one-story gabled porch. The porch is supported with brick piers, and painted fish scale siding fills the gable end. The eaves extend out parallel to the ground for a foot or so from the porch roof. This is a common treatment for all eaves throughout the building. The main entrance contains a pair of glazed wood-framed doors that are likely non-historic. The next bay to the west contains one opening on each story, with a small dormer with a half-round arched gable at the roof. The southwest corner projects out one bay from the main footprint of the house. It contains a single opening on each story and the basement level of each of its three sides; the southwest side faces the intersection and is wider than the other two sides.

The irregular west elevation faces 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. It has about the same setback as the south elevation, with a sidewalk and short stone wall between the street and the building. The wide bay next to the southwest corner contains a single opening on both stories plus the basement. A small dormer with a half-round gable extends up from the roof in the bay. The next bay to the north projects out a few feet from the wall; a wide opening with paired windows fill each story. Two openings are at the lower basement level. The north end of the wall contains a secondary entrance covered with a simple eave, and a second one story projection that extends out further than the one in the

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second bay from the south. It has a square profile with a flat roof and similar bracketed eaves to the rest of the building. Two masonry openings are located on the second story behind the projection and entrance. This projection is not original; it was built sometime between 1917 and 1929 according to Sanborn maps.<sup>10</sup>

*Integrity:* The Reese Residence has seen few substantial alterations since it was listed in the National Register. All historic masonry openings on the primary street-facing elevations appear to be intact, along with decorative details such as the front porch and the bracketed eaves. New windows were installed within the historic openings, and do not significantly detract from the building's integrity. The masonry has been painted since the original listing, which has impacted the integrity of the material. Though not original, the projection was built within the period of significance for the district and complements the building.

**11. Darby Residence (C Building)**

**309 Center Street**

*Date of Construction: 1858-1860*

*Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Photo 12*

The Darby Residence is a two story building with a stone foundation, painted brick masonry walls, a hipped roof with three-tab asphalt shingles, multiple intersecting gables, and Queen Anne styling. The building sits about twelve feet back from the street, with a paved sidewalk and short stone wall between the building and the street. A stone walkway and a short set of stone steps lead up to the building from Center Street. All masonry openings appear to be intact; each has a brick segmental arch lintel with painted stone sills. Non-historic 1/1 vinyl windows fill all openings. The primary elevation faces south towards the street. It is divided into two bays, with one opening in each bay on each floor. The west bay contains the main entrance and is wider than the rest. It is filled with a pair of glazed wood doors with panels in the lower third of the door. A glazed segmental arch transom sits above the doors. Full-height bays project out from the southeast and southwest corners of the façade. The southeast bay is circular and has a steep

<sup>10</sup> Sanborn Map Company, "Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri" (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1917), sheet 8; Sanborn Map Company, "Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri" (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1929), sheet 8.

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conical-shaped roof. Three openings pierce each story at regular intervals around the bay. The southwest bay is rectangular and has a gable end with vinyl siding.

*Integrity:* The Darby Residence has seen some changes since the building was initially listed in the National Register. The most significant visual alteration is the removal of a dormer in the center of the roof on the south (primary) elevation. Wood louvered shutters have also been removed from most openings. The painted brick does not significantly impact the building's integrity, as it was painted a similar light color when the building was originally listed.

**12. Dillender Residence (C Building)**

**302 Center Street**

*Date of Construction: 1895*

*Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling/EDUCATION: Education-Related*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Photo 13*

The Dillender Residence is a two-and-one-half-story building with a stone foundation, brick masonry walls, a hipped roof with multiple intersecting gables, and Queen Anne styling. The building sits prominently atop a short hill at the southeast corner of the intersection of Center Street and Third Street. It has a wide setback from the street. A short set of concrete steps with round painted metal railings leads up to the north lawn from Center Street. Concrete piers flank the top of the stair. Masonry openings generally have brick arched lintels and stone sills. Most are filled with 1/1 hung windows. Each bay of the street-facing elevations contains a single masonry opening on each floor. A one-story porch with turned wood columns and a hipped roof spans the entire north elevation and wraps around the north bay of the west elevation. A short triangular gable projects above the porch in the second bay from the east along the north elevation. A half round porch extends up from the porch above the gable. It is clad with painted fish scale siding.

The primary north elevation is divided into five bays. The front entrance is in the second bay from the east; it is filled with a non-historic glazed door and has a small transom above. The opening in the east bay sits up much higher than the rest of the openings. The east bay on the second story does not have any openings. A small gabled dormer extends out from the roof in the second bay from the east. A two-story, three-sided gabled bay projects from the west end of the

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wall. The gable is clad with painted wood fish scale siding and extends out to cover the outside bays. It sits flush with the center bay and decorative wood brackets extend out along the overhangs. A small arched opening is in the center of the gable. The west elevation is divided into six bays. A similar projecting bay as the north elevation fills bays two through four, looking north-south. The building's stone foundation is visible along the south half of the wall, and a brick chimney can be seen extending above the roofline in the second bay from the south. The east elevation has a similar projecting bay as the west elevation. The south part of the wall contains a handful of openings. The rear south elevation is mostly obscured from view by a fence and neighboring buildings. A one-story projection with a hipped roof spans the north two-thirds of the wall. It is clad with vinyl siding and was added sometime between 2013 and 2022.

*Integrity:* The Dillender Residence was built as a private residence but was associated with the school from at least 1920-1947 as "F" barracks. It is not known when the house stopped being associated with the school, but it is a private residence today. The exterior of the does not appear to have been significantly altered (*Figure 16*). The railing on the second story porch has been removed, along with some along the first story porch. This does not significantly detract from the integrity, as the overall historic form of both porches is intact. The addition to the secondary south elevation has limited visibility. All masonry openings on the primary street-facing elevations are intact, and the building retains integrity. It is a contributing building due to its historic association with the Kemper Military School during the period of significance.

**13. Bertha Hitch Hall (C Building)**

**312 Center Street**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1854*

*Architectural Classification: MID-19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY: Greek Revival*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling/EDUCATION: Education-Related*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Photo 14*

Bertha Hitch Hall is a two-story building with an L-shaped footprint, a gabled roof, brick, and concrete block cladding, and restrained Greek Revival detailing. A standing seam metal roof covers the building and masonry chimneys rise from each gable at the east and west ends. All elevations are painted white. Concrete block clads the first floor of the primary north elevation; brick clads all other walls. The building has a deep setback from the street, and a narrow concrete walk leads up to the front entrance. The first story openings along the north wall have

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long stone lintels. The second story openings have flat lintels; all openings have brick sills and are filled with vinyl windows that generally have a 6/6 double-hung configuration. The symmetrical north wall is divided into five bays. A wide frieze band runs the width of the wall at the roofline. The flanking bays each have a single masonry opening on each story. A one story wood portico with a flat roof is supported by paired columns. A short metal railing rings the top of the portico. The entrance is filled with a non-historic door with a large glazed upper panel and two lower panels. A half round transom tops the entrance, and louvered shutters flank the door. The second story contains a typical masonry opening blanked by louvered shutters. A bracketed pedimented portico rises from the frieze line above the roofline. The other walls are largely unornamented. A short one-story addition is located at the south end of the ell; it extends south away from the street.

*Integrity:* Bertha Hitch Hall The Dillender Residence was built as a private residence but was associated with the school from at least 1920-1947 as “E” Barracks, and at one point an infirmary. It has seen few significant exterior alterations since the original nomination was written. Historic photos show that a one-story porch spanned the three center bays of the primary north elevation (*Figure 17*). The porch was removed at an unknown date, but the existing first story portico is of a similar height to the historic porch, albeit narrower. It is not known when this portico achieved its current configuration. The addition to the south dates to at least 1920. The building generally looks much like it did during the period of significance and retains integrity. Today the building is on a separate parcel as the rest of the Kemper Military School Campus. It is a contributing building due to its historic association with the Kemper Military School during the period of significance.

**14. Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (C Building)**

**314 Center Street**

*Date of Construction: 1890-1910*

*Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne*

*Original Historic District A Status: Contributing Building*

*Historic Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Present Function: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling*

*Figure 31*

The Kusgen-Melkersman Residence is a two-and-one-half-story building with a stone foundation, brick masonry walls, a hipped roof with multiple intersecting gables, and Queen Anne styling. The roof is clad with modern (non-historic) three-tab asphalt shingles. The

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building sits back about 35 feet from the street, and a narrow concrete walkway extends from the sidewalk to the front of the building. All historic openings appear to be intact and are filled with non-historic 1/1 vinyl (possibly aluminum) windows. The primary elevation faces north, towards the street. A two-story, three-sided gabled bay projects from the west half of the wall. The gable is clad with painted wood fish scale siding and extends out to cover the outside bays. It sits flush with the center bay and decorative wood brackets extend out along the overhangs. A small opening is in the center of the gable. The east half of the wall is divided into two bays. a one-story porch with a hipped roof and turned wood columns covers the first story bays. The entrance is located east of the projection; it has a glazed wood framed door with a narrow transom. The opening next to the entrance sits a few feet higher up on the wall and has the same type of non-historic window as described above. A two-story, three-sided gabled bay projects from the center of the west elevation. The gable is clad with painted wood fish scale siding and extends out to cover the outside bays. It sits flush with the center bay and decorative wood brackets extend out along the overhangs. A single opening pierces each bay on each story of the wall.

*Integrity:* The Kusgen-Melkersman Residence has seen few apparent alterations since it was originally listed in the National Register. It retains its apparent historic footprint, roof structure, and decorative elements such as the fish scale siding, brackets by the projections and the one-story porch with turned wood supports.

### **15. Kemper Military School Campus (C Site)**

*Date of Construction:* 1845-2002<sup>11</sup>

*Architectural Classification:* N/A

*Original Historic District A Status:* N/A (part of Additional Documentation)

*Historic Function:* EDUCATION: College

*Present Function:* EDUCATION: College

*Photo 1-3, 15-24*

The Kemper Military School Campus is a sprawling site that includes all the land that was part of the school's campus during the period of significance and is currently owned by the City of Boonville, Missouri except for a portion at the northeast corner that corresponds with Resource 9 (Figure 6). It is an irregular parcel that generally extends west from Third Street. A heavily wooded area lines the north and west sides of the site. Open fields generally occupy the center,

<sup>11</sup> The date of construction begins when the school moved to the current site and ends when the school closed.

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and a portion of the west end (*Photos 15-17*). The east and south edges of the campus are hilly and overlook the central fields. The Rupe Branch runs roughly northeast through the center of the campus, feeding into the Missouri River about one-half mile outside of the district boundaries. All buildings associated with the Kemper Military School are concentrated towards the east end of the campus. This was likely an intentional decision by school leaders to consolidate all facilities into one area for ease of access and to reduce maintenance costs. A pair of distinctive brick pillars with a wrought iron fence (*Resource 34*) are located along the east end of the site, between the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (*Resource 1*) and “D” Barracks (*Photo 3, Resource 4*). Smaller items such as wood picnic tables, benches, electrical transformers, and a frisbee golf course exist throughout the campus. Non-historic lighting exists throughout the campus. It consists of metal cobra-style lights that are generally located around the parking lots and along the internal circulation system (*Photos 24 & 25*).

#### Circulation

Within the campus, a network of concrete paths connect the main academic and support buildings on the east side of the campus (*Figure 18*). Historic images show that this system has existed since at least the 1920s, and likely dates back much earlier. The current paths likely follow the historic alignments, though they have been updated and resurfaced over the years (*Photos 1 & 3*). The paths are an integral part of the campus, and their significance is largely tied to its operation, so they are included here.

*Integrity:* The Kemper Military School Campus has seen changes in its nearly 178-year history. While it is difficult to say for certain, as county records are unclear as to exactly when founder Frederick T. Kemper initially acquired the land, early school histories and Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps show that the first parcel of land likely corresponded with the Administration Building (*demolished*). An 1885 Sanborn covers only the Administration Building and two other her one-story brick buildings to the north.<sup>12</sup> The Sanborn coverage increases over the years as more buildings are added to the campus, and it can be assumed that the corresponding land was either acquired just prior to construction or was already owned by the school. By the mid-1910s, sketches and photographs of the campus appear to show that the grounds roughly corresponded with the original 1983 nomination boundaries (*Figure 20*). The land for Kemper Stadium (*Resource 17*) was part of the school grounds by 1937, when the stadium was completed. The likely last addition to the Kemper Military School grounds occurred in 1946, when the school purchased an existing golf course located south and west of the Kemper Stadium. The course

<sup>12</sup> Both brick buildings were demolished between 1885 and 1892.



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was roughly bounded by the Katy Trail to the north, U.S. Highway 40 to the south, and Sombart Road to the west.<sup>13</sup> The school sold the course in 1993.<sup>14</sup> Today, the course is no longer in use and much of the land has been subdivided into parcels with single-family houses. Its historic function is no longer apparent.

### 16. Parade Field/Athletic Field (C Structure)

*Date of Construction: N/A*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Present Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Photo 15 & 16*

The Parade Field/Athletic Field is an approximately 3.5-acre field located just south of the District border and about 73 yards west of “D” Barracks (*Resource 4*). It is a wide, level grassy field with a roughly rectangular footprint. A heavily wooded area generally defines the north and west parts of the field, while the Road to Kemper Stadium (*Resource 20*) lines the south boundary beyond a steep hill. Kemper Lake (*Resource 21*) and the West Access Road (*Resource 33*) form the east boundary. The exact date that the field was first utilized is not known, but photos show that it was in regular use by 1920 and continued to be used through the existence of the school. It is still in use to this day and is regularly mowed.

*Integrity:* Historically, the field served a wide variety of uses, from hosting football games to cadet drill practice, and even a firing range. Photos show that in the early 1920s, a running track ringed the field, with wood bleachers along most of the south side, and a non-extant sport court of unknown material to the west (*Figure 21*). This configuration was in place up until at least the mid-1940s. The bleachers and volleyball court were likely removed between the mid-1940s and the early 1960s, but most of the track seems to have remained intact.<sup>15</sup> Today, the south part of

<sup>13</sup> “Kemper Enlarged With Golf course,” *Columbia Missourian* (Columbia, Missouri), March 19, 1946, 8.

<sup>14</sup> Cooper County Deed Book 248, page 152, May 27, 1993.

<sup>15</sup> Kemper Military School, *Year Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1946) n.p., Carpenter, Howard Gill, Papers, folder 1, *Kemper Military School (Boonville, MO.) Collection* (C4174); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia; Kemper Military School, *View Book*. Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1963, folder 57 *E. W. Tucker Papers* (C4000); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia.

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the track aligns with the Road to Kemper Stadium (*Resource 20*). Despite the alterations, the early use of the Parade Field/Athletic Field is still apparent, and the field retains integrity.

