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200 South Main Street

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BLOCK 13

BLOCK 30

MAIN AND MADISON

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MAIN	S	5x3 ca 1950 radio sign, 6 copies	232	983
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State of Missouri

First State Capitol Building

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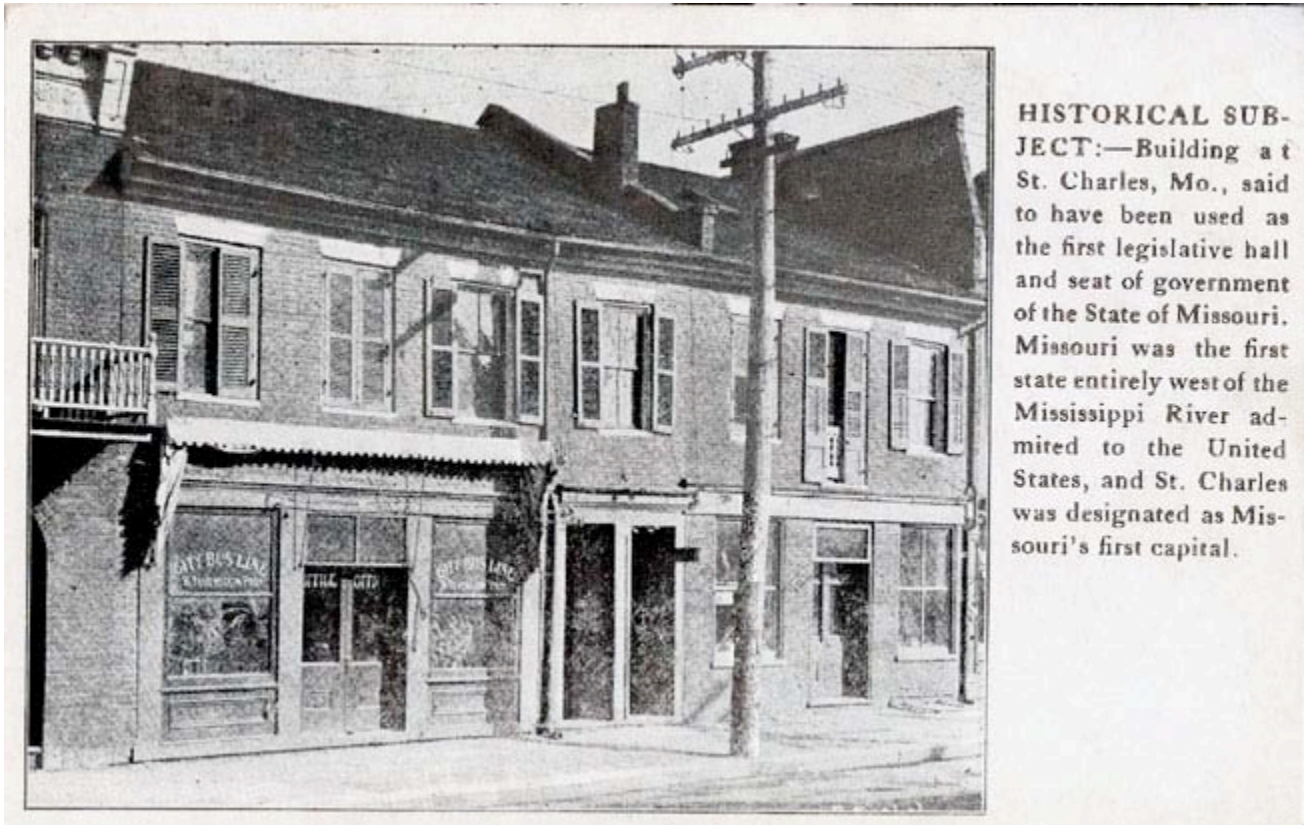
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HISTORICAL SUBJECT; - Building at St.Charles, Mo., said to have been used as the first legislative hall and seat of government of the state of Missouri.

Missouri was the first state entirely west of the Mississippi River admitted to the United States, and St. Charles was designated as Missouri's first capitol.

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First Capitol Building, St. Charles, Missouri.

St. Charles was Missouri's capitol from 1820 to 1826. The First Capitol Building is located in the 200 block of North Main Street. It is shown after restoration.

TAX RECORDS

1959

Jacob N. Simonds	206	31x121
Osmund & Evelyn Haenssler		27' E line Main St to RR
Fred and Myrtle Reef	216	25' to RR
City of St. Charles		47' to RR
August & Henry Staggemeier	228	24' to RR
Clarence J. & Juanita Koenig		32'9" to alley

1945

R. M. Thomson	46	120	Madison St Worful Simond Main St
Jacob N. Simonds	31	121	Thomson Worful Sample Main St
Osmund & Evelyn Haenssler	27	RR	Sample RR Achelpohl Main St
Fred Reef	25	RR	Haenssler RR City of S C Main St
City of St. Charles	47	RR	Achelpohl RR Staggemeier Main St

**Henry W., Jr. and August Staggemeier 24 RR City of SC RR Benoit Main St
Noma Benoit & wife 33 RR Staggemeier RR Clay St Main St**

1940

**R. M. Thomson 46 120 Madison St Worful Simond Main St
Jacob N. Simond 31 121 Thomson Worful Sample Main St
C. J. Daudt 23 RR Sample RR Achelpohl Main St
Mrs. Fred W. Achelpohl 25 RR Daudt RR Gatzweiler Main St
Chas F Gatzweiler 47 RR Achelpohl RR Staggemeier Main St
Henry W., August, and Herman Staggemeier
24 245'72" Gatzweiler RR Benoit Main St**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR'S BINDER, ORGANIZED BY CITY BLOCK, OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY ASSESSOR**

BLOCK 13

PARCEL 1 NOT ON MAIN STREET

101x160

Missouri State Park Board

Book 811, Page 1123—Part lost to Riverside Drive

Book 439, Page 601, Warranty Deed by Corporation, 26 October 1965

St. Charles County Historical Society, Inc. to the Missouri State Park Board

Fronting 101'8" on the Eastern side of a private alley

Book 356, Page 371, Sheriff's Deed in Partition, 7 February 1961

**Lester Plackmeyer, Sheriff of St. Charles Co., MO, to Walter A. and Julia M.
Plagenberg**

\$22,000

Book 272, Page 614, Warranty Deed, 24 November 1954

**Ben M. Worful to E. B. and Alice L. McCarty and Walter A. and Julia M.
Plagenberg**

\$100 and other valuable considerations

Being the same real estate conveyed to grantor herein by deeds recorded in ... **Book 141,
p. 426 and Book 151, p. 56**

Book 151, p. 56, Warranty Deed, 11 August 1924

St. Charles Ice and Coal Co to Ben M. Worful

Fronting 77' more or less on the E side of an alley described in the deed from C. P.
Blackburn and Joseph W. Ruenzi and wife to V. Becker, and extending thence eastwardly
with even width to the right of way of the MO, KS, and TX RR Co

N Madison St

E right of way of the MO, KS, and TX RR Co

S Ben M. Worful

W alley

Book 141, p. 426, Warranty Deed, 20 June 1923

Robert and Frances Hund to B. M. Worful

\$300

Fronting 24'9" on the E side of a private alley ... extending back eastwardly from said private alley to the right-of-way of the MO, KS, and TX RR Co

W private alley

N Henry Wilmes (formerly B. Feuerstein)

E right of way of MO, KS, and TX RR Co

S C. J. Daudt (formerly Louise Heye)

Being the eastern part of the same real estate conveyed to Bernard Feuerstein by deed of Louise Heye ... → **Book 59, p. 45**

Book 145, p. 256, 19 May 1923, Sheriff's Deed in Partition, 18 June 1923

Heirs of Bernard Feuerstein, via Isidore Grothe, Sheriff of St. Charles Co., MO, to Henry Wilmes

Fronting 70', more or less, on the E side of an alley described in the deed from C. P. Blackburn, etc. [same description as above] → **Book 45, p. 358**

Book 59, p. 45, Warranty Deed, 14 June 1892

Louise Heye to Bernard Feuerstein

\$2000

Fronting 24'8" on Main St and extending back with the same width eastwardly to the ground sold by grantor for RR purposes and now occupied by the MO, KS, and Eastern RR Co

N house and lot of C. Rechtern & B. F. Becker (formerly Thomas W. Ruenzi legal reps)

E RR grounds

S Louise Heye

W Main St

It being understood and agreed that the lot hereby conveyed includes the northern _ of a certain hall or passageway between the house hereby conveyed and the house S thereof and occupied by grantor and whereas the rooms of the second floor lap over and include the S _ of said hall or passageway, it is understood and agreed that said grantee shall have the right to use and occupy said part of said rooms ... as long as the premises occupied by grantor and grantee remain in their present condition, but in case either said grantor or grantee or their assigns should rebuild their respective houses, then said privilege of using part of said premises on second floor shall cease

Book 45, p. 358, 27 October 1886

Catherine P. Blackburn (STL) and Henry, Jr. and Addie Angert to Bernard Feuerstein

\$1200

Being in the rear of the lot sold by said Catharine P. Blackburn and Joseph W. Ruenzi and wife to V. Becker and fronting ____ feet more or less on an alley described in the

deed from C. P. Blackburn and Joseph W. Ruenzi and wife to V. Becker and running backwardly to the MO R

W alley
N Madison St
E MO R
S Mrs. Louisa Heye

**PARCEL 2 200-204 SOUTH MAIN STREET
46x130**

Missouri State Park Department

Book 548, Page 868, General Warranty Deed, 25 February 1970

The City of St. Charles, MO to the Missouri State Department of the State of Missouri

\$10 and other valuable considerations

A lot in the City of St. Charles, MO, being aprt of City Square No. 13 fronting 46' more or less on Main St and running back Eastwardly 121' more or less to the W line of an alley, the continuation of the W line of an alley in Block No. 12

S sold by Adeline Becker et al to Louise H. Breker by deed dated 17 September 1896

W Main St
N Madison St
E alley

Together with rights and use of a private alley 20' wide along the E line of said Lot as set forth in Deed from Catharine P. Blackburn et al to Valentine Becker dated 16 April 1863 and recorded in ... **Book 33, p. 203** and subject to easement rights of sidewalk 10' wide on Main St and 3' wide on Madison St

Being the same real estate conveyed to **Ronald M. Thomson** and **Elma M. Thomson**, husband and wife by Deed from **Mrs. Ellen Recthern et al** dated **29 December 1922** and recorded in **Book 141, p. 250**

Book 435, Page 274, General Warranty Deed, 13 July 1965

Knights of Columbus Home Association of St. Charles, MO to the City of St. Charles

\$1 and other valuable consideration

Book 433, Page 442, Warranty Deed, 13 July 1965

Esther Schoene Thomson aka Esther Boehner Thomson, Mark A. and Lousie W. Thomson, Julia A. and Lucien R. Gallais to the Knights of Columbus Home Association of St. Charles, MO

Book 141, p. 250, Warranty Deed 29 December 1922

Mrs. Ellen Rechtern et al to Ronald M. and Elma M. Thomson

\$6500

S Adeline Becker sold to Louis H. Breker 17 September 1896
W Main St
N Madison St

E alley

Book 33, p. 203, 16 April 1883

Catharine P. Blackburn, Joseph W. and Catharine Espasia Ruenzi to Valentine Becker

\$5000

Part of St. Charles City square No. 13 fronting on Main St 77' more or less and running back eastwardly 111' to a line, the continuation of the W line of a certain Alley in Block No. 12

S Frederick Heye's legal reps

W Main St

N Madison St

E alley to be 20' wide

Being the same property inherited by said **C. P. Blackburn and Joseph W. Ruenzi** from their father **Thomas Ruenzi** and also conveyed to them by **Missouri A. McKnight** and **J. T. McKnight** her husband as per deed recorded in ... **Book 20, p 379** and also conveyed to them by **Sarah and William H. Schofield** as per deed recorded in ... **Book 15, p. 339**

Book 20, p. 379, 8 April 1876

Missouri A. and John F. McKnight (Carroll Co., MO) to **Joseph W. Ruenzi and Catherine P. Blackburn** (St. Charles Co., MO)

\$1200

A certain lot in Block 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, now occupied by Joseph W. Ruenzi and R. H. Harris

W Main St

N Madison St

E MO R

S F. Heye

Book 15, p. 339, 12 April 1876

Harrison and Sarah Schofield to Joseph W. Ruenzi and Catharine Blackburn

\$1200

The undivided _ of a certain lot situate in the City of St. Charles in Block 13 fronting 86' more or less on Main St and running back Eastwardly the same width to the MO R

W Main St

S F. Heye

E MO R

N Madison St

PRIOR TO THIS, OWNED BY THOMAS RUENZI

Book D, p. 137, Deed, 27 December 1816

Charles and Ellen Cardinal to Osburn Knott

\$200

S part of lot or square now belonging to Antoine Reynal, Jr.

N Cross Street or alley which separates it from a lot belonging to the heirs of Jean Baptiste Peros
W Main St
E MO R
Being about 120' front on Main St

**PARCEL 3—ORIGINALLY THREE PARCELS
82x130**

PARCEL 3A—31' FRONT ON MAIN ST

Book 354, p. 581, 31 December 1960

Billie Norine Peabody to the State of Missouri

\$100 and other valuable consideration

A lot of ground situated in and being part of City Square No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, fronting 31' on the E side of Main St and extending back Eastwardly with that width 121', more or less, to an alley

N Thomson
E alley
S Hilda Sample
W Main St

Being the same real estate conveyed to **Dora J. Breker** by **Waldo P. Hines, Sheriff of St. Charles County, MO**, by deed dated **29 May 1912** and recorded in ... **Book 113, p. 340**

1959—passed to Billie Norine Peabody

1958—still owned by Jacob N. Simonds

Owned by Jacob N. Simond in 1940

Book 141, p. 576, Warranty Deed, 9 January 1924

Dora J. Breker to Jacob N. Simonds (Pettis Co., MO)

\$5,500

31x121

N R. M. Thomson
E Alley
S Hilda Sample
W Main St

Book 113, p. 340, 29 May 1912

Louis H. Breker's Estate, via Waldo P. Hines, Sheriff of St. Charles Co., MO, to Dora J. Breker

First: A lot of ground being part of City Square No. 254 ...

