

MANHATTAN'S HISTORIC LANDMARKS & DISTRICTS

Pioneer Log Cabin

The construction of the Pioneer Log Cabin was organized by the Riley County Historical Society to preserve the history of the early settlers of Riley County. Construction was completed in 1916 and served as the first and only museum of the Riley County Historical Society until 1956. The cabin still operates as a museum today.



Pioneer Log Cabin, 405 N 11th Street

The northeast cornerstone of the pioneer style cabin was laid on October 2, 1915 at its present site in City Park. The cornerstone came from the wall of the Bluemont Central College. The stone in the southeast corner came from the bridge that crossed the Big Blue River that was a part of a trail that connected Fort Riley to Fort Leavenworth.

The cabin represents a home that housed settlers of Riley County in the 1850s and 1860s. It is constructed of locally grown, walnut logs with a wood shingle roof and two exterior stone chimneys. The interior features a stone chimney, hearth, and various historic tools and household goods of the pioneer period.

*Source: Kansas State Historical Society
National Register of Historic Places-Nomination form*