

Our History is a Perishable Resource










Proposals to preserve the history of Roeland Park

1. National Parks Service Santa Fe Trail Signs
2. Historic Location Signs
3. Interpretive Signs
4. Otocast Virtual Historical Tour

Santa Fe National Historic Trail
Family of Pedestrian Signs



Historic Route Sign
12" x 18" (two panels):
Marks the historic route of the national historic trail




Historic Route additional lower panel sign option
12" x 6":



Lower panel arrow options
6" x 6":



Trail Start/End Distance
12" x 30" (three panels):
Shows distance to the beginning and end of the trail from the location the sign is placed



Trail Sign
12" x 20" (two panels):
Marks trail that is in close proximity and/or connects to the national historic trail, but is not on the actual historic route



(Site Name Here) Sign
12" x 18" (two panels):
Directs people to historic sites associated with the national historic trail




Crossing Sign
12" x 18" (two panels):
Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a trail




Updated January 2020


Santa Fe National Historic Trail
Family of Road Signs




Historic Route Sign
24" x 36" (two panels):
Marks the historic route of the national historic trail




Historic Route lower panel sign option
24" x 12":



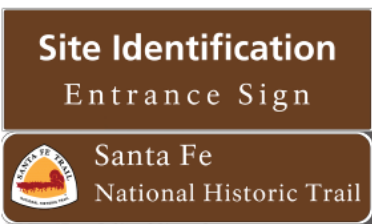
Historic Route lower panel arrow options
21" x 15":




Crossing Sign
24" x 36" (two panels):
Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a road



Site ID Sign
Custom size - 72" x 42" typical:
Marks a site associated with the national historic trail



Directional Site Sign
Size varies:
Directs people to sites associated with the national historic trail



Updated September 2019

National Parks Service Santa Fe Trail signs

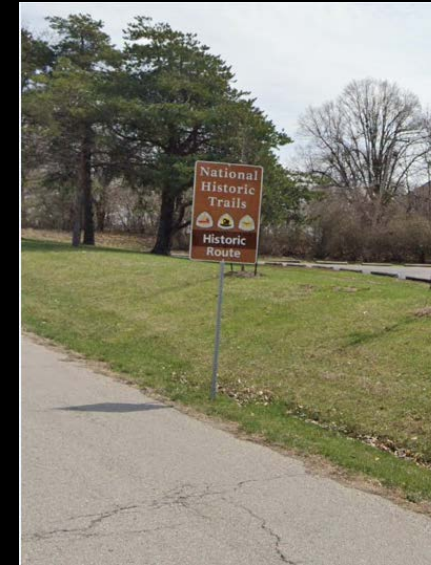
Project 1: National Parks Service Santa Fe Trail Signs



Gardner



Olathe



Leewood



**Barton
County, KS**

**Santa Fe Trail
Route through
Roeland Park
Sample signs:**

Mission Rd & 48th: Santa Fe Trail Crossing

Buena Vista & 51st: Santa Fe Trail Crossing

51st & Roe: “Miles to Santa Fe & Westport”

Sycamore & Cedar: Santa Fe Trail Crossing

NPS Project Cost estimate
Signs: provided free of cost by NPS
Estimated shipping & Installation costs: \$1000



