NPS Form 10-900 (Oct. 1990) OMB No. 10024-0018

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property				
historic name <u>Tamm, George, Build</u>	ding			
other names/site number Washing	aton Citizen Building			
2. Location				
street & number 121 Jefferson St	reet		[N/A] no	ot for publication
city or town Washington		·	[N/A] vic	inity
state Missouri code MO county	/ Franklin	code <u>071</u>	_ zip code	63090
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5.Classification					
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Re	esources with	nin Property	
<ul><li>[ x] private</li><li>[ ] public-local</li><li>[ ] public-State</li><li>[ ] public-Federal</li></ul>	<ul><li>[x] building(s)</li><li>[ ] district</li><li>[ ] site</li><li>[ ] structure</li><li>[ ] object</li></ul>	1	0	buildings	
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6. Function or Use					
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7. Description					
Architectural Classificat	tion	Materials			
Other: Missouri-German		foundation	stone concrete		
		walls <u>brick</u>			
		roof <u>standing seam metal</u>			
	other				
See continuation sheet [ ].		See continuation sheet	[].		

Narrative Description See continuation sheet [x].

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8.Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria	Areas of Significance
[x] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history	Commerce Architecture
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Period of Significance ca. 1863 - ca 1950
[x] 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,	Significant Dates ca. 1863
information important in prehistory of history.	
Criteria Considerations	
Property is: [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	Significant Person(s) _N/A
[] B removed from its original location.	Cultural Affiliation
[]C a birthplace or grave.	N/A N/A
[]D a cemetery.	
[] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	Architect/Builder
[]F a commemorative property.	unknown
[] 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):	Primary location of additional data:
[ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested	[x ] State Historic Preservation Office
[ ] previously listed in the National Register	[ ] Other State Agency
[ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register	[ ] Federal Agency
[ ] designated a National Historic Landmark	[ ] Local Government
[ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey	[ ] University
[ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record	[x] Other: Name of repository: Washington Historical Society, Washington, MO

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10.Geog	graphical Da	ıta			
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#### 7. Description, continued.

#### Summary:

The George Tamm Building is located at the corner of Jefferson Street and West Second Street in downtown Washington, Missouri. Built ca. 1863, it is a two story Federal style brick building. The building, like many other commercial buildings in Washington, is set directly on the sidewalk. The facade of the building faces east and is parallel to Jefferson Street. A corner storefront on the first floor and a large ornamental iron balcony are the two most prominent features of the facade. The first floor is divided into three bays, with the storefront on the north, a large window in the center, and the historic entrance to the building's second floor living space on the south. The second floor of the main elevation has four equally-spaced 6/6 windows. The opening for the second window from the north extends lower than the other three windows to permit access through it to the balcony. A brick dentilled cornice runs the width of the facade. A two story rear addition, which is equal in size to the original building, dates to the mid-twentieth century.

The building continues to function much as it did during the period of significance with a business on the first floor and living space on the second floor. The building is an intact representative example of Property Type A: Neoclassical Styles, Federal Subtype and meets the registration requirements set forth in the Multiple Property Submission cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri." It is the only resource on the property, and it is a contributing building.

#### Elaboration:

The George Tamm Building is a large two story Federal building which is located at 121 Jefferson Street in Washington, Franklin County, Missouri. The freestanding building sits on a lot that slopes north down towards the Missouri River, on the northwest corner of the intersection of Jefferson Street and West Second Street. The main elevation of the building faces Jefferson Street and the secondary elevation faces West Second Street. The corner storefront faces both Jefferson Street and West Second Street. There are parking lots to the north and west of the building.

The George Tamm Building is supported by a stone foundation, straight sawn joists and a bearing wall in the basement composed of brick arches. It has red brick walls and a side-facing gable roof with standing seam metal roofing. The original section of the building is 36 feet wide and 32 feet deep; the two story rear addition, which is the same width as the original building, adds 29 feet to the depth of the building.

