

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Krog, Albert, House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1395 West Main Street [N/A] not for publication

city or town Washington [N/A] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Franklin code 071 zip code 63090-2307

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally (See continuation sheet for additional comments ☐)

Claire F. Blackwell
Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO

8 August 2000
Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments ☐)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet ☐.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register.

See continuation sheet ☐.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.

☐ removed from the National
Register.

☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources Within Property	
		Contributing	Non-contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	0
			buildings
			sites
			structures
			objects
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing.

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: Single Family

Current Functions

Work in Progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other: Vernacular Missouri-German

foundation Stone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Narrative Description See continuation sheet [x].

See continuation sheet []

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

Property is:

☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

☐ **B** removed from its original location.

☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.

☐ **D** a cemetery.

☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

☐ **F** a commemorative property.

☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See continuation sheet [x].

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

See continuation sheet [x].

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

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☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

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Areas of Significance

ARCHITECTURE

ETHNIC HERITAGE: European

Period of Significance

ca. 1850-ca. 1868

Significant Dates

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State Agency

☐ Federal Agency

☐ Local Government

☐ University

☒ Other:

Name of repository:

Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	671660	4270625			
C. Zone	Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing

[] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Debbie Sheals (For the City of Washington.)

organization Private Consultant date April 2000

street & number 406 West Broadway telephone 573-874-3779

city or town Columbia state Missouri zip code 65203

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FOP for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Michael & Andrea Rau

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city or town Washington state MO zip code 63090

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Summary: The Albert Krog House, at 1395 West Main Street, in Washington, Missouri is a one and one-half story brick central passage house with a stone foundation, a side facing gable roof, and a dentiled cornice. It has a symmetrical five-bay facade, with a central front door, and wide double hung windows which are topped with brick jack arches. There is a distinct seam in the brickwork to one side of the front door; it appears that the house originally had a three bay, side entry facade, which was expanded to its present form at a very early date. There is a large vaulted brick cellar under the east part of the house, which is the newer section. The house is representative of Property Type B. Vernacular Missouri-German, Subtype: Central Passage, and meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS Cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri." The oldest part of the house was built ca. 1850, and the expansion occurred before 1868. There have been no other major changes to the house since that time, and the period of significance runs from ca. 1850 to ca. 1868.

The house is very much intact, inside and out. The original form and patterns of fenestration are little changed, and from the street it appears today much as it did in the 1870s. The six-over-six wood windows are early or original, and in very good condition. The interior is also little changed. Almost all original pedimented door and window trim is in place, as are the doors and windows themselves. The original plan is also little changed. The front door opens to a small stair hall, which contains an early or original staircase. The Krog house is one of the oldest examples of the Central Passage subtype in the study group, and a representative example of the Missouri-German building tradition.

Elaboration: The Krog house sits on the north side of West Main Street, about a mile from downtown Washington, and just a few yards east of the intersection of Main and Bernard Streets. It faces south and sits close to the road. It is located in a neighborhood of widely spaced houses. There is a large modern house behind this house, set about 135 feet from its back wall. There is also a turn of the century barn close to the road, and just west of the Krog house. The driveway to the new house runs between the barn and the Krog house. Although both of those buildings are owned by the same family as the Krog house, neither dates to the period of significance, and they are not included in the boundaries of the property being nominated here.

The house has a symmetrical five bay facade, with a stone foundation and a central front door. (See photo 1.) There are two large stone steps in front of the doorway. The door and most of the windows of the house are topped with flared jack arches. The early six-over-six windows are set into beaded frames which appear to be original; all of the frames have early shutter hardware as well. The seam in the brick of the facade is about three feet to the east of the front door. The brick of the eastern two bays is very similar to that of the west part of the house, except that the bricks are slightly darker.

The facade is ornamented with a dentiled cornice. The dentils, which are composed of bricks

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set with the short ends in a vertical orientation (sailors), are near the top part of the wall, with three stepped courses below them. That configuration is somewhat unusual among the study properties; most dentiled cornices in the group have only one or two courses beneath the dentils. The overall effect on the Krog house is of a much wider cornice band. The dentils end about eight inches from the edges of the walls; the stepped courses continue to the end. The walls have a common bond pattern of five rows of stretchers to one of headers.