Second: A lot of ground situated in and being part of City Square No. 254 ...

Third: A lot of ground situated in and being part of City Square No. 13 ... fronting 31' on the E side of Main St and extending back eastwardly with that width 121' more or less to an alley

N Rechtern and Becker

E Alley
S Feuerstein
W Main St

Book 70, p. 95, Warranty Deed, 17 September 1896

Adeline and B. F. Becker and Charles and Ellen Rechtern to Louis H. Breker

\$1300

31x121

Book 33, p. 203, 16 April 1883

Catharine P. Blackburn, Joseph W. and Catharine Espasia Ruenzi to Valentine

Becker

\$5000

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W Main St
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Book 20, p. 379, 8 April 1876

Missouri A. and John F. McKnight (Carroll Co., MO) to **Joseph W. Ruenzi and Catherine P. Blackburn** (St. Charles Co., MO)

\$1200

A certain lot in Block 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, now occupied by Joseph W. Ruenzi and R. H. Harris

W Main St
N Madison St
E MO R
S F. Heye

Book 15, p. 339, 12 April 1876

Harrison and Sarah Schofield to Joseph W. Ruenzi and Catharine Blackburn

\$1200

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W Main St
S F. Heye
E MO R
N Madison St

PRIOR TO THIS, OWNED BY THOMAS RUENZI

Book M, p. 264, 29 October 1838

Chauncey and Hannah Sheppard to Phineas Bartlett

\$800

A certain Brick house and lot on which the same stands ...

W Main St

N part of same square belonging to Bernhart Fetter

S part of same square belonging to Charles Peck

Being 32' on Main St and running back to the MO R

Book F, p. 243, 4 December 1819

Osburn and Nancy Knott to Chancy Shepard

\$200

A certain lot, piece, or parcel of land lying and being situate in the Town of Saint Charles

S part of a lot or square now owned by Charles & R. Peck

N a lot or part of a lot belonging to Osburn Knott

E MO R

Being 32' front on Main St

Book F, p. 234, 3 December 1819

Osborn and Nancy Knott to Charles and Ruluff Peck

\$15

S Deeded to Charles & R. Peck from Nathaniel Simonds

N Osborn Knott

W Main St

E MO R

Being 1'6" front on Main St

A. Soulard and Zenon Trudeau to Osburn Knott

Book D, p. 137, Deed, 27 December 1816

Charles and Ellen Cardinal to Osburn Knott

\$200

S part of lot or square now belonging to Antoine Reynal, Jr.

N Cross Street or alley which separates it from a lot belonging to the heirs of Jean Baptiste Peros

W Main St

E MO R

Being about 120' front on Main St

PARCEL 3B—24'8" FRONT ON MAIN ST

Book 354, p. 578, Warranty Deed, 31 December 1960

William Young and June Reid to the State of Missouri

\$100 and other valuable consideration

A lot with improvements fronting 24'8" more or less on the E line of Main St in City Block 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, and extending back E 126', more or less, to the W line of an alley through said block

N Billie Norine Peabody
S Elbert Haenssler
E Main St
W alley

Book 298, p. 647, Executor's Deed, 7 March 1957

Robert Parks, Executor of the estate of Hilda Sample, deceased, to William Young Reid (STL)

\$5,000

Same parcel described above

N now or formerly Simonds
S now or formerly Haenssler
E W line of said alley
W E line of Main St

Also the right to use and occupy the part of the rooms of the second floor of the building on said lot overlapping the S _ of the hall or passageway along the S side of said building, as long as the premises occupied by Louise Heye (now or formerly owned by Haenssler) and by Bernard Feuerstein (now owned by the devisees of Hilda Sample, deceased) remain in the condition they were on 14 June 1892 (when these rights were established) but in case the owner of either of said premises should rebuild their respective houses then said privilege of using part of said premises on second floor shall cease, as provided for in a deed from Louise Heye to Bernard Feuerstein, dated 14 June 1892, recorded in **Book 59, p. 45**

Book 141, p. 425, Warranty Deed, 20 June 1923

Robert and Frances Hund to Hilda Sample

\$1,200

24'8"x111

Being the W part of the same real estate conveyed to Bernard Feuerstein by deed of Louise Heye, dated 14 June 1892, recorded in **Book 59, p. 45**

Book 59, p. 45, Warranty Deed, 14 June 1892

Louise Heye to Bernard Feuerstein

\$2000

Fronting 24'8" on Main St and extending back with the same width eastwardly to the ground sold by grantor for RR purposes and now occupied by the MO, KS, and Eastern RR Co

N house and lot of C. Rechtern & B. F. Becker (formerly Thomas W. Ruenzi legal reps)
E RR grounds
S Louise Heye
W Main St

It being understood and agreed that the lot hereby conveyed includes the northern _ of a certain hall or passageway between the house hereby conveyed and the house S thereof and occupied by grantor and whereas the rooms of the second floor lap over and include the S _ of said hall or passageway, it is understood and agreed that said grantee shall have the right to use and occupy said part of said rooms ... as long as the premises occupied by grantor and grantee remain in their present condition, but in case either said grantor or grantee or their assigns should rebuild their respective houses, then said privilege of using part of said premises on second floor shall cease

Book 1, p. 621, 8 March 1869

Emile and Margaret Elisabeth Thro to Frederick Heye

A house and lot in St. Charles City Square No. 13, being 23' on Main St and extending back with the same width E to the MO R

N house and lot belonging to the legal reps of Thomas Ruenzi, deceased

E MO R

S F. Heye and that strip of ground formerly conveyed by said Thro to the said F. Heye

W Main St

Book R-2, p. 391, 2 April 1864

Emile and Margaret E. Thro to Frederick Heye

Rectify former deed of conveyance to Heye

4' of ground in Block 13 commencing at Main St ... [mentions buildings on this block]

Book P-2, p. 251, 14 June 1862

Elizabeth Ruenzi, via Melchior Thro, to Emile Thro

\$1200

Fronting 27' on Main St

N heirs of Thomas Ruenzi

E MO R

S part of same square belonging to Frederick Heye

W Main St

Book K-2, pp. 114-115, Deed of Trust, 16 March 1859

Elizabeth Ruenzi to Melchior Thro

In consideration of the debt and trust hereinafter mentioned and created and of the sum of \$1

A House and Lot in City Square No. 13 ... 27' front on Main St

Same description as above

PARCEL 3C—27' FRONT ON MAIN ST

Book 354, p. 579, Warranty Deed, 31 December 1960

Elbert and Mona Lou Haenssler to the State of Missouri

\$100 and other valuable consideration

A lot of ground situate in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, fronting 23' on the E side of Main St and extending back E to the right of way of the MO, KS, and TX Railway

Beginning at the NW corner of property formerly owned by Minnie Achelpohl, on the E line of Main St, distant 127.97' N from the N line of Clay St, thence N along the E line of Main St 23' to a point, thence E parallel with Madison St 47' to a point, thence N parallel with Main St 6" to a point, thence E parallel with Madison St to the W line of the MO, KS, and TX Railway right of way to a point in the N line of said property formerly owned by Minnie Achelpohl, thence W with the said last mentioned line and parallel with Madison St 238.16', more or less, to the point of beginning

Also a strip of ground in said Block 13 ... fronting 4' on the E line of Main St

Beginning at the NW corner of previous lot of ground described, running thence E along N line of above described lot 47', thence N parallel with Main St 6" to a point, thence E along the N line of said above described lot 64' to a point, thence running N parallel with Main St 4' to a point, being the SE corner of lot of William Young Reid, thence W along the S line of the said lot of Reid 64', thence S parallel with Main St 6" to a point, thence W along the S line of lot of Reid 47', more or less, to the E line of Main St and thence S along the E line of Main St 4' to the place of beginning

Book 203, p. 434, Warranty Deed, 28 October 1941

Charles J. and Else Daudt to Osmund and Evelyn Haenssler

Same property described above

Book 151, p. 167, Agreement to set boundary line between two adjoining lots, 23 December 1924

Charlers J. and Else M. Daudt to Margaret Ringe, a widow, Louis J. and Esther M. Ringe, Edward A. and Lena Ringe, Adalia L. P. and Mack S. McElwee, Catherine A. and Adolph Langstadt (St. Charles Co), George B. and Lillie M. Ringe (Multnomah Co., OR), Emma A. and George C. Gruenewald (Pettis Co., MO), and Albert R. Ringe (Ramsey Co., MN)

Whereas the said Charles J. Daudt is the owner and in possession of a lot or parcel of ground (hereinafter called Daudt lot), situated in City Square No. 13 ... fronting 25', more or less, on the E side of Main St and extending back E to the right-of-way of MO-KS and TX RR, said lot adjoining on the S a lot of ground (hereinafter called Ringe lot) formerly owned by Louis Ringe and now owned by said Margaret Ringe, Louis J. Ringe, Edward A. Ringe, Adalia L. P. McElwee, Catherine A. Langstadt, George B. Ringe, Emma A. Gruenewald, and Albert R. Ringe, situate in said Square and fronting 25.6' on the E side of Main St and extending E to said RR right-of-way and whereas the N line of said so called Ringe lot runs through a wall forming the S wall of the brick building of said Charles J. Daudt situate on said Daudt lot extending E from Main St, along the S of said lot in such manner as to include in the said Ringe lot 5" in width off of the S side of the said wall, and the said wall now is and for many years past has been used by the owners of both said lots as support for and a part of the walls of their respective buildings now situate on said lots; and whereas heretofore the said Louis Ringe, while the owner of the said Ringe lot under some arrangement with the then owner of said Daudt lot erected the third story of the building now situate on the said Ringe lot and constructed the N

wall of said last mentioned building upon the said S wall of said building now situate on the said Daudt lot so that the same extends over and rests upon that part of the S wall of said Daudt's building which is situate on the said Daudt lot

Book 71, p. 580, Trustee's Deed, 3 April 1918

Louisa Heye (widow) via Carl Daudt, trustee, to Charles J. Daudt

Advertised in the *St. Charles Banner-News* 5x in 5 successive weeks

\$1500

A house and lot in St. Charles City Square No. 13 fronting on Main St 23', more or less

N sold by grantor (Louisa Heye) to B. Feuerstein

W Main St

S Louis Ringe

Book 59, p. 45, Warranty Deed, 14 June 1892

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\$2000

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Book R-2, p. 391, 2 April 1864

Emile and Margaret E. Thro to Frederick Heye

Rectify former deed of conveyance to Heye

4' of ground in Block 13 commencing at Main St ... [mentions buildings on this block]

Book B-2, p. 87, 29 October 1853

Eugene and Henrietta Gauss to Frederick Heye

\$1840

A house and lot in the City and County of St. Charles and State of MO, described as follows:

A house and lot situated in and part of Block No. 13 fronting on Main St 23' more or less and commencing on said Main St at a point which a line running through the center of the N Store house wall would strike thence in a direct line E through the center of said wall

to the E terminus thereof thence sufficiently N to the outside of the wall of the new addition thence with the outside wall of the new addition and in the direction thereof to the MO R or Water St thence S to the lot of James Clemens, Jr., thence with the division line thereof W to Main St thence with Main St N to the beginnings

PARCEL 4 NOT ON MAIN STREET

47x260

City of St. Charles

Public Parking Lot

Book 3773, p. 1350, Warranty Deed, 3 February 2004

City of St. Charles, MO, Public Facilities Authority to the City of St. Charles

Book 1153, p. 1356, Warranty Deed, 14 May 1987

City of St. Charles to City of St. Charles, MO, Public Facilities Authority

Book 1128, p. 45, Quit Claim Deed, 31 December 1986

Industrial Development Corp to City of St. Charles

Book 374, p. 600—THIS DEED IS FOR PARCEL 5

PARCEL 5

24x250

City of St. Charles

Book 811, Page 1123—part lost to Riverside Drive

Book 374, Page 600, Warranty Deed, 20 March 1962

The City of St. Charles, MO, to the Missouri State Park Board

A lot of ground situated and being part of City Block 13, fronting 25.6' on the E side of Main St and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a mark on curb line on E side of Main St distant 102.37' Northwardly from the N curb line of Clay St, thence Northwardly along said curb 25.6' to mark on said curb line, thence Eastwardly parallel with Clay St 248.16' to stake in right-of-way line of MO, KS and TX RR, thence Southwardly along said right-of-way line 25.69' to a stake, thence Westwardly parallel with Clay St 245.72' to the place of beginning

Subject: to party wall agreement dated **23 December 1924** recorded in **Book 151, p. 117**

Subject: to right-of-way of public sidewalk along the Eastern side of Main St and alley, if any, through said block

Subject: to easement granted Union Electric Co of MO **31 January 1949** recorded in **Book 235, p. 391**

Book 235, p. 391, Easement, 31 January 1949

Fred Reef to Union Electric CO of MO

\$1 and other valuable consideration

A lot of ground in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO and being more particularly described in ... **Book 215, p. 212**

Book 215, p. 212, Warranty Deed, 23 September 1944

Eddie P. and Rose Davis to Fred Reef

\$100 and other valuable consideration

This conveyance is made subject to the stipulations and conditions set forth in a written agreement dated **23 December 1924** between **Charles J. Daudt** and wife and **Margaret Ringe**, et al, with reference to the brick wall along and on the N line of the lot hereby conveyed and in use as a party wall of the building on said lot and building on lot owned by Charles J. Daudt adjoining on the N

