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# Geologic Resources Inventory Map Document for Fort Larned National Historic Site

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## Geologic Resources Inventory Map Document



# Fort Larned National Historic Site, Kansas

## Document to Accompany Digital Geologic-GIS Data

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This document has been developed to accompany the digital geologic-GIS data developed by the Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) program for Fort Larned National Historic Site, Kansas (FOLS).

Attempts have been made to reproduce all aspects of the original source products, including the geologic units and their descriptions, geologic cross sections, the geologic report, references and all other pertinent images and information contained in the original publication.

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## About the NPS Geologic Resources Inventory Program

### Background

Recognizing the interrelationships between the physical (geology, air, and water) and biological (plants and animals) components of the Earth is vital to understanding, managing, and protecting natural resources. The Geologic Resources Inventory (GRI) helps make this connection by providing information on the role of geology and geologic resource management in parks.

Geologic resources for management consideration include both the processes that act upon the Earth and the features formed as a result of these processes. Geologic processes include: erosion and sedimentation; seismic, volcanic, and geothermal activity; glaciation, rockfalls, landslides, and shoreline change. Geologic features include mountains, canyons, natural arches and bridges, minerals, rocks, fossils, cave and karst systems, beaches, dunes, glaciers, volcanoes, and faults.

The Geologic Resources Inventory aims to raise awareness of geology and the role it plays in the environment, and to provide natural resource managers and staff, park planners, interpreters, researchers, and other NPS personnel with information that can help them make informed management decisions.

The GRI team, working closely with the Colorado State University (CSU) Department of Geosciences and a variety of other partners, provides more than 270 parks with a geologic scoping meeting, digital geologic-GIS map data, and a park-specific geologic report.

### Products

**Scoping Meetings:** These park-specific meetings bring together local geologic experts and park staff to inventory and review available geologic data and discuss geologic resource management issues. A summary document is prepared for each meeting that identifies a plan to provide digital map data for the park.

**Digital Geologic Maps:** Digital geologic maps reproduce all aspects of traditional paper maps, including notes, legend, and cross sections. Bedrock, surficial, and special purpose maps such as coastal or geologic hazard maps may be used by the GRI to create digital Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data and meet park needs. These digital GIS data allow geologic information to be easily viewed and analyzed in conjunction with a wide range of other resource management information data.

For detailed information regarding GIS parameters such as data attribute field definitions, attribute field codes, value definitions, and rules that govern relationships found in the data, refer to the NPS Geology-GIS Data Model document available at: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/inventory/geology/GeologyGISDataModel.cfm>

**Geologic Reports:** Park-specific geologic reports identify geologic resource management issues as well as features and processes that are important to park ecosystems. In addition, these reports present a brief geologic history of the park and address specific properties of geologic units present in the park.

For a complete listing of Geologic Resource Inventory products and direct links to the download site visit the GRI publications webpage [http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory/gre\\_publications.cfm](http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/inventory/gre_publications.cfm)

GRI geologic-GIS data is also available online at the NPS Data Store Search Application: <http://irma.nps.gov/App/Reference/Search>. To find GRI data for a specific park or parks select the appropriate park

(s), enter "GRI" as a Search Text term, and then select the Search Button.

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## GRI Digital Map and Source Map Citation

The GRI digital geologic-GIS map for Fort Larned National Historic Site, Kansas (FOLS):

### **Digital Surficial Geologic Map of Fort Larned National Historic Site and Vicinity, Kansas (*GRI MapCode FOLS*)**

Johnson, W.C., and Woodburn, T.L., 2015, Surficial geology of Pawnee County, Kansas; text, geologic-unit descriptions, and cross section geology by C.M. Phillips-Lander: Kansas Geological Survey, Map M-114, scale 1:50,000. ([Map M-114](#)). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*). Cartography by John W. Dunham, Christopher R. Bieker, Hillary C. Crabb, Scott T. Klopfenstein, Charity M. Phillips-Lander, R. Zane Price, Jorgina A. Ross and Gerald Wright III.