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The main elevation, like many commercial buildings from the period, is divided into a lower and an upper section. Although there is no actual dividing line on the facade, the size and design of the openings on each level provides the distinction between the parts. The lower part of the facade has three bays. In the southernmost bay, an early, but not original, storefront wraps around the southeast corner of the building. In the middle bay, a tall opening, which may have once been filled by a door, is now occupied by a large fixed light window above a wooden bulkhead. This change appears to date to the same period as the storefront. In the northernmost bay, the original entrance to the second floor living quarters is still in place. The two narrow doors in this entrance have six lights stacked in pairs on the upper part of the door and two rectangular inset panels on the lower part. Two rectangular two-light transoms are stacked above the doorway.

The corner storefront, which has entrances both on Jefferson Street and on West Second Street, is probably not original but likely dates to the late nineteenth century. The earliest map published by the Sanborn Map Company for Washington from 1893 shows addresses for this building both on Jefferson Street and on West Second Street. The storefront has large plate glass display windows which meet at a square iron corner post. The corner post bears the mark "Globe Iron and Foundry." The bulkheads below the windows are decorated with rectangular panels inset with iron grillwork; plain transom windows top the larger display windows. The storefront doors have two rectangular inset panels set side-by-side at the bottom, a large window in the middle, and two smaller rectangular inset panels set side-by-side at the top. Cloth awnings shelter the storefront on both the main and secondary elevation.

The second floor of the facade has four equally-spaced 6/6 windows which are relatively new. The second floor windows have straight brick lintels and stone lugsils. The second window from the north has a moveable apron which can be opened to permit access to the balcony. The balcony, which is centered on the facade, has iron railings and supports and is half of the width of the building. A brick cornice runs the width of the facade directly above the second floor windows; it has prominent brick dentils above two projecting bands of brick. The roof has short parapet walls on its gable ends and is covered with standing seam metal roofing.

The side elevations of the original building are unadorned. With the exception of those in the corner storefront, the south elevation has no windows on the first floor. The four windows on the second floor have equally-spaced 6/6 sashes. There is a single 6/6 window in the gable end. The north elevation has a mixture of 6/6 and newer 1/1 windows. There are two on the first floor, two on the second floor and one in the gable end. Their placement is unbalance and unsymmetrical.

The north wall of the two story rear addition is faced with brick; the west and south walls are ceramic block construction. The rear addition has a shed roof, which slopes to the south and is covered with standing seam metal roofing. Like the original part of the building, the rear

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addition also was designed to function in a multi-use capacity. The first floor serves at retail space, and there is a single apartment upstairs. According to the current property owners, the rear addition dates to ca. 1950. It may have been added soon after the Washington Citizen Weekly Newspaper moved in the building.

Entrances to both the retail space and the second floor apartment in the rear addition are located on the north elevation. The entrance to the retail space, which is centered, is flanked by large multi-paned windows; the apartment entrance is just to the west of the seam between the original portion of the building and the rear addition. The second floor windows, one single 6/6 and a pair of 6/6, are unevenly spaced. The west elevation has a more symmetrical placement of windows; this elevation is divided into three bays. On the first floor, there are two large multi-paned windows in the side bays. Above, two 6/6 windows in the side bays flank a small 6 light casement window. On the first floor of the north elevation, there is a large opening with hinged garage doors and a large multi-paned window. Spaced evenly across the second floor of the north elevation, there is a small 6 light casement, a modern greenhouse window, and a 6/6 window.

The retail space currently occupies all of the first floor of the Tamm building. Originally, approximately one-third of the first floor, the north side of the building, was part of the residential portion of the building and housed the stairs to the second floor. The stairs no longer exist, but the entrance to this part of the building is still intact. As is the case with many historic commercial buildings, the interior partitions on the first floor of the Tamm Building, with the exception of the main brick bearing wall, have changed according to the needs of the current business. The first floor is currently divided into a showroom, an office, and various storage areas. The first floor of the addition is also used as a retail space and also has modern partition walls.

The plan of the second floor of the Tamm Building is essentially unchanged. However, the entrance to the second floor living spaces, both in the original part of the building and in the rear addition, is now accessed via a staircase in the rear addition. The second floor of the older part of the building is still configured as living space and the original four panel doors and wide pedimented and shouldered window and door trim are still in place. The second floor of the rear addition also functions in residential capacity; it was recently renovated by the current owners. The third floor attic is a single unfinished room.

