

Official 1956 Kansas highway map

This official highway map of Kansas includes the population by counties and cities, lists of roadside parks and lakes, mileage by shortest route, tourist attractions, and inset maps of Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Salina, and Hutchinson.

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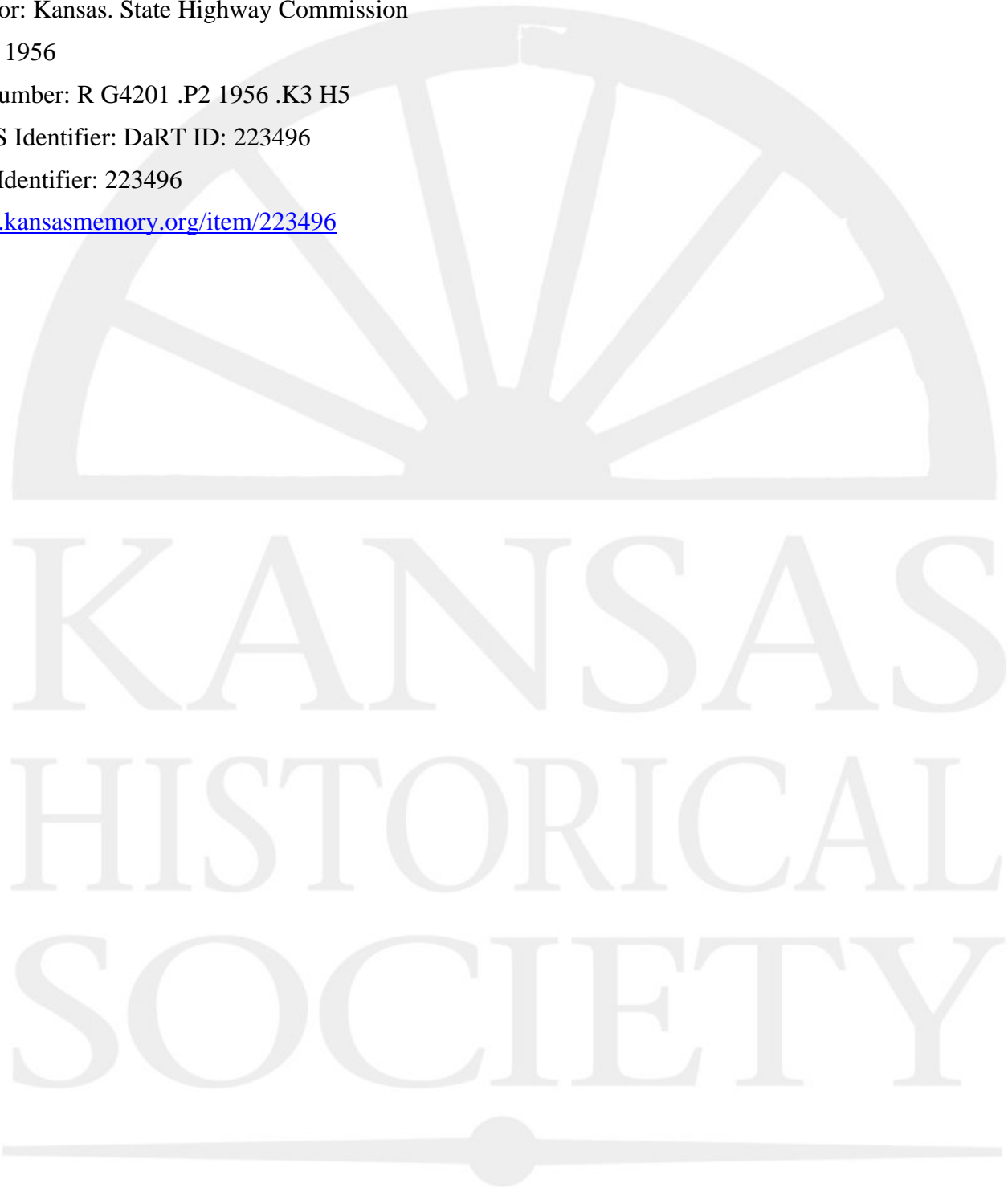
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The famous Cowley statue, Dodge City—historic western Kansas cattle town now the Cowley Capital of the World. Nearby is "Best Hill"—first resting place of early frontiersmen, builders and notorious gamblers.

