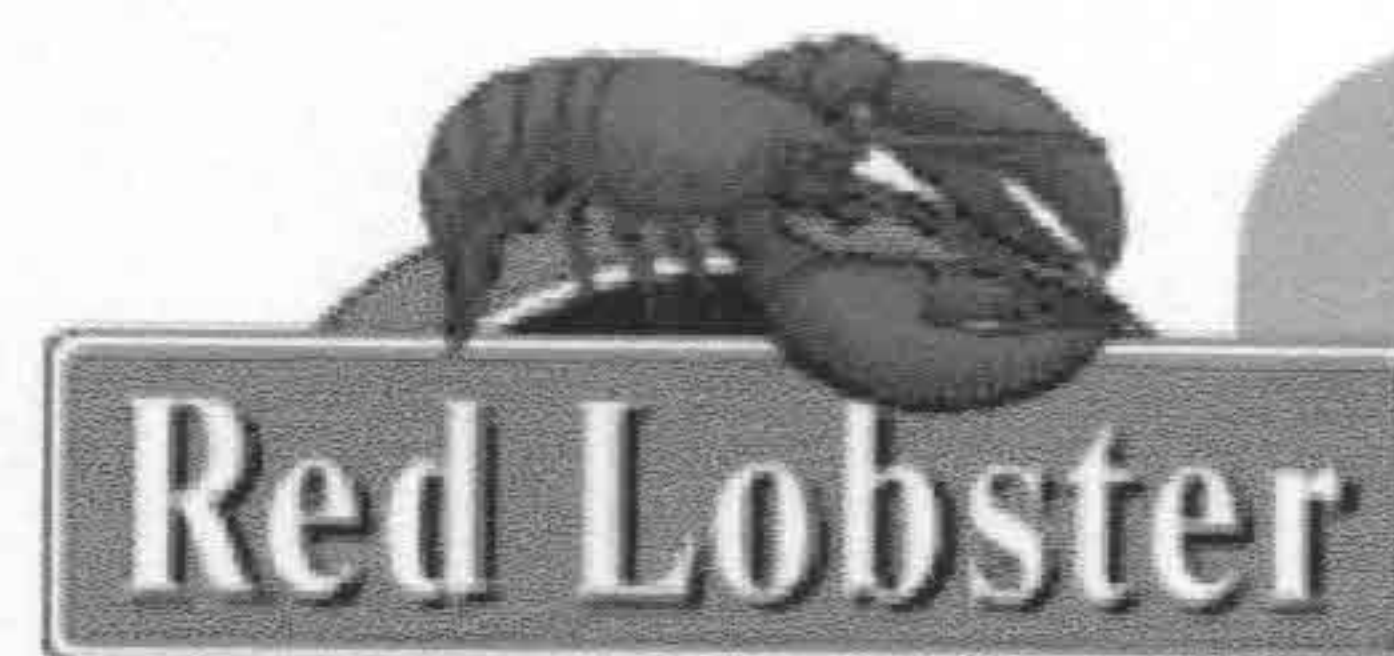


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The main one you left off was the Pratt Mission site. Hopefully that is being preserved, but we certainly need to keep an eye on it. That is a really significant site. Other than that, as you mentioned, there is Grinter House, which you should go by and see, and White Church.

Tonganoxie's gravesite is over near Tonganoxie, Kansas, just a few miles west of where you will be. It is on private property and the Tonganoxie citizens are pretty protective of it. Tonganoxie was elected as chief of the Turkey clan by the tribe, but the federal gov't would not recognize him, as they had already put Charles Journeycake in place (even though he was not of the Turkey clan) and they didn't want any more new chiefs to thwart their plans. I have several stories that have come to light now about how Tonganoxie helped people during the Bleeding Kansas days by hiding them out or helping them escape the pro-slavery men roaming the area.

James Swannic's gravestone is stored at the Wyandotte Co. Museum. You should check on it while you are there. Swannic was one of John C. Fremont's scouts in California and Oregon in the 1840's.

There are various maps of the Delaware reserve....I have not had time to research all of them. Some show the sites of former Delaware communities, like where Sarcoxie or Falleaf lived. I think the KHS people are aware of the mill site over by Grinter House. Up north of Grinter House near the interstate was an old burial ground (according to a map), but there are now houses in the area. I know that Rodney Staab suspected Delaware graves were probably located across the road from Grinter House on the east side.

I know that Bismark Grove was where the Big House was supposed to be located in Kansas, but I was aware there was really anything left there to watch over, as the actual structure was supposed to have been dismantled by Gov. Robinson and used to make a barn. Some of the Delaware who remained behind were



buried in the cemetery at Eureka, I think, but that is not threatened.

If I think of anything else, I will let you know, but there are precious few things left. We could probably locate Swannic's gravesite if we really tried, as there was an article in the local paper during the 1890's that mentioned whose land it was on and we know it was in an apple orchard next to a barn at that time.

Deborah

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