

Public Law 89-155

AN ACT

August 31, 1965
[H. R. 7181]

To provide for the commemoration of certain historical events in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes.

Commemoration
of historical sites,
Kans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to take appropriate action in accordance with section 2, subsection (g), of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666, 16 U.S.C. 462), and as hereinafter provided, to commemorate and to mark the sites of certain historical events and the strife that occurred in the State of Kansas prior to and during the period May 30, 1854, to April 12, 1861, and during the Civil War.

SEC. 2. The sites to be marked pursuant to the first section of this Act are particularly those of major historical events in the struggle, commonly termed "Bleeding Kansas", which was significant in leading to the start of the Civil War and of major events in that war. These sites include, without being limited to:

- (1) Fort Scott, in the city of Fort Scott, Bourbon County;
- (2) sites associated with John Brown in Osawatomie, Miami County;
- (3) the Mine Creek Battlefield, in Linn County;
- (4) the Marais des Cygnes massacre in Linn County; and
- (5) the site of Quantrell's raid at Baxter Springs, in Cherokee County.

The Secretary is further authorized to provide such information and services respecting the sites that are so marked and the events that are so commemorated as will enhance public understanding of their significance and of their relations to each other and to the history of the Nation. Before any site is marked, the owner of the property in question shall have executed an agreement, satisfactory in form and content to the Secretary, on behalf of himself and his successors in interest, to maintain the marker in suitable condition and to allow reasonable public access to the site so marked.

SEC. 3. In order further to commemorate Fort Scott and to promote its preservation as a site of national historic significance, the Secretary is also authorized to render the city of Fort Scott such assistance, in the form of technical advice, grants of funds for land acquisition and development, and other help necessary to display the fort to the public in appropriate fashion: *Provided*, That before any such assistance is rendered by the Secretary, the city of Fort Scott shall have agreed that the site will be operated and maintained as a public historic site.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not more than \$805,700, as may be necessary for land acquisition, land site rehabilitation and development, and the marking of historic sites pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 31, 1965.