

KANSAS

POPULATION

1854 - White inhabitants nearly 700 military
& perhaps as many more civilians
1855 - 8,601 1860 - 107,000 1870 - 364,000

The unorganized portion of Missouri Territory which was left when the State of Missouri was formed is frequently referred to as the "Missouri Country". This embodied the area north and west of the state and existed until May 30, 1854, when Kansas and Nebraska Territories were formed. (See pg. 208)

During this time six post offices were established in the area that later became Kansas Territory: Cantonment (later Fort) Leavenworth, Fort Scott, Crawford Seminary, Delaware, Uniontown, Fort Atkinson and Walnut Creek. These offices were attached to Missouri for administrative purposes and known townmarks from these places frequently include the designation "Mo."

Cant Leavenworth(E)(June 16, 1829;Ms;Brown,Black) . . . 750
*(L)(Jan. 8, 1838) 750
Cant Leavenworth Mo(E)(July 12, 1829;Ms;Black,
Brown) 750
*(L)(June 10, 1837) 750
Fort(Ft.,F.)Leavenworth(E)(June 19, 1832;Ms;Black) . . . 1,000
(L)(March 25, 1839) 500
See Territorial period for late uses.
FORT LEAVENWORTH/Mo.(E)(May 17, 1839;C-30.5;
PAID,FREE,3,5,10,X;Red,Black) 75
(L)(May 25, 1854) 75
Note: This marking was used throughout the Kansas Territory
period on covers with stamps.
Fort Scott(with or without "Mo")(E)(Oct. 7, 1844;Ms;
Blue,Black) 1,200
(L)(April 27, 1853) 1,200

TERRITORIAL PERIOD

May 30, 1854 - January 29, 1861

Kansas Territory was made from a portion of "Missouri Country". Created by Act of Congress on May 30, 1854. The Territory stretched from the Missouri River to the front range of the Rocky Mountains. When the State was created, the western part of the Territory was cut off and became a part of Colorado Territory. Territorial towns in this listing that later became a part of Colorado are Auraria, Colorado City, Coraville, Denver City, Hamilton and Mountain City.

Prepayment by postage stamps was required as of January 1, 1856, and so most Kansas Territory townmarks are on covers that bear adhesive stamps or are on stamped envelopes, though these markings could also exist on stampless covers. Stampless covers originating from Kansas Territory were due more to the lack of available postage stamps than to a general practice of Kansas postmasters. In order to be an accurate reference for Kansas postal history, stampless and stamped covers (indicated with a "+" preceding the listing) have been included in the following listing. In most instances early (E) and late (L) dates have not been listed below because most covers are dated only with month and day date. Also, many of the territorial period markings were used into the statehood period.

+Albany Kan(June 20, 1859;Ms;Black) 400
+Ashland Kansas(March 29, --;Ms;Black) 400
+Atchison KT(Dec. 15, 1855;Ms;Black) 275

