

NEVILLE-KANODE FARMSTEAD ,WELL

East side of U.S. Highway 81, 2.5 miles S. of state line

Munden vicinity

Republic County

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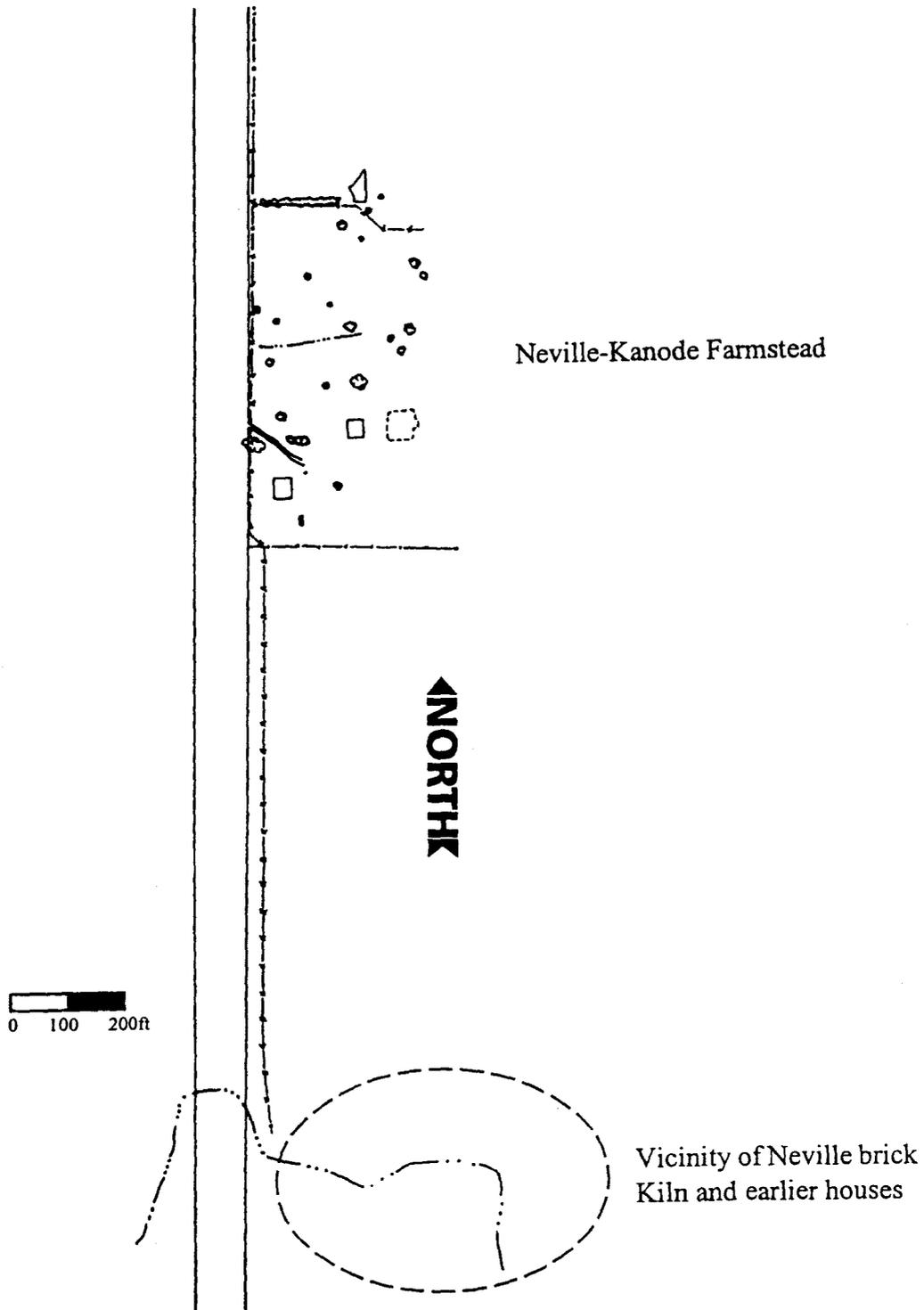
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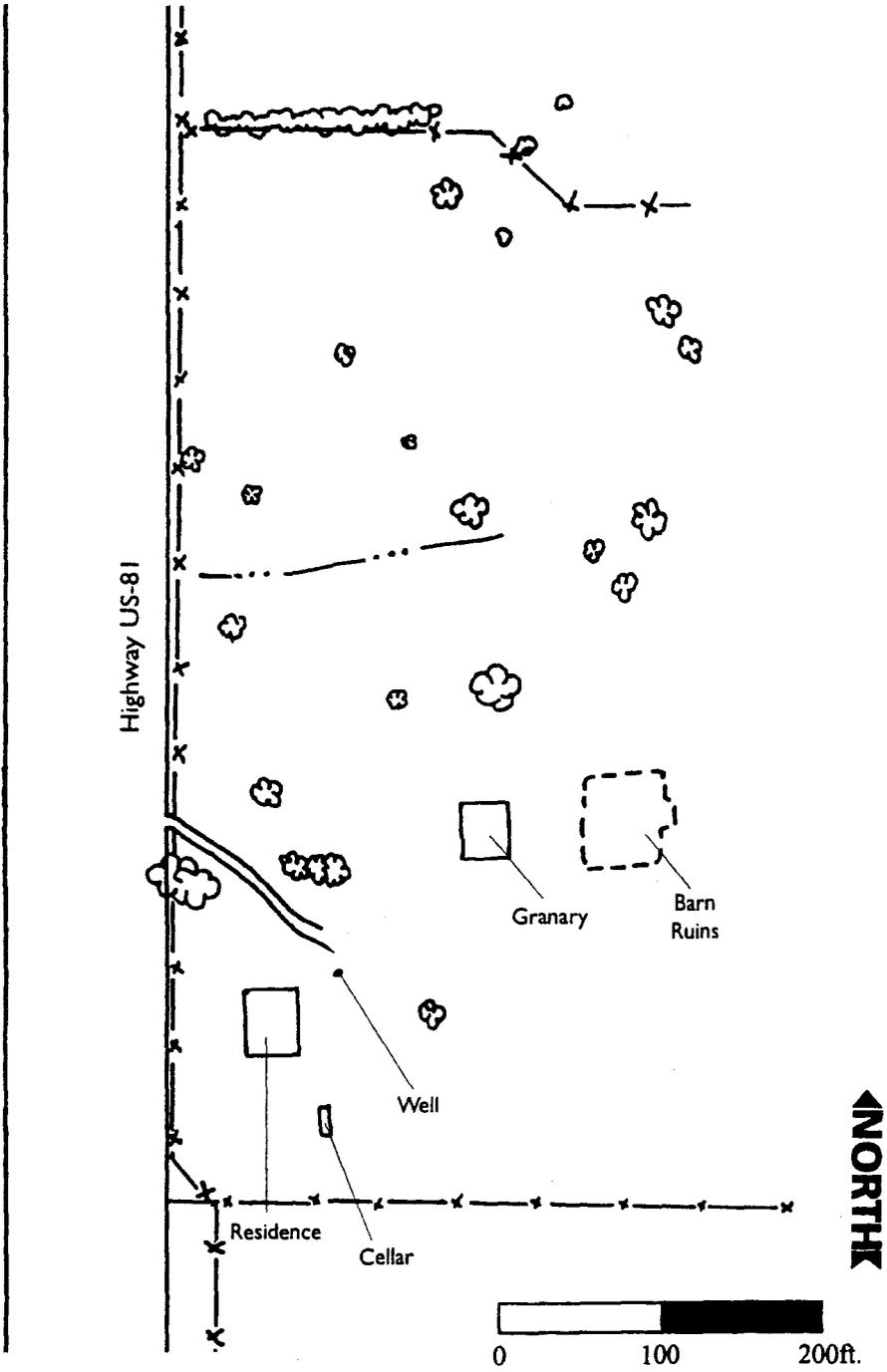
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- Location:** The Neville-Kanode Well is located east of the northeast corner of the Neville-Kanode Farmstead Residence and north of the Neville-Kanode Farmstead Cellar. It is situated on the east side of U.S. Highway 81 in Section 13, Township 1 South, Range 3 West in Liberty Township, Republic County, Kansas. The nearest town in this county is Munden, but the farmstead lies closer to the community of Chester, Nebraska.
- Present Owners:** The Kansas Department of Transportation intends to acquire this property for the widening of U.S. Highway 81. However, the present ownership is not clearly documented. Mr. Randy Kniep and his wife acquired the property December 24, 1975 and then sold it to Rodger Leibsack on contract. That contract has not been recorded with the Register of Deeds in Republic County.
- Present Occupant:** Vacant farmstead
- Present Use:** Partly filled well
- Significance:** The Well contributes to the historic character of the Neville-Kanode Farmstead.
- Description:** The circular, stone-lined well is one of the three surviving architectural features associated with the Neville-Kanode Farmstead Residence, along with the cellar and granary. It is located approximately 24' east of the northeast corner of the house. Due to the similarity in construction materials and proximity to the residence, the