

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received **AUG 25 1982**
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Watson, Samuel Stewart, House

and/or common Ermeling House

2. Location

street & number 205 South Duchesne Drive ___ not for publication

city, town St. Charles ___ vicinity of congressional district #9-Hon. Harold L. Volkmer

state Missouri code 029 county St. Charles code 183

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Henry William and Susan K. Dahl

street & number 205 South Duchesne Drive

city, town St. Charles ___ vicinity of state Missouri 63301

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds,
St. Charles County Courthouse

street & number 118 North Second Street

city, town St. Charles state Missouri 63301

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1. Historic Sites in St. Charles County, Missouri
title has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date 1976 (Published work) ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

depository for survey records Harland Bartholomew and Associates and
St. Charles County Historic Society

city, town St. Charles state Missouri 63301

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Samuel Stewart Watson House is located in a modern residential neighborhood in the town of St. Charles, Missouri very close to the right of way of Duchesne Avenue, a major thoroughfare in an expanding area. The house measures approximately 95' from east to west by 44' from north to south and its original section is constructed of hand-made brick laid in common bond over a coursed limestone rubble foundation. This part of the house is capped with a hipped roof which is covered, as are the other roof sections, with asphalt shingles. Its notable features include a broad denticulated cornice with heavy brackets resting on a series of undulating stringcourses above the second floor segmentally arched windows and a classically inspired portico porch on the primary (northeast) facade which was rebuilt over a concrete block foundation at an unknown date in a style similar to a former porch in that location (photos #1 and 2). To the southeast (photo #3) the original section of the house is similar to the primary facade in decoration but its porch was removed at an unknown date. Another to replace it is currently under construction. The southwest side of the house (photo #4) is the location of a brick L addition which is also of common bond brick construction. This part of the house, however, has rectangular windows and lacks cornice decoration. In addition, to the southeast, this end of the house boasts not only a two story gallery porch, part of which was enclosed in the 1960's to create a bathroom and kitchen, but also an enclosed first floor porch to the southwest (photos #3 and 4). On the northwest side, the original house and its L addition are clearly distinguishable (photo #5). The frame portion which juts out here is the former farm office which was added to the original house at an unknown date. The original windows walk, which is now without its railing, as well as other historical features of this house are visible in a tintype on unknown date which is filed with the owners and in the Lindenwood College archives (photo #9).

The interior of this house reflects the history of additions mentioned above in its agglutinative plan (see plan). Notable features include grained white pine woodwork, stencilling on the floor of the main entry which is currently being restored, marbelized stone (probably slate) mantles with cast iron gates in the parlors, sliding parlor doors, a cast iron cook stove in the kitchen and majestic Ionic Greek Revival window and door surrounds in the original part of the house. Within the L addition the woodwork is simpler with only pedimented entablature heads lacking any embellishment above doors and windows. This part of the house also includes a built-in tin bath tub which is fed by lead pipes leading from a cold water tank in the attic. The room where this is located is currently used for storage.

The Watson property originally included a summer kitchen, barns and slave quarters but all these have been demolished over the years. The lot presently includes a two car garage to the northwest.

The Samuel Stewart Watson House is currently being restored by its owners, so its condition, which is only good, is improving.

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey
1979-1980 state
Division of Parks and Historic Preservation
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1859

Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Samuel Stewart Watson House in St. Charles, Missouri is significant as the retirement home of Samuel Stewart Watson, prominent local farmer, businessman, judge of the St. Charles County Court and founder and benefactor of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri. The building is additionally significant as the finest known surviving local example of Italianate style residential architecture.