## Map Unit List

The surficial geologic units present in the digital geologic-GIS data produced for Fort Larned National Historic Site, Kansas (FOLS) are listed below. Units are listed with their assigned unit symbol and unit name (e.g., Qal - Alluvium). Units are listed from youngest to oldest. No description for water is provided. Information about each geologic unit is also presented in the GRI Geologic Unit Information (FOLSUNIT) table included with the GRI geologic-GIS data.

### Cenozoic Era

#### Holocene

[Qal](#) - Alluvium

#### late Pleistocene to Holocene

[Qp](#) - Upland intermittent lake (playa) deposits

#### Quaternary

[Qds](#) - Eolian dune sand

[Qas](#) - Active sand

[Qss](#) - Sheet sand

[Ql](#) - Loess

[Qt1](#) - Terrace valley fill, upper

[Qt2](#) - Terrace valley fill, lower

#### earliest Pliocene and Miocene

[No](#) - Ogallala Formation

### Mesozoic Era

#### Upper Cretaceous

[Kc](#) - Carlile Shale

[Kgg](#) - Greenhorn Limestone and Graneros Shale, undivided

#### Lower Cretaceous

[Kd](#) - Dakota Formation

## Map Unit Descriptions

Descriptions of all geologic map units, generally listed from youngest to oldest, are presented below.

### Qal - Alluvium (Holocene)

Alluvial sediments of the major rivers and smaller streams are Holocene in age and are composed of sand, gravel, silt, and clay (McLaughlin, 1949). In the Pawnee River valley, the upper part of the alluvium consists primarily of clay with some sand and silt. Thicknesses range from 15 to 50 ft (5 to 15 m) but average about 30 ft (9 m). A thick deposit of sand and gravel lying beneath the upper clay deposits yields large quantities of water to wells in the valley. The total thickness of the Pawnee River alluvium ranges from 65 to 138 ft (20 to 42 m), with an average thickness of 105 ft (32 m) (McLaughlin, 1949). In contrast to the Pawnee River alluvium, the Arkansas River alluvium contains no thick clay deposits, although localized clay layers may occur. The Arkansas River alluvium contains sandy soils overlying thick beds of sand and gravel. As a result, the recharge rate of wells is greater in the Arkansas River valley than in the Pawnee River valley. The Arkansas River alluvium ranges from 18- to 135-ft (6- to 41-m) thick, with an average thickness of about 61 ft (19 m) (McLaughlin, 1949). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

### Qp - Upland intermittent lake (playa) deposits (late Pleistocene to Holocene)

Shallow basins, also known as playas or buffalo wallows, have developed in the upland loess deposits, mainly south of the Pawnee River. The origin of these features is usually attributed to wind deflation, animal activity, dissolution, or some combination of these processes. The age of the playas probably ranges from late Pleistocene to Holocene. Playa basins range in size from less than an acre to tens of acres. The basin fill consists of re-deposited silt and fine sand from the loess. In the larger basins, a caliche layer typically develops a few feet below the basin floor. The average thickness of the basin fill is approximately 6 ft (2 m). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

### Qds - Eolian dune sand (Quaternary)

Inactive sand dunes are present in much of the area south of the Arkansas River in Pawnee County and are Pleistocene to Holocene in age. The dune areas closest to the Arkansas River are grass-covered, moderately steep, irregular hills surrounding relatively small, undrained basins. A few active dunes may occur locally. The dune sand is composed of moderately well-rounded fragments of quartz with lesser amounts of silt and clay and is mostly derived from the Arkansas River valley (McLaughlin, 1949; Arbogast, 1998). The thickness of the dunes ranges up to 50 ft (15 m) (McLaughlin, 1949). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

### Qas - Active sand (Quaternary)

Active sand areas are currently being reworked and re-deposited by wind. Active sand areas are typically expressed as blowouts within the sand dune map unit. (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

### Qss - Sheet sand (Quaternary)

The sheet sands are older remnants of the sand-dune topography characterized by a much flatter surface of broad, undulating swells and swales. The sheet sands have developed a thick, heavy soil that is extensively cultivated (McLaughlin, 1949). The thickness of the sheet sands is approximately 12 ft (4 m). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).



