

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE:	Missouri
COUNTY:	Buchanan
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ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON: "Maple Grove" (Joseph Davis House)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2100 North Eleventh Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Joseph CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #6 - Hon. Jerry Litton

STATE: Missouri 64505 CODE: 29 COUNTY: Buchanan CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Rev. & Mrs. Charles R. Hagee

STREET AND NUMBER: 2100 North Eleventh Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Joseph STATE: Missouri CODE: 29

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Buchanan County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: St. Joseph STATE: Missouri CODE: 29

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: 1. Missouri State Historical Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 176

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City STATE: Missouri CODE: 29

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Maple Grove," 2100 North Eleventh Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, is an L-shaped, five-bay, six-room residence in a Classically derived style. A one-story rear (east) wing is attached along the east wall of the main, two-story portion of the house.

EXTERIOR

Over-all dimensions

The main (west) portion of the house measures 48' on the east and west facades and 20' on the north and south facades. The east wing is 42' by 26'.

Construction materials and colors

Red-orange brick, laid in Flemish bond on the main (west) facade and common bond on all other facades, faces the exterior walls. Stone, random-laid rubble and cut and coursed, is used for the foundations. Decorative features are of stone (lintels and lugsills) and painted wood (shutters, portico, cornices, and eave trim).

Openings

Windows. Rectangular-shaped, double-hung sash windows occur on all facades. Most are six-over-six light. Exceptions are the second-story, west facade and the east wing frame-enclosure windows which have nine-over-six and four-over-four lights respectively. All window openings are trimmed by a lintel, lugsill, and shutters.

Doorways. There are four entrances: two on the west facade and one each on the north and south facades.

The main entrance is centered on the first story, west facade. It is filled by a single-leaf, four-panel, walnut door with three-light sidelights to either side and a six-light, rectangular-shaped transom above.

The second-story, west facade doorway is centered over the main entrance and allows access to the balcony of the entrance portico. A single-leaf, four-panel, walnut door with three-light sidelights fills the doorway opening. It is trimmed by a lintel.

A third entrance allows access to the rear (east) wing. It is filled by a single-leaf, nine-light, three-panel, wood door. Wrought-iron grillwork protects the glass portion.

The basement entrance, located approximately midway along the north facade, is covered by a trap door.

Porches

The main entrance portico is one-story in height and one-bay in width. Its flat roof of tin is supported by four, square columns and two pilasters

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connected by a cut-work balustrade. A cornice decorates the wide roof overhang. Four posts, one directly over each column, and cut-work railings trim the upper edge of the roof, forming a second-story balcony.

A second porch (or gallery) runs the entire length of the south wall of the rear (east) wing. Four posts support the roof, an extension of the southern slope of the wing's roof.

Roofs

Medium-pitched gable and saltbox roofs cover the main (west) portion and the rear (east) wing respectively. Roof shingles are of asphalt.

Chimneys

Three, single-stack, brick chimneys service "Maple Grove." They straddle the roof ridges of the main portion, one to each end, and the rear (east) wing, centered. Each is trimmed by parallel, projected, one or two-course moldings positioned five or two courses apart.

Decorative details

Decorative features include: 1) entrance portico (already described); 2) lintels and lugsills (rectangular-shaped, stone blocks painted white); and 3) cornices.

Boxed cornices with plain friezes trim the upper edge of the main portion's east and west facades and the north wall of the rear (east) wing. Boxed raking cornices with plain friezes and returns trim the three gable ends.

INTERIOR

Basement

A partial basement of three rooms is under the rear (east) wing and the northern half of the main portion. Brick and concrete floors are in the east two rooms and the west room respectively. Stone walls occur throughout. Access to the basement from the exterior is by a trap door in the west room and by a flight of stairs along the east wall of the easternmost room leading from the kitchen (not original). These rooms house the furnace and provide additional living space.

First floor

Four major rooms comprise the first floor: a parlor (north room, main portion), a bedroom (south room, main portion), a dining room (west room, east wing), and a kitchen (east room, east wing). A fifth room, a bathroom, is at the east end of the central hall which runs the depth of the west portion

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between the parlor and bedroom.

Painted plaster walls; exposed brick walls; and plaster-over-lathe walls occur in the parlor, hallway, and south bedroom; dining room and kitchen; and bathroom. Tongue-and-groove, wood (pine/red oak) flooring is used in all rooms. Linoleum tile and wall-to-wall carpeting cover the flooring in the kitchen and hallway. Classic-style mantels, doorway and window frames, and baseboards are of wood and occur in all rooms. Other wood features include chair rails, picture moldings, and dado panels (parlor and south bedroom) and wainscoting (kitchen). Wallpaper cornices and borders are used in the parlor, hallway, and south bedroom. Ceiling light fixtures (previously gas, now electrified) occur throughout.

