

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Kruse, Casper, House

other names/site number Stumpe, Wilhelmina, House

2. Location


street & number 202 Stafford Street [N/A] not for publication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 ☐.)

 8 August 2002

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

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)	2	1
<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	2	1
			buildings
			sites
			structures
			objects
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing.Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.**N/A**6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**DOMESTIC: Single FamilyDOMESTIC: Secondary Structure**Current Functions**DOMESTIC: Single FamilyDOMESTIC: Secondary Structure**7. Description****Architectural Classification**OTHER: Vernacular Missouri-Germanfoundation Stonewalls Brickroof Metalother 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. 1868

Significant Dates

N/A

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 DataAcreage of Property Less than one acre**UTM References**

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	672620	4269860			
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 Byname/title Debbie Sheals (For the City of Washington)organization Private Consultant date April 2000street & number 406 West Broadway telephone 573-874-3779city 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 Dorothy Stumpestreet & number 532 E. Fifth Street telephone (636) 239 - 4767city or town Washington state MO zip code 63090

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Summary: The Caspar Kruse house at 202 Stafford Street in Washington, Missouri is located at the corner of Second and Stafford Streets. It is a one and one-half story Side Entry house with a brick foundation, a side facing gable roof, and a dentiled cornice. It has a three bay facade which faces west-northwest; the front door is located in the northern bay of the facade. The door and windows are topped with low segmental arches, and the door has a small three light transom. The house is representative of Property Type B. Vernacular Missouri-German, Subtype: Side Entry. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS Cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri." The house was built ca. 1868, and has seen no significant alterations or additions since. There is a two story brick smokehouse behind the house which appears to be roughly the same age. The only other resource on the property is a freestanding metal garage which was built ca. 1940. The garage is a non-contributing resource, and the smokehouse is contributing. The period of significance is ca. 1868, the construction date of those buildings.

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 1860s. The six-over-six windows are original or very early. The interior is also little changed. Almost all original pedimented door and window trim is in place and in good condition, as are most early wood floors. The house is one of the more intact examples of the Side Entry subtype in the study group, and the smokehouse is an unusual and highly intact early outbuilding. Both are representative examples of the Missouri-German building tradition of the nineteenth century.

Elaboration: The property is located at the southeast corner of Stafford and West Second Streets, in a residential neighborhood. The house sits close to the street, facing west-northwest to Stafford Street; Second Street runs along the north side of the property. (See map in section 10.) The house is less than a block from the northern border of the proposed Stafford-Olive Street historic district, which is a residential neighborhood which was developed between the mid-1800s and the mid 1900s. (Modern infill between it and the district precluded its inclusion in the district.) The house occupies a large lot which slopes down toward a wooded gully to the south. A small garage sits north of the house at the end of a short driveway off of Second Street. It has a shed roof, metal sheathing and a pair of large sliding doors on the street side. (See photo 5.) The garage dates to around 1940, which is outside the period of significance, and is a non-contributing building.

A brick smokehouse building just behind the house appears to have been built at the same time as the house, and is a contributing building. It has an unusual form; it is two full stories tall, and just 12 feet square. (See photos 2-5.) It has a stone foundation, red brick walls, and a gable roof. Many of the bricks are partially glazed from the firing process; they may have been "seconds." The smokehouse roof is sheathed with early standing seam metal roofing.

The ground floor of the smokehouse building has one room which appears to have been used

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as a wash house or summer kitchen; a large internal chimney on the northwest corner of the building serves that floor of the building. The ground floor has a full sized door on the wall which faces the house, and a small four-light window on the back. Both openings are topped with segmental brickwork arches.

The smokehouse occupies the second floor of the building, and is reached by a modern set of steps on the north wall. The full sized entry door in that wall has the same type of arch found on the ground floor openings. There are four smoke vents in the upper walls; each is composed of four openings in the brick wall which are arranged in a diamond pattern. Two are located high in the gable ends and two are lower down on the side walls. (See photo 3.) There is also a fairly large six-over-six window on the south wall of the second floor that is early, but not original.

The interior of the smokehouse has a small rectangular smoke register near the floor on the north wall, and the bricks there still bear heavy smoke marks. (See photo 9.) The building was designed so that the fire could be maintained from outside the building. There is a small metal hatch next to the ground floor door that opens to a fire chamber which feeds to the smoke register. (The door is just visible in photo 2, the smoke register inside the smokehouse can be seen in photo 9.)