Subject: also to present tenant's rights

Book 197, p. 521, Warranty Deed, 16 February 1943

Wilhelmine Achelpohl, widow of Fred W. Achelpohl, to Eddie P. and Rosie Davis

\$100 and other good and valuable consideration

Fred W. Achelpohl died 11 May 1934

Book 151, p. 169, Warranty Deed, 24 December 1924

Margaret Ringe, Louis J. and Esther M. Ringe, Edward A. and Lena Ringe, Adalia L. P. and Mack S. McElwee, Catherine A. and Adolph Langstadt (all of St. Charles Co., MO), **George B. and Lillie M. Ringe** (Multnomah Co., OR), **Emma A. and George C. Gruenewald** (Pettis Co., MO), and **Albert R. Ringe** (Ramsey Co., MN) to **Fred W. and Wilhelmine Achelpohl**

Book 16, p. 557, 18 May 1874, Trustee's Deed under Sale

Anton Sonderman via Valentine Becker, trustee, to Louis Ringe

\$2600

Failure to pay deed of trust, which deed is recorded in **Book 2, p. 488**

Sale published in the *St. Charles News*

A lot of ground in the City of St. Charles, County of St. Charles, State of MO in Square No. 13 fronting on Main St 25' more or less and running back in depth to the MO R

N Fred Heye

E MO R

S Adam Angert

W Main St

Book 2, p. 488, Deed of Trust, 23 January 1869

Anton Sonderman (1)

Valentine Becker (2)

Laurenz A. Fisher (3)

A lot of ground in the City of St. Charles Square No. 13 fronting on Main St 25' more or less and running back in depth to the MO R

N Fred Heye

E MO R

S Adam Angert
W Main St

Book 1, page 607, 23 January 1869

Laurence A. Fischer to Anton Sonderman

25' front

N formerly Charles Peck, now owned by Fred Heye
E MO R
S formerly Antoine Reynal and now Adam Angert
W Main St

Book Q-2, p. 278, Deed of Trust, 9 July 1862

Lawrenz A. Fischer (1)

Edward Hilger (2)

Edward F. Gut (3)

Debt of \$300

Book H-2, pp. 9-10, 31 July 1857

James Clemens, Jr. (STL) to Lawrenz A. Fischer

Square No. 13

Containing 25' in front more or less and running back in depth to the MO R

N formerly Charles Peck
E MO R
S formerly Antoine Reynal
W Main St

Being the same lot purchased by me at a Sheriff's Sale in partition wherein James Clemens, Jr. was Plaintiff and Andrew J. Butler and wife defendants on 17 June 1857

Book G, p. 394, 5 December 1822

Charles Peck to James Clemens, Jr. (STL)

\$70

N Charles & Ruluff Peck
E MO R
S Shaw & Machett
W House belonging to James Clemens, Jr. & Co

Containing about 25' in front more or less

The same being a lot bought by Charles Peck from Antoine Reynal and Louisa his wife

Book G, p. 374, 21 November 1822

Antoine and Louisa Reynal to Charles Peck

\$50

N Charles & Ruluff Peck
E MO R
S Shaw and Machett
W House and lot belonging to James Clemens, Jr. & Co

Book F, p. 306, 15 May 1820

Antoine, Jr. and Louise Reynol via Hiram H. Baber to James Clemens, Jr. (STL)

\$100

5' in front on Main St by 70' in depth

S residue of the lot whereon we now live

N land of said Hiram H. and James on which stands a Brick building belonging to them

Book F, p. 270, 19 February 1820

Abraham S. and Eulalie Platt to James Clemens, Jr. and Hiram H. Baber of the firm and partnership Clemens, Baber, & Co.

\$1600

The lot on which I now live with a two story Brick house on the same

N Charles & Ruluff Peck

S Antoine Reynolds, Jr.

E Reynal

W Main St

Being 20'10" in front on said Main St by 70' in depth

The said lot being a part purchased of the said Reynal and part of the said Charles & Ruluff Peck ... a deed from Antoine Reynol and wife to me dated 16 February 1820 and a deed from Charles and Ruluff Peck and wife dated 18 February 1820

Book F, p. 268, 18 February 1820

Charles and Ruluff and Adeline Peck to Abraham S. Platt

\$150

S part of lot or Square now belonging to said Platt

N C. & R. Peck

W Main St

Running E 70' being 1'10" on Main St including 5" of the end to all of said C & R. Peck's house from front to rear

Book F, p. 268, 16 February 1820

Antoine, Jr. and Louise Reynol to Abraham S. Platt

\$360

In front by the Main St

In the rear by the lot of said Antoine

N Charles Peck

S said Antoine

Being 19' in front by 75' deep

PARCEL 6 230-234 SOUTH MAIN STREET

32x80

City of St. Charles

Book 435, p. 271, General Warranty Deed, 7 July 1965

Clarence J. and Juanita Koenig to the City of St. Charles

A lot in City Block 13, fronting 32'9", more or less, on E side of Main St

W Main St

S Clay St

E MO R

N now or formerly Staggemeier

Subject: to the right of way of the MO, KS, and TX RR Co and of a public alley about 12' wide, lying 120', more or less, E of Main St through said block

Book 256, Page 610, Warranty Deed, 7 November 1952

E. G. Davis to Clarence J. and Juanita Koenig

\$100 and other valuable consideration

Lot in City Block No. 13, fronting 32'9", more or less, on the E side of Main St

W Main St

S Clay St

E MO R

N now or formerly owned by Staggemeier

Subject: to the right of way of the MO, KS, and TX RR Co and of a public alley about 12' wide, lying 120' more or less, E of Main St, through said block

Subject: to easement granted the Union Electric Co of MO, dated 17 January 1949, recorded in **Bok 235, p. 393**

Subject: to right of way of MK&T RR Co through City Block 13 under decree in condemnation in the Circuit Court of St. Charles Co., MO, on **29 December 1892**

Book 235, p. 393, Easement, 17 January 1949

E. G. Davis, Arthur and Edith LaBanca to the Union Electric Co of MO

A lot of ground in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO; and being more particularly described in ... **Book 225, p. 244**

\$1

Book 225, p. 244, Warranty Deed, 16 June 1946

Ernst and Irma Jakob-Fritz, Hermann and Lina Jakob, Sophie Jakob, Paul Jakob, Gottfried and Marie Jakob, Elise and Adolph Messerli, Fritz Jakob, Frieda Jakob, Emma Jakob, Bertha and Gotthelf Schneider, and Ernst and Marie Jakob (Switzerland) to E. G. Davis

\$1 and other valuable consideration

(1) A certain lot of ground situate in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, fronting on the E side of Main St

W Main St

S Clay St

E MO R

N now or formerly Carl Bitter

(2) A lot of ground, part of Block no. 32 ... **[117 NORTH MAIN STREET]**

Book 149, p. 444, Warranty Deed, 30 April 1925

Anna M. Senden, widow, to Numa A. and Lina Benoit

\$5800

A certain lot of ground, situate in Block 13 ...

W Main St
S Clay St
E MO R
N now or formerly Carl Bitter

Book 129, p. 546, 23 March 1918

Carl and Lida L. Bitter, via Herman H. Echelmeier, Trustee, to Anna M. Senden
\$1000

A certain lot of ground situate in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, fronting on the E side of Main St

W Main St
S Clay St
E MO R
N Carl Bitter

Book 113, p. 338, Sheriff's Deed in Partition, 20 May 1912

Jane Chambers' Heirs via Waldo P. Hines, Sheriff of St. Charles, MO, to Carl Bitter
\$2100

Sale advertised in the *St. Charles Cosmos-Monitor* for 20-day period prior to sale
A certain lot of ground, situate in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, fronting on the E side of Main St

W Main St
S Clay St
E MO R
N Dr. Carl Bitter

Book 53, p. 376, Indenture, 22 May 1888

Jane Chambers to the Cleveland, STL, and KC Railway Co
\$100

For the purpose of a right-of-way for a RR a strip of land 84' in width as the same is located by said Co being a part of extending across the following described land:
That part of Block 13 in the City of St. Charles fronting 33' on Main St and running of equal width to the MO R

N Estate of V. Becker, deceased
S Clay St

Jane Chambers inherited this property from Sarah E. Chambers
Sarah E. Chambers inherited this property from Charles Chambers
Charles Chambers inherited this property from his father-in-law John Mullanphy

Book G, p. 513, 28 May 1823

Charles Miller, via Hiram H. Baber, Sheriff of St. Charles Co., MO, to John Mullanphy

36' front on Main St and 300' in depth or thereabouts

W Main St
E MO R
S Cross Street
N Antoine Reynol, Jr.
Together with the brick house buildings and all improvements thereon

Book F, p. 91, 2 April 1819

Antoine and Louise (Saucier) Reynolds to Charles Miller

\$600 US

35 or 36' front on Main St and running back to the MO R

W Main St

E MO R

N the dwelling House of the said Antoine Reynals, Jr. lot

S Cross Street

Being a part of the lot purchased by us of Richard and Virginia Ripley by deed bearing date 9 September 1816

Book E, p. 183, 9 September 1816

Richard and Virginia Ripley (STL Co) to Antoine Reynal

\$300

Where Louis Lorrian formerly lived

E MO R

N Charles Cardinal

W Main St

S Cross Street dividing it from a Lot owned by James Flaugherty

Book F, p. 8, 5 July 1811

Louis Lorrein and Ellen Dorloque to Richard Ripley

\$200

E MO R

N Charles Cardinal

W Main St

S Cross St, dividing it from owned by James Flaugherty, Esq.

PARCEL 7

32x156

City of St. Charles

Book 811, Page 1123—part lost to Riverside Drive

PARCEL 8

24' to MO R

City of St. Charles

***St. Charles Cosmos*, 6 March 1878 [SCCHS BUS FILE HO-6a]**

SEWING MACHINES

JOS. LUCAS

RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he is sole agent for the
White, St. Johns and Singer Sewing Machines,
Which he is now offering **TEN PERCENT CHEAPER** than any other agent
CORNER, MAIN AND CLAY STS
ST. CHARLES, MO

St. Charles, MO: To Manufacturing and Mercantile Interests (1908), 32

B. T. BUSCHMANN

B. T. Buschmann, druggist, who conducts a fine and complete assortment of drugs and drug sundries, toilet articles, cigars, etc., at 228 S. Main St., was born on 20 July 1876, is a native of this city and has a wide experience in his profession. Mr. Buschmann is registered pharmacist in MO and TX, which required his passing examinations in both states. His store is as complete as fourteen years of careful observation of the wishes of his patrons and experience can make it, and is conducted for the accommodation of his patrons at all times. This store was formerly the property of Mrs. Theo Hackman, whose daughter, Miss Hilda, became Mrs. Buschmann on December 6th, 1907, and certainly this should be an assurance that in the future every needed addition to the business will be readily provided.

St. Charles County Historical Society, Business File DR-2

MONTHLY STATEMENT

ST. CHARLES, MO, September 1, 1916

American Light and Power Co to B. T. BUSCHMANN

PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST

PERFUMES, STATIONERY, TOILET ARTICLES, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS,
OILS AND WINDOW GLASS

S. W. Corner Main and Clay Streets

8/14/16	1-14x22	\$.30
Order no.	2-14x26	.70
L. 1661	4-14x36	3.00
	3-14x30	1.50
	Putty	.05
	TOTAL	5.55

A note written on the slip states that the order number is not in file

Mr. Rank ordered issued and sent to you some time ago

RSK 9/7/16

St. Charles Cosmos-Monitor, 15 January 1932

Herman Staggemeier

Henry Staggemeier

August Staggemeier

WE WELCOME YOU

Telephones 4 & 5

Staggemeier Brothers Mercantile Co.

228 S. Main St.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Groceries, Fresh Meats, Dry Goods, Shoes, Notions and Hardware

Book 811, Page 1123—part lost to Riverside Drive

Book 435, Page 275, General Warranty Deed, 14 July 1965

Meta Staggemeier, widow of Henry W. Staggemeier, Frieda (Staggemeier) and Oliver J. Stahlschmidt, and Henry W., Jr. and Viola A. Staggemeier to the City of St. Charles

\$1 and other valuable consideration

A certain lot of ground in Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, MO, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the E line of Main St, being the NW corner of lot now or formerly belonging to the Heirs of Jane Chambers, deceased; thence N with the E line of Main St 24', more or less, to the SW corner of lot of ground formerly owned by Adolph Thro; thence E with line parallel with Clay St to the W line of the right-of-way of the MK&T RR Co; thence S 24' to the lot formerly of Jane Chambers Heirs; thence W with line formerly of Jane Chambers Heirs to the beginning

Address: 228 South Main Street

Book 153, p. 633, Warranty Deed, 5 July 1927

Mary Becker, a widow, to Henry W. and August H. Staggemeier

\$500 and other valuable considerations

This conveyance is made subject to the lease (for one year) of M. E. Lamb for the room on the first floor

Adolf Becker died in 1927

Book 141, p. 590, Warranty Deed, 30 January 1924

Bernard H. and Adelaide A. Dyer to Adolf and Mary Becker

\$3500

Abstract in Block 13 file at the St. Charles County Historical Society

A lot of ground in block or square no. 13 of the City of St. Charles, Missouri, fronting 24' more or less on the E line of Main St and running back eastwardly to the right of way of the MO, KS and Eastern Railway Co

N now or formerly estate of Adam Angert, deceased

E right of way of MO, KS, & Eastern Railway Co

S formerly heirs of Jane Chambers, deceased

W Main St

Book 104, p. 83, 3 May 1917

Carl and Leah Bitter via Julius F. Rauch, Trustee, to Adolph Thro

20' 7 _" frontage on E side of Main St and extending eastwardly and parallel with Clay St with even width to right of way of the MO, KS & TX Railway Co

Beginning at point in E line of Main St distant northwardly from N line of Clay St, 56'9" and running thence northwardly with the E line of Main St 20' 7 _"; thence eastwardly

and parallel with Clay St 243'4" to said RR right of way; thence southwardly, with the line of said right of way 20'8 _"; thence westwardly and parallel with Clay St 241' 4 _", to point of beginning

N Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger

S Valentine Becker's heirs

Being the same lot of ground conveyed to said Carl Bitter by said Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger

Book 108, p. 505, 31 August 1915

Carl B. Vinke to Carl Bitter

Book 98, p. 131, 20 May 1911

Ellen Rechtern et al to Carl Bitter

Book 52, p. 196, 17 December 1892

Adeline Becker et al to MO, KS, and Eastern Railway Co

Book W, p. 225, 28 November 1849

Charles C. and Margaret Machett to Valentine Becker

\$1500

Beginning at a point on Main St on the line between said Machett and Chambers now under lease to **John Orrick** on said Square No. 13, thence N21°E with said Main St 24' more or less thence at right angles to Water St on the bank of the MO R, thence S21°W 24' more or less to the lot of Chambers aforesaid and thence with the line of the lot of Chambers to the place of beginning

Being the same lot of ground with the brick house thereon which the said **Charles C. Machett** purchased from **Antoine and Louisa Reynal** by deed ... [The next deed in the chain of title is mentioned:]

Book H, p. 205, 28 November 1826

Antoine and Louisa Reynal to Charles C. Machette

\$460

A certain house and lot of ground situate in the Town of Saint Charles ...