## QI - Loess (Quaternary)

Uplands in the county are mantled by loess composed of wind-deposited silt and minor amounts of clay and fine sand. The loess is calcareous and buff in color. The age of the loess ranges from late Pleistocene to Holocene. It has an average thickness of about 6 to 10 ft (2 to 3 m). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

## Qt1 - Terrace valley fill, upper (Quaternary)

Terrace valley fill is primarily derived from the stream erosion of sedimentary rocks locally and west of Pawnee County and occurs along the Pawnee and Arkansas rivers. The fill consists of light-tan to brown clay and silt containing some caliche and interbedded fine to coarse sand with some gravel. Clays are blocky and typically brown, but range in color from white to bright green and blue. Silt is poorly consolidated except where cemented by calcium carbonate. Sand and gravel are poorly sorted, containing fragments of sandstone, limestone, and ironstone derived from weathering of the Greenhorn Limestone, Carlile Shale, and Dakota Formation (McLaughlin, 1949). Two terraces (Qt1 and Qt2) within the Pawnee River valley have been differentiated and lie 20 ft (6 m) (Qt1) and 50 ft (15 m) (Qt2) above the valley floor (McLaughlin, 1949; Mandel, 1994). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

## Qt2 - Terrace valley fill, lower (Quaternary)

Terrace valley fill is primarily derived from the stream erosion of sedimentary rocks locally and west of Pawnee County and occurs along the Pawnee and Arkansas rivers. The fill consists of light-tan to brown clay and silt containing some caliche and interbedded fine to coarse sand with some gravel. Clays are blocky and typically brown, but range in color from white to bright green and blue. Silt is poorly consolidated except where cemented by calcium carbonate. Sand and gravel are poorly sorted, containing fragments of sandstone, limestone, and ironstone derived from weathering of the Greenhorn Limestone, Carlile Shale, and Dakota Formation (McLaughlin, 1949). Two terraces (Qt1 and Qt2) within the Pawnee River valley have been differentiated and lie 20 ft (6 m) (Qt1) and 50 ft (15 m) (Qt2) above the valley floor (McLaughlin, 1949; Mandel, 1994). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

## No - Ogallala Formation (earliest Pliocene and Miocene)

The Ogallala Formation is Miocene and earliest Pliocene in age and is composed of silt, sand, and gravel sediments transported by streams flowing eastward from the Rocky Mountains. These sediments are variously cemented (ranging from unconsolidated to caliche-type deposits) with calcium carbonate. Throughout the Ogallala, thick caliche beds, referred to regionally as "mortar beds," are irregularly and discontinuously exposed (Moss, 1932). Silt dominates the Ogallala and commonly occurs in poorly sorted and lenticular bodies. Thin, isolated outcrops of Ogallala occur only in the extreme south west corner of the county. (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

## Kc - Carlile Shale (Upper Cretaceous)

The Cretaceous Carlile Shale is composed of three members, in descending order: the Codell Sandstone Member, Blue Hill Shale Member, and Fairport Chalk Member. The Codell sandstone and Blue Hill shale members have not been observed in the county (McLaughlin, 1949; Hattin, 1962; McKellar, 1962; Wallace and Nelson, 1988). The **Fairport Chalk Member** is an olive-gray to dark-gray, blocky, fossiliferous, chalky shale with flat concretions intercalated with chalk and chalky limestone beds and a few thin bentonite beds (Moss, 1932; Hattin, 1962). Thicker, more resistant beds of chalky limestone are more common near the base of the Fairport chalk and form small benches. The upper

beds erode more easily and form rounded, soil-covered hills (Fish el, 1952). Outcrops occur along stream valleys in the northern part of the county. The total thickness of the Carlile Shale in Pawnee County is hard to determine because of poor exposures, but now here is it believed to be more than 100 ft (30 m) thick (McLaughlin, 1949). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