+ATCHISON/K.T.(--;C-37;Black) 125
+ATCHISON/KAN(E)(March 30, 1860;DC-25;Black) . . . 250
(L) Statehood period use --
+Auburn K.T.(April 11, 1860;Ms;Black) 400
+Auraria K.T.(E)(June 15, 1859;Ms;Black)* 4,000
+(L)(July 21, 1859) 3,000
*The two known examples of this early marking are not on stampless covers. They are recorded here as evidence that the Auraria post office was in operation one and a half months prior to the use of the Auraria straightline postmark.
AURARIA,K.T.(E)(Aug. 2, 1859;SL-24x2.5,MDD;
Black) 4,000
(L)(Aug. 19, 1859;Paid 3[ms]) 4,000
+Barnesville K.T. (May 5, --;Ms;Black) 400
+BEACH VALLEY KT(Nov. 2, --;C-33;Black) 650
+Belmont KT(April 27, 1859;Ms;Black) 275
+Bennetts Station KT(June 9, --;Ms;Black) 400
+Big Springs KT(April 9, 1856;Ms;Black) 375
+Blackjack Kan(April 6, --;Ms;Black) 500
+Blooming Grove KT(Feb., 1858;Ms;Black) 400
+Brooklin KT. (Jan. 16, 1858;Ms;Black) 400
+Brownsville KT(Sept. 17, --;Ms;Black) 400
+Burlingame KT(Feb. 9, 1860;Ms;Black) 425
+BURLINGAME/K.T.(Dec. 10, --;C-25.5;Black) 350
+BURLINGTON/KAN(Nov. 3, --;C-25.5;Black) 400
+Cato KT(Jan. 26, 1861;Ms;Black) 400
+Central City KT(Sept. 15, 1859;Ms;Black) 400
Centreville K.T.(Jan. 11, 1859;Ms;Free[ms];Black) 400
+Centropolis K.T.(Sept. 3, --;Ms;Black) 325
+Cherry Creek K.T.(Feb. 26, 1859;Ms;Black) 550
+Clinton KT(Feb. 2, 1859;Ms;Black) 325
+CLINTON/KAN(Feb. 28, 1860; C-25;Black) 400
COFACHIQUE/K.T.(Feb. 8, 1859;C--;Paid 3[ms];Black) . . 450
Colorado City K.T. (Nov. 12, 1860;Ms;Black) 750
+Columbia KT(July 22, 1857;Ms;Black) 400
Coraville K.T.(June 8, 1859;Ms;Black) 1,200
CORAVILL.K.T.(June 17, 1859;SL-27x2;Paid 3;
Black) 4,000
Council City K Teritry(June 23, 1855;Ms;Free Lotan
Smith P.M.[ms];Black) 400
Council City(Sept. 16, 1856;Ms;Black) 325
+Council Grove K.T.(July 14, --;Ms;Black) 425
+COUNCIL GROVE/K.T.(June 18, --;C-34;Black) 325
COUNCIL GROVE/KAN(Jan. --;C-25.5;Paid 3[ms];
Black) 300
+Crawford Seminary Quapaw Nation(Nov. 21, 1856;
Ms;Black) 700
+Delaware City K.T.(Nov. 13, --;Ms;Black) 325
DELAWARE CITY/KT(Nov. 13, 1856;C--;Black) 275
+Denver K.T.(Aug. 16, 1860;Ms;Black) 850
DENVER CITY/K.T.(sans serif letters)(Aug. 16, 1860;
Tombstone 29x25,NOR,YMDD[three lines];Black) . . . 800
DENVER CITY/K. T.(serif letters)(E)(Sept. 6, 1860;
Tombstone 27-29x23-25;PAID;Black) 600
(L)(Nov. 7, 1860) 600
Note: At least five varieties of this marking are known on stamped covers.
DENVER CITY/KAS.(1861;DC-26;PAID;Black) Colo.Terr. . . --
+Doniphan K.T.(May 8, --;Ms;Black) 300
+DONIPHAN/KT(April 23, --;C-35,NOR;Black) 850
+Same(--;C-37.5;Black) 125
+Same(Nov. 23, 1860;C-26;Black) 325
+Eastin KT(June 19, --;Ms;Black) 400
+Eldon K.T.(April 12, --;Ms;Black) 325
+Elwood K.T.(Sept. 12, 1857;Ms;Black) 275
ELWOOD/KAN.(Dec. 7, 1859;C-32.5;PAID;Black) 150
Emporia KT(May 12, 1858;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black) 275
+EMPORIA/KAN (Feb. 13, --;C-25.5;Black) 400
+Same/KAS(July 10, 1859;C-26.5;Black) 225
+EUDORA/KAN.(March 26, --;C-25.5;Black) 400
Eureka K.T.(Jan. 6, 1859;Ms;Paid 3cts[ms];Black) 200

