

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase)

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & town 321 and 323 N. 15th and 1510 Faraon St. N/A not for publication

city or town St. Joseph N/A vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Buchanan code 021 zip code 64501

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.)

Mark A. Miles
Signature of certifying official/Title Mark A. Miles/Deputy SHPO

June 19, 2009
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:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐ 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:) _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
4	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
4	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, MO

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling
Domestic: Secondary Structure/Garage

Current Function

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling
Domestic: Secondary Structure/Garage

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: AMERICAN Foursquare
Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals/Tudor Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Wood
brick
roof Asphalt
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

8. Description

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **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

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

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

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1906-c.1942

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other Name of repository: _____

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1

UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 1/5 3/4/2/2/2/1 4/4/0/3/7/2/6
Zone Easting Northing

2 / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

3 / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

4 / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Property Tax No.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

☒ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Penelope Kress
organization _____ date 2002 and February 2009
street & number 120 S. 15th St. telephone _____
city or town St. Joseph state MO zip code 64501

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 FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name/title multiple
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase I)
Historic Resources of Saint Joseph,
Buchanan County, Missouri

Narrative Description

The Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase I) is comprised of four contributing residential buildings located in the 300 block of North Fifteenth Street and 1500 Block of Faraon Street in Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri. The boundary increase includes one half of one block in one of the city's historic residential neighborhoods. The south half of the block is included within the Museum Hill Historic District, originally listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 8, 1991. The Museum Hill Historic District is a large residential neighborhood set on a hill overlooking St. Joseph's commercial core. Originally populated by the city's middle and affluent class, the district contains a wide variety of architectural styles and forms. Italianate, Second Empire, and Queen Anne residences reflect the categorization of Victorian. Many of the districts properties, however, are not so easily classified. Many of the buildings, including those in the proposed boundary expansion reflect more vernacular or popular building types and styles. To be consistent with the original district nomination, the buildings within the expansion are classified as "Vernacular Residential Structures" and "Popular Style Houses" as defined by the Historic Resources of Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri MPS cover document.

The list of properties included in the Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase I) including address, date of construction, architect and builder (if known), and physical descriptions are as follows:

321 North 15th Street North St. Joseph R.E.L. & I. Company (builder), 1909. This two-and-a-half story frame Foursquare dwelling is sheathed in clapboard siding and has a full-width Colonial Revival porch supported by Tuscan half columns set on brick piers. The residence has a hipped roof, a centered dormer, and a second story open porch on the rear. Window sash are 1/1 double-hung. A pair of French doors is located on the front elevation, first floor, and provides access to the front. A randomly laid rubble retaining wall with crenellated top is located in the front yard. **CONTRIBUTING**

323 North 15th Street Architect/Builder unknown, 1906. This two-and-a-half story frame dwelling, sheathed in clapboard siding, is a transitional Victorian home influenced by the Queen Anne style. First appearance shows predominant Foursquare elements, including a full-width Colonial Revival front porch supported by full-length Tuscan columns. However, the prominent front gable, complex roof line, fishscale shingles, and side bay are features that clearly place the dwelling in the transitional Vernacular style. There is a two-story bay window on the front façade that terminates at the attic level in a broad shingled gable. The bay contains a cottage window with leaded glass transom on the second floor. **CONTRIBUTING**

1510 Faraon Street Architect/Builder unknown, 1942. This Tudor Revival dwelling features overlapping gable roof design. The front door has a lancet arch that is accented with a flagstone surround. A small oriel window with multi-paned casement windows is situated in the front gable of the house. A gable roof screened porch is attached to the east side of the house. **CONTRIBUTING**

Garage. Front-gabled, brick veneered two-car garage. **CONTRIBUTING**

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Summary

The Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase) is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area ARCHITECTURE. The boundary expansion is closely associated with the Museum Hill Historic District that was listed on the National Register in March, 1991. The Museum Hill Historic District and boundary increase represent the pre-WWII residential development of the city. The Boundary Increase includes four historic properties constructed between 1906 and 1942 (the period of significance for the boundary increase), representing popular early 20th Century housing types and styles including American Foursquares, late Victorian and Tudor Revival. The boundary expansion is being listed under the "Historic Resources of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri," Multiple Property Documentation form. The specific contexts outlining the district's period of development include "Wholesale Distribution in St. Joseph, 1866-1914," and "Suburban Growth in St. Joseph, 1900-1929." Information on the city's commercial significance is found within the historic context, "Queen City of the West: Commerce in St. Joseph, ca. 1865-1929," (Historic Resources in St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri amendment).