The house itself utilizes the common form of a Missouri-German Side Entry house. It is one story tall, with a side-facing gable roof and a three-bay facade. The roof is sheathed with early standing seam metal roofing. The doorway is set to the side of the facade, and the two front windows have early or original louvered shutters. (See photo 1.) The door is topped with a short three-light transom. There is a small concrete stoop in front of the doorway, and the lower part of the front wall is stuccoed with concrete.

The house has red brick walls laid in a common bond, and the door and window openings are all topped with slightly flared segmental brickwork arches. The arches are composed of sailor bricks, and the windows have six-over-six sash which are early or original. Both the front and back walls have dentiled cornices. The cornices contain several stepped rows, with dentils which are made up of single sailor bricks. The dentils are close to the top of the cornices, and there are two more stepped courses below them. The dentils end about eight inches from the ends of the walls, and the stepped courses continue to the very edge. There is one internal corbeled brick chimney on the south side of the roofline.

The side walls of the house have few windows, and no ornamentation. The south wall has one window, which is set in the gable end. That end of the house also has a modern concrete block chimney, which runs along the outside of the wall. The north wall also has a gable end window, as well as two others on the ground floor. One of the ground floor windows is smaller than all of the others, and appears to have been added at an early date.

There is a frame porch on the back of the house which shelters the back door. The porch is enclosed, with a shed roof, weatherboard walls, and one-over-one windows. It is several decades old, but not original. One of the back windows, and one of those on the north wall, has early louvered shutters like those on the facade.

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The interior of the house is little changed. Neither the plan nor the interior finishes have seen significant changes. The front door opens onto a narrow stair hall. (See photo 6.) The hall features a straight-run staircase which leads to the second floor bedrooms. The painted newel post has a tapered polygonal base, and the handrail curves down over the newel post in a small scroll. (The railing and newel post are almost identical to those in the Albert Krog house, at 1395 West Main Street.) The hall also contains a door to the kitchen, which is at the rear of the house, and one to the front parlor, which is opposite the stair hall at the front of the house. There is a bedroom in the far corner of the house which has doors to both the kitchen and the parlor. The kitchen was partitioned at an early date to add a bathroom between it and the back bedroom. (See Figure One, floorplan.)

The kitchen also contains a door to the basement stairs, which are directly beneath the main staircase. The basement consists of two large open rooms, with a 17-inch thick wall beneath the bearing wall above. There is also a doorway on the south wall of the basement which leads to a set of steps which are set into a well on the outside of the building. The second floor of the house contains two small bedrooms which have slanted ceilings which follow the slope of the roof.

Most interior millwork is in place throughout the house. The doors and windows of the main floor have simple pedimented trim with narrow bands of molding along the top edges. (See photos 6 and 7.) The molding follows the slope of the pediment tops. Many of the doors have four panels, and most are early or original. The second floor millwork is much simpler, and consists primarily of plain flat boards. (See photo 8.) Most of the original plaster walls are intact and in good condition, as are the wood floors.

The house serves in its original capacity as a single family residence, and has seen no major changes to form or function. The smoke house is also little changed. Both buildings are highly intact and in good condition, and they appear today much as they did over a century ago. △