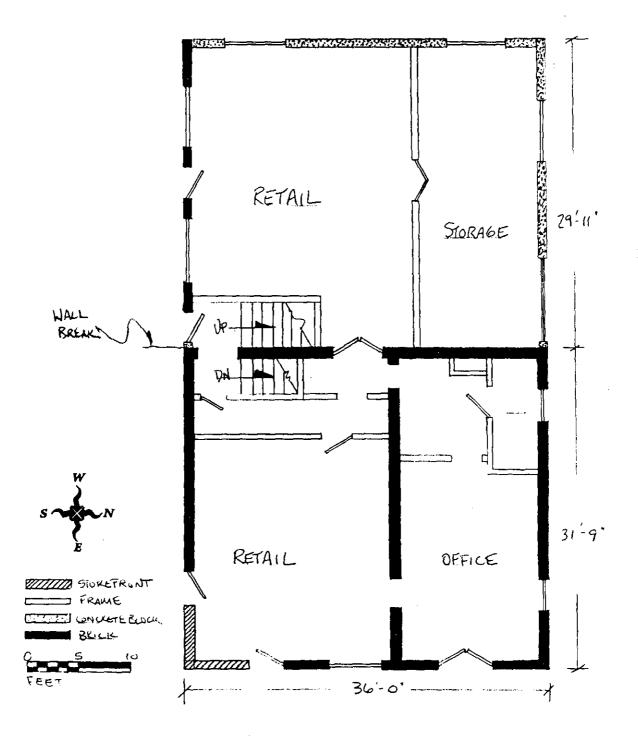
Overall, the Tamm Building appears today much as it did during the period of significance. The basic form and fenestration patterns have not changed since that time and the rear addition is close to fifty years old. The building still functions much as it did during the period of significance; the first floor is commercial and the second floor is residential. The Tamm Building is a fine example of the German Neoclassical style in Washington, and it retains a great deal of integrity.

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Figure One: First Floor Plan. Drawn by Becky Snider.

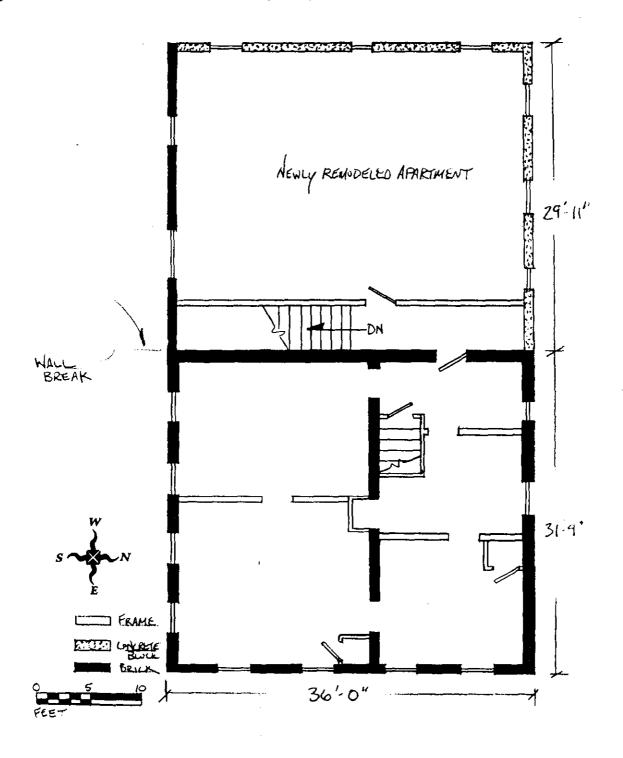


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Figure Two: Second Floor Plan. Drawn by Becky Snider.



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#### Summary:

The George Tamm Building, located at 121 Jefferson Street in Washington, Missouri was constructed for local merchant George Tamm circa 1863, and served as his place of business and his home for several decades. It is representative of Property Type A: Neoclassical Styles: Federal Subtyp. It meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document "Historic Resources of Washington, Missouri." and falls under the historic contexts "The Golden Era: 1871-1904" and "Architectural Development: 1839-1950." The Tamm Building is significant under Criterion A in the area of COMMERCE as a longtime area business, and under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE as an intact example of a Federal style commercial building.