S formerly sold by said Reynal to Charles Miller

N sold by said Reynal to John Wheeler

W Main St

E MO R

Being in depth 300' and in front about 25' including all the space between the aforesaid grants to Miller and Wheeler

47' PARCEL ON MAIN STREET, NOT LISTED IN ASSESSOR'S BINDER

Book 197, p. 563, Warranty Deed, 19 May 1943

Charles F. and Florence M. Gatzweiler to the City of St. Charles

\$8,500

A lot of ground, part of Block No. 13 of the City of St. Charles, fronting 45.62', more or less, on the E side of Main St and extending E with even width and parallel to Clay St to

the right of way line of the MO, KS, and TX Railway Co, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the E line of Main St which point is distant N from the N line of Clay St 56'9" and being the NW corner of a tract of land now owned by Staggemeier and formerly owned by Adolph Becker; thence N with the E line of Main St 45.62', more or less, to the SW corner of a lot of ground formerly owned by Achelpohl and now or formerly owned by Davis; thence E parallel with Clay St 245.72', more or less, to the right of way line of the MO, KS, and TX Railway Co; thence S with the line of said railway right of way 45.62', more or less, to the NE corner of lot of Staggemeier formerly owned by Adolph Becker; thence W parallel with Clay St, 241.73', more or less, to the point of beginning

N formerly Achelpohl, now or formerly Davis
E MO, KS, and TX Railway Co
S formerly Adolph Becker, now Staggemeier
W Main St

Book 160, p. 56, Warranty Deed, 10 September 1928

Herman J. and Lydia Deverman (Mason Co., IL) to Charles F. Gatzweiler

\$100 and exchange of property

N Achelpohl
E right-of-way of the MO, KS and TX Railway Co
S Becker
W Main St

Book 144, p. 215, Warranty Deed, 24 December 1926

Eileen and Henry Werminghaus to Herman J. Deverman (Mason Co., IL)

\$1 and exchange of property

WITH THIS DEED, THE 47' PARCEL BECOMES TWO PARCELS—I WILL LABEL THESE 47-1 AND 47-2

47-1

20'7 _" front on Main St

N now or formerly Angert and Yaeger
E MO, KS, and TX Railway Co
S Becker
W Main St

Book 144, p. 154, Warranty Deed, 15 September 1925

Bernard C. and Agnes V. Weseman to Eileen and Henry Werminghaus

\$1 and other valuable consideration

N now or formerly Angert and Yaeger
E MO, KS and TX Railway Co
S Becker
W Main St

Book 135, p. 183, Warranty Deed, 23 May 1922

Adolph and Marie Louise Thro to Bernard C. and Agnes V. Weseman

\$1,250

20'7" x 243'4" x 20'8" x 241'4"

Book 129, p. 300, Trustee's Deed, 3 May 1917

Carl and Lea L. Bitter, via Julius F. Rauch, trustee, to Adolph Thro

\$1,475

Sale advertised in the *St. Charles Cosmos-Monitor*

N Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger

S Valentine Becker's heirs

Being the same lot of ground conveyed to said Carl Bitter by said Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger

Book 98, p. 114, Warranty Deed, 22 September 1910

Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger (STL) to Carl Bitter

\$1,900

N lot of grantors

S lot of Valentine Becker's heirs

And being the S part of the lot of ground specifically devised to said parties of the first part by their father **Adam Angert**, deceased, as will more fully appear from the will of said **Adam Angert** duly recorded in ... **Book 75, p. 78**

[Deed also contains agreement on usage of party wall between grantors and grantee]

Book 75, p. 78, Last Will and Testament of Adam Angert

Written 4 February 1898

Filed 7 January 1899

Fourth

I give, bequeath, and devise to my beloved daughters Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger, wife of George Jaeger, the following described real estate, consisting of two lots of ground adjoining each other with the two Houses and all improvements thereon situated in the City and County of St. Charles and State of MO in St. Charles City square no. 13, having a front of 45' more or less on the E line of Main St and running and extending back E with the same width to the Track of the MO, KS and Eastern RR

N Louis Ringe

E MO, KS, and Eastern RR Track

S V. Becker's Heirs

W Main St

Book 1, p. 262, 14 May 1867

Mary Fischer (formerly Mary Kriebel) (STL Co) to Adam Angert

\$2500

Beginning at a point on Main St in said City 4' N from corner of a brick house now owned by Valentine Becker, by him purchased of Chas. E. Mechott, running back parallel with the house aforesaid to the MO R or Water St should one be laid out, thence at right angles N 20'2", thence W to Main St, thence S to place of beginning

S house and lot of V. Becker

E MO R

S house and lot of said Adam Angert
W Main St

Book V-2, p. 461, 23 January 1865

Herman and wife Mallinckrodt to Mary Fisher (formerly Mary Kriebel)
\$2500

Book Y, p. 96, 14 September 1850

John and Urilla Orrick and Louis Yosti to Herman Mallinckrodt
\$1500

The same being the S end of the house now occupied by Porter and Tuttle as store rooms and by John Orrick as a dwelling house

Book T, p. 405, Deed of Trust, 24 April 1848

George W. Garriott to Francis Yosti

Whereas George W. Garriott is justly indebted to **Robert H. Parks** ... in the sum of \$1665 to be paid 24 April 1849

45' more or less on Main St running back 300' more or less to the MO R

N alley which separates it from the lot of James Clemens, Jr.

E MO R

S Charles C. Machett

W Main St

On which are standing two brick buildings, a brick kitchen and a tobacco manufacturing house being the same lot occupied by **Samuel S. Shaw** at the time of his death on which lot **John S. Shaw** heretofore executed and delivered to **Louis Yosti** a mortgage deed

47-2

Fronting 25' on the E side of Main St

Book 153, p. 165, 12 April 1926

Maud and Christ Garthaffner and Josephine Jaeger (widow; STL) to Eileen Werminghaus, wife of Henry Werminghaus

Fronting 25' more or less on the E side of Main St and extending E with even width and parallel with Clay St to the right of way of the MO, KS and TX Railway Co

Maud and Christ Garthaffner inherited the property from **Magdalena Angert**

Book 75, p. 78, Last Will and Testament of Adam Angert

Written 4 February 1898

Filed 7 January 1899

Fourth

I give, bequeath, and devise to my beloved daughters Magdalena Angert and Josephine Jaeger, wife of George Jaeger, the following described real estate, consisting of two lots of ground adjoining each other with the two Houses and all improvements thereon situated in the City and County of St. Charles and State of MO in St. Charles City square

no. 13, having a front of 45' more or less on the E line of Main St and running and extending back E with the same width to the Track of the MO, KS and Eastern RR

N Louis Ringe
E MO, KS, and Eastern RR Track
S V. Becker's Heirs
W Main St

Book Y, p. 383, 30 December 1850

John and Urilla Orrick to Adam Angert

For and in consideration of a house and lot situated on Main St in the City of St. Charles in Block No. 14 this day conveyed by Adam Angert and wife to John Orrick and for the further consideration of \$800

A house, lot, and outbuildings thereon situated in the City and County of St. Charles and State of MO, being 25' more or less on Main St in said City and running back the same width to the MO R

N alley dividing it from the house of Clemens
W Main St
S house and lot sold to Herman Mallinckrodt
E MO R

Together with the right of and to the alley on the N side of the house situated aforesaid lot

NOTE: Research on the First Capitol buildings was the focus of my paper "The Main Street Experience," which was the first of two produced for the class "Public History and the City," a graduate course taught by Dr. Andrew Hurley at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. This paper was referenced by Archie Scott in his Opinion Shaper, "St. Charles should set its sights higher," published in the *St. Peters Journal*, 22 June 2005. The following material is excerpted from my class paper, "The Main Street Experience."

In 1959, a group of historic preservationists launched a program to save four buildings, built around 1812, on South Main Street in St. Charles, Missouri. The campaign to save the First Capitol buildings in St. Charles began as local historians looked forward to celebrating Missouri's sesquicentennial in 1971. The drive to preserve Missouri's first capitol led to the preservation of the surrounding buildings on South Main Street and to the establishment of South Main Street as an historic district. The result of the efforts of the local preservationists has been an old-town style shopping district adjacent to the Missouri River. The district celebrates St. Charles's status as Missouri's first state capital and as a terminus for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The

Main Street Historic District in St. Charles is an example of the architectural preservation common to public history. The district includes nine blocks and 105 properties in downtown St. Charles. It is bordered by an alley between Second and Main Streets on the west, on the east by the Missouri River, on the north by Madison Street, and on the south mostly by Boone's Lick Road.¹ Main Street demonstrates the power of preservation toward the economic revitalization of historic districts. Although architectural preservation is just one component of public history, it serves as a powerful reinforcement of public awareness of a town's historic significance.

The First Capitol buildings project was not the first effort to pay homage to St. Charles's history. In 1921, the Knights of Columbus placed a marker in St. Charles commemorating the centennial of the admission of Missouri. However, neither urban renewal nor historic preservation had yet reached the small town on the banks of the Missouri River. The earliest spotlight on Main Street as the site of Missouri's first capital was in January 1956 in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. A series of photographs depicted snow-covered rooftops and a line of houses that looked like any other in America. What made these buildings special was that they were the meeting place for Missouri's first state government. The article claimed that "few Main streets are as interesting historically and architecturally as the one in St. Charles."² Yet, several preservationists were discontent with the town's disregard for its history. In 1956, the St. Charles County Historical Society was formed with the motto "Preserving our Heritage, Illuminating the

¹ Noré V. Winter, *Architectural Design Guidelines for the South Main Street Historic District* (Boulder, CO: Winter & Company, 1997), 1.

² *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 29 January 1956.

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⁷ *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, 16 July 1963.

restoration commission was to replace standard lighting with gaslights.⁸ In 1965, the state government threatened to not fund any more of the project unless local interest was expressed. In response, the St. Charles County Historical Society launched a campaign to sell bonds to provide local assistance to the state's plan for restoration.⁹ The first stage was completed at the end of 1963 and a report was delivered to the city government in January 1964. This phase included the "complete removal of all extraneous or later accretions to the original buildings, and sealing the buildings against weather or other damage."¹⁰ By 1966, the Architectural Review Board (set up by St. Charles) looked forward to the completion of stage two of the restoration and the commencement of phases three and four of the project. The second phase (which began in 1966) was to include exterior work on the four buildings, including repairs on the roofs, foundations, and millwork. The third phase was planned to begin in July 1967. Architects were to work on the interiors of the buildings and install electrical plumbing and heating. The fourth phase included the completion of the four buildings and the curator's quarters and landscaping of the area.¹¹ The city set up the board in 1966 in concurrence with the establishment of South Main Street as a State Historic District.¹² The Architectural Review Board approved the further installation of forty-nine gaslights on both sides of Main Street, between Madison and Boonslick.¹³ On 20 December 1966, the city signed a contract with Laclede Gas to install gaslights in the historic district.¹⁴ Additional architectural studies were performed between 28 August and 15 September 1967, during

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¹⁴ Archie Scott, "From Gaslight Era to Gaslight Era," *O'Fallon Journal*, 19 January 2005.

the early stages of the third phase of restoration.¹⁵ The First Capitol project was finished in September 1970 and the buildings were furnished to create the feel of what the buildings probably looked like when they served as the state's seat of government from 1821 to 1826.¹⁶ The renovation of the First Capitol buildings led to a renaissance on Main Street, as illustrated by preservationist Archie Scott in a 2003 video shown periodically on cable Channel 20 in St. Charles.

In 1970, South Main Street was added to the National Register of Historic Places and St. Charles began an urban renewal project to document and to restore other structures in the area.¹⁷ Included in the plans was the creation of an outdoor mall, which came to fruition in 1979. A portion of Main Street was closed to automobile traffic and it was thought that the pedestrian mall would be economically feasible. However, stores that were not accessible to vehicular traffic did not thrive. Richard Moe and Carter Wilkie state that "some communities closed off Main Street to auto traffic, forming pedestrian-only districts in a feeble attempt to mimic malls, neglecting the traffic patterns that made Main Street viable."¹⁸ Indeed, this is what happened on North Main Street in St. Charles during the 1980s. Between 1991 and 1994, the mall was removed and North Main Street was reopened to vehicular traffic in 1992.¹⁹ Since then, North Main has experienced an economic upturn.

The Flood of 1993 wreaked economic havoc on Main Street and covered Frontier Park and Riverside Drive. In 1996, various business owners sought to put North Main

¹⁵ Edna McElhiney Olson, "Historical Archaeology," *St. Charles Journal*, 9 May 1968.

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¹⁷ Winter, 16.

¹⁸ Richard Moe and Carter Wilkie, *Changing Places: Rebuilding Community in the Age of Sprawl* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 1997), 149.

¹⁹ Judith VandeWater, "Energy Post," *St. Charles Post*, 29 May 1996.

