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Milk Bottle Caps from the Shawnee Indian Mission, 14JO362

These three cardboard milk bottle caps were found at the Shawnee Indian Mission in Johnson County. One bottle cap is blank while one advertises the West Mission Dairy on ___ and Mission Road (purveyors of Rare Milk and Cream). The third milk bottle cap has the cryptic wording: "A. Morrison, Jr Farm Both Phones TESTED." By the mid 1950s cardboard bottle tops were considered unsanitary and began to disappear. The Mission was built in 1839 for the Shawnee Tribe and closed in 1862. The life of the building did not end there as during the Civil War troops were quartered there and later it saw use as a dance hall, dairy bottling plant, apartments and a boarding house until becoming property of the state in 1927.

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