Samuel Stewart Watson was born in 1804 in Waterford, Pennsylvania. In 1819 the Watson family, Archibald and Martha Watson and their eight children, including Samuel, came to Missouri on a keel boat by way of the Allegheny, Ohio and Missouri Rivers. After landing at Louisiana, Missouri Archibald Watson bought a farm near St. Charles which eventually grew to over 600 acres. After his parents died, Samuel bought out his brothers and sisters and became sole owner of the property, a successful farmer and cattleman and a land speculator. In the early 1850's Samuel Watson was appointed by the Synod of Missouri to a committee to select a site for a Presbyterian women's college. Lindenwood School for Girls in St. Charles was chosen and in 1853 Lindenwood College was incorporated with Samuel Watson serving as president of its Board of Directors and one of its large shareholders¹. By 1862, the college was in financial trouble and was sold at auction on the courthouse steps. Watson bought the property and eventually deeded it back to the College for a consideration of \$1.00. Later, in 1864, Watson released the College from a \$4000 debt owed to him to further help its financial situation². When he died in 1878, Watson left 92 acres of his home farm to Lindenwood and bequeathed a small endowment to the college to aid indigent women in obtaining a college education³.

In addition to all these activities, Samuel Stewart Watson served on the Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) Board of Directors (1857-1867), as a St. Charles County Court Judge (1865) and as director of the St. Charles branch of the Southern Bank and of the First National Bank of St. Charles⁴.

The Samuel Stewart Watson House holds additional significance as the finest known surviving local example of Italianate style residential architecture. The Herman B. Ermeling family came into possession of the Watson property in 1885 and by 1950 they had begun selling the property off in lots. Consequently, this house today is surrounded by a modern residential area which serves to emphasize its quality of construction and its distinctive styling.

Footnotes

1. George S. Sibley, personal correspondence to Samuel Watson, n.d.; Act of Incorporation of Lindenwood College, 1853; Lindenwood College, receipt to Samuel Watson for subscription, n.d. All of these documents are now in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, Missouri.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Act of Incorporation of Lindenwood College, 1853.
2. Book R, #2, pp. 317-318, Office of Recorder of Deeds, St. Charles County Courthouse, St. Charles, Missouri.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name "Kampville, MO-ILL"

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	5	7	1	6	7	4	2	4	2	9	6	7	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D

Zone		Easting				Northing							

E

Zone		Easting				Northing							

F

Zone		Easting				Northing							

G

Zone		Easting				Northing							

H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification Part of the Prairie Haute Common Field, Township 47 North, Range 5 East, described: Beginning at a point distant South 57° 22' West 720.00' from the Southeast corner of Pasadena Gardens Plat One, a Subdivision in St. Charles County, Missouri, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5 page 91 of the St. Charles County records; thence

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Noelle Soren/Historic Architecture Specialist

Historic Preservation Program

organization Department of Natural Resources date August 3, 1981

street & number P.O. Box 176 telephone 314/751-4096

city or town Jefferson City state Missouri 65102

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Fred A. Hoff*

title Director, Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer date See letter dated 8/19/82

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

Entered in the National Register

date 9/23/82

for *Melores Byers*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Footnotes (cont.)

2. Book R, #2, pp. 317-318 in Office of the Recorder of Deeds, St. Charles County Courthouse, St. Charles, Missouri; Quit Claim Deed, now in possession of the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, Missouri.
3. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Missouri Day by Day, Volume 1 (Columbia: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1942), p. 132. The original building of Lindenwood College, Sibley Hall, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 29, 1978.
4. William S. Bryan, Pioneer Families of Missouri (St. Louis: Bryan, Brand and Co., 1876) p. 167; Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri. St. Louis: Southern Historical Company, 1901.

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3. Bryan, William S. Pioneer Families of Missouri. St. Louis: Bryan, Brand and Company, 1876.
4. Conard, Howard L., ed. Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri. St. Louis: Southern Historical Company, 1901.
5. Lindenwood College, receipt to Samuel Watson for subscription, n.d.
6. Quit Claim Deed, Lindenwood College, 1864.
7. Shoemaker, Floyd C. Missouri Day By Day. Columbia: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1942.
8. Sibley, George S. Personal correspondence to Samuel Stewart Watson, n.d.