The side walls of the house are nearly identical. Each has two windows on the ground floor, and one set into the gable end. (See photos 2 and 3.) Internal brick chimneys are paired at the ridgeline, and all four have corbeled tops. The back of the house has a recessed porch as well as a frame porch which extends out from the wall about six feet. The porch, which is of new materials, has a shallow hipped roof and turned posts and spindles. The recessed part of the porch is screened. There are two dormers on the roof of the house, one on the front and one on the back; both of them are centered. The dormers are narrow, with four-over-one vertical muntins, and appear to have been added in the mid-1920s.

The back wall of the house also has a large bulkhead door which is located just east of the frame porch. The bulkhead leads to the cellar, which has stone walls and a barrel-vaulted ceiling of brick. The cellar runs beneath the part of the house which was built second. It has two small square windows in the south wall, and a door near the front which leads to the other side of the basement. (See photos 8 and 9.) The doorway into the other part of the basement follows the curve of the roof and is accented with an arched top. The wall which divides the two parts of the basement is stone, with a lining of brick on the cellar side. The west part of the basement is more conventional, with straight walls built of stone. (An early doorway into the basement from the west was removed in a recent rehabilitation of the house's exterior.)

The interior of the house is largely unchanged from the period of significance. The front door opens to a small stair hall. There are four main rooms and a small modern bath on the main floor. It appears that the center hallway at one time ran the depth of the house, and that it was closed off from the front when the bathroom was installed. (See Figure One.) The front hallway provides access to each of the front rooms, and each of those rooms has a door to the room behind it. Each of the rear rooms has a door which leads to the recessed back porch. The bathroom door has a transom and a segmental arched top, and the kitchen door has a segmental arched top, but no transom. The door to the east rear room has a transom and a jack arched top.

All of the doors in the house have four panels, and all are early or original. Most retain what appears to be the original hardware. The interior finishes throughout the ground floor are largely intact. All wall and ceiling plaster is in place, as is most interior woodwork. (See photos 5-7.) The doors and windows are all topped with wide pedimented trim which has a thin band of molding along the top of the pediment. In the west part of the house, the molding on the trim follows the slant of the pediment. In the eastern rooms, the molding is straight. (See photo 7.)

A straight run of stairs leads from the front hall to the second floor. The staircase has a

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tapered octagonal newel post, and the hand railing curves down over the newel post in a small scroll. (The railing and newel post are almost identical to those found on the Casper Kruse house, at 202 Stafford Street.) The stairs lead to the largest of the two second floor rooms, which is over the original part of the house. That room has wood floors, and the ceiling and short walls were plastered at an early date. (Some of the plaster and lath are now missing.) The window in the west wall has flat pedimented trim which is narrower and simpler than that below. Both dormers light the west room. There is a door east of the stairs which opens to an unfinished storage area.

Overall, the Krog house is intact and in very good condition. The exterior has recently been fully rehabilitated and is in excellent condition. The interior has not yet been redone, but is in fair to good condition, and highly intact. There have been no significant changes to the dwelling since it was expanded to its present form ca. 1868, and it appears today much as it did in the 1870s. It is immediately recognizable as an early example of the Missouri-German building tradition. △