The building housed the business of George Tamm and later his son Charles Tamm from the time of its construction until around 1925. George Tamm and his son were in the shoe business. They sold shoes and boots and also had a shoe repair business in the building from 1863 to the mid-1920s. (See Figure Three) Like many early commercial buildings in Washington, the building served two functions; the ground floor was for business and the second floor served as the Tamm family residence. The combination of business establishment and residence was common practice in nineteenth century Washington; most early merchants lived above their business.

The Tamm Building is also significant under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. It is an excellent example of the Federal style, an architectural style common to early commercial buildings in Washington. The building's Federal features include a side facing gable roof with short parapet walls, flat brick walls, symmetrical fenestration, and jack arched windows. Furthermore, the building's restrained exterior ornamentation and its simple interior detailing which is limited to pedimented window and door trim are also characteristic of the Federal style.

The Tamm Building appears and functions today much as it did during the period of significance. The building's primary and secondary elevations have seen few changes since the storefront was installed in the late nineteenth century. The biggest change has been the construction of the rear addition to the building circa 1960. With the exception of the storefront, the building's original openings are unchanged and many of the interior features, including woodwork and doors, are still in place. Furthermore, the Tamm Building continues to function as a combination commercial and residential building; the lower floor of the building is occupied by retail businesses and the second floor is divided into two apartments.

The Tamm Building is a contributing resource, and the only resource on the property. The period of significance runs from the construction date of ca. 1855 to ca. 1950 the arbitrary fifty year cut-off date. The building is very much intact, especially on the exterior, and retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

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Figure Three: Advertisement from the Washington Observer December 12, 1919.



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#### Elaboration:

According to the 1888 History of Franklin County, Missouri, George Tamm was born in Frishborn, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany in 1824. He immigrated to the United States in 1852 and lived in Cincinnati and Indianapolis before settling in Washington, Missouri. 1 Tamm, an experienced shoemaker, opened up his own shoemaking and repair business in Washington shortly after settling there in 1854.2 However, Tamm must have had his shop in another location prior to the one on Jefferson Street. According to deed records, he did not purchased the property on Jefferson Street until 1863. He bought Lot 58 in the Original Town of Washington from Bernard Fricke for \$400.3 An 1890 newspaper article about Washington's businessmen reported that George Tamm "keeps in stock at all times a fine assortment of all kinds of footwear. In connection with his store, he has a repair shop which receives a large patronage."4 George Tamm died in 1909, but his oldest son, Charles, continued to operate the family business, Geo. Tamm and Son, Co into the 1920s. City directories show that the building housed the Washington Citizen Weekly Newspaper in the 1950s and 1960s. In addition to serving as the business place of Geo. Tamm and Son, the building at 121 Jefferson Street, was also the residence of the Tamm family. Charles Tamm was raised in the building and owned it into the 1930s.

The Tamm Building is an excellent example of a German Neoclassical style building in Washington. It is very much intact and has seen few interior or exterior changes since the period of significance. Furthermore, the Tamm Building continues to function today much as it did during the period of significance, as a combination commercial and residential building.

<sup>1</sup>Goodspeed Publishing Company. <u>History of Franklin, Jefferson,</u>
Washington, Crawford and Gasconade Counties, Missouri. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Company, reprint Cape Girardeau: Ramfre Press, 1985, p. 1876.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Washington, Missouri: Its Location, Population, Manufacturing Industries, Business, Etc." Washington Journal. December 13, 1895, p. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Franklin County Deed Records, Book V, p. 187. Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

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Chronology - From Land Assessment Books, Sanborn Maps, Local Directories, County Histories, the Centennial Biographical Directory and the Washington Sesquicentennial Book 1839-1989.

1852 George Tamm immigrated to America from Germany

1854 Tamm moves to Washington and opens a shoemaking and shoe repair business.

1863 deed George Tamm purchases the property from Bernard Fricke for \$400 and has the building at 121 Jefferson constructed (Washington Journal)

1869 The building is shown on the Bird'seye View of Washington.

1877 Atlas, George Tamm is listed as a boot and shoe merchant born in Germany.

1889 Gazetteer, George Tamm, boots

1893 Sanborn shows the building with addresses both on Jefferson Street and West Second Street. It is shown as a boots and shoes on one side and a dwelling on the other.