well appears to date from the same time period, ca. 1885. The agricultural schedules from the 1895 and 1905 state censuses reported that water was provided at the farm from a 73' deep well pumped by a windmill (Kansas State Census 1895, 1905). As shown in a ca. 1900 photograph, a wooden windmill once stood over the well with a one-story brick outbuilding beside it to the east. The windmill and well house are no longer present.
- The well has an interior diameter of approximately 45". It has been filled to within 2' of the top. The upper courses of stones are loose and unsteady. Boards have been loosely laid across the top of the well, probably to draw attention to the feature and to keep people and animals from falling into the partially filled hole.
- Sources:** Photograph of Neville House and windmill with Neville family, looking southeast (ca. 1900). From Frantiska Palecek, "Neville Family File," Family account by Beatrice Spry Spence.
- Kansas State Decennial Census (State Board of Agriculture). 1895-1905. Microfilm at Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.
- Historian:** Sheryll L. White was the historian for the Neville-Kanode farmstead project. White conducted the basic research and interviews and prepared the reports from which the historical information was taken. Dale E. Nimz prepared the historical context section and drafted the HABS documentation. Marsha K. King compiled and prepared the HABS document.



SITE PLAN OF THE NEVILLE-KANODE FARMSTEAD, SHOWING RELATIONSHIP TO THE VICINITY OF NEVILLE BRICK KILNS AND EARLIER RESIDENCES ON ROSE CREEK.



SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF THE NEVILLE-KANODE FARMSTEAD, WELL.