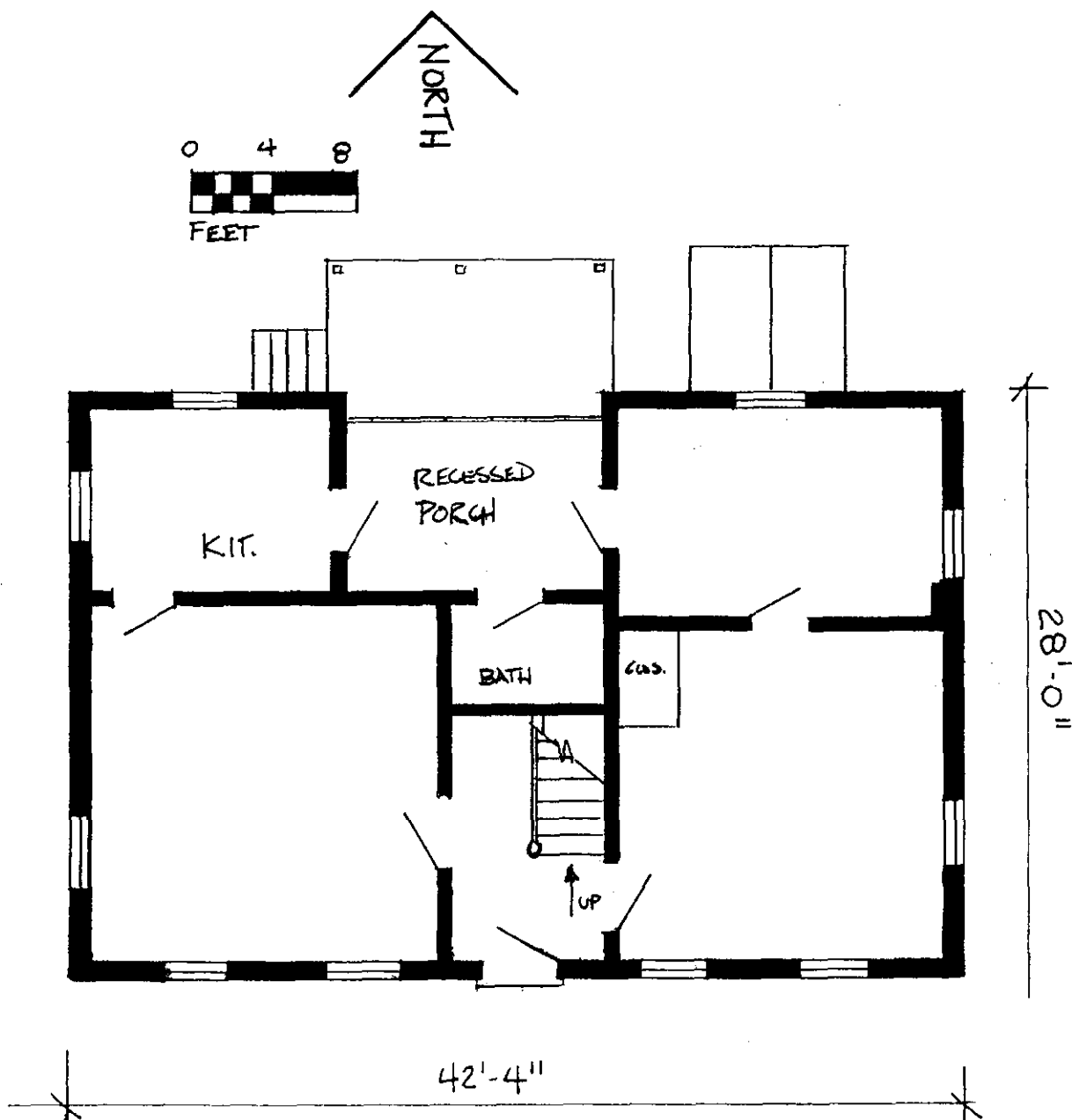
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Figure One. Floorplan. Drawn by Debbie Sheals.



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Summary: The Albert Krog house, at 1395 West Main St., in Washington, Missouri, is an intact representative example of Property Type B. Vernacular Missouri-German, Subtype: Central Passage. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Submission Cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri," and falls under the contexts "Early Development and German Immigration: 1839-1870," and "Architectural Development: 1839-1950." As such, it is significant under Criterion A, in the area of ETHNIC HERITAGE: European, and Criterion C, in the area of ARCHITECTURE. The compact massing, brick construction, dentiled cornice, and brick jack arches over the doors and windows are all typical of mid-nineteenth century Missouri-German architecture. The flat topped windows in particular are characteristic of the earliest remaining examples of the genre. The side gable orientation, five bay facade, and central entrance are all characteristics of the Central Passage subtype. The house was built ca. 1850, and expanded to its present form ca. 1868. It was owned by professional baker Albert Krog during the latter part of the 1800s, and it appears today much as it did when he owned it. The house does not appear to have functioned as anything other than the single family house it was built to be, and it is highly intact, both inside and out. It strongly reflects the vernacular Missouri-German building tradition, and provides an early, highly intact, example of the Central Passage subtype.

Elaboration: The Krog house shares many characteristics with other early Missouri-German houses of Washington. The red brick walls, dentiled cornice and jack arches over the windows are all typical of early vernacular Missouri-German architecture.¹ Brick construction and dentiled cornices in particular are nearly ubiquitous among the surviving 19th century houses in the community. The side-gabled roof and overall compact massing are also typical of Missouri-German construction in many areas of the state. The plan of the house is common to the Central Passage subtype discussed in the MPS cover document. It is like most Central Passage houses in the study group, in that it has a centered front door and an entrance hall. The one and one-half story height and five bay facade are also typical.

The use of jack arches over the doors and windows indicates that this building was built at mid-century or before. The use of flat topped windows on the earliest Missouri-German buildings in the area reflects the influence of both American and German Neoclassical styles, which utilized straight topped openings, often topped with heavy lintels, strict symmetry of form and fenestration, and classically derived ornamentation. After the mid-to late-1800s, segmental arches became extremely popular, and it is rare to see a Missouri-German building built after the Civil War which has straight topped windows.