Roeland Park
Historical Committee

SEWAH STUDIOS: The Georgia



Merriam



Merriam



Westport



Loose Park

Historic Location Signage

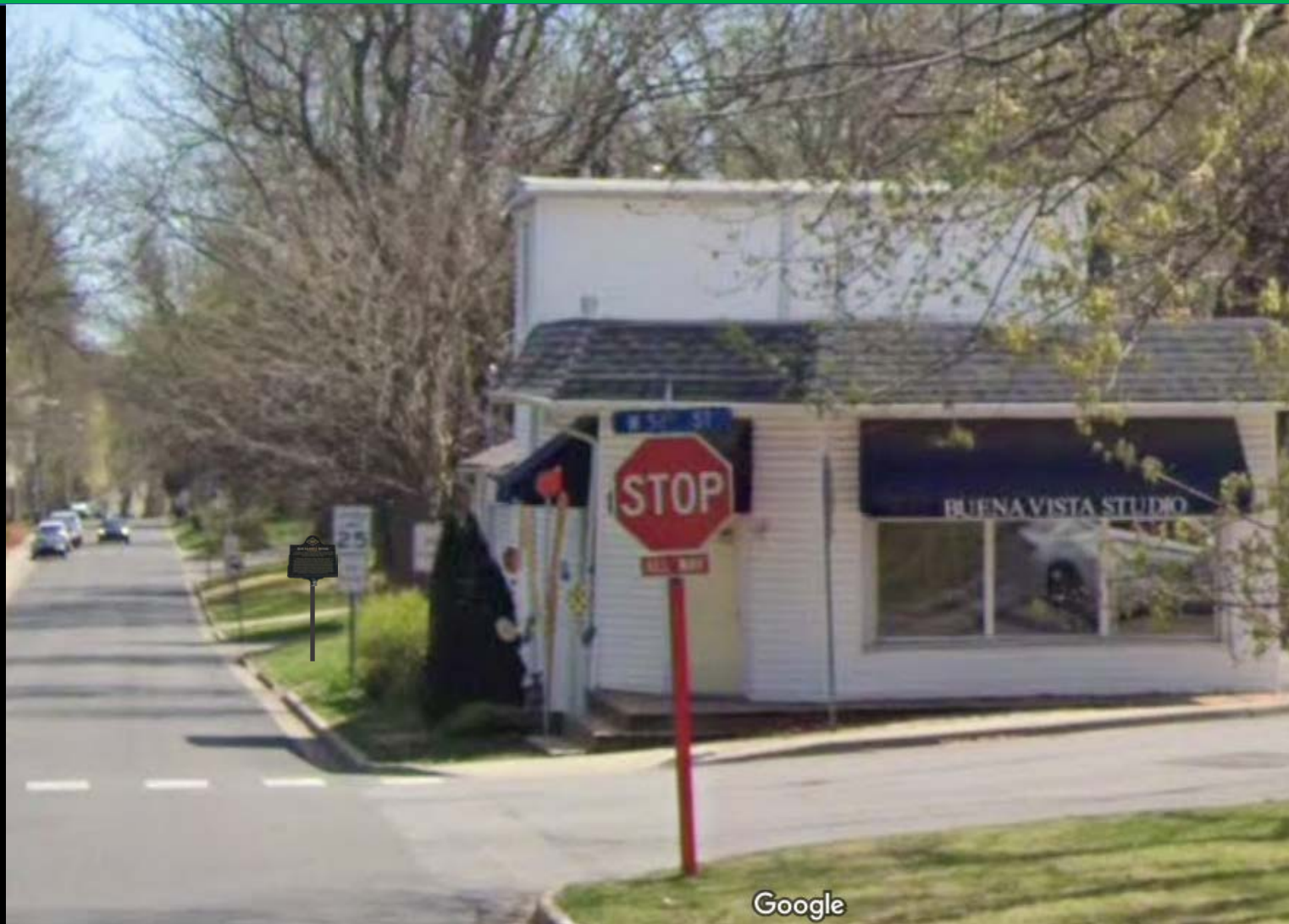




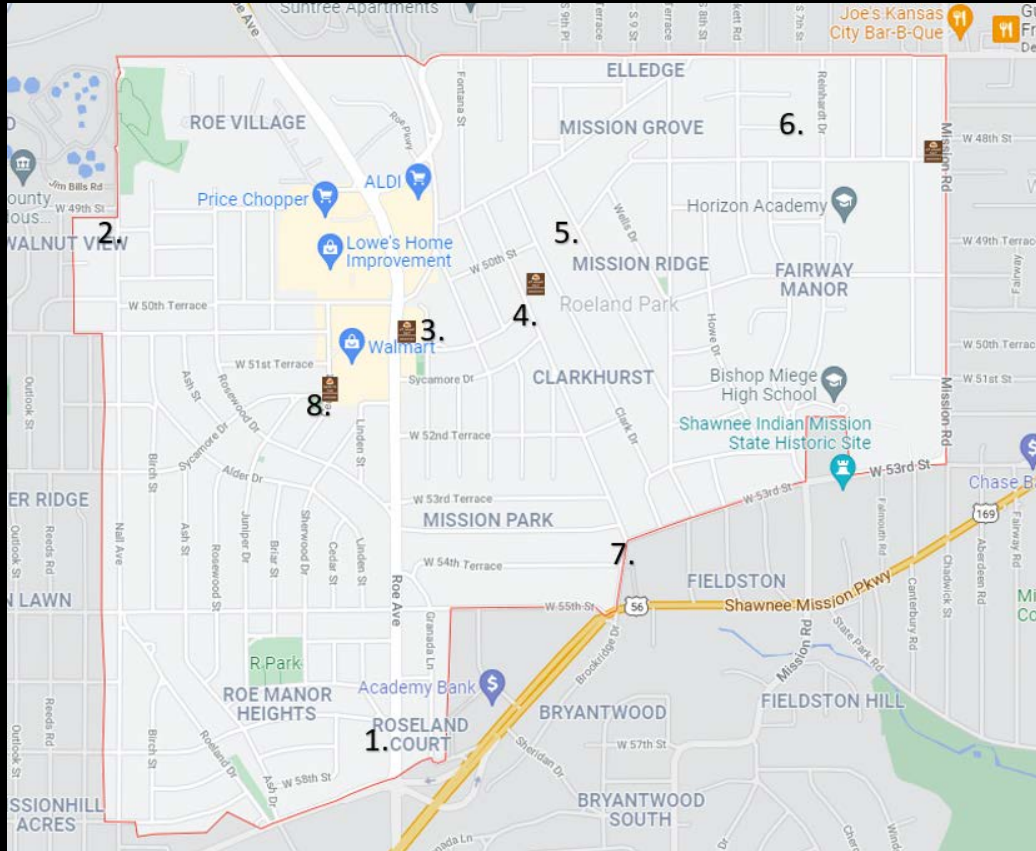
**Southridge
Station
Strang
Line**



**Tesar
Home &
Farm**



**Southridge/
Southridge
Market**



1. Roe Family Home: Johnson Dr. and Roe
2. The Shawnee Baptist Mission: 49th and Nall
3. Southridge Station on the Strang Line: 51st and Granada
4. Southridge/Southridge Market: 51st and Buena Vista
5. Roesland Elementary School
6. Washita Station/Old Mission Golf Course Clubhouse: 47th terrace cul-de-sac
7. Tesar Farm and home: 54th and Buena Vista
8. Shawnee Methodist Mission Boundary



36"X24" \$2020
Georgia Style

Locational Signs cost per sign:
 36"X24" Georgia Sign \$2020
 Etched Plates \$250
 5X7 Photographs \$150
 Shipping and 7' pole included.
 Total: \$2270-\$2420

Locational Signs cost 8 signs:
 8 signs \$18,160-\$19360
 Estimated installation \$1000
 Total: \$19160-\$20,360

Historic Location Signage Costs



IMMIGRATION

Born in 1823 in County Meath, Ireland, John Roe immigrated to the United States in 1850. He married Mary Roseanna Clarke, the daughter of Irish immigrants in 1855. In 1857, John was granted a homestead patent in Daviess County, Missouri where the couple soon moved and started a family. They eventually had six children. John farmed corn and raised cattle. The farm prospered and he purchased additional land including hundreds of acres in Saline County, Missouri.