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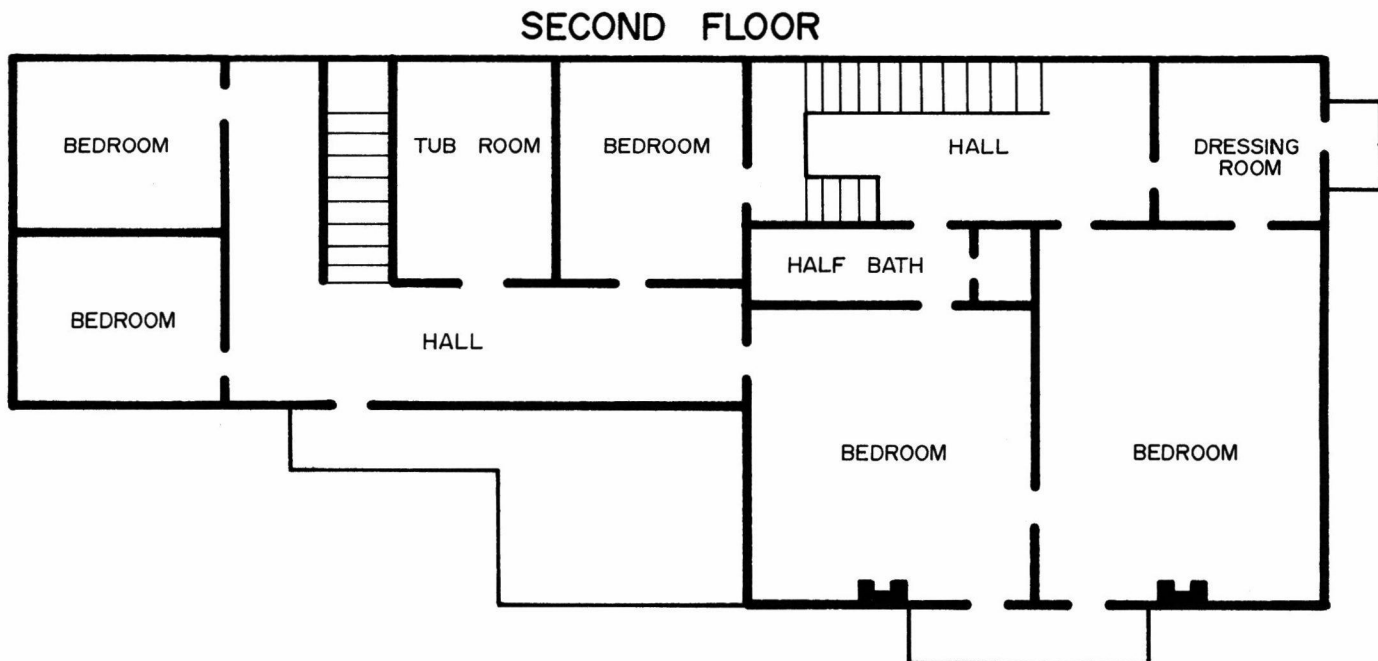
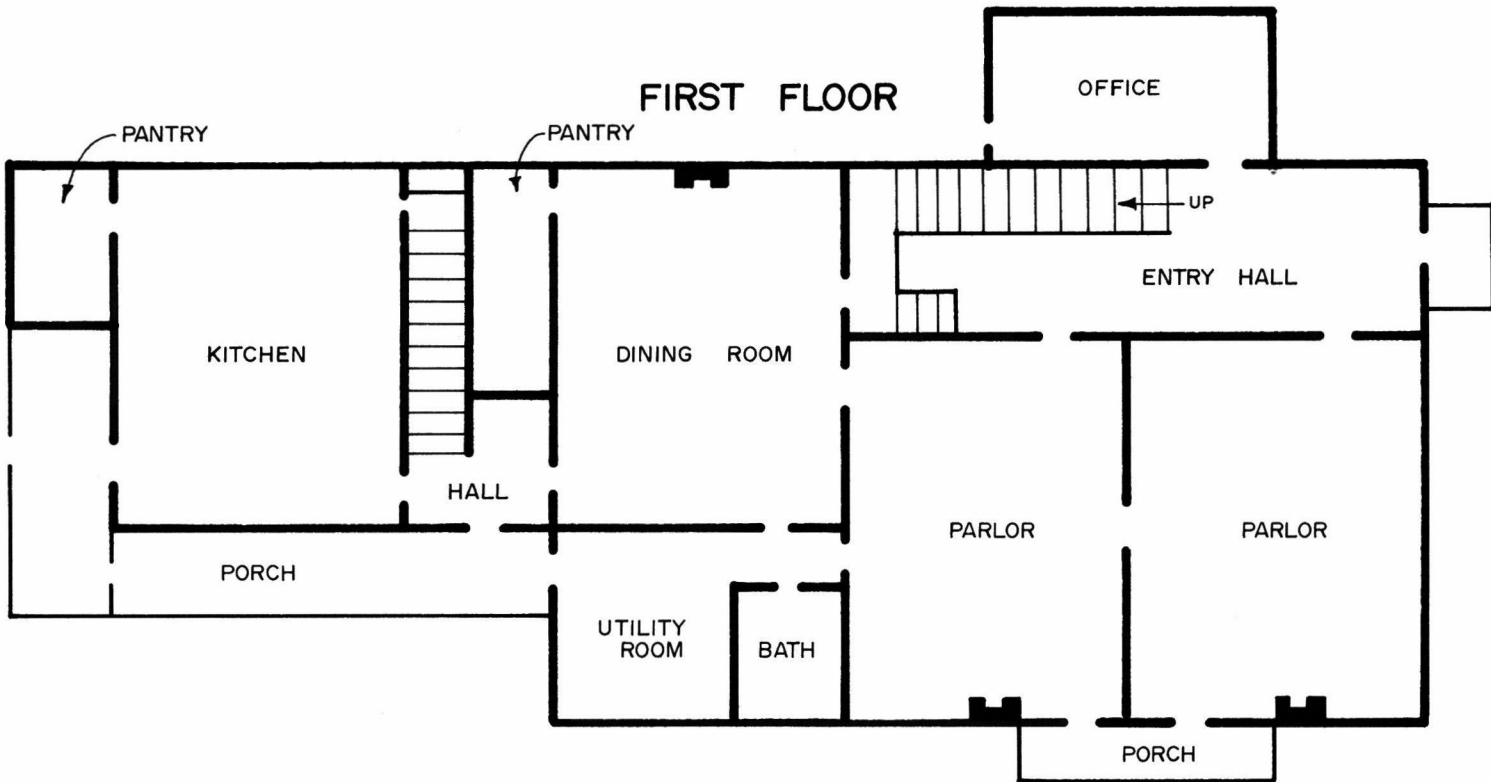
South 57° 22' West 220.00 feet to a point; thence South 33° 29' East 193.20 feet to a point in the Northwestern Right-of-Way line of Duchesne Avenue, 50 feet wide; thence along said Right-of-Way line North 57° 36' feet East 220.00 feet to a point; thence North 33° 29' West 194.51 feet to the point of beginning.