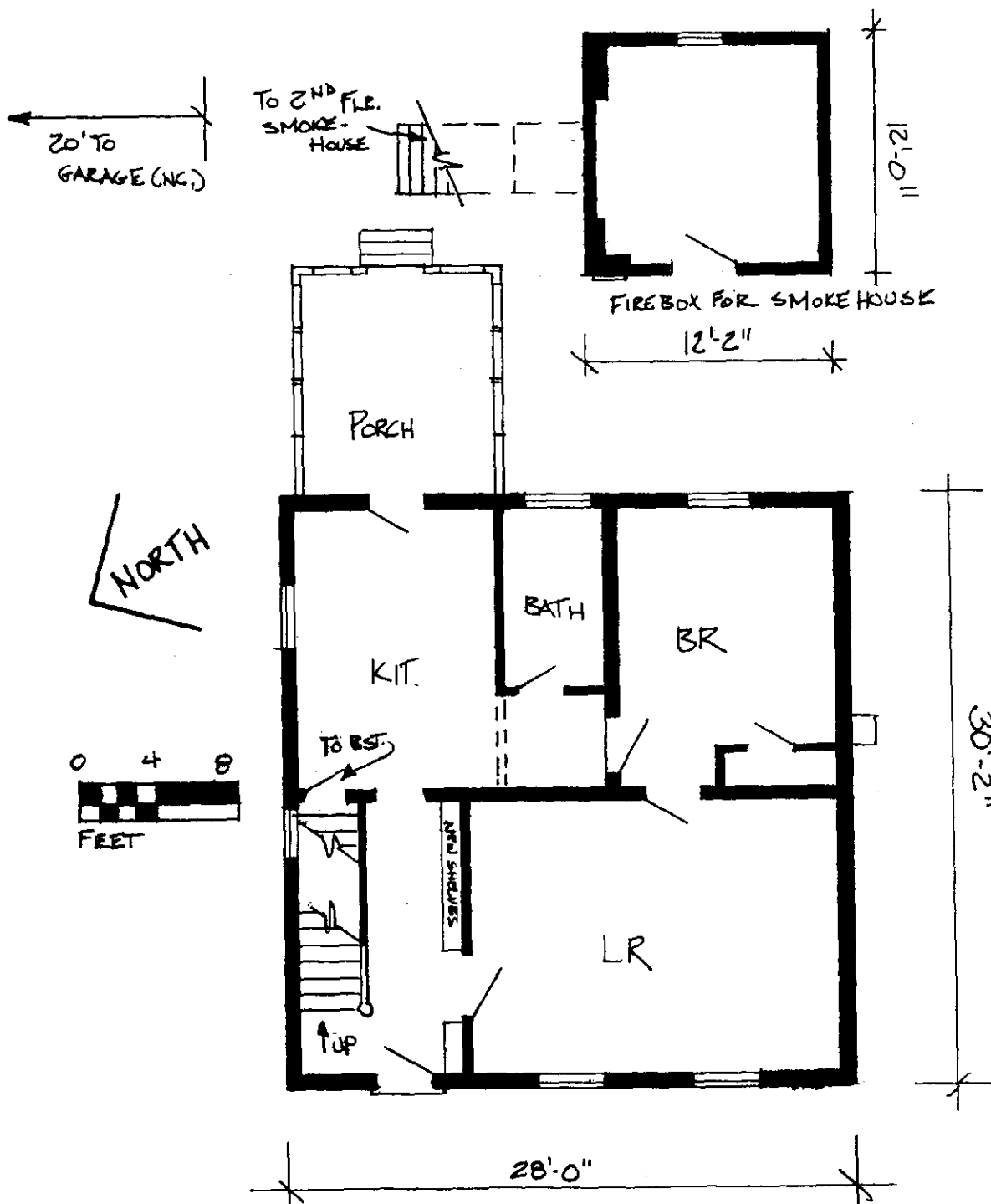
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Figure One. First Floor Plan. Drawn by Debbie Sheals.