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+Fort Leavenworth(E)(Dec. 18, 1856;Ms;Black)		325	Black)		225
+ (L)(July 5, 1857)		300	+Same/KAS(Nov. 1, 1860;C-26.5;Black)		275
+FORT LEAVENWORTH/Mo.(E)(Dec. 10, 1858;			+LE ROY/K.T.(March 13, --;C-36;Black)		325
C-30.5;Black)		75	+Lexington K.T.(July 9, --;Ms;Black)		325
(L)(Jan. 23, 1859;C-30.5;Free[ms];Black)		75	+Manhattan KT(Feb. 2, --;Ms;Black)		400
Ft. Riley K.T.(May 4, 1859;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black)		225	+MANHATTON/KT(--;C-37.5;Black)		100
+FT. RILEY/KT.(June 30, 1856;C-35.5;Black)		275	+MANHATTAN/KAS(--;C-25.5;Black)		150
+Fort Scott,K.T.(Sept. 15, 1857;Ms;Black)		400	+Mapleton K.T.(--;Ms;Black)		300
FORT SCOTT/K.T.(April 21, 1858;C-37;FREE,PAID;			+MAPLETON/KAN(March 28, 1860;C-32.5;Black)		300
Black)		125	+Marion K.T.(July 6, 1859;Ms;Black)		400
+Gardener K.T.(May 27, --;Ms;Black)		350	+Marmiton K.T.(Nov. 2, --;Ms;Black)		400
+Garnett KT(March 2, --;Ms;Black)		275	+Marysville KT(Jan. 3, --;Ms;Black)		325
+Geary K.T.(Dec. 25, 1857;Ms;Black)		325	MARYSVILLE/KAN(April, 1860;C-31.5;Paid[ms];		
+GEARY CITY/K.T.(April 23, 1858;C-32;Black)		300	Black)		475
+Golden Gate(Dec. 9, 1860;Ms;Black)		400	Same/KAS.(E)(Oct. 16, 186--;C-26;PAID;Black)		400
+Grasshopper Falls(July 15, 1857;Ms;Black)		275	(L)(Nov. 1, 1860;PAID)		400
GRASSHOPPER FALLS/K.T.(June 7, --;DC-37;PAID;			+Minneola K.T.(Sept. 28, 1859;Ms;Black)		275
Black)		125	+Missouri City KT(Nov. 10, 1860;Ms;Black)		500
+GRASSHOPPER FALLS/Kas(Oct. 10, 1860;C-25.5;			+Moneka K.T.(Feb. 25, 1858;Ms;Black)		325
Black)		150	+MONEKA/KT(July 26, --;C-27,NOR;Black 3[ms];		
+Same(June 16, 1860;Red)		500	Black)		650
+Hamilton KT(Dec. 21, 1860;Ms;Black)		500	+Monrovia K.T.(Sept. 18, --;Ms;Black)		400
HAMILTON/K.T.(E)(Jan. 11, 1861;C-25.5;PAID[box],			+Montana K.T.(Nov. 30, 1858;Ms;Black)		400
3,6;Black)		500	+MOUND CITY/K.T.(Feb. 21, --;C-35;Black)		400
(L) See Colorado Territory.		--	+Same/KAN(May 1, --;C-25;Black)		200
+Hamlin KT(April 26, 1860;Ms;Black)		325	Mountain City K.T.(Dec. 20, 1860;Ms;Paid3[ms];		
+Henryville Kas(Jan. 7, 1861;Ms;Black)		400	Black)		325
+Hiawatha K.T. (Sept. 4, --;Ms;Black)		400	+Mount Pleasant KT(Aug. 16, 1860;Ms;Black)		400
+HIAWATHA/KAN(March 30, --;C-25;Black)		400	Neosho Falls K.T.(Aug. 31, 1857;Ms;Black)		400
+Hibbard K.T.(April 2, --;Ms;Black)		400	NEOSHO FALLS/KANSAS.(E)(March 15, 1858;		
+HIBBARD/KAN(Dec. 24, --;C-32;Black)		400	DLC-34;PM frank,PAID;Black)		250
+HIGHLAND/KA(April 11, --;C-26;Black)		400	(L)(Jan. 14, 1859)		250
+Holton KT(Jan. 9, 1860;Ms;Black)		400	Oakwood Kan(March 9, --;Ms;Paid 3 Cts[ms];Black)		400
+HOLTON/KAN(Nov. 15, 1859;C-26;Black)		275	Ogden K.T.(E)(April 15, 1858;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black)		250
+Huron Kas(Jan. 14, 1861;Ms;Black)		325	(L)(May 29, 1858)		250
Hyatt K.T.(June 10, 1858;Ms;Paid[ms];Black)		275	Same(Aug. 31, --;Ms) On cover to Germany		600
+Iola Kas(July 12, 1860;Ms;Black)		400	+Ohio City KT(April 29, --;Ms;Black)		400
+Iowa Point KT(May 16, 1857;Ms;Black)		225	+OHIO CITY/K.T.(April 11, --;C-33;Black)		325
+IOWA POINT/K.T.(Nov. 21, --;C-37.5;Black)		400	Markings of the 1840s and 1850s listed in this catalog are		
+Italia KT(July 19, 1858;Ms;Black)		400	sometimes found on covers with adhesive stamps.		
+Junction City K.T.(Oct. 12, 1858;Ms;Black)		350	OLATHE/KAN(Dec. 30, 1858;C-32.5;Black)		200
JUNCTION CITY/KAN(--;C-25.5;PAID;Black)		300	Same(May 18, 185-)		200
Kansas Falls K.T.(Jan., 1858;Ms;PM frank;Black)		400	+Orleans K.T.(Jan. 10, --;Ms;Black)		275
+Kanwaka K(March 28, --;Ms;Black)		400	+Osawatomie K.T.(Feb. 22, 1856;Ms;Black)		250
+Kickapoo City K.T.(March 20, --;Ms;Black)		325	+OSAWATOMIE/K.T.(July 18, --;box-47x10;Black)		750
+KICKAPOO CITY/K.T.(May 26, 1858;C-30;Black)		225	OSAWATOMIE/K.T.(E)(May 16, 1858;C-35;Black)		225
+Lancaster K.T.(Oct. 17, 1858;Ms;Black)		400	(L)(May 18, 1858;PAID)		225
Lawrence, K.T.(March 18, --;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black)		300	+OSKALOOSA/KAN(Nov. 7, 1857;C-26;Black)		200
LAWRENCE/K.T.(July 13, 1855;C-26;Paid 3[ms];Black)		150	+OTTUMWA K.T.(May 24, --;SL-27x3;Black)		675
Same(Dec. 18, --;C-37;PAID/3[C];Black)		275	Ottumwa K.T.(Jan. 15, 1860;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black)		300
Same(E)(Oct. 15, 1857;C-34;PAID,PAID/3[C];FREE;			Ozawkee KT(Sept. 3, 1857;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black)		400
Black)		75	+OZAWKIE/K.T.(Feb. 1, 1859;C-37;Black)		275
(L)(July 16, 1859).		75	PALERMO/KAN(June 28, 1859;C-33.5;PAID;Black)		300
+Same/KAN(Nov. 27, 1859;DC-26;Black)		325	Paola,K.T.(E)(Sept. 13, 1856;Ms;Black)		250
+Same(Blue)		450	(L)(March 9, 1857)		250
+Leavenworth City KT(June 9, 1855;Ms;Black)		425	+PAOLA/KAN(May 10, 1859;C-32.5;Black)		200
LEAVENWORTH CITY K.T.(Sept. 1, 1855;C-35,NOR;			+Paris K.T.(Dec. 28, 1858;Ms;Black)		275
PAID;Black)		1,000	+Pawnee Fork(Oct. 25, 1860;Ms;Black)		350
Same/K.T.("K.T." in italics, balance in Roman letters)			+PAWNEE FORK/K.T.(Oct. 25, 1860;DC-25.5;Black)		350
(E)(May 30, 1856;C-33;PAID/3,FREE;Black)		75	+Peoria K.T.(March 27, 1858;Ms;Black)		400
(L)(Feb. 28, 1857;FREE,POB[ms];Black)		75	+Pleasant Grove K.T.(July 6, 1859;Ms;Black)		400
Same(sans serif letters)(E)(March 30, 1858;C-32.5,			+Powhatan K.T.(May 19, 1858;Ms;Black)		400
YMDD;PAID,FREE;Black)		75	+Prairie City KT(July 15, --;Ms;Black)		400
(L) Statehood period.		--	+PRAIRIE CITY/K.T.(June 22, 1859;C-37;Black)		125
Same(with break in circle above "A")		50	+Quindaro K.T.(Jan. 3, --;Ms;Black)		400
LEAVENWORTH CITY/KAS(July 25, 1860; DC-26;			QUINDARO/K.T.(July 5, 1857;C-30;PAID;Black)		325
30[ms];Black) Used to Germany		400	Same(Jan. 12, 1858;C-32;PAID 3;Black)		125
+Same(Domestic use)		50	+Same(July 14, --;C-32,NOR;Black)		750
LECOMPTON/K.T.(Dec. 27, 1858;C-37;Official			Same/Kan.(Feb. 1, 1859;C-34;Paid 3[ms];Black)		325
Business;Black)		125	+Rayville KT(April 30, 1860;Ms;Black)		400
Same/Kan.(Feb. 9, 1859;C-33;Official Business;			+Redes K.T.(July 5, 1859;Ms;Black)		400