The Anderson Hall, Kansas State College, Manhattan—where only four great history and modern pursuit of Agriculture, Engineering and the Sciences mingle to successful educational conclusion.

The Eisenhower Memorial, Abilene—no better place in all the world than President Ike's home town for this beautiful edifice that attracts tens of thousands of visitors from around the world each year.

The Administration Building, Kansas University, Lawrence—here stop picturesque Mount Oread, lies the campus of the famous Jayhawk University and home of the resounding "Rock Chalk, Jay Hawk," yell.

All the nation knows "Kansas raises the best wheat in the world." The State also ranks among the first five as a producer of potatoes. Oil derricks dot the landscape in almost every kind of setting.

A youthful Watson enjoys the fishing and the scenery.

Kansas has its share of rolling embankments and blue-bell fields.

Spacious grounds and stately architecture identify the Kansas Capitol at Topeka.

Kansas takes justifiable pride in its excellent secondary and four-year-old member roads.

Out of the dusty past of Kansas' frontier days come these colorful Indian ceremonial dances.

In Kansas, shades of the Old West are far from gone. Many of the nation's top rodeo stars are Kansas ranch and farm boys who got their bulldozing and calf roping experience like this.

Nationally famous Rehnisch Rose Garden at Topeka.

A Kansas scenic wonder.

The Great Seal of the State of Kansas, January 29, 1901.

The Proud Meadow Lark is Kansas' Official State Bird.

The State Flower—symbol of rugged individualism and profound patriotism.

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Geographical Center of the U.S.

While driving in Kansas, travelers can enjoy scenery to the very heart of the nation—the exact center of the United States is near Lebanon, north of the junction of US-26 and US-201 in Smith County. A monument and tourist park mark the location.

Kansas is the "Great Square" of the United States, where the West goes heavily to the East, and where the North shakes hands with the South. Kansas is the land of the great cattle trails of the early days, and still Kansas headquarters of vast areas of lush bottomland grazing land. Long an agricultural giant, first in wheat production, the state is producer of all the corn, wheat, sorghum, alfalfa, and soybeans. Farm machinery, boats and countless other items. Industrial growth is going ahead by leaps and bounds. Kansas remains a fertile frontier for work, for play, for profit, for pleasure. It is a wonderful place to visit and a better place in which to live.

Turnpike Route

PROGRESSIVE KANSAS LOOKS AHEAD

The new 235-mile Kansas turnpike, the first in the state, brings a new Kansas road era for motorists. Every known advantage is being incorporated into this four-lane highway. Limited, but convenient, access points are foreseen among safety features. There are no rail grade crossings or intersecting highway crossings. The four-lane turnpike provides comfort and safety for the traveler along its entire length.

This ultra modern Turnpike route, for which paving is being laid as this map goes to press, provides important linkage across Kansas between Missouri and Oklahoma. It is the Kansas way of inviting the nation's tourists and transporters of commerce to view in beauty and enjoy its facilities.

To Kansas Highway Travelers

Kansas is proud of the thousands of miles of highways within their state which form a veritable traffic nerve center for the nation. Motorists from other states are welcome guests on these Kansas highways. The drive-citizen of the state may take pride in knowing he is helping to provide a network of roads which compares favorably with any in the nation, and is becoming even better by the day.

You will find Kansas a hospitable state, and Kansas highways designed for comfort and safety for the traveler. There are numerous picnic spots along your route. There are historical markers of great interest—and many other features. Watch for official markers which point them out. You are urged to take time to enjoy Kansas as you travel. Best wishes for a pleasant trip.

John F. Carroll
Governor of Kansas

OFFICIAL HIGHWAY MAP

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