FLOOR PLANS

SAMUEL S. WATSON HOUSE
ST. CHARLES COUNTY
ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI



NOT TO SCALE



8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #1 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri
Photographer: Dr. John Moore
July, 1979
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301
Primary (northeast) facade.

MO
photo by Dr. John
Moore-July 1979
Negative in posses-
sion of owners
East end and main
entrance to home



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #2 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri
Photographer: Dr. John Moore
July, 1979
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301
Primary (northeast) facade, detail of cornice.

Moore-April 1980
Neg. in possession
of others
Window and Cornice
Detail-front section

Gene
BUEHRLE
Studio

ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #3 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore
April, 1980

Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301

View to northwest of southeast side with L
addition visible to left.

View of house
South side of house

Gene
BUEHRLE
Studio

ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #4 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore
July, 1979

Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301

View to north of southwest side of L addition.



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #5 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri
Photographer: Dr. John Moore
April, 1980
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301
View to east of northwest side showing L
addition and the original house.

Moore-April 1980
Negative in possession
of owners
North side of home

Gene
BUEHRLE
Studio

ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #6 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri
Photographer: Dr. John Moore
July, 1979
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301
Interior, southwest parlor, marbelized stone
mantel and chimneypiece.

John Moore-July 1979
Neg. in possession
of owner
Parlor fireplace

Gene
BUEHRLE
Studio

ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #7 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri
Photographer: Dr. John Moore
July, 1979
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301
View to southwest into formal parlor showing
Ionic Greek Revival door surround.

