

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 determination for individual properties and districts. See instruction in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Santa Fe Trail (Grand Pass Trail Segments)

other names/site number Maple Hill Cemetery; NPS Master Plan #9

### 2. Location

street & number Intersection of U.S. 65 & Saline County Road T [n/a] not for publication

city or town Grand Pass [X] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Saline code 195 zip code 65339

### 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 [x] nationally [ ] statewide [ ] locally.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]. )

Claire F. Blackwell Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell, Deputy SHPO Date 14 February 1994

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria.  
( See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]. )

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

[ ] entered in the National Register  
See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined eligible for the  
National Register  
See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined not eligible for the  
National Register.

[ ] removed from the  
National Register

[ ] other, explain  
See continuation sheet [ ].

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Santa Fe Trail  
(Grand Pass Trail Segments)  
Name of Property

Saline Co., MO  
County/State

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not count previously listed resources.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	0	buildings
3	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail

Number of contributing resources  
previously listed in the National  
Register.

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

FUNERARY/cemetery

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

FUNERARY/cemetery

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

roof N/A

other N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographic References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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

# \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

### Periods of Significance

1821 - 1827 \_\_\_\_\_

### Significant Dates

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Significant Person(s)

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above).

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Architect/Builder

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State Agency

Federal Agency

Local Government

University

Other:

Name of repository:

National Park Service Regional Office--  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A. Zone	15	461880	4338320	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
		Easting	Northing			
C. Zone		Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing

[ ] See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title See Continuation Sheet, section 11

organization The URBANA Group date May 1993

street & number 202 South Broadway, Suite 206, P.O. Box 1028 telephone (217) 344-7526

city or town Urbana state IL zip code 61801-9028

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### 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.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

#### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Narrative Description

The Grand Pass Trail Segments are located within a historical cemetery. The site lies on the heights above the southern side of the Missouri River floodplain. The town of Grand Pass is in Saline County, three miles west of Malta Bend and four miles east of Waverly. To the south is the Salt Fork River. The topographic feature of the same name begins about a mile east of the town and is composed of a terrace between the Salt Fork and the Missouri Rivers.<sup>1</sup> This site contains three contributing resources in the form of three Trail segments.

Before 1821 this part of the Santa Fe Trail was known as the Osage Trace, in part a reference to Fort Osage (1808-1827). In the antebellum period, the narrow divide over which Trail traffic was funnelled acquired the name of Grand Pass. The terrace is followed today by US Highway 65 which forms a border for the Grand Pass Trail Segments site located in the southeast portion of the town. The narrow, but distinguishable set of two Trail ruts are specifically located near the Grand Pass Methodist Church (circa 1962), and within the Maple Hill Cemetery. The church and cemetery are not related in ownership.

At the far northern end of the cemetery is a small dirt road which forms the northern boundary of the cemetery. *Two parallel sets of Trail ruts run up a sloping grade from this small dirt road.* The Trail ruts taper off after a southward trend of about 230 feet (70 meters) (rut 1) and 98.5 feet (30 meters) (rut 2). The ruts abruptly end perpendicular to a westward line which can be drawn from the grave marker of M. & S. Smith's infant son. Beside the western boundary of the rutted segment are small cedar trees; along the east and southern rut boundaries are graves. A reconnaissance of the cemetery revealed the earliest decipherable stones dated to the mid-19th century, but post-dating the use of this road as a part of the Santa Fe Trail (i.e. post-1827). These ruts are the only currently identified remains of the much longer course of the Trail emerging up the hill slope rising up from the Missouri lowlands to the northeast, the actual relief reaching 100 feet between the lowlands and upland areas. Also included within the site boundaries is a possible third Trail rut that may parallel the others near the southeast border.

The environmental context of the site is fairly good. Although this site is located among the graves it still retains integrity of location and setting. The graves do not disturb the rutted segments themselves and are only located nearby, therefore, they do not interfere with the sense of feeling and association that is present. The small scale of the grave markers are unobtrusive, as is the small gravel dirt road on the northern border of the site.

