



Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Kirk D. Thompson
Director

September 9, 2014

Derek Schmidt
Attorney General

Jennie Chinn
Executive Director
Kansas State Historical Society

Dear Ms. Chinn:

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), and of the history of our fine agency and its association with the Kansas Statehouse, we would propose to the Capitol Preservation Committee the placement of a plaque outside of the original offices of the KBI in the southwest corner of the first floor of the Statehouse.

The proposed plaque would be bronze and of a similar size and quality to other small plaques presently installed on the Statehouse walls. We would suggest something in the size range of about 14 inches wide by eight inches high with the KBI seal above the verbiage:

ORIGINAL OFFICES OF THE
KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1939 - 1970

IN 1938, THE KANSAS BANKERS ASSOCIATION, THE KANSAS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION,
AND OTHER KANSAS BUSINESS OWNERS JOINED TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE
CREATION OF AN INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY WITH STATEWIDE JURISDICTION.

IN 1939, WITH THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR PAYNE RATNER, ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY
S. PARKER, AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED H. HARKNESS, THE KANSAS
LEGISLATURE PASSED HOUSE BILL 427, ESTABLISHING THE KANSAS BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONSISTING OF TEN PERSONS
"TRAINED IN THE DETECTION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS."

THIS PORTION OF THE STATEHOUSE SERVED AS THE KBI'S ORIGINAL OFFICES UNTIL
1970.

*Placed in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in 2014 and dedicated to
the fine men and women of the KBI, past and present, who have served our great state with distinction
and honor.*

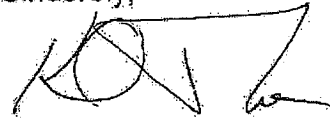
Capitol Preservation Committee

Date: 11-13-14

Attachment: 6

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk D. Thompson', written over a rectangular box.

Kirk D. Thompson
Director

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cc: Reed Holwegner, Legislative Research