In 1882, John purchased 250 acres in northeast Johnson County, Kansas from Alexander Johnson, son of Shawnee Methodist Indian Mission founder Thomas Johnson. Here he began a new cattle ranch for both the Kansas City and Chicago markets. When the cattle were ready for market, they were driven down what is today Johnson Drive to the rail terminal in Merriam. Over the next few years he purchased more land from the Johnson family until he owned about 1800 acres, including most of the land of what is today Roeland Park.



John Roe's property in early Johnson County.

DEVELOPING JOHNSON COUNTY

In 1890, the Roe family moved to Johnson County, Kansas and John began construction of the family home at what is today the northwest corner of Johnson Drive and Roe Blvd. The 2 story, 16 room Roe home, named "The Cedars of Merriam," would be a feature of the area for more than 60 years. John Roe was an advocate for the

development of northeast Johnson County and lobbied the county government to build good roads and bring utilities such as natural gas and electricity to the area. In 1906, he granted an easement across his property to the Missouri & Kansas Interurban Railroad (The Strang Line) hoping it would bring development.



MODERNIZATION

After the death of John Roe in 1926, the cattle operations were ended and the Roe children found themselves "land rich and cash poor." Little by little they began to sell pieces of the farm to pay the taxes on the rest. They also began giving sections away including 5 acres for the construction of St. Agnes Church and School, the land that is today Nall Park and the original Roeland Park pool site at 47th and Roe Lane. In 1933, developer Charles Vawter purchased 280 acres north of the Roe home for a development he named Roeland Park in honor of the family. In 1951, the name was chosen for the newly incorporated City of Roeland Park, which occupies much of the original Roe farm.