### **Kgg - Greenhorn Limestone and Grameros Shale, undivided (Upper Cretaceous)**

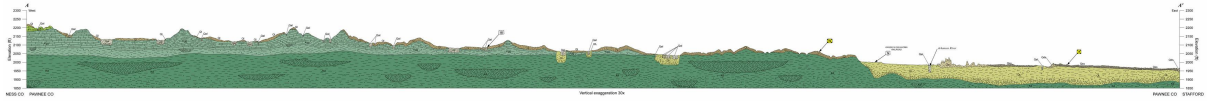
In Pawnee County, the Greenhorn Limestone and Graneros Shale are poorly exposed and undifferentiated. The **Greenhorn Limestone** has four members, in descending order: the Pfeifer Shale Member, the Jetmore Chalk Member, the Hartland Shale Member, and the Lincoln Limestone Member. Lack of good exposures makes differentiating the members difficult. Generally, the Greenhorn Limestone is composed of alternating beds of thinner (usually less than 1 ft [0.3 m]) beds of chalky to crystalline limestone and thicker beds of gray, chalky shale that contain thin beds of bentonitic clay (McLaughlin, 1949). The Fence-post limestone bed is located at or near the top of the formation (McLaughlin, 1949; Hattin, 1975). The thickness of the Greenhorn averages 100 ft (30 m) in Rush County (McNellis, 1973) and is thought to be of similar thickness in Pawnee County. The underlying **Graneros Shale** is a dark-gray to black, fissile, argillaceous shale that may contain sandy shale and sandstone (McLaughlin, 1949). Where the Graneros outcrops in north - central and west-central Kansas, the thickness ranges from 24 to 40 ft (7 to 12 m), averaging about 30 ft (9 m) (Hattin, 1965). McLaughlin (1949) believed the thickness does not exceed 35 ft (11 m) in Pawnee County. (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

### **Kd - Dakota Formation (Lower Cretaceous)**

Several isolated outcrops of the Dakota Formation occur in Pawnee County, most notably near Burdett, Garfield, and Larned. Based on limited outcrops and cuttings from more than 100 test holes, McLaughlin (1949) described the Dakota as buff, yellow-brown, and brown fine-grained, lenticular sandstone and variegated sandy clay and clay. The sandstone may be thin-bedded to massive but generally is strongly ripple-marked and cross-bedded. Although sandstone dominates the outcrops, the Dakota is predominately clay and sandy clay (Plummer and Romary, 1942; Fish el, 1952). Topographic expression is variable and depends on cementation. Well-cemented portions of the Dakota form bluffs near Larned, while low, smooth hills are characteristic where the sandstone is poorly cemented. In a few places in the county, zones of hard, calcite cemented "quartzitic" sandstone weather out as rounded boulders or form resistant ledges (McLaughlin, 1949). The Dakota underlies most of Pawnee County, where the average thickness is thought to be about 200 ft (61 m) (McLaughlin, 1949). (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*) ([Map M-114](#)).

## Geologic Cross Section

The geologic cross section present in the GRI digital geologic-GIS data produced for Fort Larned National Historic Site, Kansas (FOLS) is presented below. Cross section graphics were scanned at a high resolution and can be viewed in more detail by zooming in (if viewing the digital format of this document).



Extracted from: [Map M-114](#)

## KGS Map M-114

Johnson, W .C., and Woodburn, T.L., 2015, Surficial geology of Pawnee County, Kansas; text, geologic-unit descriptions, and cross section geology by C.M. Phillips-Lander: Kansas Geological Survey, Map M-114, scale 1:50,000. (*GRI Source Map ID 74981*). Cartography by John W. Dunham, Christopher R. Bieker, Hillary C. Crabb, Scott T. Klopfenstein, Charity M. Phillips-Lander, R. Zane Price, Jorgina A. Ross and Gerald Wright III.