The house was probably built by or for Albert Krog, Sr., who is known to have owned it from

¹ See MPS Cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri: Architectural Development: 1839-1950, Section F, Associated Property Types," for a fuller discussion of Missouri-German characteristics.

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before 1870, into the 1880s. (See chronology.) Krog moved to the Washington area around 1848, and may have started work on this house soon after. Recent architectural survey work in the area dated this building as ca. 1850, and tax records after 1874 show no significant increases in valuation. The use of jack arches supports the ca. 1850 date for the first part of the house.

It appears that the east addition, with the wine cellar below, was built less than twenty years later. The agricultural census entry for 1870 shows that Krog produced 400 gallons of wine in 1869, and would have needed the new wine cellar by then. Also, tax records from 1874 on record no significant increases in valuation after that time. It has been assumed, therefore, that the house was built ca. 1850, just after Krog moved to the area, and expanded to its present form ca. 1868. The period of significance thus runs from ca. 1850 to ca. 1868.

Krog's primary occupation appears to have been as a commercial baker, with wine making as a secondary pursuit. His obituary of 1904 noted that "many years ago he established here the first bakery," but made no mention of any wine production.² He is also listed as a baker in the "Business Establishments" section of the Centennial Biographical Dictionary of Franklin County. That listing noted that he was a baker in Washington in 1860, with a business value of \$2,500.³ He was involved with wine production on some scale, however. The 1870 Census of Agriculture entry in his name shows that his principal products at that time were orchard products, wine and butter. The 'orchard products' could have been grapes; another note dated 1870 includes a notation of "Vineyard" by his name.⁴

Krog owned the property until around 1890. Ads in the paper by Krog's son that year announced the availability for sale or rent of "a fine brick residence, with 7 rooms, cellar, outbuildings, 3 cisterns and about 7 acres of land. Fine and healthy location, one mile from central part of town."⁵ The description fits the house, (if the hall is counted as a room) and it has been assumed that Krog sold the property about the time the ads were running. It had definitely changed hand by 1894; the 1895 tax records show that the house and land across the street were owned by F. L. Ehlenbeck, who kept it into the early twentieth century.

The house does not appear to have ever changed from its original single family function, and

² Handwritten transcription from Die Washingtoner Post, 1/22/1904, Kiel File, p. 21064, Washington Historical Society Collections.

³ Herman Gottlieb Kiel, The Centennial Biographical Directory. (Washington, MO: Missourian Publishing Co., 1986) p. 76.

⁴ A handwritten note in the Kiel File for Krog seems to be a transcription of a census entry, as it includes family members and ages, along with the cryptic note under his name: "Vineyard, 3000 500 Mech."

⁵ Clipping from the Washington Republican, 7/25/1890, Kiel File, p. 21056, Washington Historical Society Collections. An identical ad was run in another paper about the same time.

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it looks today much as it did under Krog's ownership. It continued to function as a single family residence well into the twentieth century, and although currently vacant, retains that form yet today. It is in excellent condition and very much intact, both inside and out. It is immediately recognizable as an early example of the Missouri-German building tradition, and provides a significant illustration of the Central Passage subtype. △

Chronology

From Land Tax Assessment Books, City Directories, Washington Historical Society Collections, and local histories noted in the bibliography.

1825 Albert C. T. Krog born.

1848, ca. Krog moves to Washington area.

1850 ca. **This house built.**

1860 ca. Albert Krog establishes what his obituary claimed was the first bakery in Washington, The Centennial Biographical Dictionary valued the business at \$2,500 in 1860.

1870 Census of Agriculture, Albert Krog owned nine acres of land, and produced 400 gallons of wine that year.

1874 Taxes, Albert Krog, Lots 24, 25, \$400, plus 7.5 acres across the street, total, approximately 9 acres.

1876 Atlas, Albert Krog also owned 7.5 acres directly across the road from this house.

1880 Taxes, Albert Krog, Lots 24, 25, \$400. 7.5 acre parcel, \$250.

1886 A. C. Krog Jr marries Hedwig Brix.

1890, Ad in the paper by Krog's son advertising "fine brick residence ...about 7 acres of land." (Probably this house.)

