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Location: East of Residence and Smokehouse, Cedar Point Vicinity, Chase County, Kansas

Present Owners: Lorraine Walker, and the Kansas Department of Transportation

Present Occupant: Lorraine Walker

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Converted Chicken House contributes to the historic character of the Henry E. Williams Farmstead.

Description: The one-story Converted Chicken House measures approximately 40' long x 22' deep. The structure, which has a southern orientation, was built in 1911. This shallow side gable roof building has been converted to a pole building. The original main facade, comprised of wood and chicken wire, was removed, left open, and supported by poles. The building was altered in about 1982 and converted into a horse shelter. At that time metal was also placed over the original wood siding. The roof and all wood sides, with the exception of the open south side, are covered by corrugated metal.

The Converted Chicken House has a pole building appearance, because pole construction was used in the alteration of the main facade. Round poles have been used along the south facade, effectively dividing the building into four bays. The floor of the structure is concrete and dirt. The concrete extends along the north half of the building which was originally the chicken house. The first bay has a grain bin that was originally part of the chicken house. This wood bin extends from the ceiling to the floor and is set in the northwest corner of the west end of the building. Until acquired by the Kansas Department of Transportation, the building was used for a horse shelter.