### Geology Summary

#### General Geology

Pawnee County covers an area of approximately 755 mi<sup>2</sup> (1,955 km<sup>2</sup>) (McLaughlin, 1949), of which about 0.38 mi<sup>2</sup> (0.98 km<sup>2</sup>), or 0.05%, is surface water. The surficial sedimentary rocks are Cretaceous to Neogene in age and are dominated by shales, chalky shales, chalks, chalky limestones, and some sandstone. The dip of the strata is generally to the west. The oldest rocks exposed in the area— from the Dakota Formation— were deposited in a near-shore environment that was subsequently covered by seas represented by the deposition of the Graneros Shale, Greenhorn Limestone, and Carlile Shale (McLaughlin, 1949). The Ogallala Formation, the youngest unit, was deposited by streams that carried debris from the Rocky Mountains (McLaughlin, 1949). The unconformity between the Cretaceous and Neogene rocks represents a period of erosion and/or non-deposition that lasted about 75 million years. Unconsolidated materials overlying the Ogallala— loess, sheet sand, dune sand, playa deposits, terraces, and alluvium— are Pleistocene and Holocene in age. Currently, alluvium is being deposited along streambeds, and some dune areas have active blowouts.

#### Geomorphology

Pawnee County is represented by three physiographic regions: the Smoky Hills, High Plains, and Arkansas River Lowlands. The area north of the Pawnee River lies within the Smoky Hills (Schoewe, 1949), which take their name from the haze that sometimes forms in the valleys in the early morning (Kansas Geological Survey, 2014a). The southwest portion of the county lies within the High Plains physiographic region. The Arkansas River Lowlands, roughly defined as the area southeast of the Arkansas River, was created by fluvial erosion and deposition over the past 10 million years (McLaughlin, 1949; Schoewe, 1949). Pawnee County is relatively flat and has maximum topographic relief of about 380 ft (116 m) (McLaughlin, 1949). The highest topographic area (approximately 2,300 ft [701 m]) is located in the southwest part of the county. The lowest elevation (approximately 1,920 ft [585 m]) occurs where the Arkansas River exits the county at the Barton-Pawnee county line.

Fluvial erosion and dissection of the surficial geology by streams is the primary control on the geomorphology of the area and has resulted in the development of the wide Arkansas River and Pawnee River valleys. Numerous smaller creeks dissect and drain the upland regions in the northern and southwest portions of the county. The Pawnee River is the largest tributary to the Arkansas River. Early travelers and soldiers stationed at Fort Larned on the Santa Fe Trail used the Pawnee River and one of its oxbow lakes as natural protection for the fort (Keller-Lynn, 2008). The fort's buildings were built out of sandstone from the Dakota Formation, with window sills made from the Fence-post limestone bed of the Greenhorn Limestone. Sandstone from the Dakota was quarried at Jenkins Hill about 2.5 mi (4.0 km) east of the Fort Larned Historic Site (Keller-Lynn, 2008).

The southeast portion of the county, in contrast, is dominated by wind-blown landforms, including dunes, sheet sands, and blowout features. Small, localized lakes form when water collects in the blowout depressions.

### **Mineral Resources**

Sand and gravel, used primarily for road metal, is currently mined from terrace and alluvial deposits in the Pawnee River and Arkansas River valleys in Pawnee County (McLaughlin, 1949; Kansas Geological Survey, 2014b). The Fence-post limestone bed of the Greenhorn Limestone has historically been used for fence posts and building stone. The Dakota Formation was also used for building material (McLaughlin, 1949; Keller-Lynn, 2008).