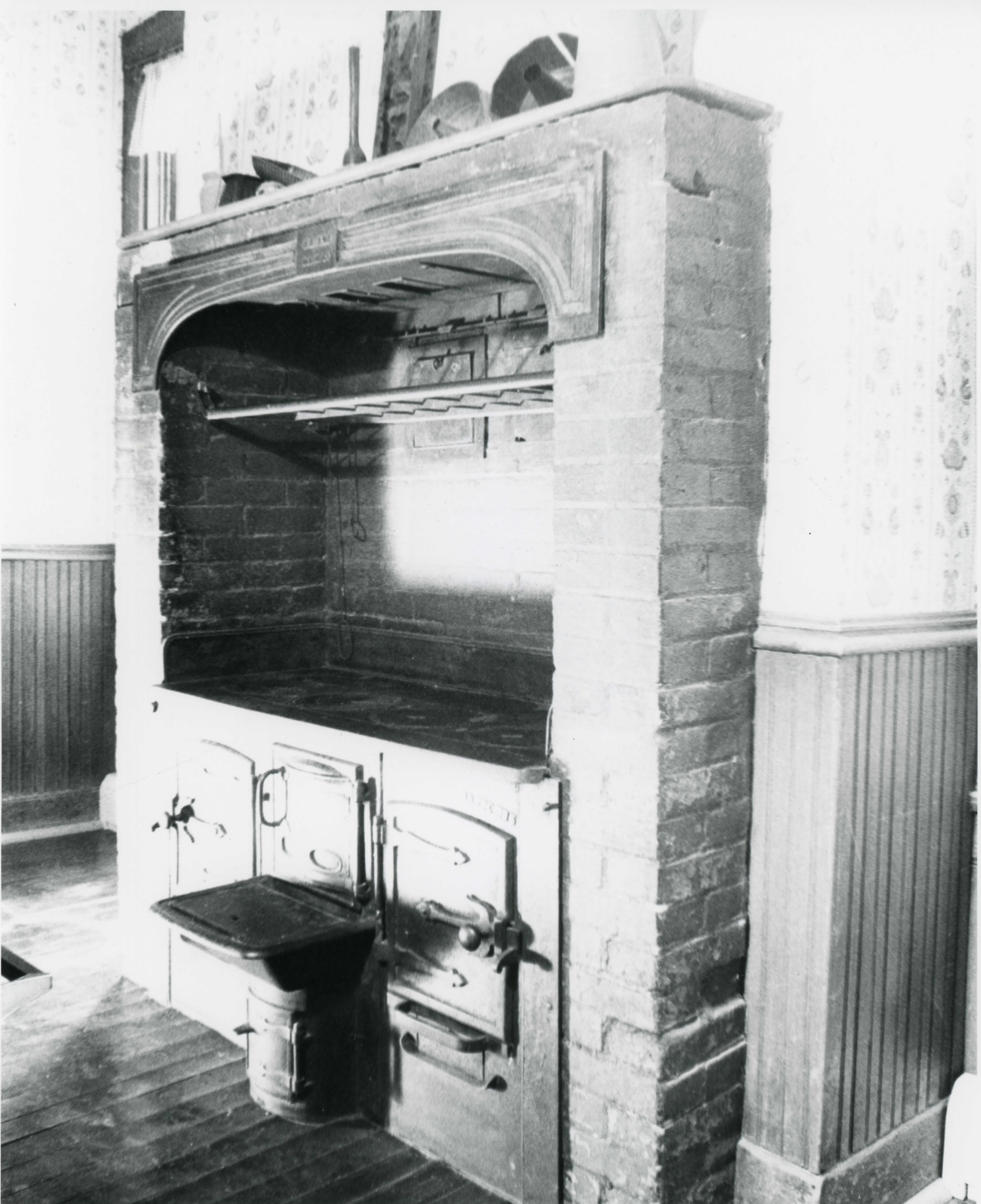
Moore-July 1979

Neg. in possession
of owners

View from family par-
lor into formal parlor

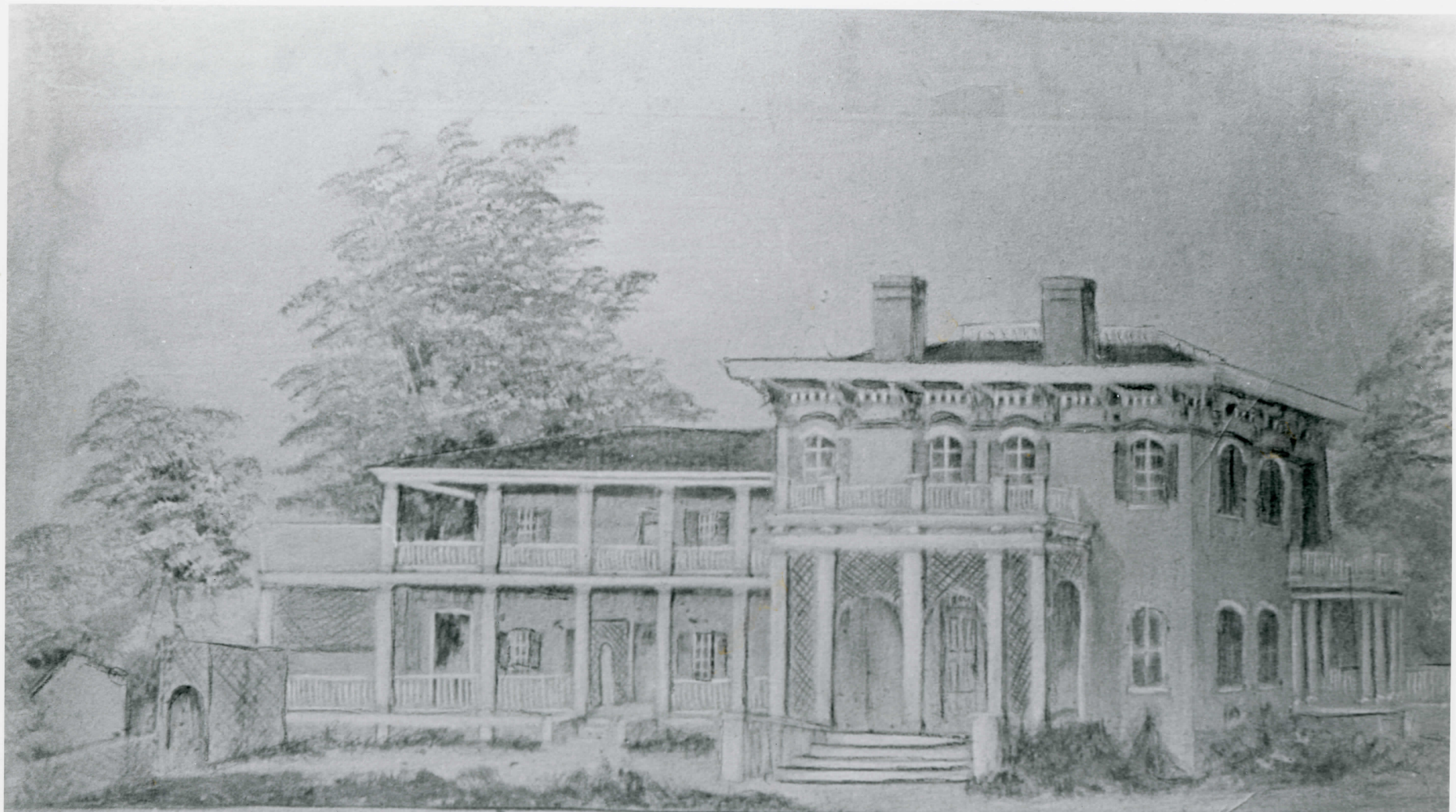
Gene
BUEHRLE
Studio

ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE #8 of 9
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri
Photographer: Dr. John Moore
July, 1979
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.
Charles, MO. 63301
View to west of cast iron stove in kitchen.