Street on the National Register of Historic Places.²⁰ In March 1997, Union Electric put the power lines on Main Street underground after a twenty-five-year campaign by preservationist Archie Scott and the South Main Preservation Society.²¹ In September 1997, the Historic Landmarks Preservation and Architectural Review Board published architectural design guidelines for the South Main Street Historic District. Historic properties, additions, alterations, and signs are discussed in this report on what is permissible in an historic district. The guidelines presented by the board “apply to all contributing properties in the South Main Street Historic District” and are provided for use “in formal reviews of proposed changes to historic properties.”²² The Architectural Review Board’s regulations on signage in the district have brought some criticism in recent years. In 1999, John Sonderegger authored an editorial concerning neon signs on North Main Street. He accused preservationists of holding bars and pubs hostage through prohibiting neon signs on North Main.²³ In the ensuing five years, neon signs have been allowed on Main Street, to the chagrin of preservationist Archie Scott.

In 2002, the city of St. Charles produced a ten-year vision for the city. This vision included additional development of the city’s five historic districts. The plan called for additional efforts toward historic preservation in St. Charles. Section III of the city’s plan calls for the enhancement of “the city’s historical heritage through neighborhood preservation efforts and specialized neighborhood or corridor planning.” The city also expressed the need to “increase the public’s understanding of participation

²⁰ Paul Brinkmann, “North Main merchants seek historic status,” *St. Charles Journal*, 10 April 1996.

²¹ Frank Gluck, “South Main beautification close to reality,” *St. Charles Journal*, 21 February 1997; Frank Gluck, “UE sets terms for burying lines,” *St. Charles Journal*, 23 February 1997; Frank Gluck, “Strung Along,” *St. Charles Journal*, 5 March 1997.

²² Winter, 29.

²³ John Sonderegger, “Preservationists hold Bars and Pubs Hostage,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 31 May 1999.

in and appreciation for the city's heritage and historic preservation efforts." The city regards the five historic districts, including South Main Street, as "key to preserving the city's history and heritage."²⁴ There are several suggestions of how to achieve these goals, yet it would appear that (so far) the plan has not been carried out. The city of St. Charles would benefit from some of these plans. For example, the establishment of an historic preservation advisory board could create guidelines applicable to all of the historic districts, instead of South Main alone.

In 2004, the South Main Preservation Society produced standards to help businesses and residents of South Main make the street more attractive. The society created the "19th century test" in order to enhance the feel of what Main Street would have looked like during the 1800s. There are pitfalls to this approach. To allow any design from the nineteenth century creates a hodgepodge of designs existing in one space that never existed at one time. At the same time, the society had replacement lights installed on Boone's Lick Road between Main and Fifth Streets. On 19 January 2005, an opinion piece by Archie Scott appeared in the *O'Fallon (MO) Journal*. The current state of the gaslight situation is summed up by Scott: "Deterioration of the present forty-year-old original gaslights, their solder joints and unavailability of parts have led to a temporary fix of about thirty percent replacements over the last six years of non-compatible yard lights." The purpose for the gas lighting rather than electric lighting is, according to Scott, the creation of "the ambience and romance of another time."²⁵

²⁴ "City of St. Charles Comprehensive Plan 2002," 39-42, http://www.stcharlescity.com/administration/cityadministrator/departments/community_development/PDF_files/combinedcomprehensive.pdf

²⁵ Archie Scott, "From Gaslight Era to Gaslight Era," *O'Fallon (MO) Journal*, 19 January 2005. Scott also described the gaslights as "adding to the ambience" of the district in a personal telephone conversation, 7 March 2005.

The historical significance of Saint Charles as Missouri's First State Capitol has been preserved in its buildings. The initial desire was to recreate Main Street in the image of what it would have looked like when the buildings in the 200 block served as the Missouri's seat of government. The project was successful in remembering the significance, but soon the focus broadened to include other aspects of nineteenth-century St. Charles, such as the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the gaslights, first installed in 1871—after the primary focal period of the First Capitol project. The revitalization of Main Street in St. Charles was part of a larger trend identified by historians Richard Moe and Carter Wilkie. While St. Charles was working to preserve the First Capitol buildings, other Main Streets throughout America were working toward attracting business toward them. Eventually, Main Street St. Charles also brought business in and it became economically viable to locate businesses there. However, the construction of Riverside Mall in 1979 stymied the Main Street economy and businesses located elsewhere. St. Charles was not the only community to create pedestrian malls out of Main Street. Moe and Wilkie's description of Franklin, Tennessee, is also applicable to St. Charles. St. Charles was at one time a "sleepy downtown," but in the 1990s, St. Charles County experienced one of the largest demographic booms of any county in the United States. The goals set forth by the city of St. Charles in 2002 and by the South Main Preservation Society in 2004 appear to intersect in a way described by Moe and Wilkie: "These places seek to steer new investment into the downtown's historic buildings to preserve the local pride of place from being overwhelmed by sprawl."²⁶ In contrast to Moe and Wilkie is David Hamer's argument that Main Streets are the product

²⁶ Moe and Wilkie, 151.

of an historic stereotype. “Many of the Main Streets that are so admired today ... are themselves the product of similar campaigns a century or so ago. Main Street programs are a tradition.”²⁷ However, no evidence can be found that such an attempt at Main Street preservation from the Civil War period or post-bellum period occurred in St. Charles. This area is historically significant not just for the charm of Main Street, but for the role the buildings played as Missouri’s first state capitol and also the role of St. Charles as the terminus for Lewis and Clark and for the Boone’s Lick salt trail, which several St. Charles historians point to as a starting trail for the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails.

The realization of the hopes and dreams expressed by St. Charles’s government, by the South Main Preservation Society, and by preservationist Archie Scott may occur thanks to the recent opening of the Page Avenue extension on 13 December 2003. Also helpful will be the 23 April 2005 opening of the new St. Charles Hotel and Convention Center near the intersection of Fairgrounds and Veterans Memorial Parkway. If St. Charles is serious about drawing additional tourism through Page Avenue (it should consider it) to Main Street, then it would be wise for them to construct a sign pointing the way to “Historic St. Charles” similar to that already posted on Interstate 70. Archie Scott recently predicted that the new convention center would be another way to bring new tourists to the Main Street Historic District. However, he warned that the South Main Preservation Society would have to be vigilant in order to keep South Main from going the way of Gaslight Square in St. Louis. Scott stated that the introduction of bars to Main Street could damage the reputation of the district and cause the area to decline in a similar fashion to that of Gaslight Square. The First Capitol buildings and the surrounding area

²⁷ David Hamer, *History in Urban Places: Historic Districts of the United States* (Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 1998), 91.

on South Main Street should continue to thrive due to its historical significance. St. Charles will continue to have this historic district to draw tourists and to boost the local economy.

The preservationists of Main Street in St. Charles, MO, set out (at first) to preserve a set of buildings that had served as Missouri's seat of government from 1821 to 1826. The initial vision for this site was to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Missouri's statehood by restoring these buildings to their appearance when they housed the new state government. The campaign to save the First Capitol buildings in St. Charles began as local historians looked forward to celebrating the 150th anniversary of the admission of Missouri to the Union. The drive to preserve Missouri's first capitol led to the preservation of the surrounding buildings on South Main Street and to the establishment of South Main Street as an historic district. The result of the efforts of the local preservationists has been an old-town style shopping district adjacent to the Missouri River. The district celebrates St. Charles's status as Missouri's first state capital and as a terminus for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Main Street Historic District in St. Charles is an example of the architectural preservation common to public history.

St. Charles' Main Street, however, seems to be built around the significance of a set of buildings that served as Missouri's first state capital. The earliest spotlight on Main Street as the site of Missouri's first capital was in January 1956 in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. A series of photographs depicted snow-covered rooftops and a line of houses that looked like any other in America. What made these buildings special was that they were the meeting place for Missouri's first state government. The article claimed that "few Main streets are as interesting historically and architecturally as the

one in St. Charles.”²⁸ In 1956, the St. Charles County Historical Society was formed with the motto “Preserving our Heritage, Illuminating the Past.”²⁹ This organization became involved in pushing forth the preservation of the First Capitol buildings on Main Street. In 1958, St. Charles established a planning and zoning commission and began to petition the state government to purchase the site of the first state capitol.³⁰ The State of Missouri purchased the buildings in 1959 for \$39,000 from a dormant Spanish-American War fund and provided an initial appropriation of \$25,000 to perform archaeological surveys, to map out a project to restore the buildings to their original appearance and to tear down various non-compatible buildings.³¹ The preservation of the First Capitol buildings for posterity proved to be a costly, lengthy ordeal in which the First Capitol Commission (formed in St. Charles after the state’s purchase of the First Capitol property) constantly petitioned for money, sometimes successfully and sometimes not. Yet, they were eventually able to secure the funds for the restoration of the First Capitol site.

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Note: Louisa Heye wrote a letter to the St. Charles Banner-News in 1909, a copy of which I have in my files

Edna McElhiney Olson, *Historical Saint Charles, Missouri* (St. Charles: St. Charles County Historical Society, 1998)

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206, 212, 214 South Main Street—Missouri's First Capitol
Purchased by the state January 1961—restored, currently State Historic Site

Daniel T. Brown, *Westering River, Westering Trail* (St. Charles, MO: St. Charles County Historical Society, 2006), 267

On September 18, Missouri's first General Assembly convened its first session at the Missouri Hotel on Main and Morgan streets in St. Louis. The next day, Alexander McNair was inaugurated governor.

Ibid, 269

Congress reconvened in November and the Missouri constitution was declared unacceptable. Many thought it stood in direct and flagrant violation of portions of the United States Constitution. ... A majority in the Senate and the House of Representatives refused to accept Missouri's free Negro and mulatto restrictions. Again, a compromise had to be found if Missouri was to become a member of the Union. It would take four long months for Congress to reach agreement on the terms under which that might occur. A joint committee of the Senate and House was appointed with representation from every state in the Union. They immediately began the torturous work of finding a solution to the dilemma. They were seeking a second Missouri compromise.

On Tuesday, 28 November 1820, an act of the General Assembly "fixed the seat of state government at St. Charles until Sunday, 1 October 1826, at which date it would be moved to a permanent site yet to be selected."

Ibid, 270

St. Charles' brothers Ruluff and Charles Peck had built a row of buildings called Peck's Row. The second floor of one building was offered for use as the assembly hall

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for the General Assembly and the building next door was offered to serve as the governor's office and committee room.

Some of the businesses on Main Street in St. Charles then included John Collier & Co., merchants; Parsons Wetmore, Jr., watchmaker, silversmith, & jeweler; William Hagens, hat-maker; and James T. Watson, hatter.

The legislature adjourned on 12 December 1820 after a session of eighty-six days. Missouri was still not a state.

!!!!NOTE: CHECK ISSUES OF THE MISSOURI GAZETTE AND THE MISSOURIAN FOR INFORMATION ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN SAINT CHARLES IN 1821 AND 1822.

ALSO: MISSOURI GAZETTE, 6 MAY 1824, ON THE SINGLE ISSUES MICROFILM ROLL SERIES FOR SAINT CHARLES COUNTY AT THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI IN COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

(I have an idea that the articles quoted by Daniel T. Brown in his book *Westering River, Westering Trail* come from the *Missouri Gazette* and the *Missourian*. The *Missouri Gazette* was published from 1808 to 1822 and the *Missourian* from 1820 to 1822.)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 25 January 1963

They expect to learn great deal more about buildings in this phase to add to the wealth of information already obtained through systematic probing of buildings during past year and study of available historical documents, many of which were made available through the St. Charles County Historical Society.

Portions of structures will have to be torn down and completely rebuilt due to structural deficiencies but large portions of buildings are sound and can be incorporated "as is" in completed project.

Aim of project ... was to restore buildings in entirety as they were from 1821 to 1826, when they served as the First Capitol. The exception would be installation of modern heating and sprinkler system. This would mean reconstruction of hardware store and dry goods shop as well as living quarters on first floor. The second floor of building at north contained governor's office and conference room. Legislative chambers will be reconstructed on second floor of two central buildings in group.

Building at southern end, "Reef Building," did not figure in the First Capitol ... but shares common wall with adjoining building and will be incorporated into completed whole and used as curator's office, museum, and assembly area for tours of the buildings.

Aim of returning block as closely to appearance of 1820s as possible will necessitate removal of all other buildings in the block. The master plan includes funds for purpose of acquiring other properties in block if possible.

Elgin and Coombs expect that \$300,000, if appropriated, will be sufficient for demolition phase of project and restoration of three buildings at southern end. The building at north end has undergone much more alteration than others and will be restored with future appropriation. Development of remainder of block will also be dependence on additional appropriations.

Elgin and Coombs interested in continuing partnership and would like to participate in plans for proposed historic district. If established, it would provide

architectural control and occupancy control of buildings in area with possibility of number of restorations similar to First Capitol project.

St. Charles Banner-News, 28 January 1963

Target date for completion of project is 1971, the 150th anniversary of Missouri Statehood. The restoration effort has the support of Gov. Dalton who included a recommendation for the project in his message to the Legislature on Jan. 9.

To complement restoration of old Capitol buildings in 200 block of S. Main St., Joseph Jaeger, Jr. said that State Park Board has recommended formation of historical district in St. Charles through enactment of specialized zoning regulations which would preserve the historical integrity of the area.

Area most likely included would be eight blocks of S. Main St. from Madison St. to Boonslick Rd.

No historical district presently existed in Missouri, but the State Legislature authorized such zoning.

St. Charles Banner-News, 17 June 1963

Dayton Cannady, past president of the St. Charles Historical Society, sends out request to citizens of St. Charles to contact Missouri Senators on the State Appropriations Committee. "Replies have been received from the governor and many of the senators and Cannady believes that a deluge of mail from St. Charles citizens, reflecting a genuine community interest in the project, may favorable influence the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee when they consider the omnibus bill within the next few days."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 3 March 1963

"Remember When St. Charles was Missouri's Capital?"