**17. Kemper Stadium (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 1937-1938<sup>16</sup>*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Boundary Increase)*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Present Function: VACANT/NOT IN USE*

*Photo 17*

Kemper Stadium is located at the far northwest corner of the site, surrounded by wooded areas on all sides except for the northeast corner. It is oriented at a 45-degree angle to true north.<sup>17</sup> The Road to Kemper Stadium (*Resource 20*) ends at the northeast corner of the stadium. Kemper Stadium consists of a flat mown field surrounded by a historic quarter-mile cinder track. A historic metal scoreboard is located near the west end of the field, and a non-historic wood-framed shed is located between the north part of the track and the woods along the Katy Trail.

*Integrity:* Kemper Stadium has seen a handful of alterations over the years. Most notably was the demolition of the bleachers along the north side of the track. The scoreboard at the west end of the field may not be original, but it is old, and likely added within the period of significance. Historic photos indicate that the field was lit with a series of floodlights along the south side of the field. It is not known when the bleachers and lights were removed, but the stadium retains its character-defining cinder track and field, and its early historic use is still apparent.

<sup>16</sup> Kemper Military School, *Catalog* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1941), 35, folder 48, *E. W. Tucker Papers* (C4000), SHSMO-Columbia.

<sup>17</sup> Plan north is used throughout this description.

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**18. East Tennis Court (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1937-1938*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Boundary Increase)*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Present Function: VACANT/NOT IN USE*

*Photo 18*

The East Tennis Court consists of a large level asphalt square structure near the southwest corner of the Parade Field/Athletic Field (*Resource 16*). It measures approximately 152' x 115'. The court sits in a bowl-shaped area, with hills rising to the east, south, and west. The north side of the court leads down to the field below. A chain-link fence lines the court at the east, south, and half of the north sides. The asphalt is cracked in places.

*Integrity:* The court historically served as the varsity tennis court. It contained two "all-weather" courts with netting and was striped. Today, the nets and striping are gone, but the surface is intact, and the historic use is apparent.

**19. West Tennis Court (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1937-1938*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Boundary Increase)*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Present Function: VACANT/NOT IN USE*

*Figure 24*

The West Tennis Court is located just east of the Kemper Stadium (*Resource 17*). It has a similar asphalt surface as the East Tennis Court, and measures approximately 115' x 110'. The court is open-no fencing is present. The West Tennis Court was likely added around the same time as the Kemper Stadium, given its proximity to the stadium.

*Integrity:* This court likely served as the practice court and would have been open for all cadets to use. Like the East Court, the netting and lines are not extant, but the surface is still intact and in its historic location. The historic use is still apparent.

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**20. Road to Kemper Stadium (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1920-1939, likely ca. mid-1930s*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Boundary Increase)*

*Historic Function: TRANSPORTATION: Road-related*

*Present Function: TRANSPORTATION: Road-related*

*Photo 16*

The Road to Kemper Stadium is a generally flat, quarter-mile road that is paved with a mix of asphalt and gravel. It begins near the northeast corner of the Parade Field/Athletic Field (*Resource 16*), and roughly west to the Kemper Stadium (*Resource 17*). At the Rupe Branch, a portion of the road diverts off to a low-water vehicular crossing before rejoining the main section of road at the stadium. The west two-thirds of the road is paved with asphalt; the east third is paved with gravel.

*Integrity:* Historic photos show that the road was in place by 1939. The alignment does not appear to have been significantly altered (if at all). It is likely that the road has been resurfaced over the years, but it retains integrity. A portion of the road appears to have historically aligned with the east straightway of the track around the Parade Field/Athletic Field.

**21. Kemper Lake (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1887-1889<sup>18</sup>*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: N/A*

*Photos 19, 26, 28*

Kemper Lake is a small man-made lake near the northwest corner of the district. The lakebed is currently dry, and is filled with weeds, but it was historically fed by the Rupe Branch. Part of the east bank contains large stones, but the rest of the lake is lined with earthen embankments.

<sup>18</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum: The Forgotten Tradition of the Military Academy in American Education" (PhD diss., The College of William and Mary, 1993), 77.

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*Integrity:* Aerial images seem to indicate that the Kemper Lake was drained around 2002-2003, coinciding with the closing of the Kemper Military School. Despite this, the embankments are intact and the outline of the lake is apparent. It retains integrity.

## **22. Kemper Lake Bridge (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: Unknown*

*Architectural Classification: OTHER: Wood Bridge*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: TRANSPORTATION: Bridge*

*Present Function: TRANSPORTATION: Bridge*

*Photo 28*

The Kemper Lake Bridge is a short wooden bridge that spans a culvert between the southwest corner of Kemper Lake (*Resource 21*), and the Rupe Branch. Wood beams span the culvert, and decking is laid across the beams. A rope handrail supported with wood posts is on each side of the bridge.

*Integrity:* Though not original, historic images show that a simple bridge has historically been in place at roughly the same location as far back as 1909. It is not known when the current bridge was installed, but it has a similar design to other non-extant bridges in this location and retains integrity.

## **23. Rupe Branch Bridge (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1920-1939, likely mid-1930s*

*Architectural Classification: OTHER: Concrete Pier Bridge*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Boundary Increase)*

*Historic Function: TRANSPORTATION: Bridge*

*Present Function: TRANSPORTATION: Bridge*

*Photo 20, Figure 26*

The Rupe Branch Bridge carries the Road to Kemper Stadium (*Resource 20*) over the Rupe Branch. It is about 370' west of the Parade Field/Athletic Field (*Resource 16*) and measures approximately 90'. Two rectangular reinforced concrete piers support the bridge-impressions of the forms can be seen on the piers. Two steel I-beams run the length of the bridge, and wood decking is installed across the beams. Wood handrails span the length of the bridge on each side.

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*Integrity:* Historic photos show that the Rupe Branch Bridge was in place by 1939, but the bridge likely dates from around the mid-1930s, coinciding with construction of the Kemper Stadium (*Resource 17*). There have been no changes to its alignment since that time, and the main structural materials are intact (piers, I-beams). The wood decking and handrails have likely been replaced over time with like materials. The bridge retains its historic integrity.

#### **24. Flagpole and Memorial Plaque (C Object)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1965*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Monument*

*Present Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Monument*

*Photo 21*

The Flagpole and Memorial Plaque is located along a central path near the center of the east side of the campus. It consists of a tall metal flagpole that rests on a concrete and brick base. A granite marker with a metal panel is just north of the flagpole. The marker contains the school's crest and was installed ca. 1965 in memory of Colonel T. A. Johnston, an instrumental leader during the school's early history.

*Integrity:* Criteria Consideration F does not apply to the Flagpole and Memorial Plaque as the primary significance of the district is not derived from the nature of the object. There appear to have been no changes since ca. 1965.

#### **25. Southeast Baseball Fields (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 2003-2004*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Present Function: RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility*

*Photo 22*

The Southeast Baseball Fields are located near the southeast corner of the district, near the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (*Resource 1*). It is a large, flat field that is about one-and-

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three-quarters of an acre. The field contains a baseball diamond at the northwest and southeast ends; each diamond contains chain-link fencing about Home plate and along the first and third baselines. Each also has two wood dugouts with standing seam metal roofing and aluminum bleachers. A non-historic playground is in the southwest corner of the field.

*Integrity:* Historic photographs show that the Southeast Baseball Fields contained a flat, mown field as it is today (*background of figure 10*). The addition of the baseball diamonds (2003-2004) and the Academic Building Parking Lot (*Resource 28*) have altered field too much from its historic configuration, and it is a noncontributing structure for those reasons.

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**26. Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction:* 2016

*Architectural Classification:* N/A

*Original Historic District A Status:* N/A (*part of Additional Documentation*)

*Historic Function:* N/A

*Present Function:* RECREATION AND CULTURE: Monument

*Photo 23*

The Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park is an approximately quarter-acre park located near the northeast corner of the district. It is arranged around a figure eight-shaped path lined with benches, markers, and manicured gardens. A wood gazebo anchors the east end of the path, with a small water feature and stone wall at the west end.

*Integrity:* Criteria Consideration F does not apply to the park, as the primary significance of the district is not derived from the memorial nature of the park, and it was built outside of the period of significance.

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**27. Johnston Field House and Pool Annex Parking Lot (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1995-2003<sup>19</sup>*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Parking Lot*

*Photo*

The Johnston Field House and Pool Annex Parking lot are located south of the pool. It is a roughly square, 0.4-acre lot that is paved with concrete and has painted parking stripes. The flat lot is accessed from Porter Street along the east edge of the site in that location, and the West Access Road (*Resource 33*) at the northwest corner.

*Integrity:* The Johnston Field House and Pool Annex Parking Lot were built outside the period of significance. It is a noncontributing structure due to age.

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**28. Academic Building Parking Lot (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: ca. 1947-1975*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Parking Lot*

*Photo 5*

The Academic Building Parking Lot is located between the Academic Building (*Resource 3*) and the Cannon Headquarters (*Resource 2*). It is a relatively flat, 0.2-acre square lot that is paved with concrete. It does not have any striping or concrete parking blocks. The lot is accessed from the east along the West Access Road (*Resource 33*). The Road to Kemper Stadium (*Resource 20*) begins at the northwest corner of the lot.

*Integrity:* Likely built during the period of significance, the Academic Building Parking Lot is considered a contributing structure due to its association with the operation of the school.

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<sup>19</sup> Aerial images from Google Earth (accessed September 2023).



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**29. Barracks Parking Lot (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 2020-2023*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Parking Lot*

*Photo 24*

The Barracks Parking lot directly abuts the secondary west wall of “A” Barracks (*Resource 5*). It is a concrete parking lot with a roughly square footprint, concrete curbs, concrete parking blocks, and striped parking spots. It slopes slightly to the west and is accessed from the south along the West Access Road (*Resource 33*). The northeast corner of the lot connects to the Math Hall Parking Lot (*Resource 30*) via a short concrete drive.

*Integrity:* The Barracks Parking Lot was built outside the period of significance. It is a noncontributing structure due to age.

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**30. Math Hall Parking Lot (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 2011-2012*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Parking Lot*

*Photo 24*

The Math Hall Parking Lot is a small rectangular lot that is paved with concrete and has concrete curbs and parking blocks. A handful of parking spots are stripped along the east edge of the lot. The south half of the lot connects to the Barracks Parking Lot (*Resource 29*), and the northwest corner connects to the West Access Road (*Resource 33*).

*Integrity:* The Math Hall Parking Lot was built outside the period of significance. It is a noncontributing structure due to age.

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**31. Science Building Parking Lot (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 2011-2012*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Parking Lot*

*Photo 25*

The Science Building Parking Lot is a flat, rectangular concrete lot with concrete curbs and about seven stripped parking spots. The northwest and southwest corners of the lot connect to the West Access Road (*Resource 33*).

*Integrity:* The Science Building Parking Lot was built outside the period of significance. It is a noncontributing structure due to age.

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**32. Garage Parking Lot (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 2011-2012*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Parking Lot*

*Photo 25*

The Garage parking lot is a generally square and flat lot that occupies about a quarter acre south of the Garage (*Resource 8*). The concrete lot has concrete curbs and about 33 stripped parking spaces. The lot connects to the West Access Road (*Resource 33*) in two places near the northwest and southwest corners.

*Integrity:* The Maintenance Building Parking Lot was built outside the period of significance and is a noncontributing structure.

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**33. West Access Road (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 2020-2023*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Road*

*Photo 26*

The West Access road is a two-lane concrete road that stretches about 0.15 miles from the northwest corner of the site south around the various parking lots to the northeast corner of the Academic Building Parking Lot. The road is not stripped, but concrete curbs line nearly the entire alignment.

*Integrity:* The West Access Road was built outside the period of significance. It is a noncontributing structure due to age.

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**34. Southeast Gate (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction: 1987*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A (part of Additional Documentation)*

*Historic Function: N/A*

*Present Function: OTHER: Gate*

*Figure 25*

The Southeast Gate is located near the southeast corner of the district. It is set back about forty feet from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, at the end of a path that runs between the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (*Resource 1*), and “D” Barracks (*Resource 4*). The gate consists of two identical halves placed at opposite ends of the path. Each half consists of a tall square brick-clad pillar with a stone cap near the path, with a shorter rectangular pillar with a stone cap about ten feet away. A wrought iron fence connects the two pillars. Marble panels are set into the east face of the two taller pillars; the panel in the north column has the school’s crest, the south panel reads “KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE” carved in relief. The south face of the tall north pillar has a second panel that reads “CLASS OF 1986-87,” presumably the date of construction of the gate.

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*Integrity:* Although constructed as part of the school, the Southeast Gate was built after the period of significance for the district. At less than fifty years old, Criteria Consideration G does not apply to the gate, as it is not a significant part of the campus.

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**35. East State Fair Community College Sign (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction:* ca. 2012

*Architectural Classification:* N/A

*Original Historic District A Status:* N/A (part of Additional Documentation)

*Historic Function:* N/A

*Present Function:* OTHER: Sign

*Figure 19*

The East State Fair Community College Sign is a non-historic internally illuminated sign that is located just east of the Science Building (*Resource 7*). It has a black aluminum frame with blue and white panels on the east and west sides that read “STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE”. Other wayfinding information is just below the lettering. The sign rests on a short brick-clad base.

*Integrity:* The East State Fair Community College Sign was built outside of the period of significance and is a noncontributing structure.

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**36. West State Fair Community College Sign (NC Structure)**

*Date of Construction:* ca. 2012

*Architectural Classification:* N/A

*Original Historic District A Status:* N/A (part of Additional Documentation)

*Historic Function:* N/A

*Present Function:* OTHER: Sign

*Figure 19*

The East State Fair Community College Sign is a non-historic internally illuminated sign that is located near the center of the east boundary of the campus. It has a black aluminum frame with a wide blue panel on the north and south sides that reads “STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE”. The sign rests on a short brick-clad base.

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*Integrity:* The East State Fair Community College Sign was built outside of the period of significance and is a noncontributing structure.

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**37. Sandstone Retaining Wall (C Structure)**

*Date of Construction: Unknown (post-1900)*

*Architectural Classification: N/A*

*Original Historic District A Status: N/A*

*Historic Function: OTHER: Retaining Wall*

*Present Function: OTHER: Retaining Wall*

*Photo 12*

The Sandstone Retaining Wall is a low L-shaped retaining wall that lines parts of the north side of center Street and the east side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on the opposite side of the sidewalks. The wall appears to be old, but the exact date of construction is not known. It does not appear in a ca. 1900 photograph of the Darby Residence (*Resource 11*).<sup>20</sup> The wall begins at the alley to the east of the Darby Residence (*the wall begins outside of the District boundary*). It runs west along the sidewalk to the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, where it turns north along the street for approximately 169 feet (*though only about eighty-eight feet are within the District boundary*). More of the wall is exposed along Center Street. The top course, and a few inches of the lower course are visible along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The wall runs unbroken along its entire course save for three spaces that correspond with the walkways up to the houses along the north side of Center Street. The wall is made of long rectangular sandstone slabs. The lower exposed row of sandstone is arranged in a shiner orientation with a course of stretcher slabs on top.