Moore-July 1979
Neg. in possession
of owner
Cast-iron stove in
kitchen



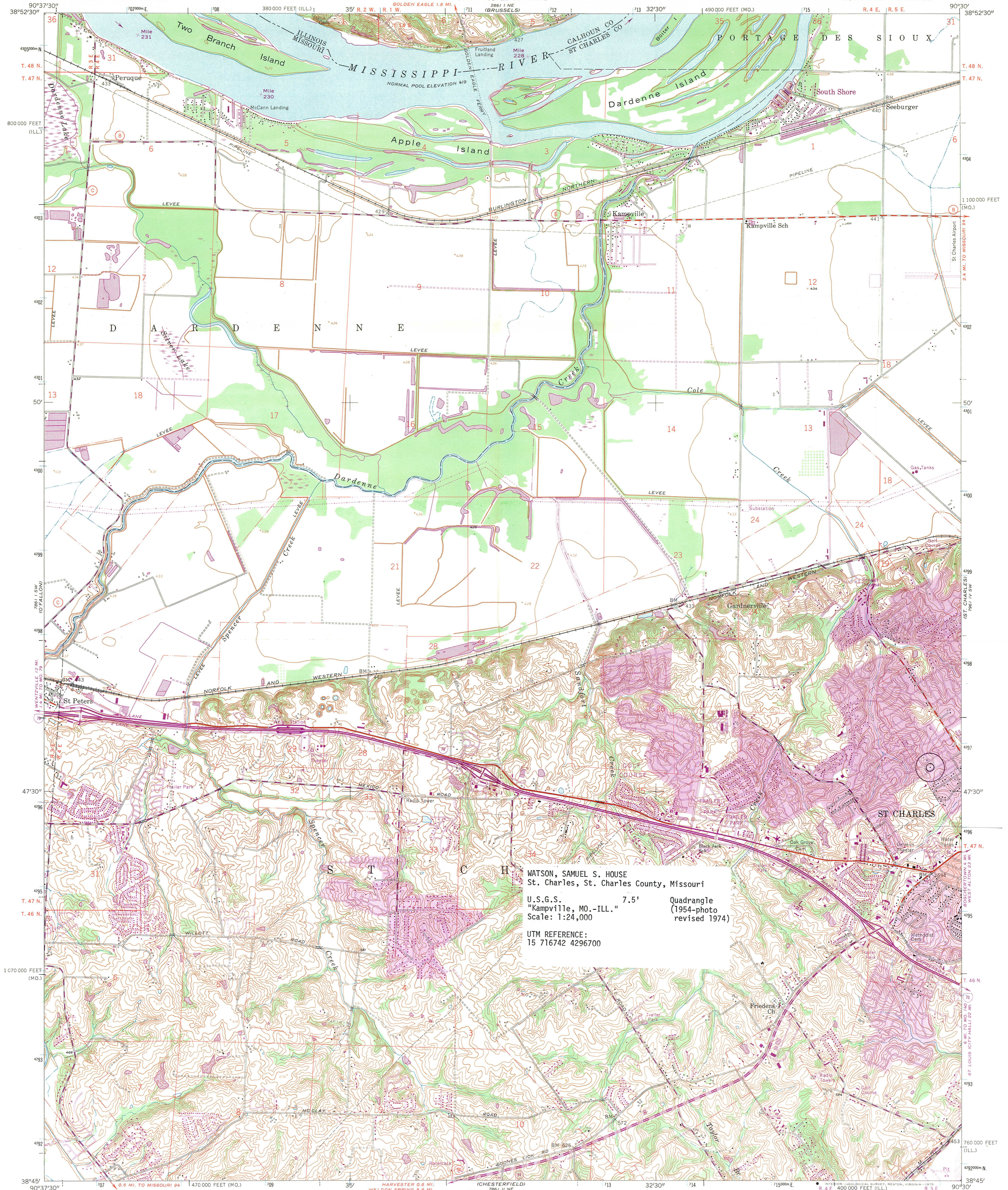
Residence of S. S. Watson.

