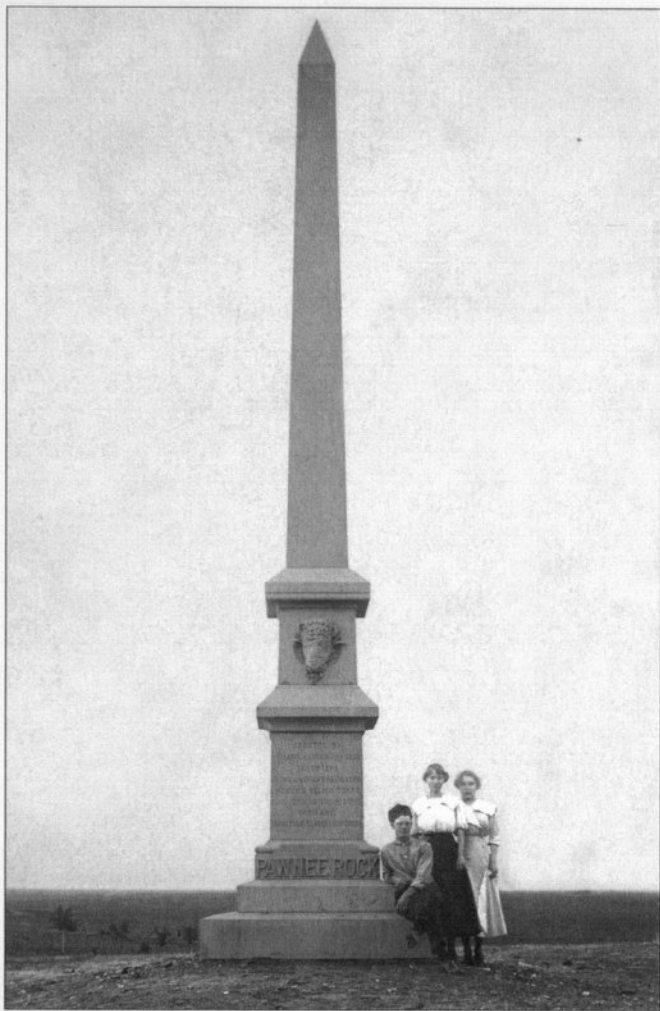


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Pawnee Rock Monument, June 6, 1914

Erected atop the sandstone outcropping known as Pawnee Rock, the monument depicted above was unveiled with much fanfare on May 24, 1912. On that "largest day in the history of the little city," the southwest Barton County town of Pawnee Rock, population 444, played "host to between eight and ten thousand people," who arrived by rail and in an estimated one thousand or more automobiles. The obelisk lost its top some years ago and is now a much shorter but still impressive tribute to "the brave men and women who, passing over the Santa Fe trail, endured the hardships of frontier life, and blazed the path of civilization for prosperity," explained the Pawnee Rock Herald, May 31, 1912.

A state historic site since 1909, Pawnee Rock interprets the history of the Santa Fe Trail and the region's native inhabitants. The origin of the name is shrouded by folklore.

Nevertheless, the Rock (at one time approximately one hundred feet in height but today greatly diminished in size) was important to American Indians and white emigrants alike. Plains tribes reportedly used it as an observation point; travelers and traders used it as a campground and landmark, signaling as it did the halfway point in their long and often arduous journey to or from Santa Fe. During the early nineteenth century hundreds carved their names in the Rock alongside ancient drawings by indigenous peoples. "Pawnee Rock was covered with names carved by the men who had passed it," wrote a soldier in 1848. "It was so full that I could find no place for mine."

Today Pawnee Rock State Historic Site is open daily, dawn to dusk.

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IF SO, it is no longer a matter of inclination, BUT OF DUTY,
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- 4:00 p. m. Opening of the Convention. Prayer. Organization and appointment of committees. Hearing of reports from district officers and delegates.
- 7:30 p. m. Address by DR. HOWARD H. RUSSELL, of Ohio, National Superintendent American Anti-Saloon League. Singing by the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club.

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