*Integrity:* The Sandstone Retaining Wall does not appear to have seen any significant changes and retains integrity.

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**THE KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL HISTORIC DISTRICT: INTEGRITY**

The Kemper Military School historic District has experienced alterations during the nearly 178-year span from 1845, when the Boonville Boarding School (as it was known at that time) first moved to a masonry building on the west edge of town, to today. These alterations reflect the

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<sup>20</sup> *The Vine Clad City: A Souvenir of Boonville, MO* (Brooklyn, NY: The Albertype Co., 1900), n.p.

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growth of the school and the subsequent expansion of the grounds and construction of associated buildings. Construction of new classroom and barracks buildings through the 1940s reflects the school's renewed popularity in the build-up to World War II. In the mid-1990s, financial difficulties forced the school to sell a portion of the grounds that historically contained a golf course. It is important to note, though, that the course was in place when the school acquired it, and the course was not a core part of either the educational or military aspects of the curriculum, and it has lost integrity with the new subdivision. Demolition of the 1920s Power Plant (*Original MRA Resource 11*) and the 1950s Dormitory (*Original MRA Resource 5*) did not significantly impact the integrity of the site. The Power Plant, though a contributing building to the original district, was a utilitarian structure with little visibility in the northwest part of the site due to the slope of the land down to the lake. The three-story Dormitory, a noncontributing building to the district at the time, while more prominent, was also somewhat sheltered from public view by the "A" Barracks in front and was a much later addition to the campus. Demolition of the Stables (*Original MRA Resource 1*), also did not significantly impact the integrity of the campus given its secondary nature and its location away from the primary academic buildings. Demolition of the Kemper Administration Complex (*Resource 8*) in 2016 due to structural issues is significant. Given prominent position of the complex along the center of Third Street, and the fact that it contained the first building on campus, demolition of the Kemper Administration Complex resulted in a noticeable change in the campus when viewed from the street. Despite these demolitions, no other contributing buildings from the period of significance have been demolished, or even substantially altered, and the historic educational use of the campus remains apparent through the extant academic and residential resources historically associated with the school. Although not currently associated with the campus, the Blakefield Residence (*Resource 9*), the Dillender Residence (*Resource 12*), Bertha Hitch Hall (*Resource 13*), and the Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (*Resource 14*) were associated with the campus during the period of significance and retain integrity.

The two Queen Anne houses within the district boundaries that do not have associations with the school, The Reese Residence (*Resource 10*) and the Darby Residence (*Resource 11*), meet the registration requirements for the style outlined in the MRA, which are as follows:<sup>21</sup>

- Constructed between ca. 1886-ca. 1905.
- Irregular massing.

<sup>21</sup> Linda Harper and James C. Higbie, "Historic District A-Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri MRA," 8.21.

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- Hipped roof with lower cross gables.
- Brick detailing.
- Spindlework (though neither residences historically had the material).
- Decorate trim on the eaves or patterned wood shingles.
- Additions to the secondary elevations may include porches or sheds.

Criteria Consideration F does not apply to The Kemper Military School Historic District, as the commemorative nature of the Flagpole and Memorial Plaque (*Resource 24, contributing object*) and the Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park (*Resource 26, noncontributing structure*) does not play a significant role within the district when evaluated as a whole.

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## SUMMARY

The Kemper Military School Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 as part of the *Historic Resources of Boonville, MO* Multiple Resources Area (MRA) nomination, with seven nominated districts and nineteen individually nominated resources. The nomination at the time listed two ranges of dates, “1800-1899” and “1900-” for the resources within the MRA, but did not specify a period of significance for Historic District A. As such, the period of significance defined in this document begins in 1885 with the beginning of military instruction and drill at the Kemper Family School (as it was known at that time), and ends in 1966, to correspond with a general downward trend in enrollment at the school. The original nomination also does not specify an area of significance for the district but lists fifteen stated areas of significance for the entire MRA document. Given this, it has been determined that the Kemper Military School has significance in the areas of MILITARY EDUCATION, and ARCHITECTURE. A level of significance is also not given in the original nomination.

The Kemper Military School has statewide significance under National Register Criterion A in the areas of MILITARY and EDUCATION.<sup>22</sup> The Kemper Military School was one of just three established military schools in Missouri.<sup>23</sup> Of those three schools, the Kemper Military School and the Wentworth Military Academy were the only ones to operate a junior college program. The third school, the Missouri Military Academy, taught students in grades 7-12 only. Additionally, Kemper was one of just ten military schools across the country known to have implemented a junior college program.

The Kemper Military School also has local significance under National Register Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. The architectural significance of the campus within the context of Boonville is significant, and the campus represents an excellent collection of education-related buildings with various architectural styles from Colonial Revival to Art Deco.

Two extant resources within the original district boundaries, the Reese Residence (*Resource 10*), the Darby Residence (*Resource 11*), do not have any known relation to the Kemper Military

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<sup>22</sup> Note: the online National Park Service National Register Database lists the areas of significance for Historic District A as EDUCATION and ARCHITECTURE, but no other resources that are listed with the MRA have apparent military connections.

<sup>23</sup> In this case, *established* military schools are those that were, or have been in operation for more than 30 years and have a sizeable campus with multiple buildings dedicated to education and housing students.



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School. They were included in the original nomination for their architectural merit in Boonville as part of the larger MRA and also have local significance in the area of ARCHITECTURE in that document.

## ELABORATION

### EARLY HISTORY OF BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

Named for famous pioneer Daniel Boone, Boonville was first surveyed by William Ross, and platted by Asa Morgan and Charles Lucas in 1817.<sup>24</sup> Morgan and Lucas subsequently donated fifty acres to Cooper County on the condition that the county seat be located in Boonville. The county commissioners agreed, and a small two-story brick courthouse was completed in 1823.<sup>25</sup> Despite having the county seat, Boonville grew slowly, and by the mid-1820s, the town consisted of a handful of commercial buildings, a hotel, and small residences generally around the courthouse square. Following a disastrous flood in 1826 that wiped out the town of Franklin, just across the Missouri River, Boonville, which sits atop the bluffs along the south bank of the river, became the “wholesale and supply center” for a lucrative river shipping business.<sup>26</sup> The town’s location along the Missouri River continued to make it an important transportation hub through the mid-1860s, and Boonville saw several Civil War battles as a result. Boonville’s transportation importance was highlighted following the Civil War when the town became a stop on the Missouri Pacific Railway.<sup>27</sup>

Showing the increased importance of the town as a regional trading and shipping hub, successful Boonville business owners and merchants built houses to reflect their status in society. The houses that were built represent most of the popular architectural styles of the age, including Gothic Revival and Queen Anne, along with regional vernacular styles that reflected Boonville’s German heritage.<sup>28</sup> While numerous examples of Gothic Revival and vernacular residences can

<sup>24</sup> W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County, Missouri* (Topeka, Kansas: Historical Publishing Company, 1919), 219.

<sup>25</sup> W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County, Missouri*, 155.

<sup>26</sup> W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County, Missouri*, 220.

<sup>27</sup> W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County, Missouri*, 95.

<sup>28</sup> Linda Harper and James C. Higbie, “Historic District A-Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri MRA,” 8.15-8.16.

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be found in town, Queen Anne was by far the prevailing form in Boonville. Most Queen Anne residences in Boonville were built beginning in the 1870s following the end of the Civil War with the resumption of railroad activities and reflect a shift from river to rail traffic.<sup>29</sup>

### MILITARY SCHOOLS AND MILITARY JUNIOR COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES

By definition, a military academy is a place where students (often referred to as cadets) receive a mix of military and technical education. Some of the earliest academies were established in Europe in the eighteenth century. Although operated by the military, the primary purpose of those schools was education, with the military aspect often taking a secondary place. In the United States, military schools were not established until after the Revolutionary War. Recognizing the need to train a competent core of officers to defend the new nation from invasion, Thomas Jefferson signed legislation in 1802 to establish the United States Military academy at West Point (West Point). Varying from the European philosophy of training citizen-soldiers, West Point was a military-focused school focused on training the next generation of military officers and engineers. The school, operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, served as the nation's only engineering school until 1821, and worked on countless public transportation and survey-related projects throughout the country.<sup>30</sup> In the years before the Civil War, the number of military schools in the United States increased to over 170.<sup>31</sup> West Point proved to be the exception, however, as almost all of the military schools in existence before the Civil War operated closer to the European model, educating "citizen soldiers in areas of math, science, philosophy, language, and literature."<sup>32</sup> Enrollment in military schools shot up following the end of the Civil War, and stayed high through the twentieth century before falling off during the Depression. Prior to World War II, military school enrollment again increased, and stayed high through the mid-to-late-1960s until the Vietnam War, and the subsequent anti-war movement turned popular opinion away from all things military.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Linda Harper and James C. Higbie, "Historic District A-Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri MRA," 8.21.

<sup>30</sup> Kelly C. Jordan and John A. Coulter, "A Brief History of the Military School in America." 2016, 1, [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/315611197\\_A\\_Brief\\_History\\_of\\_the\\_Military\\_School\\_in\\_America](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/315611197_A_Brief_History_of_the_Military_School_in_America) (accessed September 2023).

<sup>31</sup> Kelly C. Jordan and John A. Coulter, "A Brief History of the Military School in America." 2

<sup>32</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 27.

<sup>33</sup> Kelly C. Jordan and John A. Coulter, "A Brief History of the Military School in America." 3-4.

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Military junior colleges followed similar enrollment trends to military schools such as West Point, but on a much smaller scale. Many began in the mid-to-late-1800s as privately-operated boarding schools, with the junior college aspect integrated as part of a larger secondary school curriculum between the 1910s and 1940s.<sup>34</sup> In the 1940s, during the height of pre-World War II mobilization, there were just ten military junior colleges in the United States, including Kemper Military School (*Figure 22*). Some of the history of military junior colleges closely mirrors that of the military schools throughout much of the rest of the twentieth century, except it seems that many of the military junior college programs were either abandoned or the schools closed at a higher rate than the military colleges.

One of the appeals of the military school program over the military junior college was the ability for graduates to earn a military commission upon completion of their degree requirements through the Reserve Officer's Training Corp program (ROTC). While the ROTC program as it is known today was not established until the National Defense Act of 1916, the idea of citizen-soldiers dates back to around 1819, when Captain Alden Partridge, a former West Point superintendent, began to advocate for the practice. The idea clearly caught on, and in 1862, the Morrill Land Grant Act required colleges that were established under the act to provide military training.<sup>35</sup> Typically, ROTC students attending traditional four-year universities take ROTC courses in military history, tactics, and military instruction. Upon graduation, students are commissioned as officers.<sup>36</sup>

At military junior colleges, students attended for just two years and were not able to earn a commission at the end of that time. The practice changed in the late-1970s with the Early Commissioning Program (ECP). Following dwindling recruitment numbers as a result of the Vietnam War, Congress approved legislation to allow military junior college students to commission as officers while working to complete their degree.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>34</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 33.

<sup>35</sup> Brigadier General Sean A. Gainey, "History," *Army ROTC*, <https://armyrotc.army.mil/history/> (accessed November 2023).

<sup>36</sup> "Frequently Asked Questions," *Army ROTC*, <https://armyrotc.army.mil/faq/> (accessed November 2023).

<sup>37</sup> Ian Whitfield, "Empowering the Early Commission Program," *Georgetown Security Studies Review* (September 9, 2022), <https://georgetownsecuritystudiesreview.org/2022/09/09/empowering-the-early-commission-program/#:~:text=This%20little%2Dknown%20program%20is,be%20commissioned%20as%20second%20lieutenants> (accessed September 2023).

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**FREDERICK KEMPER AND THE BOONVILLE BOARDING SCHOOL**

The first iteration of what would become the Kemper Military School was founded in 1844 by Frederick T. Kemper as the Kemper Family School. The school originally operated out of a small frame building at the corner of Morgan Street and Spring Street (not extant). With an initial enrollment of just five students, Kemper taught all the courses by himself. By the end of the year, enrollment had grown to thirty-five, and the school operated out of a two-story building in downtown Boonville (exact location not known).<sup>38</sup> In 1845, the school, now known as the Boonville Boarding School and Teacher's Seminary, opened in a building at the western edge of the city limits (*Kemper Administration Complex, original MRA Resource 8, not extant*).<sup>39</sup> Tuition at the school was between \$8 and \$15 for a five-month term, which included high school-level classes in Latin, Greek, math, astronomy, and chemistry.<sup>40</sup> The school continued to grow, and by 1852, the number of students had reached 127. The Missouri State Legislature approved a charter to incorporate the Boonville College that same year, though that iteration of the school never opened due to a lack of funding.<sup>41</sup> Kemper continued to operate the boarding school until 1856, when he sold it to James A. Quarles and moved to Fulton, Missouri to serve as interim president of Westminster College, where he also taught courses in science, language, and literature.<sup>42</sup>

Kemper's successors proved less adept at running the school, and it passed through a few different owners before being abandoned around 1860. In 1861, Kemper returned to Boonville and reopened the school as the Kemper & Taylor Institute with Edwin H. Taylor as a partner.<sup>43</sup> This iteration of the school operated much like the old Boonville Boarding school and accepted both local and out of town students.<sup>44</sup> The boarding school contained three sections, the first was a primary school, with courses on subjects such as reading, writing, math, geography, and music.

<sup>38</sup> W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County*, 262.

<sup>39</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, *A Different Drum*, 48; this brick building was the first section of what would become the Administration Building (not extant).

<sup>40</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 50-51. Boarders were charged an additional \$1.50 per week for board and food.

<sup>41</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 56, 58.

<sup>42</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 60.

<sup>43</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 61; Taylor left the school around 1865.

<sup>44</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 61. It is assumed that this iteration of the school operated much like the Boonville Boarding School, but no information has been found on tuition rates.

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The second section was a more advanced course in math and bookkeeping, with an emphasis on grammar. The final section seems to have functioned as a college preparatory path with courses in advanced math, composition, science, and literature.<sup>45</sup>

Taylor likely left around 1869, and newspaper ads indicate that the school again changed names to the Kemper Family School around that time. In 1872, Thomas A. Johnston, a former student, joined the staff as the assistant principal of the school. While not a *formal* military school at the time, Johnston instituted military-style dress “to promote economy,” and had students participating in “soldierly drill.”<sup>46</sup> The primary school ceased operations around this time, and the rest of the courses were reconfigured with an eye towards preparing graduates for admittance to the military academies such as the United States Naval Academy, West Point, and college, for students who did not seek a military path.<sup>47</sup>

Newspaper advertisements of the era often extolled military virtues such as discipline and self-improvement, noting that “lazy, untruthful and insubordinate [students] should not come.”<sup>48</sup> Johnston held the position of vice principal until 1881, when he became principal of the school following the death of Frederick T. Kemper.<sup>49</sup>

### KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL

After Kemper’s death, Johnston purchased the school outright and continued to expand its military connections through the 1880s and 1890s, as evidenced by a noticeable increase in advertisements mentioning the school’s military connections (*Figure 23*).<sup>50</sup> In 1885, William A. Annin joined the faculty as the school’s first military instructor. This marked a noticeable shift in the focus of the school squarely towards military education and is considered by many to be the

<sup>45</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, “A Different Drum,” 62.