A U-shaped stairway along the south wall of the central hallway provides access to the second floor.

Second floor

The second-floor room arrangement duplicates that of the first floor, west portion: a north and south bedroom separated by a central hallway. The finishing of this floor is similar to the first-floor bedroom: each room has a distinctive wallpaper cornice and a clothes press with double-leaf, three-panel doors.

Attic

Access to the attic, located over the rear (east) wing, is through an almost-square door on the east wall of the second-floor, north bedroom.

ALTERATIONS

Restoration of "Maple Grove" to its current appearance was completed between November, 1968, and July, 1972. Although alterations were made during this renovation, much of the original integrity was maintained. Alterations include:

- 1) addition of interior access to the basement
- 2) lowering of basement floor to provide additional living space
- 3) removal of non-original, Victorian-style, three-bay veranda on the west facade and addition of a one-bay portico
- 4) removal of clothes press from parlor to first-floor bedroom
- 5) removal of upper half of fireplace mantel in first-floor bedroom to north wall of first-floor hallway
- 6) addition of shelves in parlor and first-floor bedroom
- 7) removal of plaster from rear (east) wing walls
- 8) rebuilding of deteriorated chimneys
- 9) replacement of original, worn flooring with in kind materials

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10) replacement of molding on east kitchen window to match other window frames.

An earlier alteration (1889) was the enclosing of the westernmost one-fifth of the rear (east) wing gallery to form a bathroom.¹

CONDITION

The house is in excellent condition, having been restored (November, 1968, to July, 1972).

SITE

"Maple Grove" is located in north St. Joseph, Missouri. The house, which faces west, overlooks the Great Western Savannah Railroad tracks and a light industrial/commercial business district. Architecturally insignificant, twentieth-century, residential neighborhoods surround the house on the south, east, and north.

Property features include: 1) an L-shaped, gravel drive and parking area on the south; 2) a small flower garden at the foot of the west entrance steps; 3) a reconstructed outbuilding, a smokehouse, to the east (1973); and 4) a brick patio (south of the east wing and east of the main portion) and walkways along the east and north facades of the rear (east) wing. An area of heavy tree cover is south-southeast of the house between the gravel parking area and the residences along the north side of Highland.

PRESENT STATUS

The continued existence of "Maple Grove" is currently assured through sympathetic ownership.

The house is, however, located in an area that could see major industrial development. The "Maple Grove" property is zoned "heavy industrial" (1968) as are surrounding properties (1968 and May, 1974). Many of these adjacent properties are owned by holding companies for the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad.²

FOOTNOTES

1. Kansas City [Missouri] Star, December 24, 1972, p. 2D.
2. Statement by Rev. Charles R. Hagee (owner), personal correspondence, May 10, 1974.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1847, 1850

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>prominent early</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>St. Joseph,</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <u>Missouri</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Maple Grove" (Joseph Davis House), 2100 North Eleventh Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, is significant as a residential building in a typical Missouri, Classically derived style, maintained in near original condition, in its locale. Serving as the home of one of St. Joseph's early pioneer families, "Maple Grove" may be one of the earliest surviving brick, private dwellings in the city.¹

William Blair

Known as a "professional home builder," William Blair is credited with designing several homes in St. Joseph, Missouri: the Isaac Miller House (Ashland Avenue), the Connett House (south of St. Joseph), and "Maple Grove."²

Previous owners

A chronology of ownership includes:

- 1) Joseph Davis -- 1847 to 1889
- 2) ? (Davis will in probate) -- 1889 to 1900
- 3) Richard Davis (son of Joseph Davis) -- 1900 to 1900
- 4) two unknown owners -- 1900 to 1901
- 5) Fred M. Smith -- 1901 to 1938
- 6) rental property -- 1938 to 1944
- 7) John Covey -- 1944 to 1947
- 8) Walter and Alta Ruark -- 1947 to 1968
- 9) Charles and Sue Hagee -- 1968 to present.³

Of these numerous owners, the original owner/builder, Joseph Davis, is the most prominent. He was born on June 25, 1803, in Virginia.⁴ On July 3, 1825, in Crawford County, Indiana, Davis married Elizabeth Sheckell.⁵ Three years after his wife's death (1828), he married Sarah Sheckell, younger sister of Elizabeth.⁶ Davis died on February 11, 1889, in St. Joseph, Missouri.⁷

