

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Barton	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-06-24-0029	6/23/69

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Harry S. Truman Birthplace, State Historic Shrine  
Harry S. Truman Birthplace Memorial Shrine

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
North Corner of Eleventh Street and Truman Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lamar

STATE: Missouri 64759      CODE: 24      COUNTY: Barton      CODE: 011

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
State of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Missouri State Park Board  
P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City      STATE: Missouri 65101      CODE: 24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
County Recorder's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Lamar      STATE: Missouri 64759      CODE: 24

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963      Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner of Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: Missouri 65201      CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)							
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>		
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)				
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>				
			Moved <input type="checkbox"/>			Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One and one-half story frame building facing east (ca. 1881). Exterior covered with clapboard siding. House has six rooms. Simple rectangular design under a ridge roof. Facade, three bays wide, is slightly asymmetrical. Structure is devoid of ornamentation except for slight detail on wooden window and door frames. Bay window on south gable end wall first floor. Central brick chimney bisects roof ridge. Windows and doors have vertical proportions in relation to the walls.

House was donated to the State of Missouri by the United Automobile Workers in 1957. Lean-to porch on the front of building was removed. Original, unrestored smoke house and well remain behind the house. House has been furnished in the Victorian style of the 1880's. Restoration was completed in 1959.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1882-1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Harry S. Truman, thirty-second President of the United States, was born in this house on May 8, 1884. Truman's father, John A. Truman, purchased the house from the builder, Simon Blethroad, in 1882. The family lived in the house until Truman was eleven months old. In 1890, the Truman family settled permanently in Independence, Missouri.

In 1927, Truman was elected to the Jackson County Court as Presiding Judge. In 1935 he was elected to the United States Senate and in 1945 he became Vice-President of the United States. That same year he assumed the Presidency following the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Truman was subsequently elected President in 1948.

During the Truman Administration (1945-1953) World War II was brought to a close; the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan spearheaded the fight against Communistic aggression; and the Fair Deal continued the domestic policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Truman is also noted for his efforts in formulating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

House stands as a tribute to Missouri's only native-born who has to date become President of the United States.

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HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE

6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 24

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. State Historical Society of Missouri's Historic Sites File, ref. Barton County.
2. Missouri State Park Board Publication, "Harry S. Truman Birthplace Memorial Shrine," Lamar, Missouri, September 1968.
3. Meyer, Duane. The Heritage of Missouri: A History, (St. Louis: State Publishing Co., Inc. 1965), 694-706.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	37°	29'	40"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	94°	16'	17"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Martha L. Kusiak, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Survey and Planning Office  
 Missouri State Park Board

DATE: April 4, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City

STATE: Missouri 65101

CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title: Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date: April 7, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Cossally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

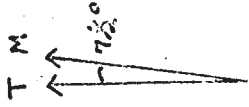
Date: JUN 23 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Murtagh  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 23 1969

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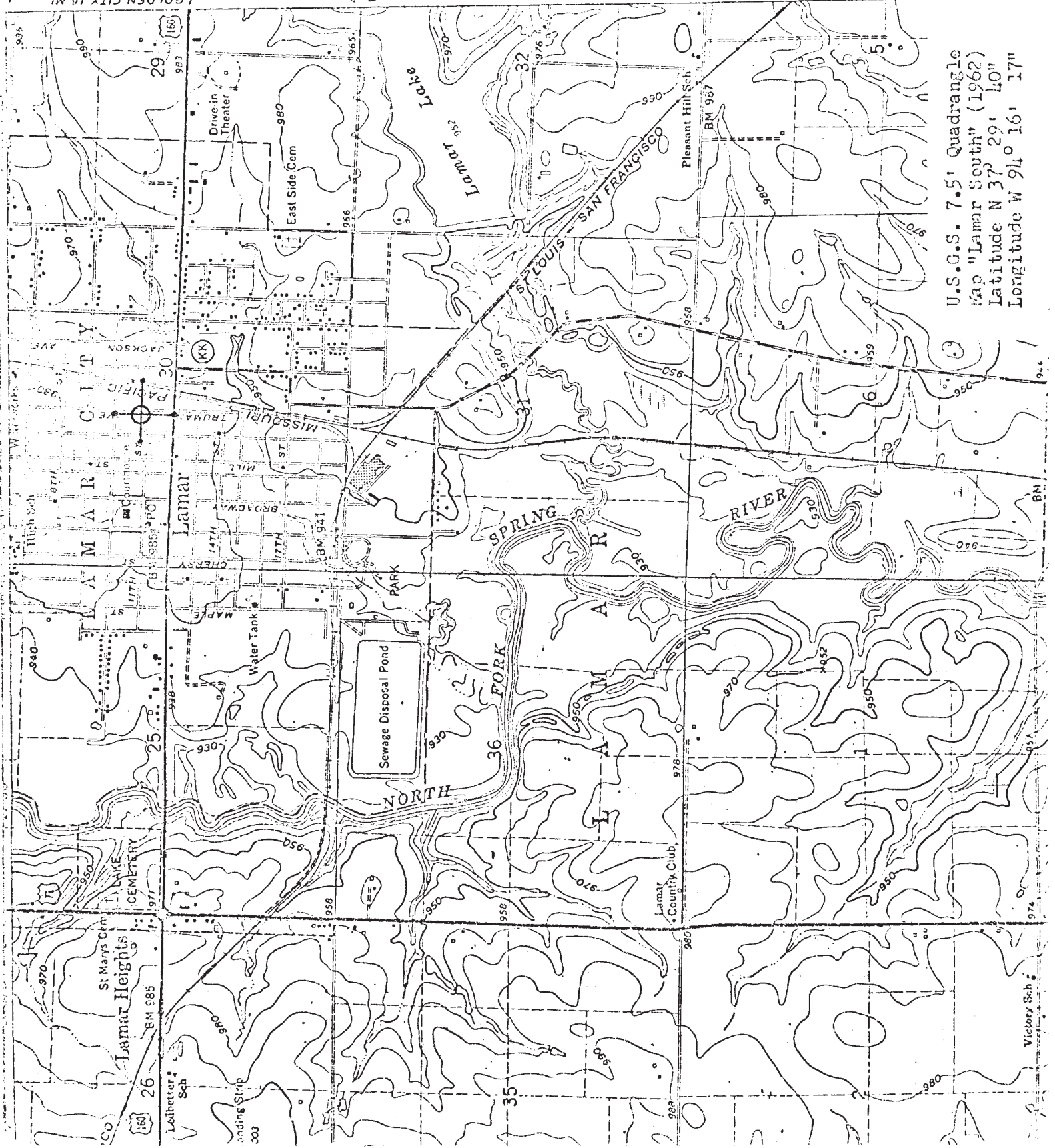
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LOCKWOOD 25 MI.

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T. 31 N.

27 30"



U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle  
Map "Lamar South" (1962)  
Latitude N 37° 29' 40"  
Longitude W 94° 16' 17"

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Form 10-301  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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24	Barton

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011

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' quadrangle Lamar South

SCALE:

1:24,000

DATE:

1962

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

TRUMAN, HARRY S, BIRTHPLACE

COUNTY: Barton

LOCATION: N corner of 11th St. & Truman Ave., Lamar, Mo.

OWNER: Missouri State Park Board

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building,  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: 10-26-68

DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY:

DATE SENT TO D.C.: 04-11-69

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: 04-14-69

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: 06-23-69

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE  
(AND PRESENTOR): 03-29-73  
Central Office representative

DATE FILE REVIEWED:



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