1892 Mrs. Albert Krog dies.

1895 Taxes, F. L. Ehlenbeck, Lots 24,25, \$330.

1898 A. C. Krog (Jr.) Appointed postmaster of Washington.

1904 Albert C. T. Krog dies.

1919 Atlas, F.L. Ehlenbeck, Lots 24, 25, and the 7.5 acre parcel across the street.

1925 Taxes, Matilde Hirsch (sp?).

1888-98 Albert Krog made several trips to Texas to visit his daughter, and spent several winters there.

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Sources

(See MPS Cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri," for further discussion and a complete biography of general sources.)

Kiel, Herman Gottlieb. The Centennial Biographical Directory. Washington, MO: Missourian Publishing Co., 1986.

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Goodspeed Publishing Company. History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford and Gasconade Counties, Missouri. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1888, reprint Cape Girardeau: Ramfre Press, 1985.

Ogle, George, and Co. Standard Atlas of Franklin County, Missouri. Chicago: George A. Ogle and Company, 1919.

Saint Louis Atlas Publishing Co. Atlas Map of Franklin County, Missouri. St. Louis: St. Louis Atlas Publishing Co., 1878. (With a plat of the city done in 1877 by L.D. Worley.)

Washington Historical Society. Kiel Files. Washington, MO.

United States Census Records. Census Indexes and Population Schedules for Franklin County, 1860-1880. Microfilm on file with the State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

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Verbal Boundary Description

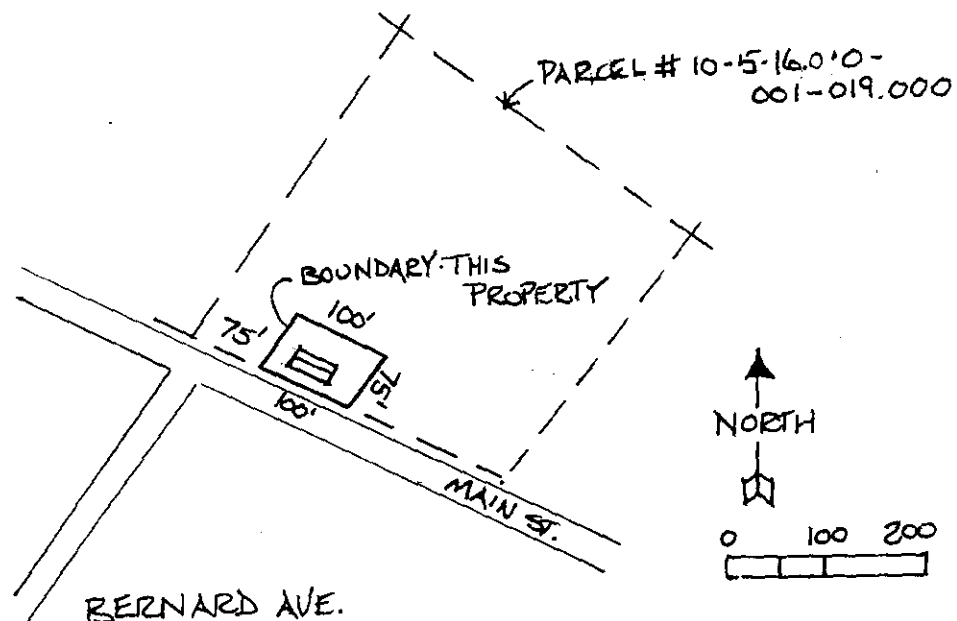
The property is part of parcel number 10-5-16.0-0-001-019.000, as shown on Franklin County Tax Map 10-5-16. The map was prepared by Walker and Associates, with aerial photos taken 3-10-96, scale: 1"= 200'. Copies of the map are available at Washington City Hall and The Franklin County Assessor's Office in Union, MO.

The boundaries of the property are as follows: beginning at the westernmost corner of the parcel described above, proceed southeast along West Main Street and the southwest property line of the above parcel for 75 feet, to the point of beginning; thence southeast 100 feet along the same line; thence northeast 75 feet, at an angle perpendicular to Main Street; thence northwest 100 feet in along a line which is parallel to Main St; thence 75 feet southwest along a line which is perpendicular to Main Street, to the point of beginning. (See map below.)

Boundary Justification

The Krog farm was divided many years ago, and the area around the house today is part of a large residential property. The current parcel contains this house, a turn of the century frame barn, and a large modern house. The barn is just west of the Krog house, close to the road, and the new house is set well back from the street, more than 150 feet from the back of the house. Because none of the other resources on the large parcel of land date to the period of significance, the land in the immediate vicinity of the Krog house is the only parcel to be included in this nomination.