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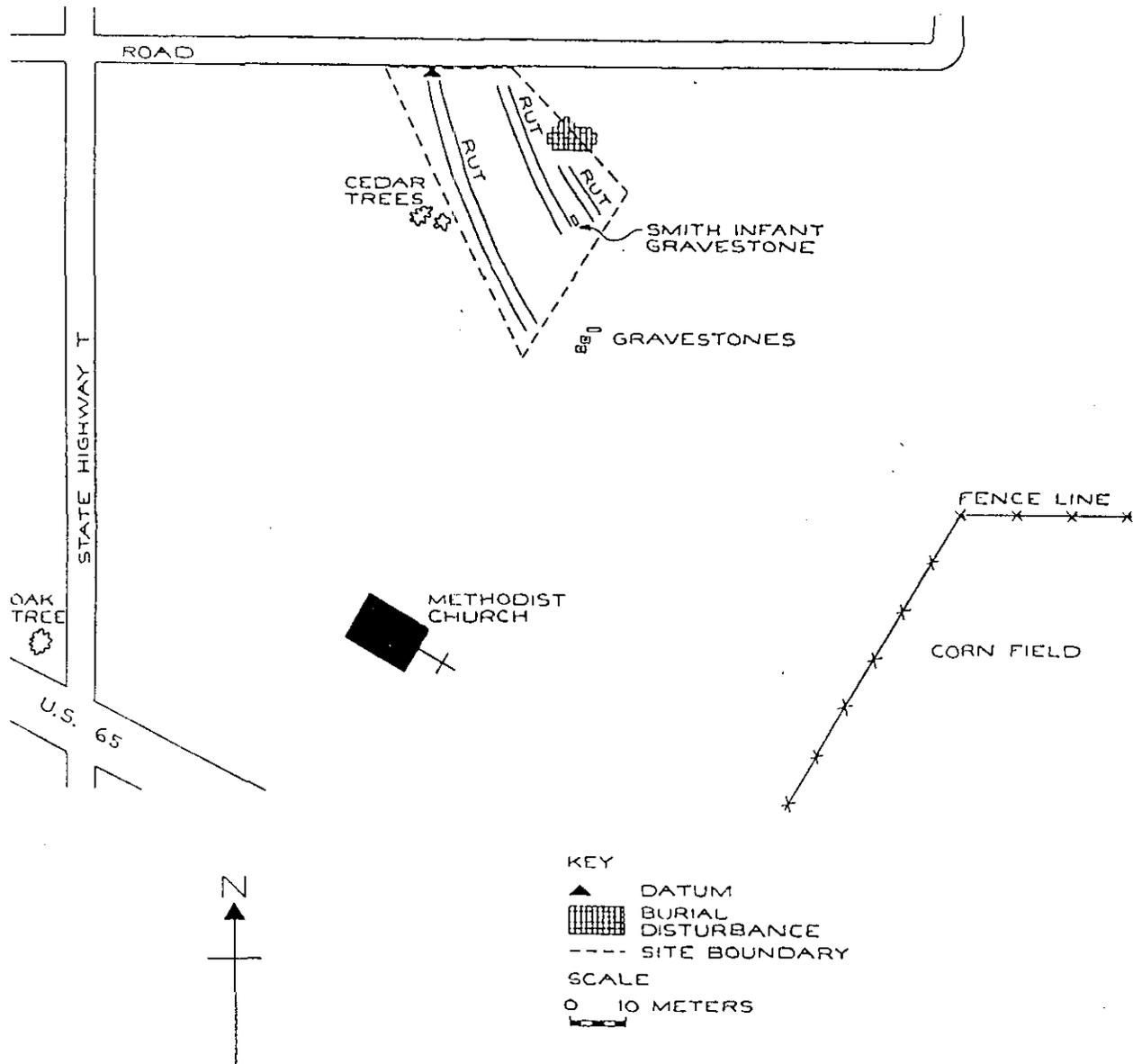
1. United States Department of the Interior/National Park Service, Santa Fe National Historic Trail: Comprehensive Management and Use Plan, (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1990), p. 90.