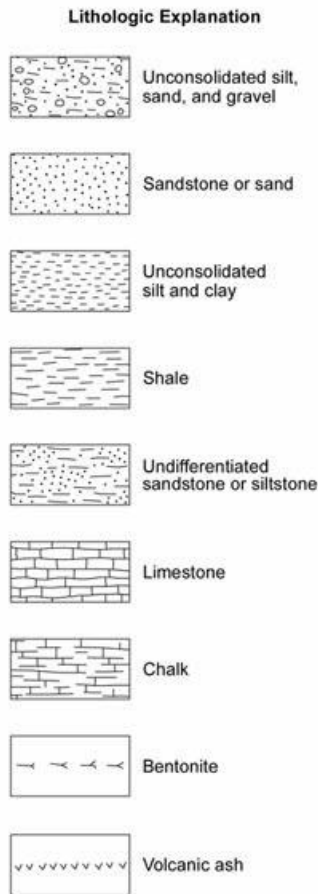
Oil and gas are important resources in Pawnee County. Oil production had declined to a low of 110,690 barrels of oil from 136 wells in 2005 but has since increased to 369,227 barrels from 195 wells in 2014. In addition, 758,017 million cubic feet (mcf) of gas from 115 wells was produced in 2014. Cumulatively, more than 47,000,000 barrels of oil and 140,000,000 mcf of gas have been produced in Pawnee County (Kansas Geological Survey, 2014c).








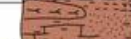


### **Water Resources**

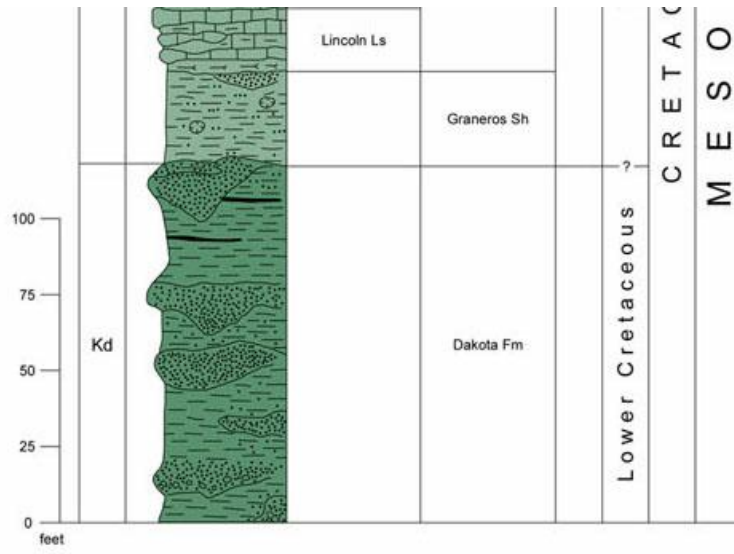
Groundwater supplies irrigation, domestic, stock, industrial, and municipal water in Pawnee County, mainly from the unconsolidated sediments in the Pawnee River and Arkansas River valleys. Numerous irrigation wells occupy the Pawnee River and Arkansas River valleys (Kansas Geological Survey, 2014d). Sandstones in the Dakota Formation are also important sources of irrigation water, mainly around and south of Rozel. The Dakota is also used for small domestic and stock wells (McLaughlin, 1949). The Greenhorn Limestone and Carlile Shale provide small, unreliable quantities of water to a few domestic and stock wells in northern Pawnee County (McLaughlin, 1949). Several deep (400 to 750 ft) wells in Permian rocks have flowed salt water to the surface (McLaughlin, 1949).

*Extracted from:* ([Map M-114](#)).

### Stratigraphic Column



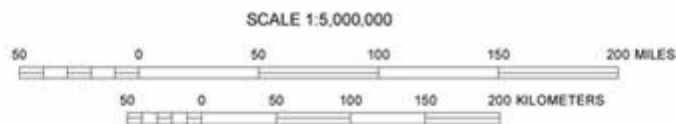
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Qal			Alluvium		Pleistocene - Holocene	QUATERNARY	CENOZOIC
Qp			Playas				
Qds			Dune sand				
Qss			Sheet sand				
Ql			Loess				
Qt <sub>1</sub>			Terraces		Miocene - Pliocene	NEOGENE	
Qt <sub>2</sub>			Terraces				
No			Ogallala Fm	Colorado	Upper Cretaceous	CENOZOIC	
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		Jetmore Ch					
		Hartland Sh					