<sup>46</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, “A Different Drum,” 65-66.

<sup>47</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, “A Different Drum,” 68

<sup>48</sup> “Kemper’s Family School,” *The Columbia Herald-Statesmen* (Columbia, Missouri), August 8, 1873, 2.

<sup>49</sup> W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County*, 262.

<sup>50</sup> It is interesting to note that while the military curriculum played a larger role in the school following the death of Frederick T. Kemper, the school’s name remained the Kemper Family School through the 1880s and 1890s. A search on newspapers.com for articles related to the school between 1880 and 1980 returned hits from every state. Nearby states such as Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Iowa, and Illinois returned the largest number of hits, suggesting a regional enrollment focus.

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date that the military school was founded.<sup>51</sup> Around 1888, Johnston hired S. D. Rockenback to formally establish a military department at the school. Under Rockenback's guidance, all students were organized into a military-like structure, which included a chain of command, and ranks for the students (herein referred to as cadets).<sup>52</sup> In 1893, the War Department assigned an Army officer to teach at the school and provided rifles and artillery for the cadets to train with.<sup>53</sup> The military curriculum was apparently so strong that the Missouri Military Academy, in Mexico, Missouri, modeled their curriculum off of Kemper's.<sup>54</sup> In 1899, the school was formally renamed the Kemper Military School. A bill signed by Missouri Governor Lawrence Stephens established a National Guard Post on the campus the same year.<sup>55</sup> Following the reorganization of the school, Johnston set out to expand the Kemper Military School through repairs to existing buildings, and construction of new ones. Buildings constructed during this period include the Cannon Headquarters/Garage (*built 1900-1910, Resource 2*), "A" Barracks (*built 1909, Resource 5*), and the Math Hall (*built 1909, Resource 6*).

As Johnston worked to improve the grounds, enrollment at the Kemper Military School began to increase. In 1914, twenty-one cadets graduated from the Kemper Military school, making it the second largest graduating class up to that time.<sup>56</sup> "D" Barracks (*built 1916-1918, Resource 4*), which historically included cadet dining facilities, as well as an auditorium, classrooms, and barracks, was likely constructed in response to this growing enrollment. Two years later, in 1916, Congress passed the National Defense Act, which created the Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC). This allowed students who completed four years of training to be commissioned as Army Reserve officers. The Kemper Military School was one of the first schools in the nation to establish an ROTC program, albeit a slightly modified one-Kemper's high school program consisted of a senior unit for students over sixteen, and a junior unit for those fourteen to sixteen. After competing their second year of training, cadets had the option to take additional military training and receive their commission on their twenty-first birthday.<sup>57</sup>

<sup>51</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 71.

<sup>52</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 72.

<sup>53</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 74.

<sup>54</sup> *The Fulton Gazette* (Fulton, Missouri), December 20, 1889, 3.

<sup>55</sup> "Signed by the Governor," *St. Joseph News-Press* (St. Joseph, Missouri), June 2, 1899, 1.

<sup>56</sup> *Columbia Herald-Statesman* (Columbia, Missouri, June 19, 1914, 6.

<sup>57</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 91.

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As a direct result of the new ROTC program, Kemper's enrollment rose to 205 by 1917. A newspaper article announced that it was a record amongst "schools of its class west of the Mississippi River."<sup>58</sup> The Kemper Military School celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (of the founding of the original school) in 1919, declaring an enrollment of over 500 cadets and a graduating class of seventy-seven. This made Kemper the largest military school west of the Mississippi, and one of the top ten military schools in the country in terms of enrollment. A description of the school and grounds at that time read, "[the school] occupies 30 acres...and has five modern barracks, two study halls, an auditorium that will seat 500, a gymnasium, library, manual training and machine shops and employs 29 teachers and officers."<sup>59</sup> Following the end of World War I, enrollment at the Kemper Military School dropped to as low as 200. Enrollment numbers hovered between 200 and 350 for much of the 1920s and 1930s. Despite enrollment leveling off during this time, construction of the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (*both built 1925, Resource 1*) shows a continued commitment to the school's facilities.

In order to help stabilize enrollment, Johnston instituted a junior college program in 1924. Under the program, cadets who completed thirteen high school credits could enroll in Kemper's junior college program. Once they graduated, cadets would then be able to transfer any credits earned beyond the initial thirteen to a college.<sup>60</sup> The program proved very popular, and Kemper graduated thirteen cadets in the spring of 1925.<sup>61</sup> Following the end of the 1928 school year, Johnston retired citing health concerns and A. M. Hitch became the superintendent of the Kemper Military School. One year later, the stock market crashed and enrollment quickly dropped off again to about 200.<sup>62</sup> Despite dwindling enrollment, the school held on until preparations for World War II saw enrollment trend upward. Beginning around 1936, enrollment at Kemper reached 400, and did not drop back down below that number until after the war.<sup>63</sup> In response to this new increase in enrollment, Kemper officials constructed additional educational and athletic facilities during the pre-war period, including the Academic Building (*built 1939, Resource 3*), the Science Building (*built 1941, Resource 7*), the Kemper Stadium (*built 1937-*

<sup>58</sup> *Twice-a-week Columbia Herald-Statesmen* (Columbia, Missouri), February 19, 1917, 2; the article is unclear if the statement is referring to other military schools or other boys boarding schools west of the Mississippi.

<sup>59</sup> *The Evening Missourian* (Columbia, Missouri), June 2, 1919, 4; W. F. Johnson, *History of Cooper County*, 263.

<sup>60</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 96.

<sup>61</sup> Sanftleben, *A Different Drum*, 97.

<sup>62</sup> Sanftleben, *A Different Drum*, 99; Kemper Military School, *1970-1980: A Decade For Development*, Enrollment Chart (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1970), no page.

<sup>63</sup> Kemper Military School, *1970-1980: A Decade For Development*, Enrollment Chart, no page.

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1938, *Resource 17*), the associated Road to Kemper Stadium (*Resource 20*) and the Rupe Branch Bridge (*Resource 23*). It was also around this time that the school utilized some nearby houses as off-campus housing. These included the Dillender Residence, Bertha Hitch Hall, and the Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (*Resources 12, 13, and 14*).<sup>64</sup> Despite the increases in campus housing and infrastructure, by the mid-1950s, enrollment had dropped to 358.<sup>65</sup>

## AFTER WORLD WAR II

The next big change for the Kemper Military School came in 1956, when the board of directors voted to change the school's management structure from a for-profit to a non-profit. The reason for the change was to align the school with "modern educational requirements," and to allow for more money to be used to improve the grounds and raise teacher salaries.<sup>66</sup> The changes appear to have worked for a time, as Kemper's enrollment reached a post-war high of 450 in 1963, with 180 in the junior college program.<sup>67</sup> The following year, 1964, the school received a \$850,000 loan from the federal Community Facilities Administration to build a new barracks on campus (*Original MRA resource 5, demolished between 2018 and 2020*).<sup>68</sup> Despite renewed investment in the campus, however, enrollment began to slide, in part due to the United States' escalation in Vietnam and the resulting antiwar sentiment. Between 1966 and 1970, enrollment fell again from a high of near 550 to less than 300.<sup>69</sup> Kemper Military School was not alone in this, however. The Wentworth Military Academy, in Lexington, Missouri saw a nearly 200-cadet drop in enrollment for the 1970-1971 school year.<sup>70</sup>

<sup>64</sup> Sanborn Map Company, "Boonville, Cooper county, Missouri" (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1917), sheet 10; it is not known exactly how long each residence was utilized by the school.

<sup>65</sup> "Regional Will Start on February 22; Class "B" Plan to be Announced Later," *Daily American Republic* (Popular Bluff, Missouri), November 11, 1954, 12.

<sup>66</sup> "Vote Non-Profit Basis for Kemper Military School," *Columbia Daily Tribune*, July 24, 1956, 12.

<sup>67</sup> *Columbia Daily Tribune* (Columbia, Missouri), August 21, 1963, 17.

<sup>68</sup> "Kemper Received Housing Loan," *The Daily Democrat-News* (Marshall, Missouri), January 23, 1964, 1; the Community Facilities Administration was established in 1954 to administer local community development programs.

<sup>69</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 113.

<sup>70</sup> "Wentworth Appeals for Financial Help," *The Kansas City Star*, November 7, 1972.



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In 1971, as a result of falling enrollment coupled with increased construction and maintenance costs, the school announced a \$128,000 operating deficit and began fundraising efforts.<sup>71</sup> Ultimately it appears that the school was not able to raise enough money and began looking for other ways to lessen the deficit, such as admitting non-boarding students (who would not be able to participate in the cadet program), and women. The additional enrollment did not have the intended impact, and in 1973, three local banks stepped in with loans to help keep the school afloat.<sup>72</sup> The mounting financial pressure proved to be too much for the school's board to handle, and most of the board resigned in January 1974, to make way for a new board with stronger local ties to Boonville.<sup>73</sup>

Showing the community's dedication to, and belief in the school, the new board raised over \$100,000 to keep the school open through the rest of the year and announced a recruitment goal of 300 cadets for the 1975-1976 school year.<sup>74</sup> In 1993, looking for ways to cut costs, it appears that the school sold off the grounds associated with the campus golf course to the Boonville Golf & Country Club.<sup>75</sup> Despite steady enrollment and vigorous fundraising efforts throughout most of the following 26 years, Kemper Military School eventually succumbed to its debts and closed for good at the end of the 2001-2002 school year.<sup>76</sup>

### CHANGES AFTER KEMPER

The Citizens Bank and Trust acquired the former Kemper Military School campus in December 2002.<sup>77</sup> In March 2003, the entire campus went up for auction. Surprisingly, the buildings and grounds were purchased by the City of Boonville for \$480,000.<sup>78</sup> Articles about the purchase

<sup>71</sup> "Kemper Military School Battles Deficit Problem," *The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribute* (Chillicothe, Missouri), February 25, 1971.

<sup>72</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 117.

<sup>73</sup> "New Trustees for Ailing School," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 21, 1947, 4.

<sup>74</sup> Kurt Allen Sanftleben, "A Different Drum," 118; "New Trustees for Ailing School," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 21, 1947, 4.

<sup>75</sup> Cooper County Deed Book 248, page 152, May 27, 1993.

<sup>76</sup> Cory De Vera, "Financial Woes Close School," *The Springfield News-Leader* (Springfield, Missouri), June 29, 2002, 21.

<sup>77</sup> Cooper County Deed Book 386, page 161.

<sup>78</sup> Scott Charton, "Boonville Bid Keeps Kemper Intact," *The Kansas City Star*, April 5, 2003, 82; individual items and other equipment were sold separately at auction.

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seem to indicate that the YMCA was already operating out of the Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (*Resource 1*), but the exact date that the YMCA moved in is not known. It is possible that the YMCA moved into the building in 2001, as deed records show that they acquired the parking lot to the south at that time (*Resource 27*).<sup>79</sup> In 2012, after years of interest by a handful of other schools and developers, the State Fair Community College (based in Sedalia, Missouri) signed a five-year lease for the Science Building (*Resource 7*).<sup>80</sup> The college still operates a satellite campus out of the Science Building. Perhaps the most significant change to occur following the closing of the Kemper Military School was the demolition of the Administration Building in mid- to late-2016. Around the same time, the Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park (*Resource 26*) opened to the west of the Science Building. Other recent changes to the campus have involved the demolition of the Stables (*Original MRA resource 1*), as well as the demolition of the 1950s dormitory building between 2018 and 2020 (*Original MRA resource 5*). New parking lots and an access road were added in 2011-2012 and 2020-2023. In 2023, the Boonslick Community Redevelopment Corporation acquired the former “D” Barracks and “A” Barracks buildings (*Resources 4 and 5*).<sup>81</sup>

### OTHER MILITARY SCHOOLS IN MISSOURI

In addition to the Kemper Military School, two other *significant* military schools, The Wentworth Military Academy (NRIS #80002373, listed 11/24/1980) and the Missouri Military Academy operated around the late 1880s in the central and western parts of the state, respectively, and remained in operation until within the last twenty years or so.<sup>83</sup>

Established in 1880, the Wentworth Military Academy is the oldest *official* military academy in the state.<sup>84</sup> Located in Lexington, Missouri, about forty miles northeast of Kansas City, Wentworth Male Academy was founded by Stephen Girard Wentworth, in memory of his son William. The school quickly instituted a military curriculum (likely for high school-aged

<sup>79</sup> Cooper County Deed Book 359, page 350, September 29, 2001.

<sup>80</sup> “College to Rent Vacant Building,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, June 24, 2012, B004; the city of Boonville Renovated the Math Hall basement at this time for a computer lab.

<sup>81</sup> Cooper County Deed Book 2023, page 1023, March 1, 2023.

<sup>83</sup> Note: The schools included in this comparison represent significant established schools that operated in the state for more than 25 years.

<sup>84</sup> Despite this, Kemper’s military roots can be traced back to as early as 1871, when Johnston joined the faculty.

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students) in 1881 and changed its name to the Wentworth Military Academy in 1890.<sup>85</sup> Like at Kemper, Wentworth Military Academy saw periods of growth and decline throughout its history and instituted a junior college program in 1923. Following World War II, enrollment reached a high of 550.<sup>86</sup> In 2017, citing increased expenses and reduced funding, the school closed.<sup>87</sup>

The Missouri Military Academy (MMA) was established in 1890 in Mexico, Missouri by Colonel A. F. Fleet. A large community effort raised \$15,000 to acquire land for the new school and construct a dorm building. The school proved successful—a second dorm, drill hall, dining hall, and gym all opened within a few years. In 1896, a massive fire destroyed the entire campus and forced the students and staff to relocate to Culver Military Academy, in Culver Indiana. The school reopened in 1900 at its current location, four years after the fire. Over the years, the MMA has continued to grow and now educated students in grades seven to twelve and occupies a 288-acre campus in Mexico, Missouri.<sup>88</sup> One major difference between the Missouri Military Academy and the Kemper Military School and the Wentworth Military Academy is that the MMA does not have a junior college program and did not have one historically.

### ARCHITECTURE OF THE KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL

Owing to its long construction history, the Kemper Military School campus represents a unique collection of popular architectural styles executed in institutional buildings in Boonville, Missouri, including Classical Revival, Romanesque Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, and Art Deco. Most other institutional buildings in town consist of a single building with a single architectural style. Classical Revival is among the more popular institutional styles found in Boonville and can be seen on other buildings such as the Laura Speed Elliott Middle School, on Main Street at the northeast corner of the intersection of Locust Street (*Figure 27 built 1914 and 1939 with a modern addition in the late 1990s-early 2000s*), and in elements of the Cooper County Courthouse (*1911-1912, listed in Historic District D – Boonville, Missouri MRA, NRIS #83000982, listed 01/24/1983*). Although no other examples of Spanish Colonial Revival aside

<sup>85</sup> Mary J. Matthews, *National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form*, “Wentworth Military Academy” (Lexington, MO, 1980), 8.1.