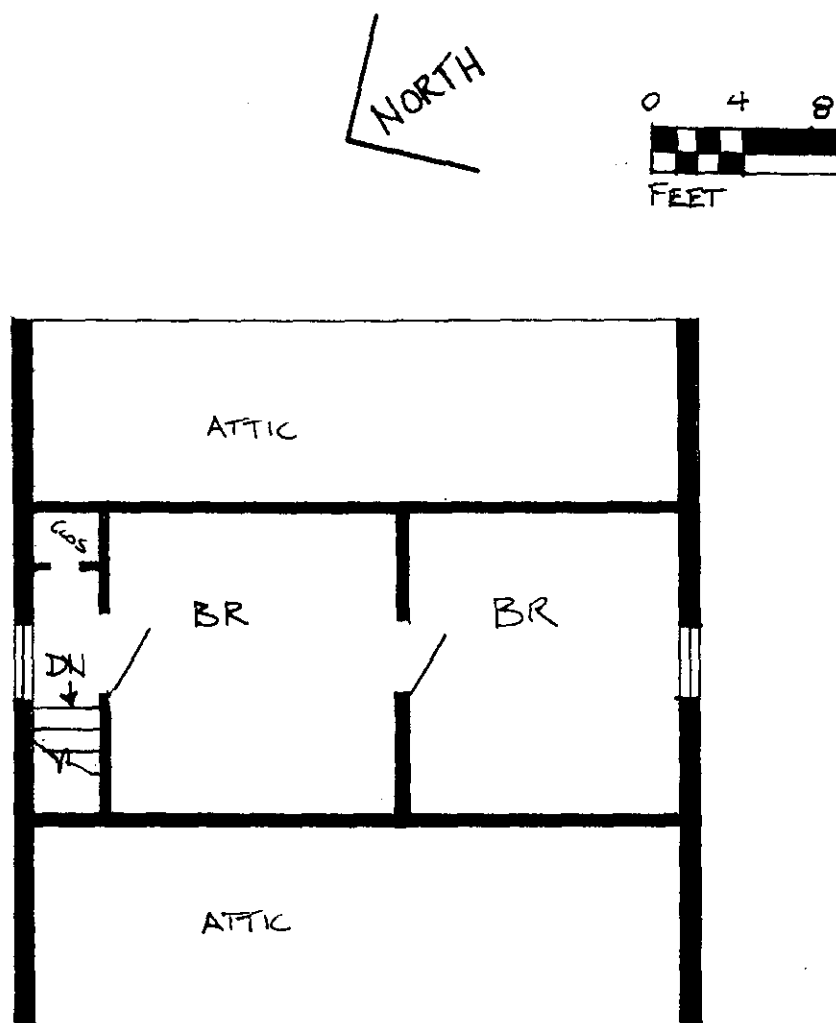
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Figure One. Second Floor Plan. Drawn by Debbie Sheals.



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Summary: The Casper Kruse house, at 202 Stafford Street, in Washington, Missouri, is an intact representative example of Property Type B. Vernacular Missouri-German, Subtype: Side Entry. 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 cornices and segmental arched windows are all typical of Missouri-German architecture of the last half of the nineteenth century. The side-gable orientation, three-bay facade, and side entrance are all characteristic of the Side Entry subtype. The house was built ca. 1868, probably for Casper Kruse, who owned it in 1872. It later became the property of Wilhelmina Stumpe, who lived there well into the twentieth century, and it is the Stumpe family yet today. There is also a two-story smokehouse behind the house which is about the same age. Neither building has seen any notable alterations in over a century. The house and smokehouse are both contributing resources, with a period of significance of ca. 1868, which corresponds to their construction date. A ca. 1940 garage near the north edge of the lot is a non-contributing resource. The contributing buildings do not appear to have functioned as anything other than the uses for which they were built, and both are highly intact, inside and out. They strongly reflect the vernacular Missouri-German building tradition, and both retain integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Elaboration: The Kruse house is a typical 19th century Missouri-German Side Entry house. The red brick walls, dentiled cornices and arched window tops are all hallmarks of vernacular Missouri-German architecture.¹ The form of the Kruse house is characteristic of the Side Entry subtype, in that it has a side-facing gable roof, and a front door which is off center on the facade. Side Entry houses in Washington generally have three or four bays; the three bay configuration of the Kruse house is by far the most common.

The plan of the house is also quite common among the Side Entry houses of the study group, especially those built after the middle of the 19th century. The earliest Side Entry houses in the study group tend to have an off-center front door which opens directly into a room, while those built a little later have a stair-hall entry. The stair hall plan is much more common. All five of the Side Entry houses being nominated individually with this cover document, for example, have nearly identical plans, in which the front door opens into a stair hall which provides access to the other rooms of the house. The Kruse house has seen no major alterations to room size or plan layout, and

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

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provides a very good example of the Side Entry subtype.

The large smokehouse behind the house also exhibits common Missouri-German characteristics. It too has a gable roof, red brick walls and segmental arches over the doors and window. It is not uncommon to see such solidly built outbuildings in Washington. Many of the historic Missouri-German properties in the community have smokehouses and other outbuildings of brick, and many of those appear to have been constructed at the same time as the main buildings. Historic photos show that there were originally many more such buildings. Even very humble outbuildings were constructed of brick; the Louis Wehrmann building, at 212 Jefferson Street, for example, originally had a brick privy.²