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+Rock Creek K.T.(Apr 14, 1858;Ms;Black)		275	LANESFIELD/KAS(April 1, 1864;26;Paid 3[ms];		
+Sabetha K.T.(Aug. 15, 1859;Ms;Black)		400	Black)		100
+Sac & Fox Agency KT(May 15, 1858;Ms;Black).		400	LAWRENCE/KAN(E)(July 26, 1861;DC-25.5.YMDD;		
St. Bernard K.T.(E)(July 15, 1857;Ms;Black)		225	PAID;Black)		75
(L)(July 15, 1858;Paid 3[ms])		225	(L)(Aug. 14,1861)		75
+Sawin's Store K.T.(March 8, --;Ms;Black)		400	Same/KAS.(c1867;24;Congressional frank[ms];		
+Seneca KT(Aug.15, 1859;Ms;Black)		400	Black)		65
+Shannon K.T.(Jan. 4, --;Ms;Black)		275	LE ROY/KAS(Feb. 1, 1864;25.5;Due 3[box];Black)		100
+Shawnee KT(March 19, --;Ms;Black)		450	MISSOURI CITY/KAS(E)(May 18, 1861;25;PAID[box];		
+Shields KT(Nov. 5, 1857;Ms;Black)		400	Black)		--
+Solomon City KT(July 23, --;Ms;Black).		400	(L)(June 30, 1862)		--
+SOLOMAN CITY/KAN(Feb. 21, --;C-33;Black)		400	Note: Usages reported are for Colorado Territory established		
Squiresville KT(Jan. 18, 1859;Ms;Paid 3cts[ms];Black)		325	Feb. 28, 1861.		
+Stanton K.T.(Sept. 8, 1857;Ms;Black)		275	MOUND CITY/KAN(Jan. 6, 1862;25;PAID;Black)		150
+STANTON/K.T.(Feb. 25, --;box 47x24;Black)		750	NEOSHO FALLS/KANSAS(June 14, 1863;DLC-34;		
+STANTON/KAS(Oct. 12, --;C-25.5;Black)		325	Paid 3[ms];Black)		150
Sugar Mound K.T.(June 9, --;Ms;Paid 3[ms];Black)		325	TOPEKA/KAS(June 9, 186-;26.5;PAID[box];3c[ms];		
SUMNER/KANSAS T.(E)(Jan. 2, 1859;C-34,YMDD;			Black)		100
3;Black)		175	TROY/KAN(1863;--; PAID[box];Black)		100
(L)(June 17, 1859)		175	WICHITA/KAN(--;24.5;Paid 3[ms];Black)		100
+Tarryall K.T.(Nov. 1, 1860;Ms;Black)		275	WYANDOTTE/KAS(1864;30;Soldiers letter;Black)		75
Tecumseh K.T.(May 27, 1857;Ms;Black)		250			
TECUMSEH/KT(Aug. 10, --;C-33;PAID,3[ms];Black)		150			
+TOPEKA/KT(May 16, 1856;C-37;Black)		110			
TOPEKA/K.T.(E)(May 1, 1858;C-34.5;PAID;Black)		75			
(L)(July 30, 1858;PAID;Black)		75			
Same/KAS. (June 9, --;C-26,PAID[box];3c[ms];					
Black)		100			
+Troy KT(Sept. 26, 1859;Ms;Black)		400			
+Twin Mound K.T.(April 17, --;Ms;Black)		400			
+Wabaunsee KT(May 22, --;Ms;Black).		375			
+WABAUNSEE/K.T.(--;C-36;Black)		100			
+Wakarusa K.T.(April 26, 1859;Ms;Black)		500			
Walton K.T.(April 7, 1860;Ms;Black)		325			
Walton P.O.(Nov. 28, --;Ms;Black)		325			
+WATERLOO/K.T.(May 30, --;C-33;Black).		275			
+Wathena K.T.(May 25, --;Ms;Black)		400			
+White Cloud Ks(K.T.)(Oct. 8, 1858;Ms;Black)		275			
+Wilmington K.T.(Oct. 14, 1858;Ms;Black		400			
+Wyandotte KT(also Wyandott, Wyandott City)(--;Ms;					
Black)		150			
+WYANDOTT/K.T.(--;C-36;Black).		50			
+Same/KAN(--;C-32.5;Black)		125			
+WYANDOTTE/KAN(Sept. 28, 1860;C-26;Black)		325			