Shirley Althoff

They are creaking and crumbling and in sad state of disrepair but 142 years ago, history was made in the shabby buildings on this page

Located on South Main Street in St. Charles, they are Missouri's first Capitol Buildings From 1821 to 1826, they were site of legislative sessions that guided destiny of youngest state in Union

Plans to give them significance they deserve for vital role they played in Missouri's heritage

State Park Board has submitted an initial request of \$300,000 to current session of Missouri General Assembly on which action is pending

Entire restoration is expected to cost \$1,000,000 and target date for completion is 1971, the 150th anniversary of Missouri statehood

Project will involve four buildings

Fourth building is not part of original Capitol group, but was given by city to state to be used as curator's quarters and park administration building

Surrounding buildings will be torn down and yard areas behind them will be restored as completely as possible to original atmosphere

Buildings constructed around 1812

Some preliminary work already started under crews headed by Kenneth E. Coombs, A. I. A. of Kansas City, project architect, and Robert Elgin of St. James, project engineer, to determine exactly appearance of buildings when they served as seat of state government When restoration is complete, buildings will appear, complete with furnishings, as they did in 1821

206 South Main will have first floor furnished as residence of owner Chauncey Shepard Second floor as Governor's office and committee rooms

212 South Main will be outfitted as residence and hardware store of Ruluff Peck on first floor, as House of Representatives on second

214 South Main—first floor will be seen as residence and drygoods store of Charles Peck and second will contain State Senate chamber

St. Charles Journal, 14 March 1963 (or some sort of "Journal")

HISTORICAL SERIES

"First Capitol Enigma"

Homer Clevenger

Set out to locate the exact rooms used by each house of the legislature, specify dimensions and describe in detail furniture used

Problems created by various sources and some lack of sources

St. Charles Journal, 21 March 1963

HISTORICAL SERIES

"Old Historian Speaks"

Homer Clevenger

Clevenger details further research in ascertaining the location of the meeting place of the State Legislature while in Saint Charles

St. Charles Banner-News, 23 May 1963

"Cut Funds for First Capitol Restoration"

Hope for substantial early progress on First State Capitol restoration project in St. Charles were dealt severe blow yesterday when House Appropriations Committee reduced funds for project from \$300,000 to \$50,000

St. Charles Banner-News, 24 June 1963

Post-Civil War foundations were unearthed during the first week of archaeological excavations.

Workmen uncovered flagstone pavement at depth of c. 7 ft Friday

Spot approximately 50 ft to rear of old Peck buildings, which form central portion of four buildings included in restoration project

It is believed that Missouri River bank was originally much closer to Main Street than it is now

St. Louis newspaper, Tuesday, 16 July 1963

Governor Dalton signed 11 bills Monday.

Establish first Missouri State Capitol Restoration Commission to aid in rebuilding old capital in St. Charles and to help plan for Missouri's 150th anniversary celebration in 1971.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 3 November 1963

“The Revival of Missouri's First Capitol”

First stage of putting community in historic place is about to be realized as restoration of First Capitol Buildings nears completion

Exterior walls have been completely rebuilt and final touches being made on interiors which are painted white with soft medium gray woodwork

Original openings between rooms and to cellars, along with archways leading to yard in back, have been restored

Windows paned with special glass made in Kansas City, period glazing to give old-fashioned look

Gutters and downspouts are wooden, in keeping with those at time of buildings' construction, c. 1812

Quite a few things remain to be done

Addition must still be constructed at rear of 206 to make it conform to former appearance and rest room building and perhaps a stable will be erected in back yard

City of St. Charles is planning to pave and operate parking lot at south side of buildings and the entire block will be surrounded by a high stockade fence

Brush and another building, former metal products plant recently purchased by First State Capitol Commission, will be cleared away and torn down to permit unobstructed view of river from rear galleries of buildings

Interiors will be furnished as they were in 1821

206 S. Main will recreate residence of Chauncey Shepard on ground floor and Governor's office and committee room on the second

212 will be outfitted as residence and hardware store of Ruluff Peck on first floor and as House of Representatives on the second

214 will be seen as residence of Charles Peck on first floor and second will contain Senate chamber

Project supported by civic leaders selling \$145,000 in revenue bonds

City has created historical district for eight blocks south of First Capitol Buildings and architectural review board will have to approve any changes to the dwellings there

St. Charles has also replaced former streetlights with gaslights in this area and plans to repave street with bricks

St. Charles Banner-News, 25 November 1963

“Dr. Clevenger to Head First Capitol Group”

Dr. Homer Clevenger of Lindenwood College was named chairman of First State Capitol Restoration Commission at newly-formed group's organizational meeting Thursday in Jefferson City.

Restoration project suspended in the summer after available funds became exhausted

St. Louis newspaper, Thursday, 9 April 1964

“Start Action on Capitol Restoration”

Missouri State Legislature will be asked to appropriate funds for continuation of restoration of Missouri's First Capitol Building, located in the 200 block of South Main Street in St. Charles

Restoration halted after original appropriation used up

Additional money earmarked for project was vetoed by Governor John M. Dalton

Buildings owned by State of Missouri and under control of State Park Board

Members of subcommittee strongly favor zoning ordinance to insure preservation of historical character of First Capitol Area

St. Charles city officials are considering bill to create Historical District on South Main Street, but proposed legislation reported to be held up while full study of legal technicalities can be made

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 1965

“Old State Capitol Restoration Praised as ‘Partnership Deal’”

Beautiful and historic recreation of Missouri's first state capitol area envisioned by Governor Warren E. Hearnes in speech in St. Charles Wednesday

Governor promised eight-block restoration project would be “partnership deal”

Restoration project started in 1959, when state purchased three of four original capitol buildings with \$39,000 from dormant Spanish-American War Fund

State also appropriated \$25,000 at time for plans, demolition work, and archaeological surveys in preparation for restoration

Jan 1965—Gov. Hearnes appointed fifteen-man First State Capitol Restoration

Commission—five state senators, five state representatives, and five at-large members City total's investment to date is \$205,500

To date, construction workers have strengthened sagging rafters and added new layer of cedar shake shingles, stripped old buildings of all layers of construction materials added after government moved to Jefferson City and rebuilt, where necessary, original brickwork and window casings

Plans to raze buildings through state funding

St. Louis newspaper, 14 May 1965

“First Capitol Bond Sales Hit \$81,500 Mark”

Subscription campaign for sale of bonds in connection with restoration of First State Capitol property in St. Charles is moving well, but much remains to be done

Henry Elmendorf, member of First State Capitol Commission states that restoration of First Capitol property in St. Charles would be invaluable asset to city

Organizations cooperating in bond solicitation are Downtown Improvement Association, St. Charles County Historical Society, and Knights of Columbus.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Wednesday, 19 May 1965

“Hearnes Aid Sought on Funds for Old Capitol in St. Charles”

Effort made today to reinstate funds in 1965/1966 state budget for restoration of first State Capitol in St. Charles

Henry Elmendorf and Representative Omer J. Dames will discuss, with Governor Warren E. Hearnes, \$33,000 for final architectural plans

Bond issue approved by city council—response to state legislators who suggested that state would be more willing to appropriate money if more local initiative were shown
Money from bonds to be used to purchase and demolish property surrounding original Capitol

St. Louis newspaper, 19 May 1965

“Sell All Bonds on Capitol Project Here”

First State Capitol Commission reported last night that \$145,000 in bond purchase pledges have been secured and that pledge cards would be shown to Governor Warren E. Hearnes today

St. Louis newspaper, 10 June 1965

“First Capitol Appeal Made at Jefferson City”

Members of First State Capitol Restoration Commission were in Jefferson City last night to urge for approval of funds to further project of restoration of Missouri’s First State Capitol in St. Charles

Proponents of restoration project informed appropriations committee that, with \$145,000 in bonds pledged and donation of property by the city, the City of St. Charles has already given \$200,000 towards the project

St. Charles newspaper, 29 July 1965

“Hopes of Resolving First Capitol Delay”

Members of First Capitol Restoration Commission and St. Charles County Historical Society will meet tonight to discuss future of project and speed up preliminary work so that State funds will not be held in the future

If all delays are overcome, restoration should be complete by 1969, allowing additional year for refurnishing building and landscaping area for 150th anniversary

St. Charles Banner-News, 31 August 1965

“Get Option on Property for 1st Capitol”

City able to obtain option on last privately owned property in 200 block of South Main Street—option will expire 15 November

St. Charles Journal, 23 September 1965

“Seeks First Capitol Funds”

Board of Directors of St. Charles County Historical Society making arrangements to raise funds for purchase of Plagenberg property, last private property in the First Capitol Block, City Block No. 13

Society plans to sell Subscription Certificates in amount of \$100 each, or any multiple thereof. Deadline: 15 October.

Upon purchase by the state, the property will be deeded to the State, who will lease it back to the Historical Society for four years

St. Louis newspaper, 25 September 1965

“To an Old River Town”

The State Park Board is restoring Missouri's first state capitol on South Main Street in St. Charles

Efforts will be aided by ruling from Attorney General Norman H. Anderson

He finds that St. Charles has power to enact zoning ordinance to preserve authenticity of buildings around capitol

St. Charles Banner-News, 26 October 1965

Acquisition of last piece of property for restoration of First Capitol Buildings in this city expected to be completed today with sale of Plagenberg property in 200 block of South Main Street to the State.

First State Capitol project ranks in top four of 40+ projects which State Park Board is currently committed to financially

\$81,000 earmarked for exterior walls and roofs of four buildings in block—January 1966

It is hoped that work will be completed by 1967

Next phase—interior of buildings—completion date—1969

By 1971, grounds surrounding buildings should be landscaped

Original projected cost: \$800,000-1,000,000

Bollinger estimate: \$750,000

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 3 November 1965

“Target, 1971”

State Park Board deserves public support in seeking \$81,000 in next budget for preservation of three buildings in St. Charles—housed Missouri's first state capitol 1821-1826

Complete restoration project will cost \$500,000

St. Charles Banner-News, 6 January 1966

“3 Revisions in First Capitol Ordinance Set”

City council approved, with three changes, recommendations of Planning and Zoning Commissions on the First Capitol Historical District

Zoning ordinance will be enacted and then First Capitol Historical District will apply for rezoning of area under that ordinance

No sign shall be erected in area until it has been approved by Board of Structural Review, which will be created by the ordinance

Board of Structural Review: five-member panel appointed by the mayor

Proposed ordinance applies to exterior of buildings in the district and any desired changes to interiors are not subject to any regulations.

St. Charles Banner-News, Thursday, 27 January 1966

“Seek \$81,000 in First Capitol Project Funds”

Governor Warren E. Hearnes has requested that the Missouri Legislature approve, on 10 February, an appropriation of \$81,000 for work on next phase of restoration of Missouri's First Capitol Building in St. Charles

St. Charles County Historical Society will mail letters to all members of Senate and House Appropriations Committees. Letters will request support and will point out that

City of St. Charles and the State of Missouri hold deed to all property in First Capitol block along 200 South Main Street.

In the letter it will also be pointed out that city has renamed Clay Street, and part of Harvester Road, First Capitol Drive.

St. Charles Journal, 24 February 1966

HISTORICAL SERIES:

“The First State Capitol”

Edna McElhiney Olson

208-214 South Main Street housed Missouri’s First State Capitol from 4 June 1821 to 1 October 1826.

Structures built 1818 by two brothers, Ruluff and Charles Peck

Three brick buildings joined, constructed wall to wall under a saddle-back shaped roof.

For years, known as “Peck’s Row”

City records and county court records show that all expenses were paid for the maintenance of the Legislature.

St. Charles designated “Seat of the Government of Missouri” on 25 November 1820

First serious campaign to restore and save Missouri First Capitol Buildings began in 1960

Governor James T. Blair purchased the three buildings for \$39,000 and they are under the jurisdiction of the Missouri State Park

Historical societies throughout Missouri have given support for the renovation of the First Capitol buildings

St. Charles Banner-News, 5 May 1966

“Reller Gets Appropriation for 1st Capitol Restoration”

Frank Reller, former Democratic State Senator, was lauded for his work to get \$81,000 state appropriation for restoration work on Missouri First Capitol Building in St. Charles placed back in budget after it had been initially struck out.

St. Charles Banner-News, 19 May 1966 [Vol. 87, No. 99]

“First Capitol Second Phase Contracts Let”

Restoration of First State Capitol in St. Charles took another step forward Tuesday at a meeting in Jefferson City where contracts for the second phase of the project were drawn.

Second phase of restoration will include the repairing of foundations plus exterior walls and roofs of four buildings.

Group also discussed third phase of restoration project, which will include restoration of interior of building

St. Charles Banner-News, 22 June 1966 [Vol. 87, No. 122]

“Board Okays Time Table for First Capitol”

Necessary preliminary work by city council and First Capitol Architectural Review Board

Last night, city council approved advertising for bids for demolition for former Banner-News building to start second phase of restoration

Work on demolition of ex-Banner News building to begin July 1966

July 1969—city to begin demolition of former city garage, former Staggemeier building, and former Koenig building

January 1970—city to construct lower parking lot to grade shown in Master Restoration Plan and install retaining wall around South and West end of parking lot and pave it

St. Charles Banner-News, 25 June 1966

“Board Okays Time Table for First Capitol”

Bids to be in by 5 July, at which time council will vote to award contract for demolition. On Monday, Architectural Review Board approved a time table for entire First Capitol District restoration that calls for completion of work in time for the 150th anniversary of Missouri’s statehood.

Time table calls for demolition of former Banner-News building to begin in July of this year.

July 1969—city to begin demolishing former city garage

January 1970—city to construct lower parking lot to grade shown in Master Restoration Plan and install retaining wall around South and West end of parking lot

July 1966—state to begin second phase of restoration, includes exterior of four buildings, including the roof, repair foundation and perform as much millwork as possible

July 1967—state, subject to appropriation of necessary funds by General Assembly, is to begin on third phase of restoration

Included in third phase are interiors of four buildings, including electrical plumbing, and heating systems.