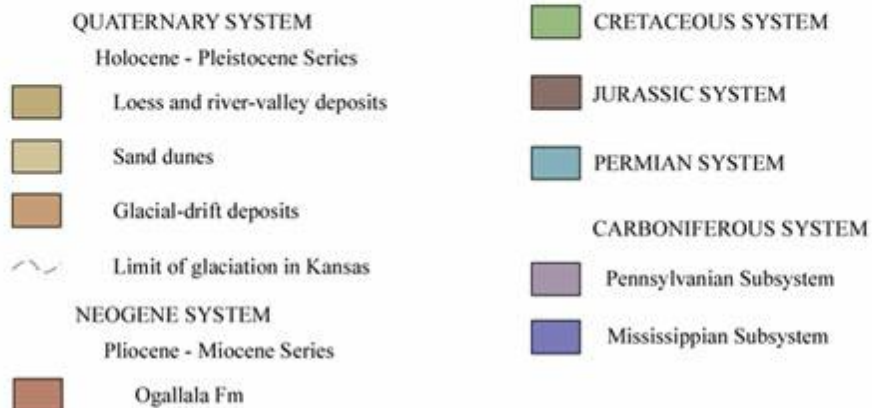
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## Location Diagram with Generalized Geology of Kansas

### LOCATION DIAGRAM



### GENERALIZED GEOLOGY OF KANSAS



Extracted from: ([Map M-114](#)).



## Index Map

### Index to 1:24,000 scale USGS quadrangle maps

BAZINE SE	RUSH CENTER SW	RUSH CENTER SE	ASH VALLEY	ALBERT SE	PAWNEE ROCK
BURDETT	ROZEL	SANFORD	FORT LARNED	LARNED	RADIUM
HANSTON SE	ROZEL SW	ROZEL SE	GARFIELD	ZOOK	SANT JOHN SW
OFFERLE	KINSLEY	LEWIS	BELPRE NW	BELPRE	MACKSVILLE









Map shows the locations of the 24 quadrangles used in the digital compilation of the Pawnee County map. The index shows the names of each individual 7.5 -minute quadrangle map.

Extracted from: ([Map M-114](#)).

## Map Symbol Explanation

### Explanation



#### Boundaries and Locations

-  County line
-  Township/range line
-  Section line
-  National historic site boundary
-  County seat
-  City
-  Locality
-  Built-up area








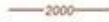

#### Transportation

-  U.S. highway
-  State highway
-  Medium-duty primary road
-  Medium-duty secondary road
-  Light-duty road
-  Unimproved road
-  Railroad
-  Paved airport runway
-  Unpaved airport runway


#### Geologic Unit Boundaries

-  Observed contact
-  Inferred contact

#### Hydrology and Topography

-  Perennial stream
-  Intermittent stream
-  Perennial water body
-  Perennial water body, manmade shoreline
-  Intermittent water body
-  Elevation contour (100-foot interval)
-  Elevation contour (20-foot interval)
-  Depression contour (100-foot interval)
-  Depression contour (20-foot interval)

#### Resource Development

-  Open sand or gravel pit

Extracted from: ([Map M-114](#)).

Note that only geologic and mining (resource development) features are present in the GRI digital geologic-GIS map product. All other non-geology features symbolized above only appear on the KGS source map publication.

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The geology was mapped in the field using USGS 7.5' 1:24,000-scale topographic maps.

Roads and high ways shown on the base map as represented by data from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and other sources. U.S. Department of Agriculture – Farm Services Agency (USDA-FSA) National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) imagery also was used to check road locations.

Shaded relief is based on 1-meter hydroflattened bare-earth DEMs from the State of Kansas LiDAR Database. The DEM images, in Erdas Imagine (.img) format, were mosaicked into a single output DEM in Esri file geodatabase raster format. That DEM was then downsampled to 2-meter resolution and subsequently converted to geographic coordinates. The output DEM was then converted to a hillshade, a multidirectional shaded-relief image using angles of illumination from 0°, 225°, 270°, and 315° azimuths, each 45° above the horizon, with a 4x vertical exaggeration.

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