

County



The Pony Express Rider bronze, created 15 years ago by Salina sculptor Dick Bergren, is now less than two blocks from Pony Express Home Station No. 1 and the Pony Express Museum. In April 2007, the statue was moved



to its new home along U.S. 36 in downtown Marysville. Phil Landoll of Landoll Corp., Marysville, attached straps to the rider sculpture to lift it by a crane provided by Union Pacific Railroad. Photos by JoAnn Shum

Pony Express rider finds new home near US. 36

Marysville's bronze Pony Express sculpture found a new home in 2007 and is displayed once again along U.S. 36. This time it is in the heart of town.

The larger-than-lifesize statue was moved in 2002 to make way for the overpass, flood control and railroad relocation project.

When the project was completed the statue moved to the south side of U.S. 36 in the center of the old Union Pacific railbed.

In its new location, the Pony Express sculpture is less than two blocks from Pony Express Home Station No. 1 and the Pony Express Museum, where travelers can learn how the mail was carried across the western part of the continent in 1860 and 1861.

The story is kept alive each year in June when National Pony Express Association riders recreate the Pony Express run between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, racing against the clock day and night and making exchanges at relay points along the way.

The 2008 re-ride will come through Marysville June 27, and the exchange will be at the Pony Express barn.

The stone barn in the heart of downtown Marysville was ready for the first run of the Pony Express April 4, 1860.

The Pony Express Barn Home Station No. 1 Museum is one of 16 Marshall County sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Contact the Marshall County Visitor Center at U.S. 36 and 10th Street, 785-562-3101 for information on any of the sites.

Koester House Museum

The Charles F. Koester family developed a significant part of Marysville's downtown. The Koester House Museum, an 1870s two-story Victorian house surrounded by a brick wall with gates flanked by sculptures of lions and dogs, is furnished almost entirely with family heirlooms. The grounds, with a summer kitchen, ice house, collection of 12 white bronze statues and historic gardens, also date to the late 1800s.

Historic Courthouse

The majestic red brick structure at 13th and Broadway, built in 1891, was the county courthouse until 1979. It is headquarters of the Marshall County Historical Society and houses the society's genealogy research library and Marshall County Museum.

Pusch-Randell House

The red brick Pusch-Randell House at 1000 Elm, Marysville, was built after the turn of the century for German-born cigar manufacturer Charles F. Pusch and his family. It is a Queen Anne Victorian home distinguished by an octagonal tower, projecting gables and metal ornamentation.

Hutchinson House

The Perry Hutchinson House, of French Renaissance architecture, is on the west side of U. S. 77 northwest of Marysville. It was built in 1872.

Blue Rapids Library

The Blue Rapids Public Library, built in 1875 and placed on the National Register in 1972, has existed in one location longer than any other library in Kansas.

Weaver Hotel

The Weaver Hotel, built on the corner of Kansas and Railroad avenues in Waterville in the heyday of rail travel, was built in 1905.

Powell House

The 10-room Samuel Powell House at 108 W. Commercial is considered the queen of Waterville's many Victorian homes and is immediately west of the town's business district.

Frankfort Grade School

Frankfort's native limestone grade school, 400 N. Locust was closed and sold to a private owner in 1997.

Frankfort Jail

When it was in use, the Frankfort City Jail was more a cooling-off chamber for Saturday night imbibers, chicken thieves and bootleggers than a lock-up for hardened criminals.

Barrett Schoolhouse

The native limestone Barrett school-

house, four miles southwest of Frankfort, is considered representative of rural school architecture in the 1880s.

Oketo Museum

The Oketo Community Museum was once the Z.H. Moore Store, built in 1884 of magnesium limestone from an Oketo quarry.

St. Bridget's Church

St. Bridget's Church north of Axtell, a 90-year-old red brick building, is described as one of the oldest Gothic structures remaining in northeast Kansas.

Robidoux Creek Truss Bridge

The Robidoux Creek Bridge about 1.5 miles northwest of Frankfort on Sunflower Road. The bridge is an example of a Pratt steel truss bridge and is of pin-connected construction. It was built by the King Bridge Co., Cleveland, Ohio. The Pratt truss became the most common bridge type of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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Original Pony Express Home Station No. 1



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