<sup>86</sup> Mary J. Matthews, “Wentworth Military Academy” 8.2

<sup>87</sup> Donald Bradley, “‘Old Boys’ Prepare to Say Goodbye to Wentworth,” *The Kansas City Star*, May 13, 2017, A6.

<sup>88</sup> Missouri Military Academy Website, “MMA’s Founding History), <https://www.missourimilitaryacademy.org/news-details/~board/news/post/mm-as-founding-history>; “History,” <https://www.missourimilitaryacademy.org/about/about-mma/history>.

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from “A” Barracks are known to exist in town, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Depot, executed in Mission Revival, retains similar elements such as the red clay tile, flared eaves, and segmental arch details in the dormers and gable ends (*built 1912, NRIS #82005312, listed 03/16/1990*). The new Sumner School, at 1111 Rural Street, about one-half-mile east of downtown Boonville is the only known example of an Art Deco school in town, and likely the only other institutional example of the style found outside the Kemper campus (*Figure 28*). The school was built by the WPA in 1939 as the city’s Black school. It operated as a school until the school system was desegregated in 1959.<sup>89</sup>

Although not associated with the Kemper Military School, the Reese Residence, and the Darby residence (*Resources 10 and 11*) represent typical examples of the prominent Queen Anne style in Boonville, Missouri. Popular with merchants between the late 1880s to about 1910, the style generally corresponds with a period of renewed prosperity in Boonville following the end of the Civil War and the resumption of railroad traffic through town.<sup>90</sup>

It should be noted that the campus of the former Missouri Reformatory School for Boys is another example of a group of institutional buildings in Boonville (*Historic District H, NRIS #83000985, listed 01/24/1983*). The campus is currently enveloped within the boundaries of the Boonville Correctional Center, so a complete evaluation of the current conditions and integrity of the resources within is not possible. The campus operated as a reformatory school from 1889 to 1983 and was most likely not part of the correctional center at the time of listing in the National Register. The nomination for the district describes twenty five resources that were built between 1890 and 1977 (fifteen contributing and ten noncontributing), with architectural styles that included Queen Anne, Second Empire, Bungalow, and vernacular. Aerial images from Google indicate that most of the resources are still intact, but the ones that are visible from the street are mostly two-story brick buildings with little ornament of note. Some have steeply pitched roofs with gables; others have flat roofs. The main dormitory and administrative campus buildings are located further within the correctional center and are not visible for analysis. One difference between the two campuses is that the Missouri Reformatory School was a state-funded institution for troubled and at-risk children and the Kemper Military School received funding from cadet tuition. The resources in Historic District H do represent a collection of institutional

<sup>89</sup> “Sumner School-Boonville, MO,” *Living New Deal*, <https://livingnewdeal.org/sites/sumner-school-boonville-mo/> (accessed September 2023).

<sup>90</sup> Linda Harper and James C. Higbie, “Historic District A-Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri MRA,” 8.20.

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buildings in Boonville similar to those in the nominated district, but it is again impossible to evaluate them at this time.

### CONCLUSION

Established in 1844 as a boarding school with a handful of students, the Kemper Military School eventually grew to become one of the largest military academies in the state, and one of only ten across the nation. Part of the reason for the school's long success was its ability to survive constantly fluctuating enrollment trends as the military's popularity ebbed and flowed during the Depression, both World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam. The early adoption of a junior college program further helped set the school apart. Within Boonville, the campus (including the off campus houses that have historic associations with the school) represents an excellent concentration of institutional buildings in Boonville that span decades of development, and over one hundred years of use. The houses that are not associated with the school are good examples of popular residential architectural trends in Boonville.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:** The Kemper Military School Historic District contains multiple irregular parcels generally in the west central part of Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri. The boundaries are described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Vine and Second Streets and extending east along the south edge of Vine Street to the southwest corner of Vine and Third Street, then south to the southeast corner of Lot 35, Mack's Addition, then crossing Third Street to the southwest corner of Lot 22, Mack's Addition, then north along the west boundary of Lot 22 and the south half of Lot 23 of Mack's Addition, then east along a line running parallel to Center Street and dividing Lot 22 in half to the alley, then south to the southeast corner of Lot 22 along the east boundaries of the south half of Lot 23 and Lot 22, and continuing south across Center Street then east approximately 60' along the south edge of Center Street, then approximately 150' south on a line running parallel to Third Street and dividing the 314 and 318 Center Street properties, then west to a point 150' south of the southeast corner of Third and Center Streets, then north to the southeast corner of Third and Center Streets, then west across Third Street, then south along the west side of Third to the northwest corner of Third and Spruce Streets, then west approximately 190', then south to the southeast corner of Lot 12, Porter's Addition, then along the south boundary to the southwest corner of the lot, then north along the west boundary of Lot 12, Porter's Addition to the northeast corner of Davis & Smith's Addition, then northwest approximately 165' along the north boundary of Davis & Smith's Addition, then south to the northeast corner of Lot 1, Shamrock Heights, then northwest along the north boundary of Lot 1 to the northwest corner of Lot 2, Shamrock Heights, then south to the southeast corner of Lot 11, Westwood Addition, then west along the south boundary of Westwood Addition to the southeast corner of Lot 16, then northwest along the south boundary of Lot 16 to the southwest boundary of Lot 17, Westwood Addition, then south to the north edge of Walnut Street, then following the bend of Walnut Street southwest to a point approximately 46' northwest of the southwest corner of Lot 12, Esser Addition, then north approximately 140', then southeast approximately 37', then north approximately 218', then northwest approximately 428' to the center of the Rupe Branch, then following the Rupe Branch roughly southwest to the east corner of Kemper Village, then northwest along the boundary of Kemper Village to the Missouri, Kansas, & Texas Railroad right-of-way, then following the right-of-way roughly northeast to a point approximately 39' north of the southwest corner of Vine and Second Streets, then south to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification:** The boundaries encompass all the land associated with the Kemper Military School after the golf course portion was sold off in 1993, as well as the residential houses that were included as part of the original 1983 District A nomination.



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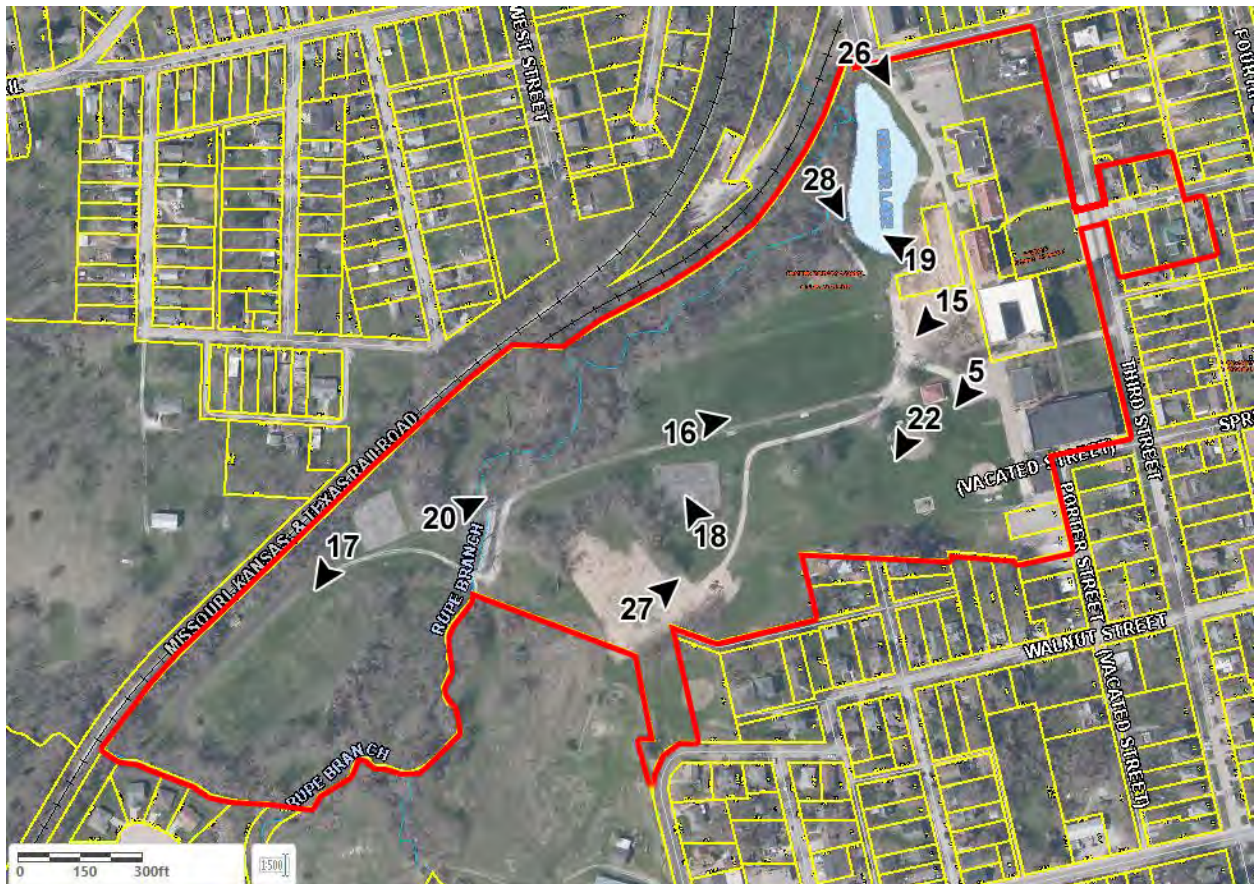
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**Site Photo Map.** Showing photo number and direction (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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**Detail Site Photo Map.** Showing east part of district (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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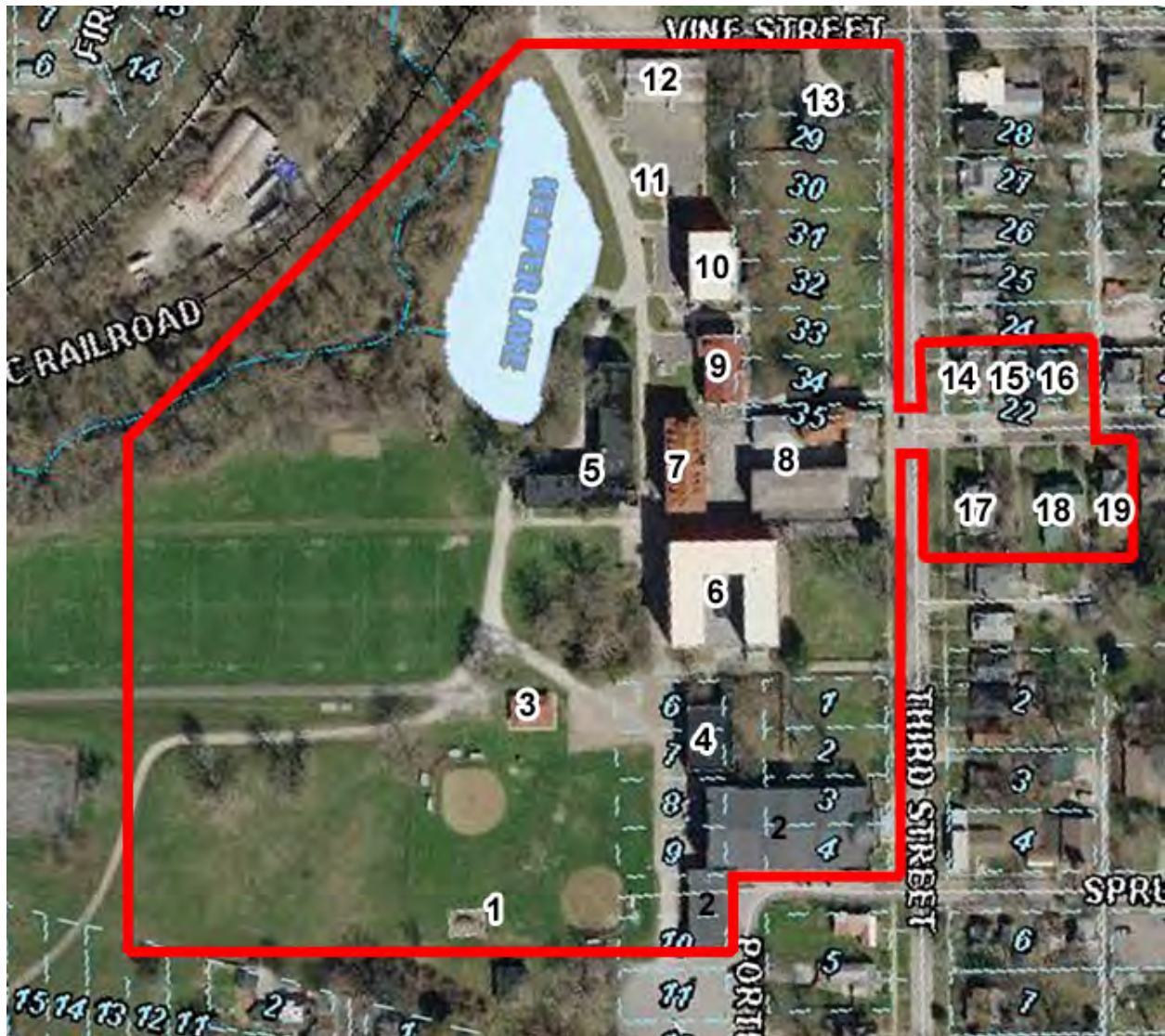
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**Figure 1:** Approximate extent of original 1983 boundaries, outlined in red. See Figure 3 for resource names. For resources not extant at the time the aerial was created, approximate locations are given (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, boundaries added by Mason Martel, 2023, not to scale).



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**Figure 2:** Original and expanded district boundaries. The original boundaries are shaded with the square pattern; the expanded boundaries are outlined with the heavy red line. (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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**Figure 3:** Table of all current resources (Mason Martel, 2023).