According to the original submission for Museum Hill Historic District, Vernacular Residential Structures, similar to 321 and 323 North 15th Street, account for 24% of structures within the district. The houses at 321 and 323 North 15th Street fit well within the consistent trend in Saint Joseph of building vernacular styles alongside high styles, which occurred during the entire period of significance of the district. Both 321 and 323 North 15th Street were constructed during a boom period when 45% of vernacular structures were built in the district (1870-1909). Though built after the major period of development of the larger district, the Tudor Revival style house at 1510 Faraon St. (built 1942) is a good representative of the Popular Style Houses/English Cottages and Tudor Houses subtype as described in the "Historic Resources of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri (amended)" MPDF. These buildings, while simple in design, reflect the intermixing of affordable with affluent, an overpowering aspect which clearly defines the district.

Elaboration

The context and background information for the Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase I) is well established within the original National Register nomination and the MPS cover document. Two of the three primary structures (321 and 323 N. 15th) fit within the period of significance of the original district and very similar to the other properties within the district. The type, style, and building construction of these dwellings are very similar to other properties within the adjacent district and reflect the time period and significance of the original district. The building at 1510 Faraon, while built after the major period of development of the larger district (1860-1931), reflects early 20th Century popular architectural styles and represents the Popular Style Houses/ English Cottages and Tudor Houses property type described in the Multiple Property Documentation Form.

The buildings within the boundary increase are part of a small scale boom in construction after 1900. Not easily classified into styles, 321 and 323 N 15th St. reflect a transition period between the still popular Queen Anne style and the more standardized property types of the early 20th Century, such as American Foursquare. The house at 323 N 15th is especially indicative of the transition. In basic form, the house is a Foursquare with a generally rectangular plan and full-width porch. Architectural elements such as the projecting front gable and bay windows, however, tie back to Victorian design. The Tudor style house at 1510 Faraon is similar in overall scale, shape, and form to surrounding buildings and reflects one of the styles popular during the district's period of development.

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It is unclear why the four buildings within the boundary increase were excluded from the Museum Hill Historic District when nominated to and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The buildings are immediately adjacent to the historic district boundary and include the northern half of the 300 block of 15th Street, the southern half of the block being a part of the original district boundaries. Built as middle class residential units, the buildings are linked to the original district by their architectural similarities and common historic contexts and use.

Background

St. Joseph experienced rapid growth after its initial platting in 1843, with a population of approximately 3500 by 1850. The city's role as an outfitter for settlers and military personnel moving west and the coming of the railroad in the 1850s pushed the boundaries of city well beyond its initial plat. The Museum Hill residential neighborhood was a result of this tremendous early growth and consists of several additions platted by Frederick Smith, and Carter. Several buildings in the original district boundaries, most of which are classified as the Vernacular Residential Structures property type, relate to this early period of the districts development. The onslaught of the Civil War and its disruption of commerce in St. Joseph, however, slowed development.¹

Following the civil War, St. Joseph industrial and commercial enterprises boomed with a resultant boom in population and residential development. The hills surrounding the city's central business district became popular residential enclaves and Museum Hill benefited from the growth. Victorian Style-Single Family Residences (as described in the St. Joseph MPDF) was the prevalent style and building type in the Museum Hill Historic District in the last two decades of the 19th Century, with examples ranging from modest cottages to elaborate mansions.²

The economic downturn of 1883 slowed construction in the Museum Hill Historic District, but new prosperity in St. Joseph brought on by the growth of the meat packing/processing industry caused a new spate of development in the district in the early 1900s. Early 20th Century housing in the district reflects a transitional period between Queen Anne and more simply ornamented Colonial Revival designs. Two of the buildings within the Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase) reflect that transitional period in the districts development.³ The house at 323 North 15th Street, constructed in 1906, retains some Victorian characteristics including a slightly projecting gable with bay windows and fishscale shingles in the gable. The rectangular footprint, simple classically influenced porch posts, and the lack of elaborate pattern and detail on most wall surfaces, however, are more typical of American Foursquare or Colonial Revival styles. The house at 321 North 15th St, built just 3 years later, is a typical American Foursquare with little ornamentation and Tuscan porch columns.

The majority of the buildings in the Museum Hill Historic District and the nominated boundary increase

¹ "Museum Hill Historic District," National Register of Historic Places Nomination, 1991, Section 8, p. 2.

² Ibid, Section 8, p. 3.

³ Ibid.

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were constructed during periods of economic growth in the City of St. Joseph and are tied, in part, to commercial development. However, buildings representing the Popular Style Houses property type began to show up in the Museum Hill and other residential districts as St. Joseph's preeminence as a mercantile center was waning.⁴ Examples of the Popular Style Houses property type are very limited in the larger Museum Hill Historic District and were, like the Tudor Style house at 1510 Faraon, built at the end of the district's primary period of development. While constructed after the district's major period of development, the house at 1510 Faraon is of similar scale and material as other buildings in the district. It is also a representative example of the Popular Style Houses/English Cottages and Tudor Houses property type described in the Multiple Property Documentation Form.