Boundary Map: Based upon Tax Map 10-5-16



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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Krog, Albert, House
1395 West Main St, Washington.
Franklin County, MO
Debbie Sheals and Becky Snider
January, 2000
Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory, MO Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City.

List of Photographs

See photo key for description of camera angle.

1. Facade, south elevation.
2. Southwest corner.
3. Northeast corner.
4. Streetscape, southeast corner.
5. Front parlor, west side.
6. Typical door.
7. Front hall, with different woodwork styles.
8. Wine Cellar, looking south.
9. Wine Cellar, doorway to basement, looking north.

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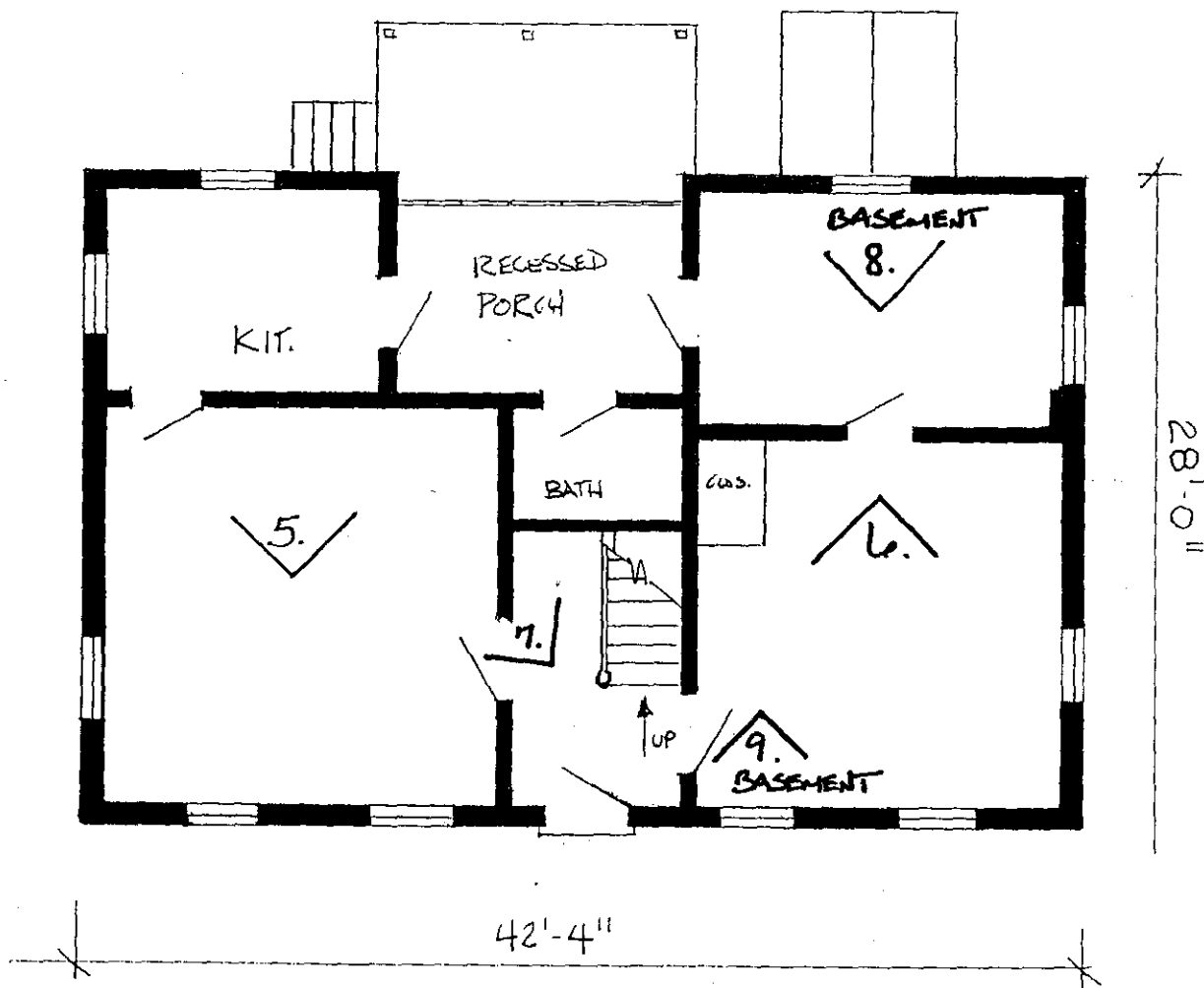
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Photo Key.

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