The Roe family home was torn down in 1958 to make way for a cloverleaf interchange at Johnson Dr. and Roe Blvd.

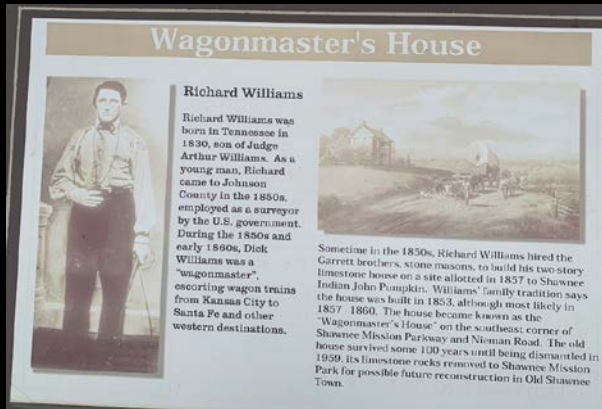


A portrait of John Roe

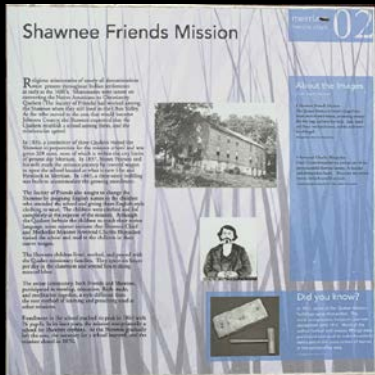
SITE 01 The Roe Family



Storytelling through Interpretive Signs



Pioneer Crossing Park Shawnee, Ks



Visitors Bureau Merriam, Ks



Battle of Westport Interpretive walk



Loose Park Kansas City, Mo



Strang Park Overland Park, Ks



Johnson Dr & Roe
"The Boomerang"



Cooper Creek Park



City Hall

Possible Interpretive Walk Locations

1. Original Environment/original Indian Inhabitants
2. Shawnee Indians
3. Shawnee Baptist/Shawnee Methodist Missions
4. Santa Fe Trail
5. Roe Family
6. Strang Line/Southridge/Washita Communities
7. Charles Vawter/incorporation of Roeland Park/Segregated Housing

Interpretive Signage



Interpretive Signs cost per sign:
24"X36" Laminate panel \$238
Duplicate Panel \$144
Aluminum Base \$538
Shipping \$54
Total: \$\$974

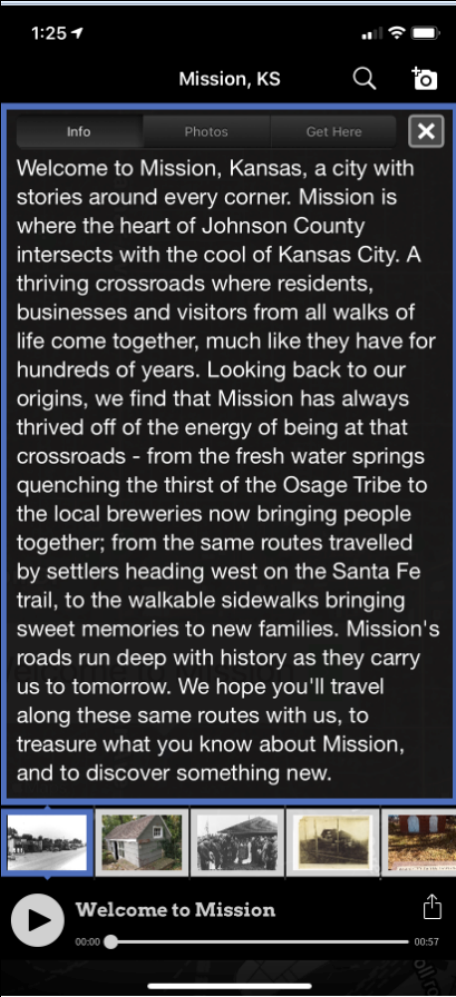
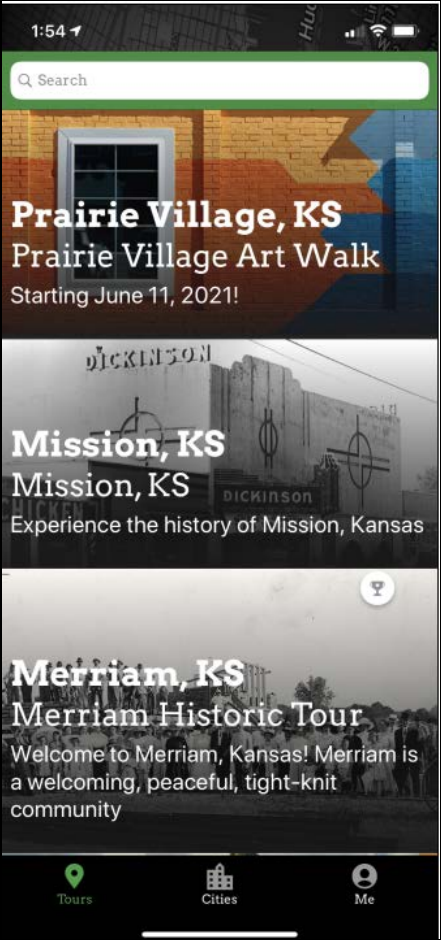
Interpretive Signs cost 8 signs:
7 signs w/ shipping \$6818
Installation \$1000
Total: \$7818

