

the 7 Wonders of Osage County

Santa Fe Depot

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The Santa Fe Depot, located at 508 Market Street in Osage City, was added to the National Register of Historic Places because of its importance to the railroad and its architectural style. The depot was constructed of concrete, brick, and asphalt. The architectural style is a mission and Spanish revival.

In 1885, the depot was remodeled and could be considered partially rebuilt at the time. More space was needed to handle the depot's business at the time.

In the late 1840s and 1850s, railroad depots were brought into the forefront. Railroad stations became the center of the communities they served. The Santa Fe Depot was a statement of wealth and power of the railroad. To the community it was a statement of prosperity and importance.

The depot started as a simple wood structure. In 1911, Harvey Stivers, Kansas City, was awarded a contract to build the depot, with completion in the spring of 1912. The depot originally had a red tile roof, but that was replaced in the 1950s by composition.



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A new station was built, for \$13,000, and dedicated in March 1912. The building was 28 x 165 feet, which included the freight warehouse, made of a frame construction and finished with sand coat to match the passenger portion of the building.

The building was heated

from a boiler house across the tracks from the station and was fully equipped with sanitary plumbing.

In the years 1945 and 1958, additional remodeling was done.

Passenger service to Osage City stopped in the 1970s and the depot closed in 1980. The Atchison, To-

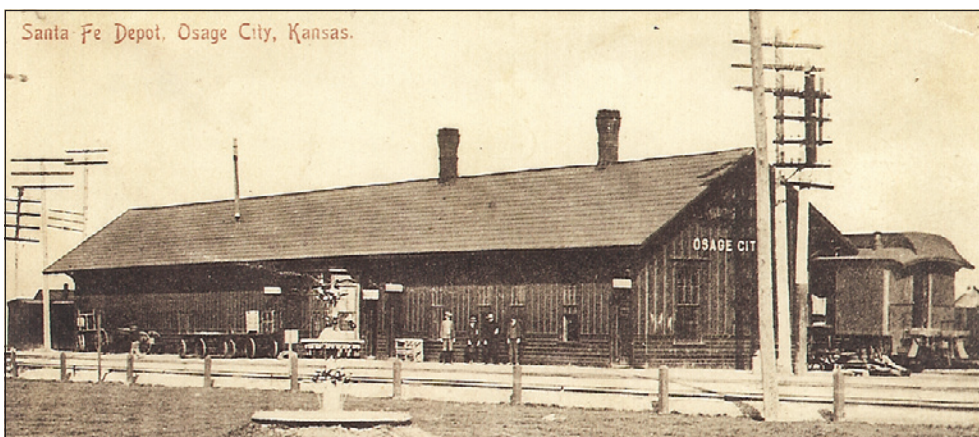
peka and Santa Fe Railroad claimed that the depot had "lost its usefulness."

In May 1986, the depot was sold to the Osage County Historical Society. When refurbishing was complete, the depot reopened as a railroad and mining museum.

Today, depots are once again coming to the fore-

front as a community centerpiece. In Osage City, the depot has come to life as a museum. The depot is still located on the original site, adjacent to the east of the railroad tracks.

Jean Timm, of the Osage County Historical Society, assisted with research for this story.



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Federal Lakes



"Melvern and Pomona Lakes are a wonder of Osage County because of their beautiful surroundings and many activities. There are so many things to do, you can't get bored. There are things like nature trails, equestrian trails, playgrounds, and camping and swimming areas."

Allison Zaldivar
Carbondale Attendance Center

Coal Mines



"I think the coal mines in Osage County should be another wonder. They practically created Osage County because most of the families lived off of coal mining money. Coal mines were located near Carbondale, Scranton, Burlingame, Osage City, and all over Osage County."

Nathan Forbes
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