Resource Name (current resource number)	Original MRA Resource Number (if applicable)	Contributing/Noncontributing Status	Date of Construction
Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (1)	2	Contributing Building	1925-1925
Cannon Headquarters/Garage (2)	3	Contributing Building	1900-1910
Academic Building (3)	4	Contributing Building	1939
“D” Barracks (4)	6	Contributing Building	1916-1918
“A” Barracks (5)	7	Contributing Building	1909
Math Hall (6)	9	Contributing Building	1905-1906
Science Building (7)	10	Contributing Building	1941
Garage (8)	12	Noncontributing Building	1900, 1970
Blakefield Residence (9)	13	Contributing Building	1890
Reese Residence (10)	14	Contributing Building	1887
Darby Residence (11)	16	Contributing Building	1858-1860
Dillender Residence (12)	17	Contributing Building	1895
Bertha Hitch Hall (13)	18	Contributing Building	ca. 1854
Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (14)	19	Contributing Building	1890-1910
Kemper Military School Campus (15)	N/A	Contributing Site	1845-2002
Parade Field/Athletic Field (16)	N/A	Contributing Structure	N/A
Kemper Stadium (17)	N/A	Contributing Structure	1937-1938
East Tennis Court (18)	N/A	Contributing Structure	Pre-1947
West Tennis Court (19)	N/A	Contributing Structure	Pre-1947
Road to Kemper Stadium (20)	N/A	Contributing Structure	ca. 1920-1939
Kemper Lake (21)	N/A	Contributing Structure	ca. 1887-1889
Kemper Lake Bridge (22)	N/A	Contributing Structure	Unknown
Rupe Branch Bridge (23)	N/A	Contributing Structure	ca. 1920-1939
Flagpole and Memorial Plaque (24)	N/A	Contributing Object	1960
Southeast Baseball Fields (25)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2003-2004
Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park (26)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2016-2018
Johnston Field House and Pool Annex Parking Lot (27)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	1995-2003
Academic Building Parking Lot (28)	N/A	Contributing Structure	ca. 1947-1975
Barracks Parking Lot (29)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2020-2023
Math Hall Parking Lot (30)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2011-2012
Science Building Parking Lot (31)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2011-2012
Garage Parking Lot (32)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2011-2012
West Access Road (33)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	2020-2023

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Southeast Gate (34)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	1987
East State Fair Community College Sign (35)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	ca. 2012
West State Fair Community College Sign (36)	N/A	Noncontributing Structure	ca. 2012
Sandstone Retaining Wall (37)	N/A	Contributing Structure	Unknown (post-1900)

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**Figure 4:** Table of original resources listed in the District A nomination (Mason Martel, 2023).

Resource Name (resource number from MRA)	Current Resource Number	Date of Construction	Original 1983 Status	Updated Status (Change?)
Stables (1)	N/A	ca. 1900	Contributing Building	Demolished
Johnston Field House and Pool Annex (2)	1	1923-1925	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Cannon Headquarters/Garage (3)	2	1900-1910	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Academic Building (4)	3	1939	Noncontributing Building	Contributing Building (change from NC)
Dormitory (5)	N/A	ca. 1950	Noncontributing Building	Demolished
“D” Barracks (6)	4	1916-1918	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
“A” Barracks (7)	5	1909	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Kemper Administration Complex (8)	N/A	1842-1904	Contributing Building	Demolished
Math Hall (9)	6	1905-1906	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Science Building (10)	7	1941	Noncontributing Building	Contributing Building (change from NC)
Power Plant (11)	N/A	1920	Contributing Building	Demolished
Garage (12)	8	1900, 1970	Noncontributing Building	Noncontributing Building (no change)
Blakefield Residence (13)	9	1890	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Reese Residence (14)	10	1887	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Lamar Residence (15)	N/A	1858-1860	Contributing Building	Demolished
Darby Residence (16)	11	1858-1860	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Dillender Residence (17)	12	1895	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Bertha Hitch Hall (18)	13	ca. 1854	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)
Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (19)	14	1890-1910	Contributing Building	Contributing Building (no change)

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**Figure 5:** Table of newly counted resources in the Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase (Mason Martel, 2023).

Resources in the Additional Documentation.

Resource Name (resource number)	Date of Construction	Contributing/ Noncontributing Status
Kemper Military School Campus (15)	N/A	Contributing Site
Parade Field (16)	N/A	Contributing Structure
Kemper Lake (21)	ca. 1887-1889	Contributing Structure
Kemper Lake Bridge (22)	Unknown	Contributing Structure
Flagpole and Memorial Plaque (24)	1960	Contributing Object
Southeast Baseball Fields (25)	2003-2004	Noncontributing Structure
Central Missouri Cancer Memorial Park (26)	2016-2018	Noncontributing Structure
Johnston Field House and Pool Annex Parking Lot (27)	1995-2003	Noncontributing Structure
Academic Building Parking Lot (28)	ca. 1947-1975	Contributing Structure
Barracks Parking Lot (29)	2020-2023	Noncontributing Structure
Math Hall Parking Lot (30)	2011-2012	Noncontributing Structure
Science Building Parking Lot (31)	2011-2012	Noncontributing Structure
Garage Parking Lot (32)	2011-2012	Noncontributing Structure
West Access Road (33)	2020-2023	Noncontributing Structure
Southeast Gate (34)	1987	Noncontributing Structure
East State Fair Community College Sign (35)	ca. 2012	Noncontributing Structure
West State Fair Community College Sign (36)	ca. 2012	Noncontributing Structure
Sandstone Retaining Wall (37)	Unknown (post-1900)	Contributing Structure

Resources in the Boundary Increase.

Resource Name (resource number)	Date of Construction	Contributing/ Noncontributing Status
Road to Kemper Stadium (20)	ca. 1920-1939	Contributing Structure
Kemper Stadium (17)	1937-1938	Contributing Structure
East Tennis Court (18)	Pre-1947	Contributing Structure
West Tennis Court (19)	Pre-1947	Contributing Structure
Rupe Branch Bridge (23)	ca. 1920-1939	Contributing Structure



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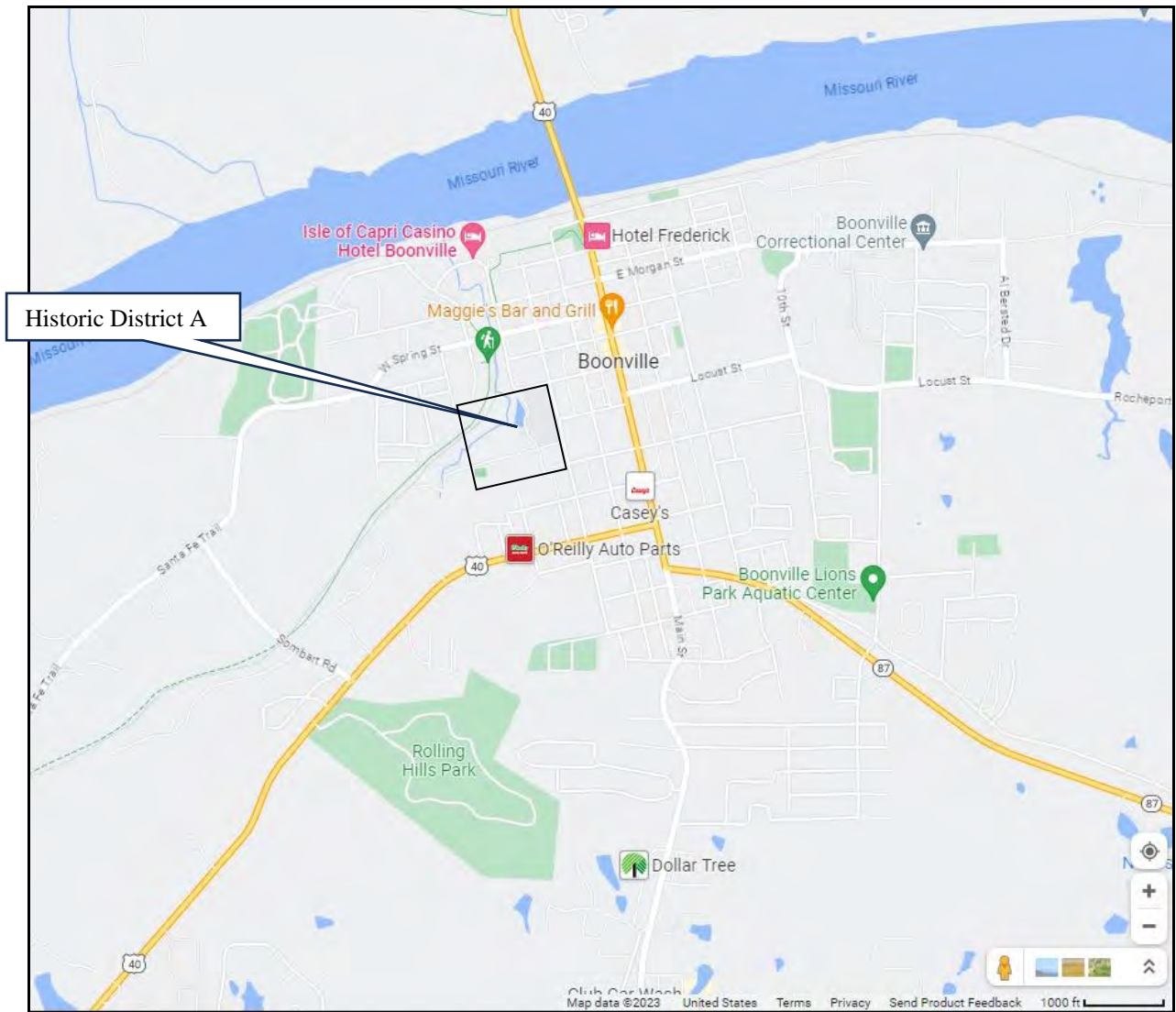
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**Figure 6:** Context map (Google Maps, 2023).



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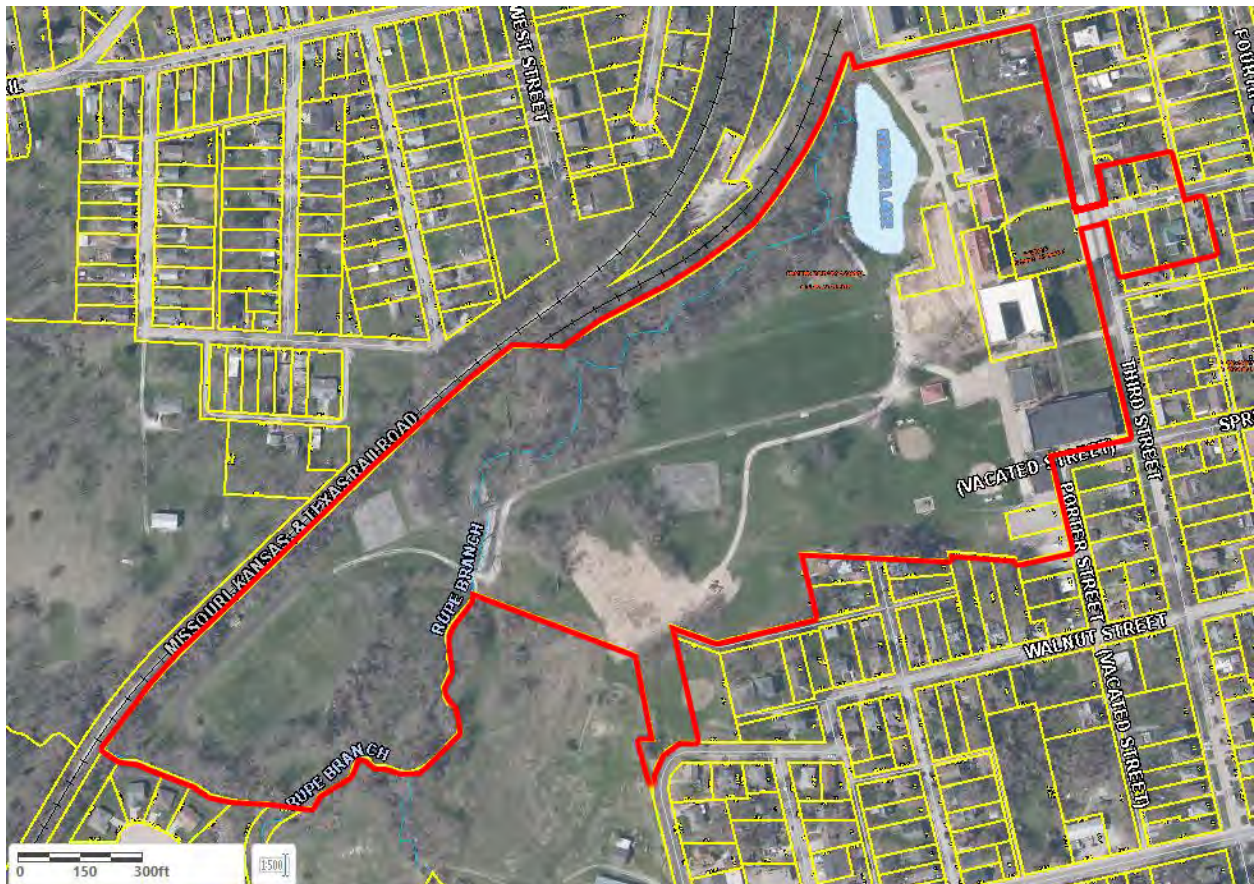
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**Figure 7:** Site map, with expended district boundaries outlined in red (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, boundaries added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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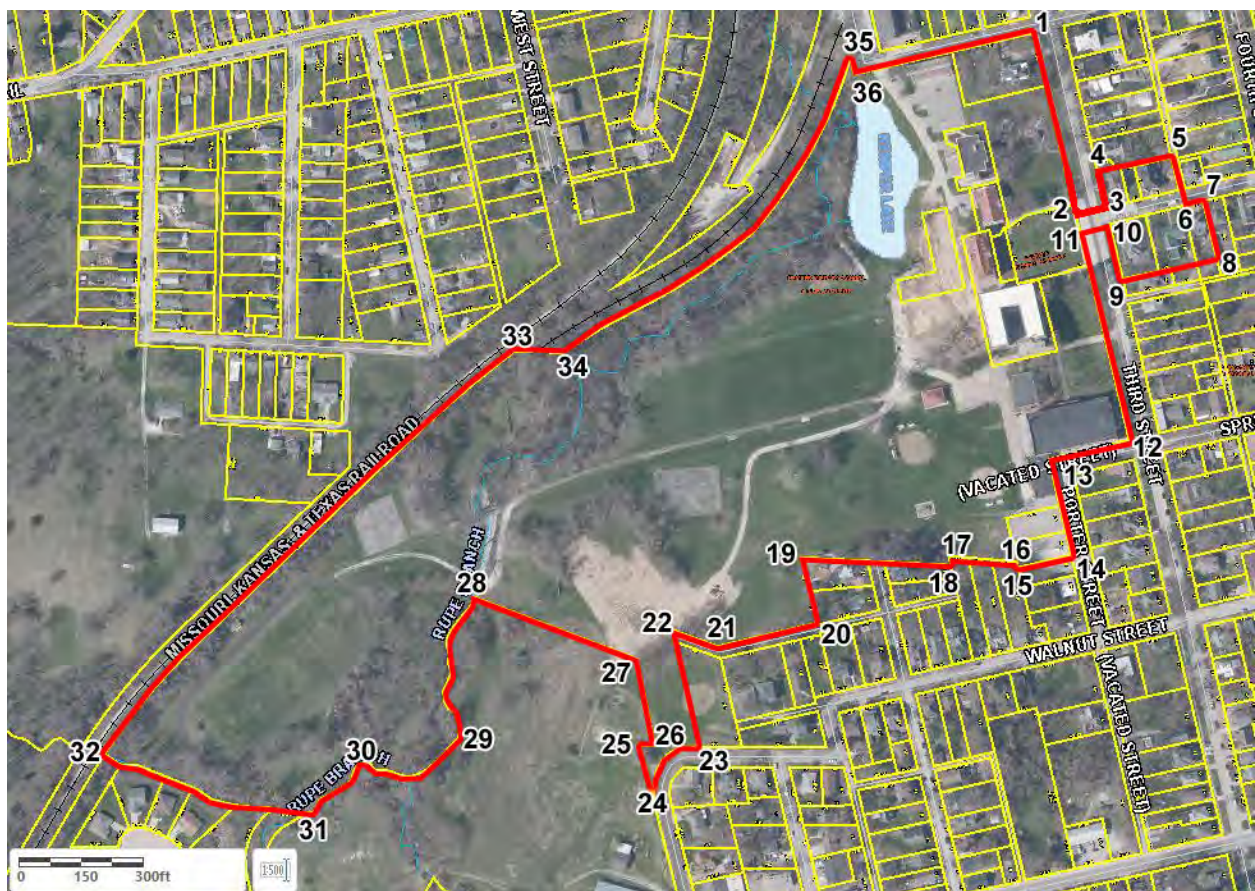
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**Figure 8:** Site map, with district vertices numbered. Numbering begins at the northeast corner and continues clockwise around the boundary. Sections of the boundary that are not straight, such as points along bodies of water, are simplified with a point at the beginning and end of major changes in direction. See table in section 10 for a table of points (Cooper County, Missouri GIS, boundaries, and points added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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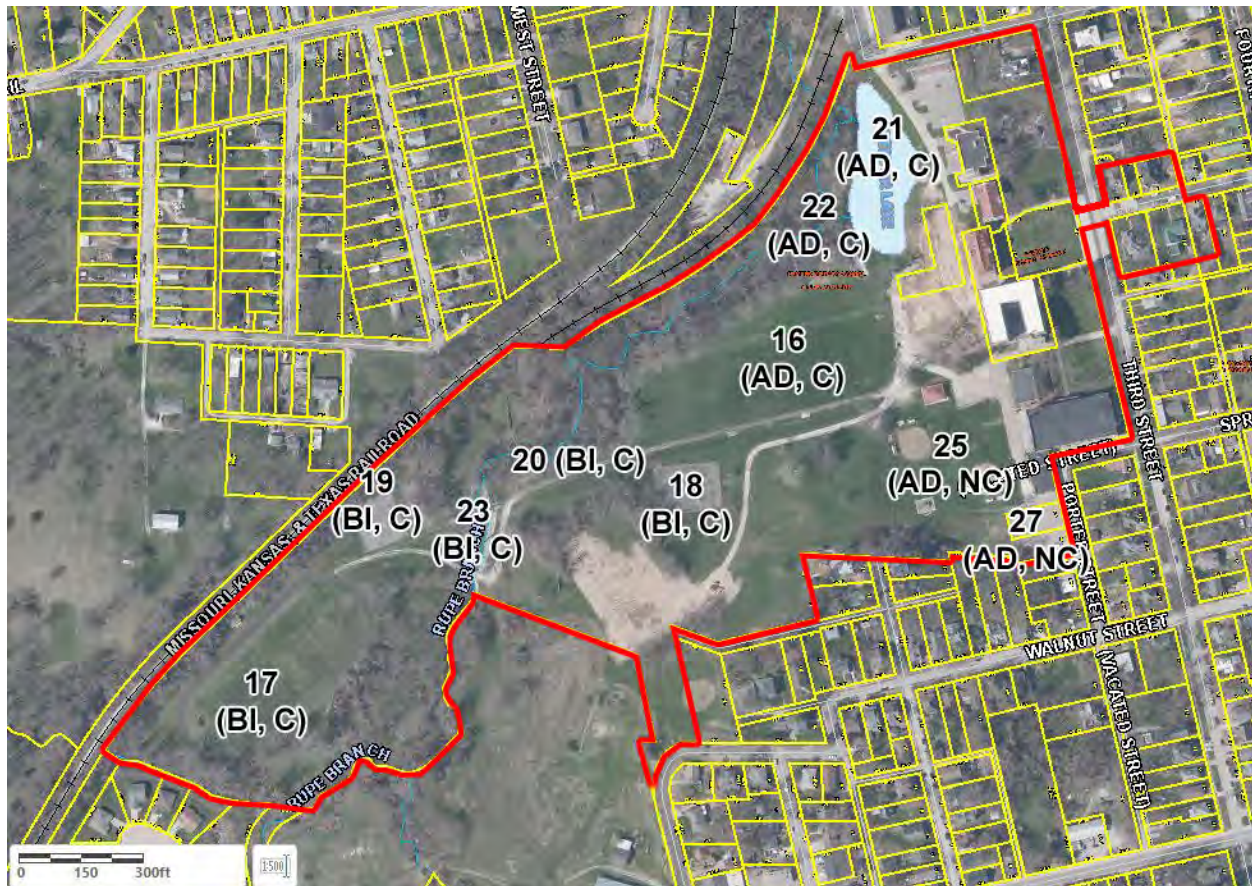
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**Figure 9:** Site map, showing resource location and contributing/noncontributing status. See Figure 2 for resource names. Note: resources with an asterisk indicate they were included in the original nomination. AD means the resource has been added as part of the Additional Documentation (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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**Figure 10:** Detail site map, showing resources in the east third of the district along with contributing/noncontributing status. Note: resources with an asterisk indicate they were included in the original nomination. AD means the resource has been added as part of the Additional Documentation, and BI indicates Boundary Increase. See Figure 2 for resource numbers (Map from Cooper County, Missouri GIS, notes added by Mason Martel, 2023).