1898 Gazetteer, G. Tamm & Son (George and Charles), shoes.

1898 Sanborn shows no changes from the 1893 map

1908 Sanborn still shows the south part of the building as boots and shoes and the north as a dwelling.

1909 George Tamm dies in Washington

1910 Tax Assessment, Property owned by Mrs. Geo. Tamm

1916 Sanborn, Building is still shows as boots and shoes and as a residence. The balcony on the facade first appears on the Sanborn Map this year.

1922 Directory, 119 Jefferson - residence of Chas. Tamm

121 Jefferson - Geo Tamm & Son

1925 Tax Assessment, Property owned by Charles Tamm

1926 Sanborn shows the south half of the building as a store and the north half as a dwelling.

1931 Directory, Charles. Tamm

1940 Directory, 121 Jefferson - Alfred E. Meyer & Small Sherman

ca. 1950 - The two story rear addition was constructed.

1951 Directory, 123 Jefferson - vacant

125 Jefferson - Washington Citizen Weekly Newspaper

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#### 10. Geographical Data

**Verbal Boundary Description:** The property is parcel number 10-5-22-0-1-006-101-000 of Franklin County Tax Map 57-10-5-22-1. 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 property is also known as Block 15, Part of Lot 58 (Tamm Haus) in the Old Town of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri

Boundary Justification: The current boundaries represent all of the land historically associated with the building.

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#### **Photographs**

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Tamm, George, Building
Washington, Franklin County, Missouri
Becky Snider
December, 1999
Negatives on file with the State Historic Preservation Office
101 East High Street
P. O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

#### List of Photographs

Camera Angles are indicated on the Photo Key Map

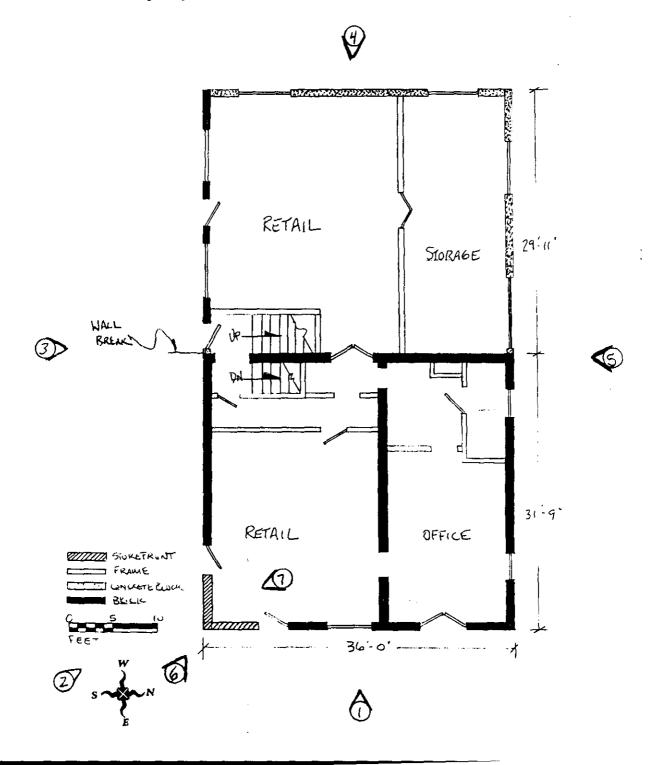
- 1. Front Elevation, facing west.
- 2. Front (east) and South Elevations, facing northwest.
- 3. South Elevation, facing north.
- 4. West Elevation, facing east.
- 5. North Elevation, facing south.
- 6. Corner Storefront, facing northwest
- 7. Retail Space Interior, facing southeast
- 8. Second Floor Doorway

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Figure Seven. Photo Key Map - First Floor. Drawn by Becky Snider.



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Figure Eight. Photo Key Map - Second Floor. Drawn by Becky Snider.