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Sketch Map



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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

Summary

The Grand Pass Trail Segments are eligible for the National Register under Criterion A as a reflection of historically significant Santa Fe Trail traffic. The ruts are significant within the areas of commerce and transportation. The property fulfills the requirements of the Historic Trail property type and Commercial Trail sub-type within section F of the Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail, 1821-1880 Multiple Property Documentation Form. The site's period of Trail significance begins with its use by the first trade caravans in 1821-1822 and ends with the closure of Fort Osage in 1827. The ruts retain integrity in location, setting, feeling and association and bear witness to the Trail's importance in trans-Mississippi transport in the late antebellum period. Thus, they materially reflect important historic events outlined in the historic context: International Trade on the Mexican Road, 1821-1846. No rutted segments in the area vie with the environmental quality and high preservation values of these ruts.

History: Commerce and Transportation

This section of the Santa Fe Trail was used from its earliest days, its pathway first established for trade by the first trade caravans of 1821-1822. This small Trail segment represents the development of the Trail as an important international commercial trade route in the trans-Mississippi West. This eastward extension of the Santa Fe Trail was significant in the early years of the Trail, primarily between 1821 through the closing of nearby Fort Osage in 1827. After the closing of the fort, the bulk of Trail traffic shifted westward as a starting point for the Trail. Independence, Westport and Fort Leavenworth became much more significant eastern termini for the Trail. Eventually the Trail ruts were incorporated into the cemetery.

The ruts of this segment are not only associated with the Santa Fe Trail, they are also part of a route referred to as the Osage Trace. The historic Osage Trace ran from Franklin, and later Arrow Rock, to Fort Osage, Missouri. Few tangible remains of this road exist, erosion and agricultural production erasing most Trail traces. Major Stephen H. Long passed along the Trace in 1819, on his way to explore the western frontier. In his accounts he mentions the "Grand Pass," a strip of prairie between the two parallel river courses of the Missouri and Salt Fork.<sup>1</sup> The Trace was incorporated into the longer Santa Fe route after 1821. The potential additional significance of the Osage Trace is not part of this registration effort.

The ruts within this site retain sufficient visual quality to be readily identifiable to the observer as rutted segments. Integrity of location, aspects of setting, and feeling and association are retained on this site. The Trail ruts are eligible for their association with Santa Fe Trail traffic, as a tangible reminder of the approximately seven year period this part of the Trail was linked to a wider international trade between neighboring republics. Of forty-eight Missouri properties

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identified by the National Park Service as being associated with the Santa Fe Trail, seven contain rutted segments. The Trail-related properties, including the Grand Pass Trail Segments, were identified as part of a 1988 Santa Fe Trail Site/Segment Survey, later published as "High-Potential Historic Sites and Route Segments Along The Santa Fe Trail," Appendix C of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail: Comprehensive Management and Use Plan.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Commencing at a point on the south edge of road to the cemetery, 52 meters east from the intersection of said road with State Highway T, go southeasterly to a point 76 meters from State Highway T and 53 meters south of the road to the cemetery. Proceed northeasterly for 36 meters to a point 23 meters south of the road to the cemetery. Proceed northwesterly for 31 meters to a point on the south edge of the road to the cemetery. Proceed west to the point of origin.

**Boundary Justification**

*The boundaries for the Grand Pass Trail Segments site are restricted to the ruts themselves.* The boundaries form a sub-rectangular parcel. This parcel incorporates only the rutted segments and their most immediate environs. The boundaries were formed to only encompass the historically significant Trail resources. The boundaries here are influenced by the ruts being in a historic cemetery. A reconnaissance of the cemetery revealed the earliest decipherable stones dated to the mid-19th century, but post-dating the use of this road as a part of the Santa Fe Trail (i.e. post-1827); therefore, most of the graves are excluded from the site boundaries. The small scale grave markers are unobtrusive, as is the small gravel dirt road on the northern border of the site. No graves are in the rutted segments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 94000324

Date Listed: 4/21/94

Santa Fe Trail  
Grand Pass Trail Segments  
Property Name

Saline  
County

MO  
State

Historic Resources of the Santa Fe Trail, 1821-1880  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature of the Keeper

11/2/94  
Date of Action

=====  
Amended Items in Nomination:

Classification:

The proper category for this property is Site.  
[A continuous site is best categorized as a single unit regardless of its size or complexity. This has been the approach taken with other historic trail segments.]