STATEHOOD PERIOD

(Stampless usages only)

State created January 29, 1861

HANDSTAMPED TOWN POSTMARKS

(Circle handstamps unless otherwise noted.)

FORT LARNED/KAN(Oct. 27, 1867;DC-28,YMDD;		
duplexed with negative pinwheel in circle;Black)		500
FORT LEAVENWORTH/KAS(1865;24;30[oval];Black)		
Transatlantic use to France		100
Same(--;24;PAID;Black)		75
FORT SCOTT/KAS(E)(Dec. 9, 1861;26;PAID/3,		
DUE 3[box];Black)		100
(L)(Oct. 10, 1862)		100
FORT SCOTT/KAS(E)(Dec. 4, 1863;DC-26;DUE 3,		
DUE 6[oval];Black)		75
(L)(Jan. 20, 1864)		75
FORT SCOTT/KAS(Feb. 23, 186-;25;DUE 3[oval];		
Black)		100
GARDNER/KAS(Oct. 27, 186-;25.5;PAID[box];Brown)		75
GRASSHOPPER FALLS/KAS(Jan. 29, 1862;25.5;		
PAID/3[C];Black)		100

MANUSCRIPT TOWN MARKS

Circleville	1863	275
Eureka	--	150
Ft.Lincoln	1862	300
Iola	c1862	75
Marysville	1861	175
Mountain City	1861	--
Neosho Falls	1863	100
Troy	1861	175

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