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**Figure 11:** Top: Undated (likely ca. 1925) postcard of the Johnston Field House; Bottom: 1939 photo of the interior of the Pool Annex (“New \$150,000 Gymnasium, Kemper Military School, folder 7, *Kemper Military School (Boonville, MO.) Collection (C4174)*); Kemper Military School, *View Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1939), no page. Kemper Military School Museum Archives).



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**Figure 12:** 1939 photo of the exterior of the Cannon Headquarters/Garage, looking southeast (Kemper Military School, *View Book*, (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1939), no page Kemper Military School Museum Archives).



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**Figure 13:** Interior photos of the Academic Building. Top: typical corridor and stair; Bottom: typical classroom (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).





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**Figure 14:** Top: Historic photo of the dining hall in “D” Barracks; Bottom: similar view of the dining hall today (Kemper Military School, *View Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1939), no page; Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).



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**Figure 15:** Historic photograph showing a portion of the primary south elevation of “A” Barracks (left) and the Math Hall (center) in 1920 (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), 92. Kemper Military School Museum archives).



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**Figure 16:** Top: Undated photo showing the original interior configuration of the Math Hall. Bottom: Upper floor of Math Hall, looking northeast from southwest corner (Undated photograph from the Kemper Military School and College Museum archives; Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).



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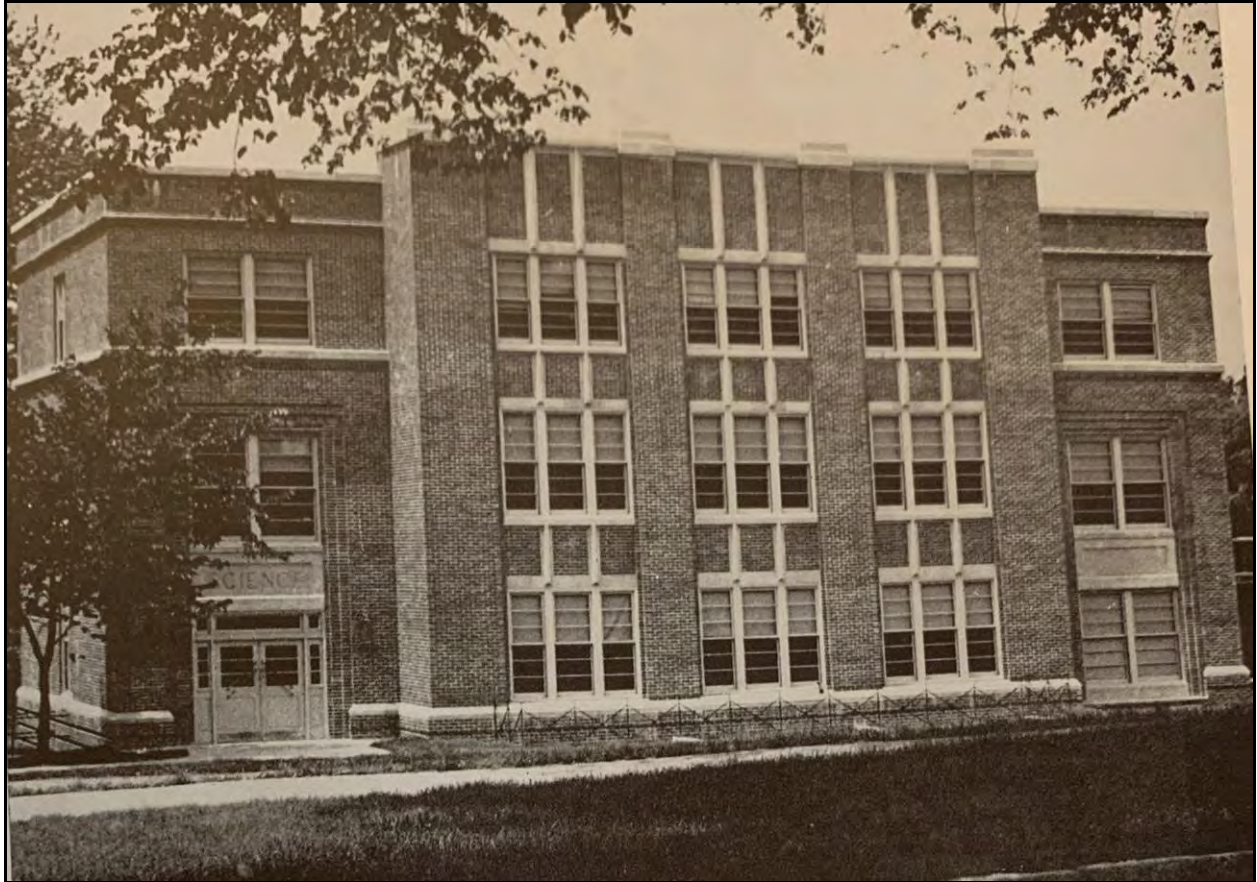
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**Figure 17:** 1963 photo of the Science Building (Kemper Military School, *View Book* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1963), 5. *E. W. Tucker Papers* (C4000); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia).



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**Figure 18:** 1920 photograph of the Dillender Residence (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), no page. Kemper Military School Museum archives).



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**Figure 19:** 1920 Photograph of Bertha Hitch Hall (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), no page. Kemper Military School Museum archives).



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**Figure 20:** 1931 aerial of the campus showing buildings and associated circulation. (Kemper Military School, *View Book*, (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1931), no page. Kemper Military School Museum Archives).



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**Figure 21:** Resources 35 (top) and 36 (bottom) (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).





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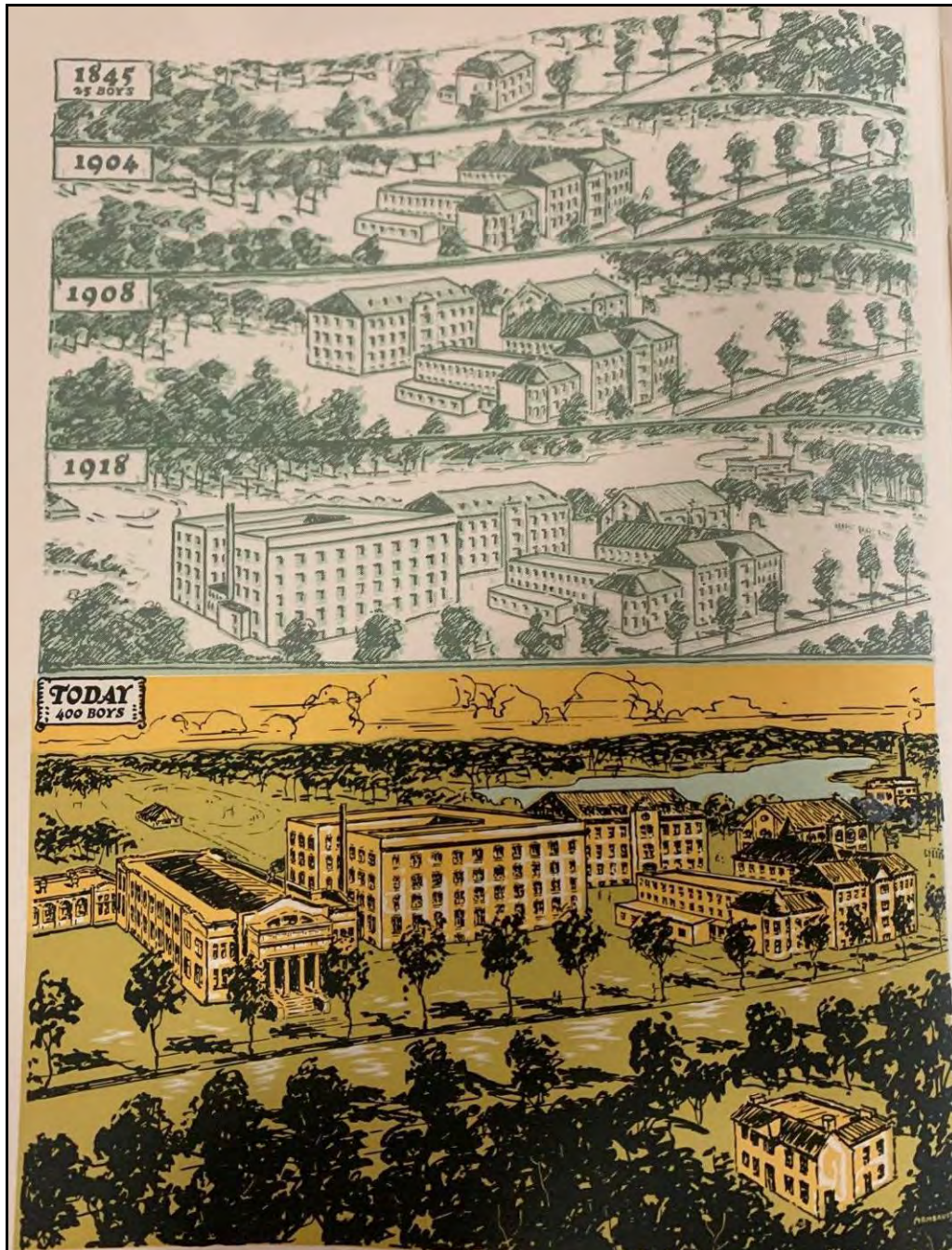
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**Figure 22:** Sketches of the Kemper Military School Campus, 1845-1931 (Kemper Military School, *View Book*, (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1931), no page. Kemper Military School Museum Archives).