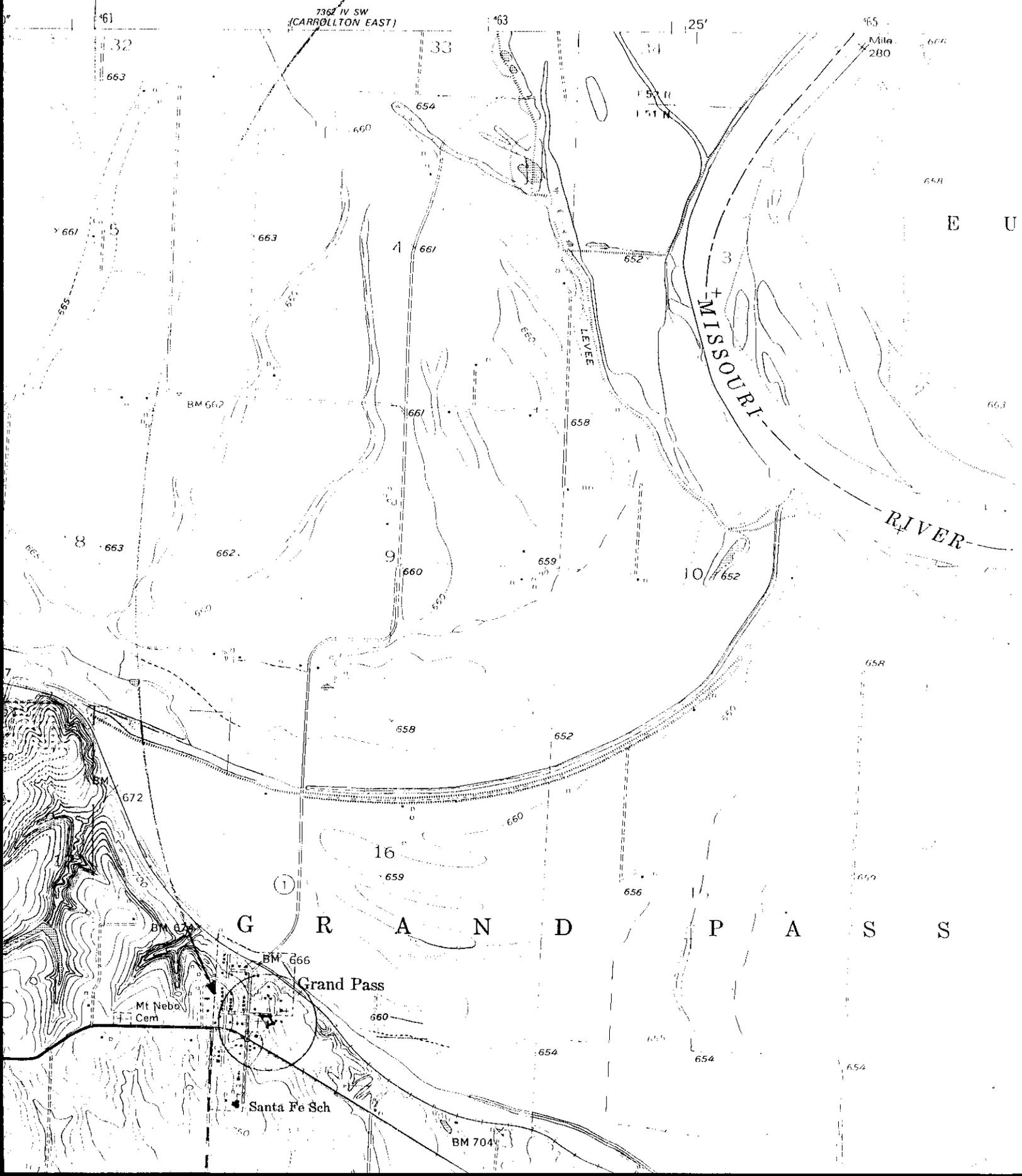
This information has been confirmed with the MO SHPO staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