Fourth phase of work to include completion of four buildings, the furnishing of Capitol buildings and Curator’s quarters and landscaping of the project

January 1970—time table calls for state to acquire former Banner-News building and tear down former Plagenburg property and landscape both.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 23 September 1966

“Antique Dealers Moving into First Capitol Area of St. Charles”

Increasing numbers of antique dealers setting up shop along eight-block section of historic South Main Street in St. Charles in expectation that restoration of first state Capitol there will spark tourist boom

Supporters of project hop it can be completed by 1971, the 150th anniversary of Missouri’s admission to the Union.

Restoration costs expected to total \$250,000. This is in addition to \$285,000 spent by state and city of St. Charles for planning and property acquisition

St. Charles newspaper, 3 November 1966

Committee of Whole Council has recommended approval of installation of gaslights in Historical District upon recommendations of Architectural Review Board. Plans now call for installation of forty-nine gaslights staggered on both side of Main Street from Madison Street to Boonslick Road

Gaslights first installed in St. Charles in 1871 and were used for nearly fifty years

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 4 November 1966

“Old State Capitol Restoration Praised as ‘Partnership Deal’”

Beautiful and historic recreation of Missouri’s first state capitol area envisioned by Governor Warren E. Hearnes in speech in St. Charles Wednesday
Mayor Henry Vogt states that there are plans to install gaslights and to landscape and furnish buildings exactly as when they were in use between 1821 and 1826
Restoration project began 1959, when state purchased four original capitol buildings with \$39,000 from dormant Spanish-American War Fund
To date, construction workers have strengthened sagging rafters and added new layer of cedar shake shingles, stripped old buildings of all layers of construction materials added after government moved to Jefferson City and rebuilt (where necessary) original brickwork and window casings
First State Capitol Restoration Commission plans to petition 1967 legislature for additional \$85,000, used to raze buildings to rear of project
July 1968—final phase of restoration scheduled to get under way
This includes landscaping of grounds and furnishing capitol buildings as they were in 1821

St. Charles Journal, Thursday, 2 February 1967

“Suggest Cooperation to Accomplish Historic Goal”

St. Charles County Historical Society held regular quarterly meeting last Thursday night at St. Peters Church Hall.
Mrs. Leslie Davidson spoke on “Florissant’s Program of Historical Preservation and its Interesting Lessons for St. Charles”
Speaker complimented St. Charles on work being done here to preserve historic South Main Street and restoration of First State Capitol

St. Charles Banner News, 6 April 1967

“More Money Needed for Capitol Work”

Henry Elmendorf, member of First Capitol Restoration Commission, was in Jefferson City yesterday to check on statue of \$85,000 appropriation needed for continuation of restoration of complex of buildings on South Main Street that promise to become tourist attraction when completed
Elmendorf said meeting has been arranged at Jefferson City for Missouri First State Capitol Restoration Commission on April 24

St. Louis newspaper, 22 February 1968

“Capitol Funds in Jeopardy”

Restoration of \$1,000,000 fund cut from State Park Board appropriations, including \$85,000 for restoration of First Capitol Building in St. Charles, is being requested. The \$85,000 is needed to pay for the demolition of the factory located at the rear of the Capitol

St. Charles Journal, 9 May 1968

Historical Series

“Historical Archaeology”

Edna McElhiney Olson

I will copy the table for completion for Missouri's First State Capitol. You will see that, at long last, the buildings will be open to public. Our dream has come true.

May 1968—completion of Exterior of Buildings facing Main Street; completion of sidewalk on Main Street

June 1968—final inspection of all buildings facing Main Street; completion of visitors parking lot

July 1968—tear down Van Dyke Building

August 1968—erect building for restroom; landscape outside area and install walkways

September 1968—erect open wooden fence from curator's building south to Main and First Capitol Drive; thence east along parking lot to point approximately 25 feet from railroad track; thence south along railroad track to Madison Street; thence west along Madison Street to Main Street; thence south along Main Street to start of Capitol Buildings

October 1968—open buildings for tourists

One of most important historic site restorations being done by Missouri State Park Board is First Missouri State Capitol situated in St. Charles, MO

Restoration of historic site involves archaeologist, historian, architect, administrator, stone masons, brick layers, carpenters, and a host of other workers

Stratigraphic and architectural investigations were begun August 28, 1967 and completed September 15

Second phase was accomplished during fall and early winter of 1967-68

From all indications, major remodeling job on First Capitol building took place sometime before 1821

Sidewalk in front of building was cobblestone in 1870 and brick in 1910

Buildings comprising First Missouri State Capitol were occupied from about 1819 continuously until 1961

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6 October 1968

“As Metropolitan St. Louis Expands, St. Charles Feels the Pressure for Change”

William C. Fogarty

St. Charles has had planning and zoning commission in effect since 1958 and has exercised land use controls in all unincorporated areas since 1959 and is an active member of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council

Site of first capitol of state and many of its historical landmarks and features have been preserved, giving it charm unique among Missouri cities

Victorian style homes and ranch styles give the city a pleasant blend of old and new

St. Charles Banner-News, 21 January 1970

“First Capitol money turned down by House”

Harry Weiner

\$70,000 request to finance furnishing of First State Capitol Building was turned down by State Appropriations Committee Tuesday

The House Appropriations Committee Tuesday approved grant of \$25,000 to help finance Sesquicentennial Celebration

St. Charles Banner-News, 27 January 1970

“Senate group passes First Capitol funds”

Harry Weiner

\$70,000 request for First State Capitol Building approved by State Senate Appropriations Committee Monday, after being turned down last week by House Committee

St. Charles Banner-News, 30 January 1970

“First Capitol building costs should pay for self quickly”

Harry Weiner

Restoration of First State Capitol Building has been joint venture of City of St. Charles and state since 1959

Completion of project now expected to be finished by this summer when Sesquicentennial Celebration begins

St. Charles Journal, Thursday, 5 February 1970

“1st Capitol Restoration Heads into Homestretch”

Campaign that began in 1959 when state of Missouri purchased First Missouri Capitol building in 200 block of South Main Street, St. Charles, was finally realized this past week when Missouri Legislature made final \$70,000 appropriation on the \$675,500 complex

Building completed and only furnishing, some exterior work, landscaping and building a parking lot remain

Plans were discussed almost immediately for restoration of structure and money has been appropriated since 1965 for various phases of the work

Many rebuffs along the way

When legislature failed to approve any money during 1969 session, the outlook was very bleak

St. Charles Banner-News, 26 February 1970

“First Capitol property donated to Park Board”

Harry Weiner

Banner-News property on South Main Street, is one of six parcels of ground purchased by city which are included in historic project

Presentation of deed, sanctioned by action of City Council Tuesday night, took place Wednesday at meeting at Mother-in-Law House between city officials, park board members and representatives of local utility companies

St. Charles Banner-News, 23 March 1970

“District is nominated as National Historic site”

Historic District in St. Charles nominated by State this weekend to be considered for inclusion as national historic site

St. Charles Journal, 22 June 1970

“Move-in Day at the First Capitol”

First load of furnishings for old First Capitol building arrived Friday, after being gathered from all over the state

St. Charles Journal, 7 September 1970

“Donations Sought to Landscape First Capitol”

Restoration of First Missouri State Capitol on South Main Street nearing completion

Park Board plans to open building for public viewing in January 1971

Landscaping of Capitol grounds somewhat curtailed due to budget limitations

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 16 September 1970

“Walk Through St. Charles—and Walk through History”

For \$1, St. Charles County Historical Society offers walking tours of city, site of Missouri’s first capitol, and other nationally recognized places of historical interest

Tour is along eight-block Historic District, occupied by myriad antique shops, taverns, and museums.

Recently-restored Capitol Building probably drawing card of tour

Building now being furnished with artifacts of times and is expected to be open for state’s 150th anniversary early next year

St. Charles Banner-News, 5 January 1971

“Kick-off invitations mailed”

Governor and Mrs. Warren E. Hearnes mailed over 400 press invitations requesting presence here Feb. 5 for opening celebration of year-long activities commemorating Missouri’s 150th anniversary of statehood

St. Louis Globe-Democrat Sunday Magazine, 7 February 1971

“On today’s cover is river or front view of Missouri’s First Capitol Buildings in St. Charles which were the seat of government from 1821 to 1826. Completely restored and furnished as they were in early years of statehood, the First Capitol Buildings were formally dedicated Friday, Feb. 5, a dedication that highlighted the opening of Missouri’s sesquicentennial year as a state. The total cost of the project, undertaken by the State Park Board, is estimated at \$750,000. Picture by Dick Weddle of The Globe-Democrat staff.”

“Put on your beaver hat and pigeon-tail coat: Missouri’s first capitol buildings in St. Charles have been completely restored—and dedicated” (STL Globe-Democrat Sunday Magazine, 7 February 1971)

Governor Warren E. Hearnes and members of Missouri legislature had chance Feb. 5 to see how their predecessors of 150 years ago conducted business. The occasion was the formal dedication of the First Capitol Buildings in St. Charles, which highlighted the opening of Missouri’s sesquicentennial year of statehood

Government officials toured trio of buildings at 206, 212, and 214 South Main Street, which have been completely restored and furnished as they were when Missouri became the 24th state to enter the Union in 1821

206 South Main recreates residence of Chauncey Shepard on first floor and Governor Alexander McNair’s office and committee room on second

212—first floor outfitted as hardware and dry goods store of Ruluff and Charles Peck and second floor as House of Representatives

214—contains residence of Peck brothers on first floor and Senate chamber on second floor

216 South Main, not part of First Capitol, also has been restored and now serves as administration building and living quarters for curator Steve Raiche

Work on restoration project began seven years ago after State Park Board received initial grant from State General Assembly

Buildings purchased in 1961 during latter days of late Governor James T. Blair's administration

Total cost of project estimated at @\$750,000

75% of money from state funds, 25% from city of St. Charles, which sold \$145,000 in bonds to acquire nearby property for visitors' parking lot and other improvements in area

St. Charles also established historical district for eight blocks south of the First Capitol Buildings and architectural review board must approve any changes

Kenneth E. Coombs, A.I.A. of Kansas City, served as project architect and Robert Elgin of St. James, project engineer. In charge of assembling furnishings for buildings was H. B. (Hub) Gleason.

Archaeologists from Missouri State Park Board excavated grounds number of years ago and discovered long-covered cisterns and foundations of other buildings dating from 1820s era.

St. Charles Banner-News, 6 December 1971

Restoration of three structures in Historic District has been proposed by First State Capitol Urban Renewal Project. Structures are Stone Row, Farmer's Tavern, and Western House

Restoration only part of total renewal plan of Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of St. Charles

Stone Row, 314-324 South Main Street, was built in 1805

Farmer's Tavern, 700 South Main Street, was built in 1805

Western House located on southwest corner of South Main and Boonslick Road, dated 1835

St. Charles Banner-News, 17 December 1971

“First Capitol commission dissolved”

The First State Capitol Restoration and Sesquicentennial Commission die as of March 1, 1972.

The St. Charles Sesquicentennial Commission's death occurred some time ago with balance on its books of zero

St. Charles Banner-News, 9 July 1974

“First Capitol Rejuvenation”

Peck brothers and Chauncy Shepard were building three buildings in 1818 and decided to combine buildings by laying beams across two alleys to create second story

When Missouri State Legislature was deciding where to locate new state capital, city of St. Charles offered Pecks' buildings rent free as site for capitol

On 4 June 1821, first session of general assembly at St. Charles convened on Main Street in answer to special call of Missouri's first governor, Alexander McNair

General assembly passed act in 1821 fixing permanent capital in Jefferson City
General assembly adjourned for last time in St. Charles 21 January 1826
Buildings privately owned until 1961, when the State purchased them
Restoration of First Capitol buildings was done under supervision of Missouri State Park Board's Historical Division and project took ten years to complete
Antique dealer was contracted to furnish the buildings
First State Capitol "is not a museum, but a very valuable historic site."
Since buildings were opened to public in 1971, about 60,000 have toured First Capitol

Discovery (Saint Louis Science Center), Fall 1987

"St. Charles: Missouri's First State Capitol"

M. Colleen Hamilton

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In 1960s, Missouri State Park Board assisted City of St. Charles in beginning realization of long-time dream, renovation of one of the state's most important historic sites

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October 1821 — St. Charles chosen as Missouri's first state capitol, legislature met there until 1826

For over a century, history enthusiasts called for restoration of Missouri First Capitol buildings

Only action taken was erection of centennial marker by Knights of Columbus in 1921

In mid-1960s — during spread of urban renewal, capitol buildings threatened

Missouri Park Board (now the Missouri Department of National Resources or MDNR) purchased "Peck's Row"

Intention was to renovate all buildings to 1820s appearance

Goal to create aura of frontier St. Charles, settlement instrumental in birth of Missouri government and settlement of the West

MDNR successfully organized politicians, architects, archaeologists, construction workers and local history buffs in renovation of First Capitol grounds

Historic documentation suggests that this building complex was erected between 1815 and 1820

Steamboats carried passengers up the Missouri River; many disembarked at St. Charles and took Boone's Lick Trail west

Later, Santa Fe and Oregon Trails radiated from St. Charles

Archaeological Survey at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, in conjunction with the MDNR, has unearthed portions of stable where local legend holds that politicians boarded their horses

CAPITOL RESERVATIONS ADVISED FOR THURSDAY'S TOWN FORUM

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MO) - March 8, 1988

Author: Bob Wehling Of the St. Charles Post

Because of limited seating in the restored chambers of the historic **First State Capitol building** at 208 South Main Street in St. Charles, those planning to attend the Town

Forum there Thursday night have been urged to make a reservation with the Chamber of Commerce office.

At least five subjects of interest are on the agenda for the 7:30 p.m. meeting, co-sponsored by the City Special Business District Advisory Board and the Consumers Service Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Grace M. Nichols will preside.

The subjects include:

Results of a just-completed survey of downtown businesses and property owners.

Status of the efforts to renovate the St. Charles Opera House on North Main Street.

A review of riverfront development.

Discussion of the first season's operations of the Spirit of St. Charles Riverboat.

Latest information on the state's progress in developing the Katy Trail as a recreational facility, and for possible potential use of a portion of the trail for an excursion railroad.