Joseph Davis was a noted pioneer of Indiana and Missouri. He was commissioned a captain in the 84th Regiment of the Indiana State Militia.⁸ Always a strong supporter of education, Davis served as a district trustee for the Ohio Township, Crawford County, Indiana, school district.⁹

Following his arrival in St. Joseph in the fall of 1840,¹⁰ Davis engaged

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in farming and stock raising. He raised hemp and tobacco and sold cattle, oxen, mules, and all kinds of supplies to pioneer emigrants moving west to Oregon, Washington, Texas, Montana, Colorado, and Utah, accumulating considerable wealth.¹¹ Dealing in real estate, he bought lands in the French Bottoms, on the Grand River, in Kansas, and within the city limits of St. Joseph.¹² Davis loaned much money, nearly \$50,000 in his lifetime, charging 6 - 7% interest at six months and holding property as mortgage.¹³ He served as an overseer and/or commissioner for the construction of several state roads between St. Joseph and Savannah, Missouri.¹⁴ Various parcels of personal property were donated or sold, at nominal fees, to the City of St. Joseph for the purpose of providing locations for a school and a cemetery.¹⁵

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies in Missouri history as outlined in the "Missouri State Historic Preservation Plan." "Maple Grove" (Joseph Davis House) is, therefore, being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as 1) a significant example of a residential building in a typical Missouri, Classically derived style, in near original condition, in its locale, 2) as the probable earliest surviving brick house in St. Joseph, Missouri, and 3) as the home of one of St. Joseph's early pioneer families.

FOOTNOTES

1. Statement by Rev. Charles R. Hagee, personal interview, November 5, 1973.
2. Ibid.; Kansas City [Missouri] Star, December 24, 1972, p. 1D; and Rev. Charles R. Hagee (comp.), "Research Data on Maple Grove with Bibliography," p. 4.
3. Hagee, "Research Data," pp. 1, 18-19.
4. Ibid., p. 1.
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid., p. 2.
7. Ibid., p. 17.
8. Ibid., p. 2.
9. Ibid., p. 3.

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10. Ibid.; and Chris. L. Rutt (ed.), History of Buchanan County and the City of St. Joseph and Representative Citizens: 1826-1904 (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1904), p. 52.

11. Hagee, "Research Data," p. 5.

12. Ibid.

13. Ibid.

14. Ibid., pp. 6, 7.

15. Ibid., p. 5.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Hagee, Rev. Charles R. Personal correspondence. May 10, 1974.
2. _____. Personal interview. November 5, 1973.
3. _____ (comp.). "Research Data on Maple Grove with Bibliography."
4. Kansas City [Missouri] Star, December 24, 1972, pp. 1D-2D.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4.5 acres**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Nancy B. Breme, Research Associate**

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Natural Resources, State Historical Survey and Planning Office** DATE: **July 16, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 176**

CITY OR TOWN: **Jefferson City** STATE: **Missouri 65101** CODE: **29**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

National State Local

Name James L. Wilson

Title Director, Department of Natural Resources, and State Historic Preservation Officer