Santa Fe Trail  
#9 - (GRAND PASS TRAIL SEGMENTS), GRAND PASS, MO

15-461880-4338320



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Saline, MO

C. Hamilton; 6/91

negs.: NM/SHPO

looking SE at rut 1, westernmost rut

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(Grand Pass Trail Segments)

Saline, MO

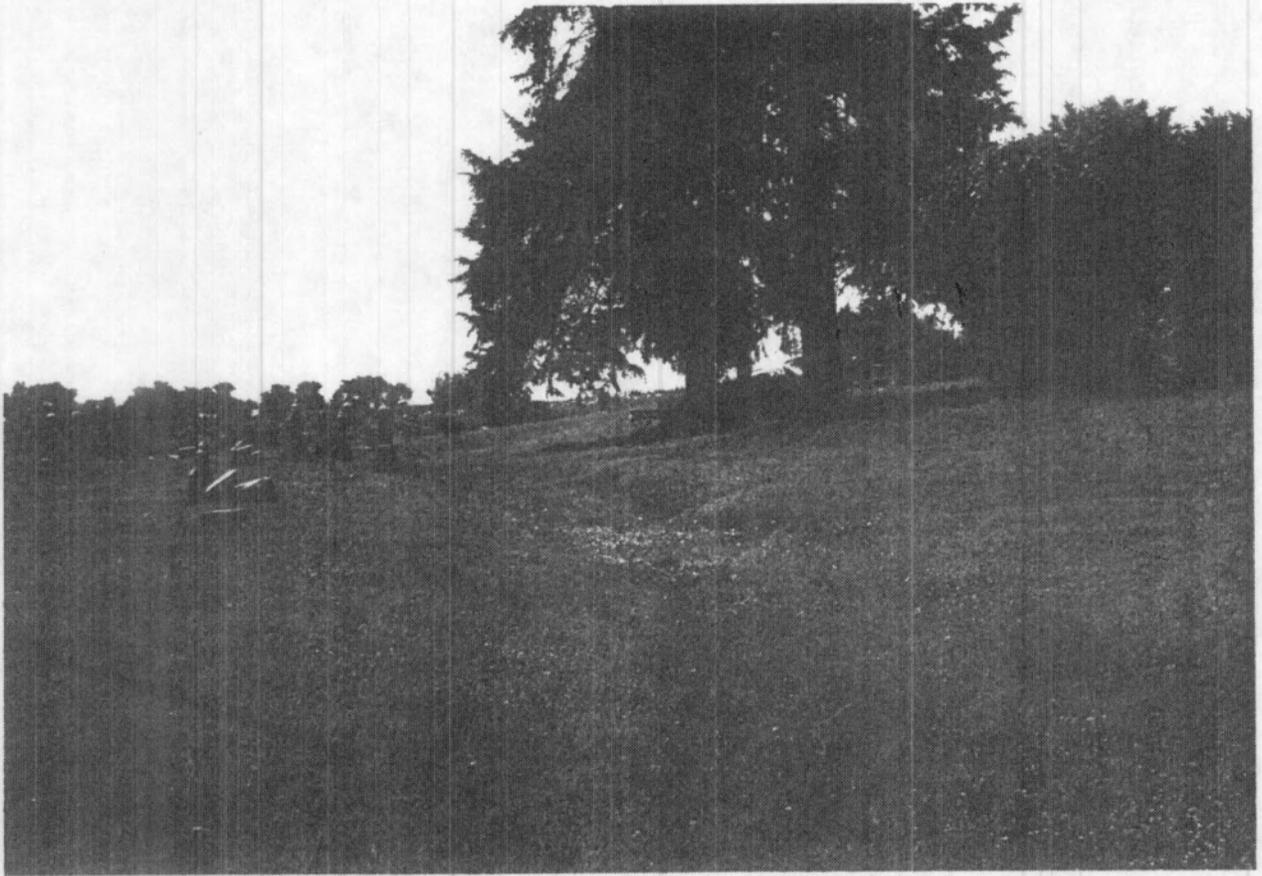
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looking SE at rut #2, "middle" rut on map

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