The Kruse smokehouse is one of the larger outbuildings in the study group, and the 2 story height is unusual. It is not, however, the only multi-level outbuilding in the study group. The Louis Kohmueller house, at 1380 South Lakeshore Drive, also has a taller than usual brick smokehouse, which is similar to this in form and construction details. That building differs in that it has only one main room, rather than two separate floors, and it has an outdoor fireplace. The Kruse smokehouse was unusual enough to merit inclusion in Charles van Ravenswaay's book on Missouri-German arts and architecture, as an illustration of brick construction.³

The house was built by or for Casper Kruse, no later than 1868. It is shown on the 1869 map, a "Bird's Eye View of Washington, Missouri."⁴ Tax records exist only from the early 1870s on, and the Bird's Eye View is the earliest documentation of the house. The house has therefore been assigned a construction date of ca. 1868, based on that source. The form and methods of construction are consistent with post Civil War construction, and it is unlikely the house would have been built much before that time. The smokehouse appears to have been built about the same time, and the period of significance for the property is thus ca. 1868, which corresponds to the construction dates of those two buildings.

Kruse owned the property for only a short time; by the mid-1880s it was owned by Wilhelmina, or Minnie Stumpe, who kept it well into the twentieth century. Minnie Stumpe was a relative of Frank Stumpe, one of the area's most prominent early brickmakers. Frank Stumpe owned a good deal of property in the immediate vicinity, including an older brick house just down the

² "Old Wehrmann House on Jefferson Street Once was Post Office Here." Washington Missourian, (Ralph Gregory Collection of the Washington Historical Society, p. 219.)

³ Charles van Ravenswaay, The Arts and Architecture of German Settlements in Missouri: Survey of a Vanishing Culture, (Columbia and London: University of Missouri Press, 1977) p. 222.

⁴ Ruger, H. "Bird's Eye View of the City of Washington: 1869." Copy in the collections of the Franklin County Historical Society, Washington, MO.

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street, at 317 Stafford Street. The current owner of the Kruse house, Mrs. Dorothy Stumpe, remembers stories of the family walking between those two houses to share meals. Early city directories show that Minnie Stumpe was still living at 202 in 1922, but had moved up the road to 317 Stafford by 1931.

The Kruse house and smokehouse today are much intact, and in good condition. They are readily recognizable as nineteenth century Missouri-German architecture, and appear today much as they did 125 years ago. They are significant examples of the vernacular Missouri-German building tradition. □

Chronology

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

1868, ca. House built.

1869 Bird' Eye View, House is shown, Second Street did not go that far West yet.

1872 The Washington board of Trustees votes to notify Casper Kruse to remove his fences in order to extend Second street to Elija McClean's land.

1874 Taxes Caspar Kruse, 1.14 acres, \$500.

1877 Atlas C. Kruse (Second Street crosses Stafford.)

1885 Taxes, Mina Stumpe, 1.14 acres, \$350.

1895 Taxes, Wilhelmina Stumpe 1.14 acres, \$350.

1898 Atlas, Wilhelmina Stumpe.

1919 Atlas, M. Stumpe.

1922 Directory, Minnie Stumpe.

1931 Directory, Minnie Sumpe, is listed as the owner of 317 Stafford, which was owned by Frank Stumpe in 1874.

1940 Directory, 202 Vacant, 317 Ernest Stumpe.

1951 Directory, Vacant.

1975 A photo of the smoke house is included in Charles van Ravenswaay's, The Arts and Architecture of German Settlements in Missouri: Survey of a Vanishing Culture. He calls it the William Stumpe smokehouse.

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

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is parcel number 10-5-15.0-3-099-103.000, as shown on Franklin County Tax Map 10-5-15-3. The map was prepared by Walker and Associates, with aerial photos taken 3-10-96, scale: 1"= 100'. 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 also shown in heavy dashed lines on the portion of the map which is reproduced below.

Boundary Justification

The current boundaries encompass all of the land currently associated with the house.

AERIAL-PHOTO MAP 10-5-15-3



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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs:

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202 Stafford Street, Washington, Missouri
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 camera angles.

1. Facade, west elevation.
2. South elevations, house and smokehouse.
3. Southeast corners.
4. Northeast corners.
5. North elevations, with garage.
6. Interior, stair hall and back door.
7. Living room, looking to hallway.
8. Second floor, looking to stairs.
9. Interior, second floor of smokehouse, with smoke register.

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Photo Key.