Those planning to attend also were reminded that smoking is prohibited in the meeting chambers.

For reservations, call the Chamber of Commerce at 946-0633.

For information, call Executive Director Lance Spears of the Chamber of Commerce at 946-0633, or Sue Schneider, chairman of the Special Business District, at 946-5000.

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NEIGHBORHOOD UPKEEP

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I have been a resident of St. Charles for over 25 years. I often walk around the Main Street area looking at the various architecture of the buildings. I find that Main Street is not only divided by the mailing address, but by the renovation and maintenance owners do. Rarely do I see a building on South Main in need of paint or repair. North Main Street is just the opposite. Many buildings have undergone extensive restoration in the past few

years improving the overall appearance of the Riverside Mall. The problem is with the owners who lack discipline in keeping up their investment. Not only do the owners lose out, but the city's tourism and neighboring investors pay a price.

The repairs needed around the Riverside Mall buildings range from minor to major. For instance, one business has several boards protruding from the enclosed eaves. The warped and cracked pieces look as if a few good winds could send them down to the street.

Another example is the recent application of natural vertical lumber to the front of a building built in 1896. On the top of this building are several bricks which appear to have been broken previously. At this time, no cosmetic device has been put up to secure the open bricks. Some minor repairs include items like: painting, replacing broken window panes, repairing window shutters and repairing torn awnings.

I realize that in today's economy the dollar doesn't go far enough, but the deterioration shouldn't be allowed to get this far. Since the **First State Capitol Building** and other historic landmarks are featured in St. Charles, something needs to be done. Perhaps the city of St. Charles will pass ordinances for building appearances in this area. They could also give the owners an incentive by tax breaks, depending on the amount of restoration involved. Tourism is part of the St. Charles economy, and to maintain this trade the community needs to do its part by keeping up the appearance and repairs of its buildings.

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'Legislative Chamber' Music To Grace Old Capitol At Candle Light Concert

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A winter's eve of classical music played by candle light will be presented in the legislative chambers of the **First State Capitol Building** at 8 p.m. Feb. 18. The "Winter Candle Light Concert" is free, and is the second to be held this year.

The music, played by the quartet Opus IV, will be works of Handel, Bach, Mozart and Haydn. The legislative chambers, which once served as the House of Representatives,

will be lit by candles flickering from chandeliers, wall sconces and tables, and by a blazing hearth.

The effect "is so dramatic," says Mimi Jackson, who organized the first concerts last year for the South Main Preservation Society.

The concerts were so popular that the society decided to extend them, Jackson says. The acoustic in the chambers are "perfect" for wind and string instruments, she said.

The musicians that make up Opus IV have all played extensively with the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra, and all live in the St. Charles area. The quartet consists of two violinists, Marilyn Kruse and Melanie Murphy, cellist Mae Jean Nothstine, and viola player Deborah Wagman. Kruse is also president of the St. Charles County Arts Council.

Reservations go quickly, says site administrator James Rehard, who is organizing a series of concerts for the society. Tickets for the Christmas concert were sold out before Thanksgiving, before notices could appear in newspapers.

This is despite the seating, which is rough plank benches, the same sort of seating that the first legislators endured in the 1820s, when St. Charles became the first state capital of Missouri. The legislative chambers are now authentically restored to that era, so much so that there is only one electrical outlet in the room, used for maintenance.

Yet the combination of music, fire and candle light and the acoustics make the evening "really relaxing" says John Dengler of the South Main Preservation Society. Last year, he said, he had a seat by the fire. "It's a lovely place for a candle light concert," he said. "The acoustics are surprisingly good."

The South Main Preservation Society is footing the bill for the evening, which includes supplying hot apple cider and gingersnaps. "Maybe this is a way of giving something back to the city," Dengler said.

About 50 people can be accommodated for the free concert, says Rehard. Reservations can be made by calling the office of the First State Capitol at 946-9282 in business hours. Caption: PHOTO L.T. Spence/Post-Dispatch ... Deborah Wagman, left, and Marilyn J. Kruse practicing. Both are members of Opus IV, a string quartet that will perform Feb. 18 at the First Missouri State Capitol in St. Charles.

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TALKING ABOUT CULTURE - HISTORIAN RECREATES AFRICAN-AMERICAN STORIES IN PROGRAM

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - February 22, 1996

Author: By Esther Talbot Fenning ; Special To The St. Charles Post

One of Billye Reed Crumpton's earliest memories is traveling through rural Arkansas as a 4-year-old with her father, Richard Reed.

Reed was a teacher who set up schools in eastern Arkansas and lectured and showed exhibits on intercultural history to African-American schoolchildren.

Reed's philosophy was that children would communicate more effectively if they learned about a variety of cultures.

"I remember him using a battery-operated projector to show movies on the wall about different countries," Crumpton said. "He would tell the children that you can't grow if you only know about your own culture."

Crumpton's experiences with her father and grandfather, Alfonso Reed, who was also an educator, left her with a lifelong interest in history and in sharing stories, crafts and artifacts from a variety of cultures.

Crumpton, 66, of University City takes her intercultural exhibits and workshops to schools and organizations in St. Charles and the St. Louis metropolitan area.

She will join musician Glen "Papa" Wright from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Missouri First State Capitol, 200 South Main Street, St. Charles, for a musical and narrative presentation of African-American history.

Crumpton will talk about the codes and messages in old Negro spirituals and African-American personalities and events that shaped this country.

One of her subjects will be St. Louis designer and seamstress Elizabeth Keckley, who sewed for Mary Todd Lincoln and other Washington socialites in the 1860s. "I'll show the kind of dress Keckley designed for them and pictures of women wearing the dress," she said.

Crumpton's narration will be interspersed with marimba music by Wright. Included in his repertoire will be old hymns, spirituals and music from Broadway.

Highlighting his performance will be a rendition of the folk song "Kumbayah." Wright will invite members of the audience to join on various percussion instruments.

Tickets for the event are \$3 and must be reserved in advance by calling 946-9282.

Crumpton and Wright's performance will cap the daylong Salute to Black Missouri

History sponsored by the St. Charles County Historical Society in cooperation with the Missouri First State Capitol.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with a reception to honor area African Americans and their contributions. The reception will be at the Historical Society, 101 South Main Street, St. Charles. Refreshments will be served, and the guests of honor will be on hand until 4 p.m. to chat with visitors.

Honorees are:

Virginia Sandidge of St. Charles, who owned and operated Virginia's Bar-B-Que in her Kingshighway back yard for 44 years.

Roy Clark of Wentzville, a historian who has collected information and photographs on African American history in the Wentzville/Foristell area.

Ronna Lockett of Los Angeles, who wrote "Colored Paths," dealing with marriages of free black people in St. Charles County from 1865 and 1871. Lockett, whose family roots are in St. Charles, recently completed a compilation of the records of African-American burial sites in St. Charles County.

The work of area artist Ernest Avery will be on display, in addition to photographs and artifacts from Crumpton's collection.

Included will be hairdressing equipment and original formulas used by cosmetologist Annie Malone and information on horse trainer and showman Tom Bass of Mexico, Mo., who invented the Bass bit for horses.

Four presidents came to Missouri to visit Bass, Crumpton said. "Bass trained horses for Theodore Roosevelt and Buffalo Bill," she added.

This is the second year the Historical Society has sponsored an event in honor of Black History Month. Archivist Carol Wilkins said she anticipates a better turnout this year.

"We had about 40 or 50 people last year, many of whom were relatives and enthusiastic supporters of Ronna's," she said. "We hope to make it more inclusive this year."

Caption: PHOTO

Photo by Sam Leone/St. Charles Post - Marimba artist Glen "Papa" Wright and storyteller Billye Reed Crumpton will present a musical and narrative presentation of African-American history Saturday at the **First State Capitol building** in St. Charles.

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Re-enactors at First Capitol bring 19th century to life Visitors will milk cows, churn butter, write with quill pens, make stick bread over a fire, dip candles and play historical games.

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The Russian novelist Tolstoy said that it appeared to be impossible to describe directly the life of a single people. American re-enactors give it their best shot by researching pioneer ways and immortalizing them for children through hands-on activities, stories and staged dramas.

Children will have the opportunity to revisit the lives of their ancestors in mid-19th-century America from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the annual Historical Children's Festival at the First Missouri State Capitol Historic Site in St. Charles.

Young visitors will observe the step-by-step process of making johnnycake, from pounding the corn into meal to baking it in a hearth fire. They will milk cows and churn butter, write with quill pens and ride in a horse and carriage. They will make stick bread over a fire, dip candles, sew patches, string necklaces and play a variety of historical games.

The event will feature storyteller Cathy Gregory (the Butterfly Lady), a fur and trapping exhibit and gunsmithing and wood-sawing demonstrations. New this year will be a washboard and tub washing station where participants will learn firsthand how great-great Grandma made do with knuckles and elbow grease -- before electricity and push buttons introduced the washing machine.

Popcorn will be popped in an antique popcorn holder with a long handle and a lid that slides to and fro. Chickens will be cooked in a tin reflector oven as it was back in an era when nothing was discarded. The fat collected in the scooped out bottom was used for soap and candle tallow.

"Everyone thinks the Boy and Girl Scouts invented that device, but it's been around for a long, long time," said Sue Love, who will do the cooking.

Members of the agricultural Block and Bridle Club from the University of Missouri at Columbia will show up again this year with cows, rabbits, ducklings and other creatures that were crucial to all aspects of life in the 1820s. Re-enactors will be on hand to assist the children and to add factual accounts of daily life as it was then and to compare it with modern living.

Visitors will be invited to wander through the First Missouri State Capitol free of charge. The facility includes the governmental chambers upstairs and the Peck Brothers Dry Goods and Hardware Store on the ground floor. All have been restored to their original appearance from 1821-1826, when the building housed Missouri's first legislators.

The event is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Organizers of the event are Dave Klostermeier, First Missouri State Capitol site administrator, and Love, whose title is interpretive resource technician. Her duties include conducting daily tours of the site and planning special events. A costumed Love will handle the cooking, churning and pounding in the kitchen on Saturday and will serve as all-around overseer.

She said the Children's Historical Festival started at least 10 years ago. Between 1,500 and 2,000 people participated in last year's event, she said. She said families often bring lunches. Parents sit in the back yard of the Missouri State Capitol as their children participate in activities at stations in and around the grounds.

Love said the event is perfect for children who have taken field trips through the First Missouri State Capitol.

"First they hear about it, and then they come back to spend a typical day in the life of a child in the 1820s," she said. "This event is really popular with fourth-graders because that is when they start their Missouri history units." --- Historical Children's Festival - When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

- Where: First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site, 200-216 South Main Street, St. Charles.

- Activities: Activities of the mid-19th century, including food preparation, games, exhibits, crafts, demonstrations and an open house at Missouri's **First State Capitol building** .

- Cost: Free.

- Information: 636-940-3322.

Caption: PHOTO

PHOT* BY LARRY WILLIAMS / POST-DISPATCH - The rear yard at the site of the First Missouri State Capitol features two stone foundations. The one shown here is thought to be from an old icehouse. The site will host the Historical Children's Festival on Saturday. PHOT* BY LARRY WILLIAMS / POST-DISPATCH - LEFT: This is some of the period china on display at the site. PHOT* BY LARRY WILLIAMS / POST-DISPATCH - Sue Love, in period costume, is the organizer of the Historical Children's Festival. (Page 1 refer photo.)

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Missourians celebrate state's 184th birthday

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An old-fashioned birthday tribute to Missouri's heritage -- complete with flint-knapping, fire-brewing and candle-dipping -- led history buffs Sunday on a trek through time.

The First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site in St. Charles was the scene of Sunday's time-traveling mission, a history lesson about how 19th-century Missourians lived without electricity, running water or even a book of matches.

The all-day birthday party celebrated Statehood Day, which marks Missouri's 184th birthday this Wednesday. Missouri became the 24th state to join the union Aug. 10, 1821. State senators and representatives conducted business on the second floor of the capitol in St. Charles from 1821 to 1826, the year a new capitol in Jefferson City was finished.

The annual celebration included:

- Period re-enactors.
- Craft demonstrators who taught flint-knapping, the ancient art of shaping stone tools by hand, candle-dipping, and fire-building by rubbing sticks together.
- Tours of the **first state capitol building** on South Main Street in St. Charles.

The event, which remains Missouri's only state-sponsored Statehood Day celebration, offers valuable learning experiences for children as well as adults, said Dave Klostermeier, the historic site's administrator for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

But Sunday's party drew one of the lowest turnouts in years, Klostermeier said. The hot weather and the Washington Town & Country Fair in Washington, Mo., might have cut back on this year's attendance.

Despite the low turnout, Statehood Day had some valuable lessons for some of those who attended. The event taught George Pappas, 80, of Town and Country, to appreciate his contemporary lifestyle.

"I learned that I'm glad I was born when I was born," said Pappas, who attended his first Statehood Day celebration with his wife Bess, 76, and three friends.

Among the youngest re-enactors at Sunday's birthday festival was 5-month-old Gillen Raisner, whose authentic clothing from her green dress and white bonnet down to her cloth diaper reflected garb worn by early 19th-century settlers to the region. Her parents, Walt, 58, and RoxAnn Raisner, 36, of Glen Carbon, are frequent re-enactors who hope their daughter embraces history as they have. They said the annual Statehood Day celebration is a great way to teach Gillen and other children about the past.

"She'll probably end up failing history because she'll be correcting the teacher all the time," Walt Raisner said.

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Blunt will meet with residents in St. Charles today

St. Charles - Gov. Matt Blunt and other state officials will visit St. Charles today under the "Capital for a Day" program in which they will listen to residents, provide assistance and visit public and private institutions.

The visit begins at 1 p.m. at the **First State Capitol Building**, 200-216 South Main Street. Office hours will be from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. in the governor's office on the second floor. The governor will then visit the Discovery Expedition at Bishop's Landing, Emmaus Homes on Randolph Street and Hendrickson's Salad Dressing Co. on Exchange Drive.

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