

PRATT & WHITNEY PLANT
Picnic Area Shelter
(Other Structures and Facilities)
1500-2000 East Bannister Road
Kansas City
Jackson County
Missouri

HAER No. MO-118-AQ

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: 1500 – 2000 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Present Owner: U. S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration

Present Use: Used as a picnic shelter for the employees and guests of the NNSA.

Significance: Constructed as a picnic area for the Bendix Corporation. Due to the diversified requirements of subsequent corporations, the original Pratt & Whitney Plant was modified and added to, meeting the needs of ongoing technological advances while retaining the structural elements that made this complex a landmark of American industrial design.

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of Construction: c. 1970s
2. Architect/Engineer: Unknown
3. Builder/Contractor/Supplier: Bendix Corporation (attributed)
4. Original Plans: Unknown
5. Alterations and Additions: No

B. Historical Context

The Picnic Area was constructed in the 1970s for the employees and guests of the Bendix Corporation.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

This open-air reinforced concrete structure with a concrete zig-zag reinforced concrete roof, measures approximately 30' x 15'.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Architectural Character: Modern
2. Condition of Fabric: Excellent

C. Description of Interior

Open-air

D. Site

The Picnic Area Shelter is located in the Pavilion area south of the Main Manufacturing Building.

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