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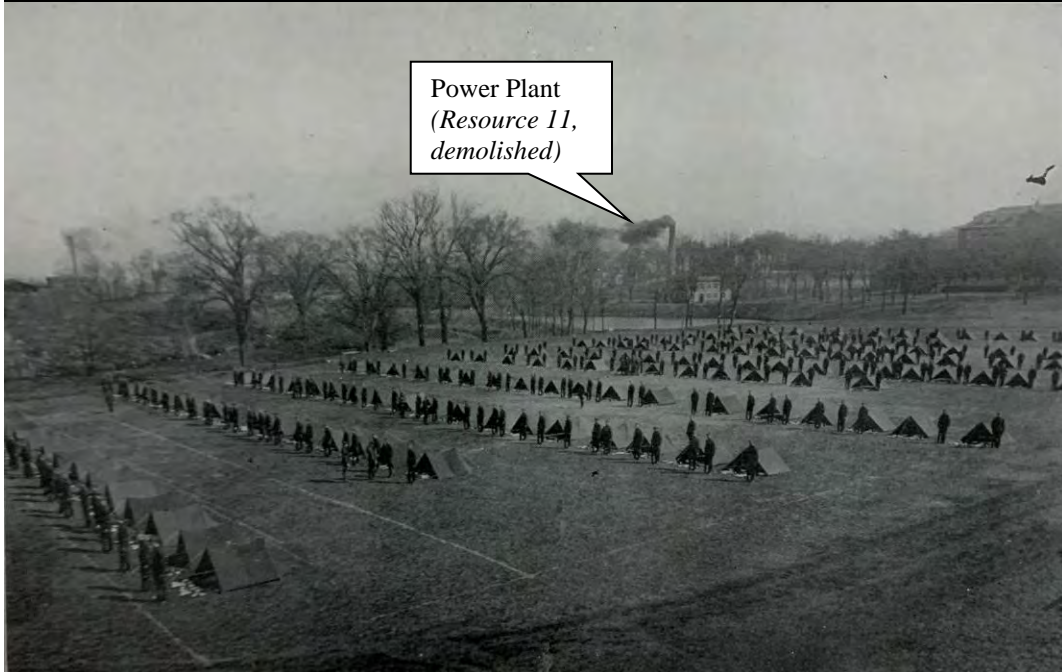
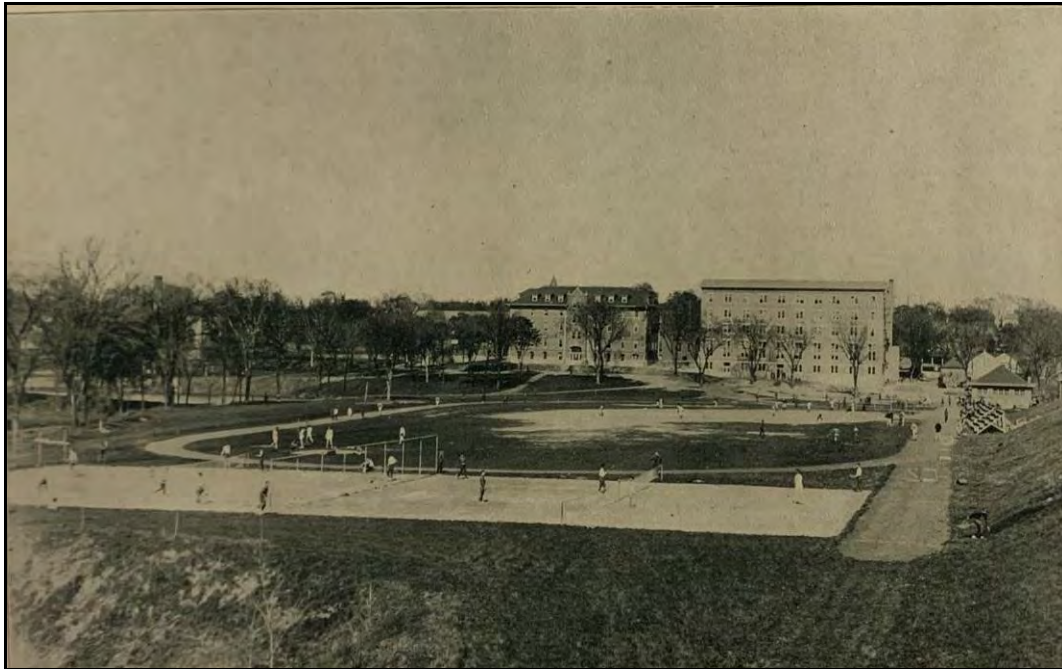
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**Figure 23:** Photographs of the Parade Field/Athletic Field. Top: field in athletic-related use. Bottom: field in military-related use (Kemper Military School, *Star Shell* (Boonville, Missouri: Kemper Military School, 1920), no page. Kemper Military School Museum archives).



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**Figure 24:** Table of Military Junior Colleges, 1940 (adapted from Kurt Allen Sanftleben, “A Different Drum,” 32).

School Name (Location)	Year School Became a Military Academy	Year School Became a Junior College
Marion Military Institute (Marion, Alabama)	1848	1919
Kemper Military School (Boonville, Missouri)	1885	1923
Gordon Military College (Barnesville, Georgia)	1890	1927
Oak Ridge Military Academy (Oak Ridge, North Carolina)	1917	1933
Georgia Military College (Milledgeville, Georgia)	1879	1930
Wentworth Military Academy (Lexington, Missouri)	1880	1923
New Mexico Military Institute (Roswell, New Mexico)	1898	1914
Oklahoma Military Academy (Claremore, Oklahoma)	1921	1921
Texas Military College (Terrell, Texas)	1915	1930
Valley Forge Military Academy (Wayne, Pennsylvania)	1928	1935

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**Figure 25:** Kemper Family School Advertisement (“Kemper Family School, *St. Charles Cosmos* (St. Charles, Missouri), August 20, 1890, 4).



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**Figure 26:** West Tennis Court (*Resource 19*) (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).



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**Figure 27:** Southeast Gate (*Resource 34*), looking west from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).



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**Figure 28:** Rupe Branch Bridge (*Resource 28*), showing wood deck and railing, looking east (Brad Finch, f-Stop Photography, 2023).



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**Figure 29:** Laura Speed Elliott Middle School. Top: North half; Bottom: South half (Google Streetview, accessed 2023).





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**Figure 30:** Sumner School, 1111 Rural Street (Google Streetview, accessed 2023).



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**Figure 31:** Kusgen-Melkersman Residence (Mason Martel, 2023).

































































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This nomination is the result of a local survey conducted by the Historic Survey Office of the Friends of Historic Boonville, Inc., and funded by a Federal grant on a 50-50 match basis. It was administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Program. The Historic Survey Office staff included James Higbie, Coordinator/Historian; Linda Harper, Architectural Historian; and Robert Dyer, Research Assistant. Sharon Korte, Survey Committee Chairman, and members of the committee aided the survey by doing photography, research and other volunteer activities. All properties within the city limits, except the SW corner, were surveyed. The area between West and Bell Streets, and Water to Walnut Streets was surveyed with a block by block, house by house survey. Areas outside this rectangular concentration were surveyed by a windshield study with specific properties intensively researched. Archeological testing was not deemed feasible with the time frame and funds provided. Copies of the complete survey are located at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Program, and with the Friends of Historic Boonville, Inc.

**DISTRICT A (Contains 20.88 acres)**

District A is located in the West Central section of the Multiple Resource area and lies with the boundaries as follows:

Beginning at the SW corner of Vine and 2nd Sts. and extending E along the South edge of Vine Street to the SW corner of Vine and 3rd Sts. then S to the SE corner of Lot 35, Mack's Addition, then crossing 3rd St. to the SW corner of Lot 22, Mack's Addition, then N along the W boundary of Lot 22 and the S half of Lot 23 of Mack's Addition, then E along a line running parallel to Center Street and dividing Lot 22 in half to the alley, then S to the SE corner of Lot 22 along the E boundaries of the South half of Lot 23 and Lot 22, and continuing S across Center Street then E approximately 60' along the S edge of Center St., then approximately 150' S on a line running parallel to 3rd Street and dividing the 314 and 318 Center Street properties, then W to a point 150' S of the SE corner of 3rd and Center Sts., then N to the SE corner of 3rd and Center Sts., then W across 3rd Street, then S along the W side of 3rd to the NW corner of 3rd and Spruce Sts., then W approximately 190', then S to the SE corner of Lot 10 of Porter's Addition, then along the S boundary of said lot and continuing approximately 675' to a point, and then N approximately 660' to a point, then NE 620' to the SW corner of Vine and 2nd Sts., or the beginning point. (NOTE: Boonville's grid plan was plotted on a NW to SE, NE to SW angle; however, for simplification in verbal boundary descriptions all districts are described with NW as N, NE as E, SE as S, and SW as W).

This concentration of properties is tied together due to the numerous associations, directly or indirectly, with the Kemper Military School and College. The 4 buildings (#6, 7, 8 and 9) making up the quadrangle of the campus are afforded primary significance, as well as #18, which has long been a part of the campus. Both #17 and 19 have been a part of the campus at various times. Primary significance is also given to #16 for the historical merit of the house, as the residence of J. Cosgrove. The two remaining residences complete the cohesive quality of the neighborhood. Therefore, these structures form a tight, cohesive unit having both architectural and historical merit. Numbers given correspond to those on the district plan.

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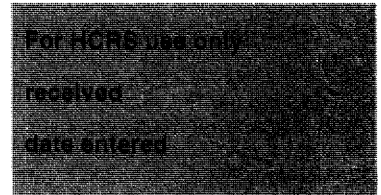
1. Stables, Kemper Military School and College Campus, c. 1900. The 1 1/2 story structure is rectangular in shape, has a gambrel roof and is capped by a cupola.
2. Johnston Field House and Pool Annex, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1923-25. This large 2 story brick structure has a 1 story ell to the S and an imposing Neo-Classical primary facade.
3. Cannon Headquarters/Garage, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1900-1910. This small rectangular brick building has a red tile, hip roof.
6. "D" Barracks, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1916-18. A 4 story brick, U-shaped structure, this building has a 1 story central section and an ornate classical 1 story porch over the primary entrance.
7. "A" Barracks, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1909. A red tile, hip roof caps this 3 1/2 story brick structure. It is embellished by flemish gables and projecting entrance bay.
8. Kemper Administration Complex, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1842-1904. The original brick structure has been altered and added onto several times to create this U-shaped complex. It varies from 1 to 3 stories, has numerous rooflines, and illustrates several styles.
9. Math Hall, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1905-06. This 2 story brick, rectangular building has ornate flemish gables to each facade.
11. Power Plant, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1920. The 2 story central section of this brick building has flanking 1 story wings. The fenestration has been altered and there is an addition.
13. Blakefield Residence, 601 3rd Street, 1890. Continually altered and remodeled, the large 2 story frame residence is now sheathed with vinyl siding. The basic Queen Anne plan remains. There is a garage addition.
14. Reese Residence, 303 Center, 1887. 2 1/2 stories in height, the brick residence retains its original Queen Anne plan and affinities, including decorative hoodmolds and a double leaf entrance.
15. Lamar Residence, 305 Center, 1858-60. Now covered with stucco, the 1 story, gable roofed brick structure has a 1 bay porch over its entrance.
16. Darby Residence, 309 Center 1858-60. The 2 1/2 story brick structure has received several alterations and additions. It has a rectangular bay at the SW corner and a circular tower at the SE corner.
17. Dillender Residence, 302 Center, 1895. Built in the Queen Anne style, the residence retains gable brackets, decorative terra cotta panels, fishscale shingles, and Eastlake millwork. Turned posts support a simple front porch.



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18. Bertha Hitch Hall, 310 Center, c. 1854. Accented by end chimneys, gable end parapet walls and a gable porch cap, this 2 story brick structure is built on an L plan and has had several additions to the rear.
19. Kusgen-Melkersman Residence, 314 Center, 189-1910. Queen Anne in style, this 2 1/2 story brick structure is embellished by projecting bays, fishscale shingles, ornate hoodmolds, and an Eastlake porch.

Intrusions within the district include the following:

4. Academic Building, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1939. Large grouped windows accent this 2 story brick building.
5. Dormitory, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1950's. Built on an L plan, this 3 story brick structure has a double leaf entrance and elevator tower at the SE corner.
10. Science Building, Kemper Military School and College Campus, 1941. A 3 story brick building, it has a transom and sidelights surrounding the entrance.
12. Garage, Kemper Military School and College Campus, c. 1900, 1970. The original small rectangular brick structure has been altered by the addition of a large metal building to the E.

**DISTRICT B (6.14 acres)**

District B is located in the central section of the Multiple Resource Area and basically extends N to S along 4th Street. Its boundaries are delineated as follows:

Beginning at the NE corner of 4th and E. Spring Sts. and running S along the W boundary of Lot 240 of Hanna and Wyan's Addition, across the alley and then E along the N boundary of the Hain lot 135' to a point, then S 100' and across Chestnut Street to a point 135' E from the SE corner of Chestnut and 4th Sts., then E approximately 45' to the alley, then running along the W side of the alley 350' SE to Vine Street, then 180' along the S side of Lot 7, Hendrick's Addition, to the NE corner of Vine and 4th Sts., crossing Vine Street, then extending approximately 240' along the E side of 4th Street to the NW corner of Lot 9, Mack's Addition, crossing 4th Street, then running W along the S boundary of Lot 19, Mack's Addition to the SW corner of said lot, then N along the E side of the alley, across Vine Street, continuing up the alley along the W boundary lines of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Wooldridge Addition, then E along the N boundary of Lot 5 for 10', then N across Chestnut Street and continuing 100' and across the alley, then 15' W along the S boundary of Lot 265 of Hanna's Addition, then N approximately 90' on a line parallel to the W boundary of said lot, then E 60' on a line parallel to the N boundary of said lot, then 60' N on a line parallel to the W boundary of said lot, then E along the N boundary of said lot and Lot 264, Hanna's Addition, continuing across 4th Street to the NE corner of 4th Street, or the beginning point. (NOTE: Boonville's grid plan runs NW to SE and NE to SW; however, to simplify the verbal boundary description, NW will be listed as N, NE as E, SE as S and SW as W.)



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Kemper Administration Complex

District A, # 8

3rd and Center Sts., Boonville, Cooper County,  
Mo., 65233

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Fall 1979

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Boonville, Mo.

View from SE: Looking at (E) primary facade



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Kemper Administration Complex

District A, #8

3rd and Center Sts., Boonville, Cooper County,  
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View from N: #8 on left, #9 on right



BERTHA HITCH HALL

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Bertha Hitch Hall

District A, #8

412 Center Sts., Boonville, Cooper C ounty,  
Mo., 65233

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View from NW towards primary facade