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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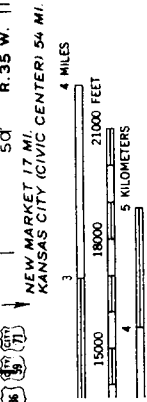
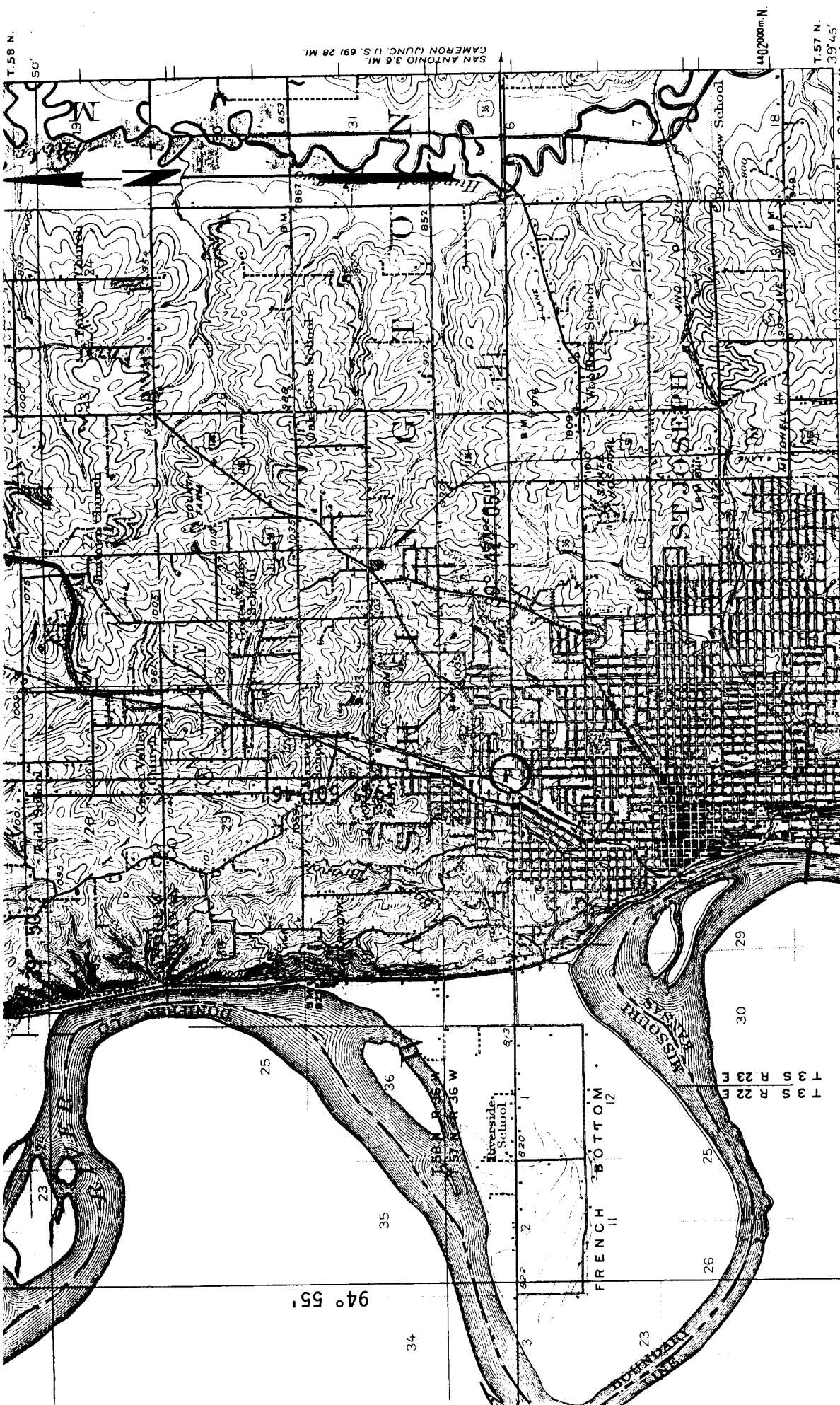
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5. Rutt, Chris. L. (ed.). History of Buchanan County and the City of St. Joseph and Representative Citizens: 1826-1904. Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1904, p. 52.

6. St. Joseph [Missouri] News-Press, September 3, 1972, p. 1C.



U.S.G.S. 15' (1924)
 "St. Joseph"
 Scale: 1:62,500
 "Maple Grove" (Joseph Davis House)
 Lat. 39° 47' 05" Long. 94° 50' 46"

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 AND BY THE MISSOURI GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, ROLLA, MISSOURI
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 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Missouri (West)
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 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 15, shown in blue

GOWER 15 MI.
 KANSAS CITY (CIVIC CENTER) 53 MI.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—KANS.
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1924

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 CAMERON (UNC) U.S. 691 28 MI.

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 39° 45' (Gower)

NEW MARKET 17 MI.
 KANSAS CITY (CIVIC CENTER) 54 MI.

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Quadrangle

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Photo Log:

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City or Vicinity: **St. Joseph** _____

County: **Buchanan County** _____ State: **MO** _____

Photographer: **Frederick J. Breme** _____

Date

Photographed: **Nov. 1973** _____

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 6. NW corner, view looking SE with the primary (W) façade on the right and the N façade on the left.

2 of 6. NE corner, view facing SW with the rear (E) wing in the foreground and the main (W) portion in the background. The N facades of each portion are on the right and the E façade of the rear wing is on the left.

3 of 6. Interior view showing the NE corner of the dining room. Exposed brick walls used here and in the kitchen only. Recessed china cabinet immediately right of the fireplace.

4 of 6. Interior view showing the NE corner of the parlor. The classic style mantel and doorway and window frames are typical of the trim used in other rooms.

5 of 6. Interior view showing the SE corner of the first-floor bedroom. The dado panels under the windows match those found in the parlor. The clothespress (original to the parlor) is typical of those found in each second-floor bedroom. The room's outstanding feature is the Adamesque style fireplace mantel.

6 of 6. View looking NW with the main, two-story portion of the house on the left and the one-story rear (E) wing on the right.