⁴ Ibid, Section 7, p. 12.

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Bibliography

“Museum Hill Historic District,” National Register of Historic Places Nomination, 1991.

Boundary Description

Beginning at the northwest corner of the property line of 307 N. 15th St where it connects with N. 15th Street, proceed north along the eastern curb of 15th Street to its intersection with Faraon St. Thence turn east and follow the southern curb of Faraon to its intersection with the alley. At the alley, turn south, following the western edge of the alley way to the northeast corner of the property line of 307 N. 15th St, thence west to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

It is unclear why the four buildings within the Museum Hill Historic District (Boundary Increase) were excluded from the original boundaries. The boundary justification for the original district cited changes in residential patterns of development, loss of integrity, and changes in topography as reasons for drawing the original boundaries. However, the buildings within the boundary increase, notably the two historic residences on N. 15th Street are similar in period, design and materials to neighboring buildings that are located within the boundaries of the original district. Though the ground gradually slopes down as one travels north along 15th between Jules and Faraon Streets, the slope is gradual and does not cause a visual break between 307 N. 15th St. (in the district boundaries) and 321 N. 15th. The boundary increase provides a more logical boundary for the Museum Hill Historic District at an alley and street line and helps to insure the integrity of the entire city block.

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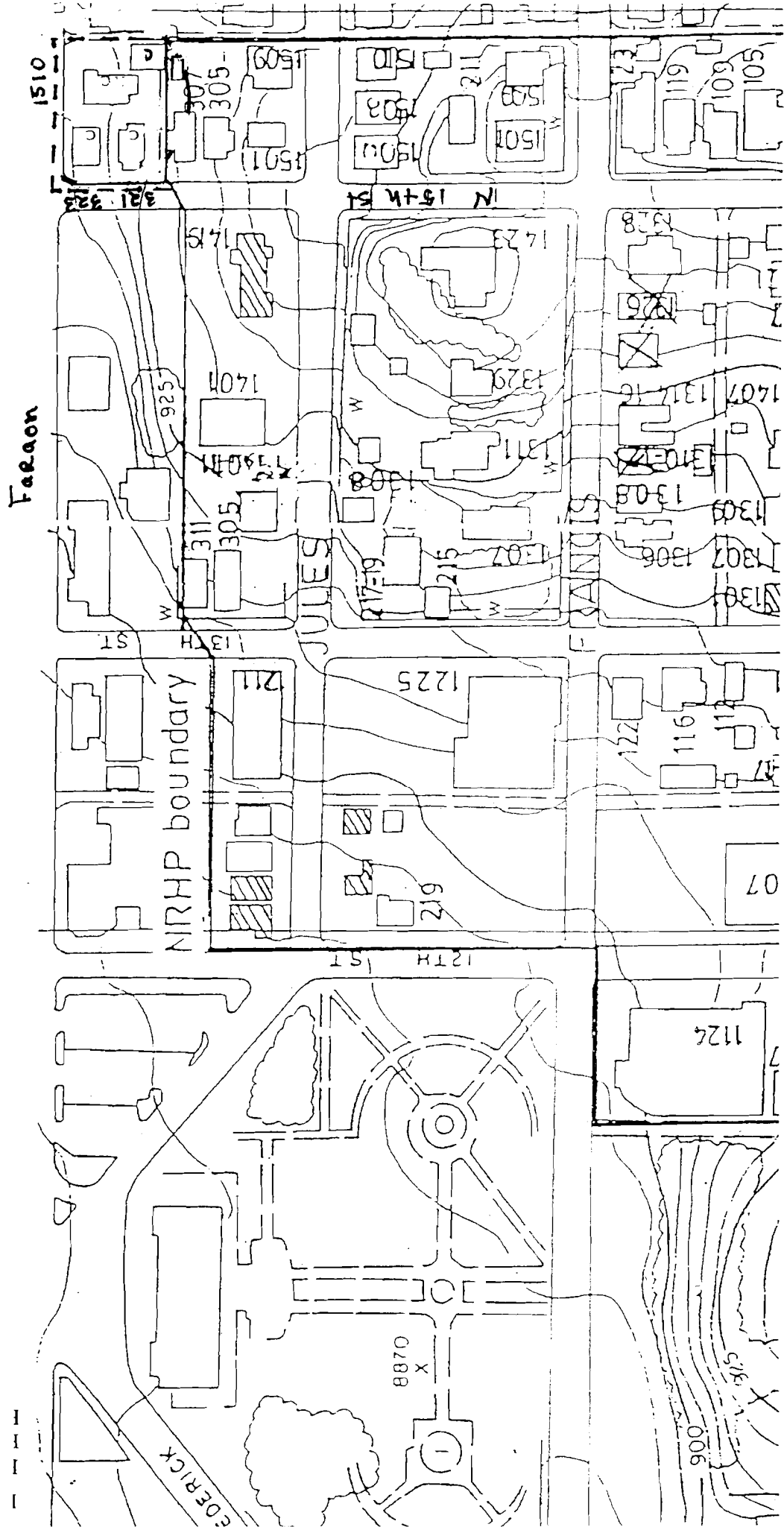
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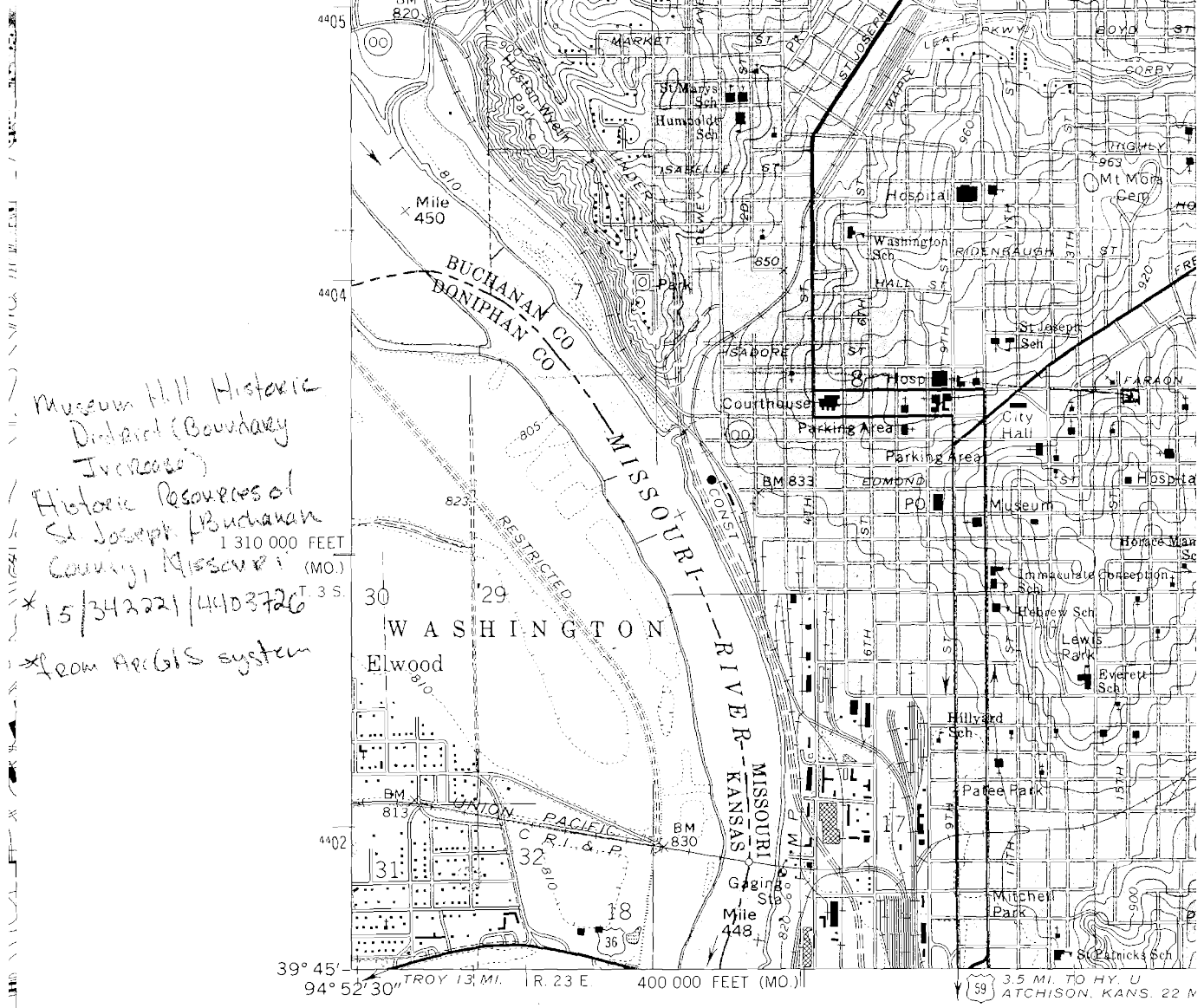
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Date of Photos: February 2002
Negatives on File: City of St. Joseph, 1100 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO64501

1. 323 N. 15th St., looking east
2. 321 N. 15th St., looking east
3. 1510 Faraon, looking south
4. Streetscape of 300 block of N. 15th St., looking southeast toward district boundary.





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