24"X36" \$974
Pannier Graphics

Interpretive Signage Costs



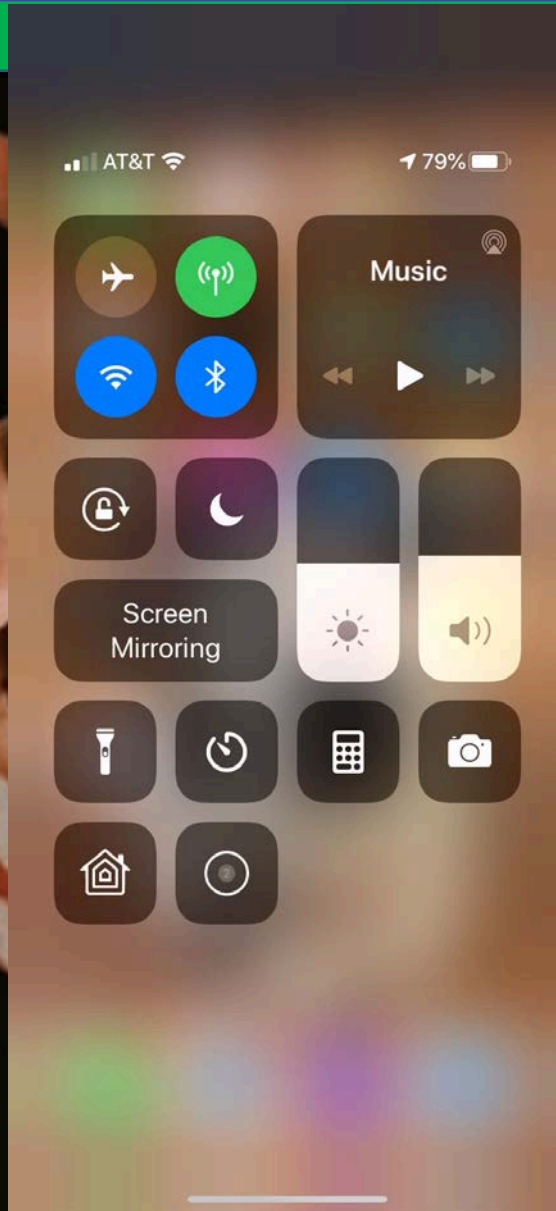
Virtual Historical Tour with Otocast



**Roeland Park
Historical Committee**



Roeland Park Historical Committee



1. Roe Family
2. Vintage Roeland Park (Roeland Park shopping center, Waji's, 1st pool site, etc)
3. Old Mission Golf Course
4. Shawnee Baptist Mission
5. Santa Fe Trail Route through Roeland Park
6. History of Roeland Park Schools
7. Charles Vawter/Formation of Roeland Park/Segregated Communities
8. TBD
9. TBD
10. TBD

**\$120 setup and 1st year hosting per site. Total \$1200.
\$80 per site per year after 1st year.**



Total Cost 4 Projects

NPS Santa Fe Trail Signs:	\$1000
Locational signs Sewah Studios:	\$19,160-\$20,360
Interpretive Signs Pannier Graphics:	\$7818
Otocast:	\$1200
Total:	\$29,178-\$30,378