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205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles
County, Missouri

Photographer: Noelle Soren
November, 1980

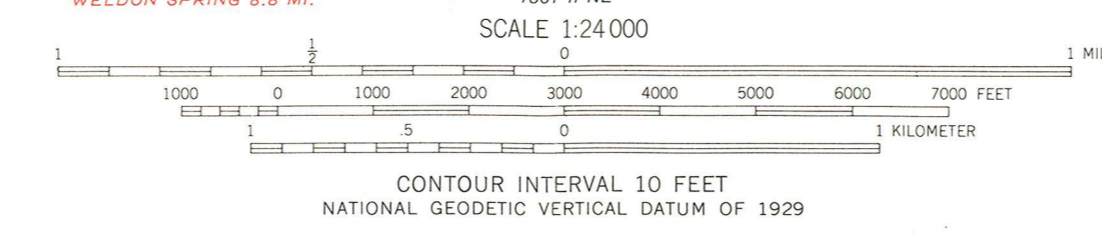
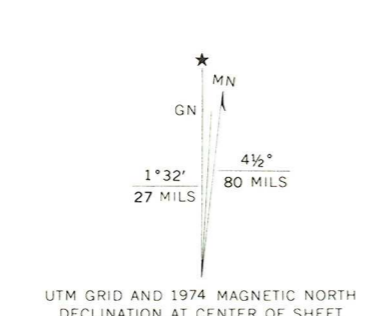
Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,
Jefferson City, MO. 65101

Photo of copy of tintype in possession of
owners. View is to northwest of the
southeast side of the house.



WATSON, SAMUEL S. HOUSE
St. Charles, St. Charles County, Missouri
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"Kampville, MO.-ILL." (1954-photo revised 1974)
Scale: 1:24,000
UTM REFERENCE:
15 716742 4296700

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Published for civil use by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1952. Field checked 1954
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Missouri coordinate system, east zone and Illinois coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1968 and 1974. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
THE DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ROLLA, MISSOURI 65401
AND BY THE STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	State Route

KAMPVILLE, MO.-ILL.
SE/4 BRUSSELS 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3845-W 9030/7.5
1954
PHOTOREVISED 1968 AND 1974
AMS 7861 1 SE-SERIES V879



August 19, 1982

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Associate Director
National Park Service
18th & C Streets
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed please find the following submission from Missouri for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

1. BATES-GEERS HOUSE, Slabtown Road,
Plato, Texas County, Missouri
2. LEONARD, ABIEL HOUSE, 1 Leonard Avenue,
Fayette, Howard County, Missouri
- ✓ 3. ERMELING HOUSE, 205 South Duchesne Drive,
St. Charles, St. Charles County, Missouri
4. STARK-CARLSON HOUSE, 220 North 3rd Street,
Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri
5. WORTH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Public Square,
Grant City, Worth County, Missouri
6. VOSTEEN-HAUCH HOUSE, 913 North Second Street,
St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri
7. WILSON EPHRAIM J. FARM COMPLEX, Route 2,
Palmyra, Marion County, Missouri
8. HICKLIN HEARTHSTONE, RFD 2, Box 79,
Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri
9. WEBSTER COLLEGE-EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COLLEGIATE DISTRICT,
470 & 475 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, St. Louis County, Missouri
10. THOMSON, GENERAL DAVID, HOUSE, Route 1,
Hughesville, Pettis County, Missouri



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 (314) 751-2479

Christopher S. Bond Governor
Fred A. Lafser Director

Division of Parks and Historic Preservation
John Karel Director

Mr. Jerry Rogers
August 19, 1982
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These nominations were approved by our State Review Board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, on June 25-26, 1982 and have been signed by Missouri's State Historic Preservation Officer, Fred A. Lafser. All owners and appropriate elected public officials were notified and provided forty-five (45) days to comment on the above proposed nominations in accordance with Section 60.6(c) 36CFR60, interim regulations, using the exact notification format recommended by the National Register. No objections, notarized or otherwise, were received for the above referenced nomination.

If there are any questions concerning these submissions, please contact James M. Denny of my staff at 314/751-4096.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF PARKS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION



B.H. Rucker
Assistant Director

BHR:jdk

Enclosure: as stated