

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Augusta Harmonie Verein

other names/site number American Legion Post 262; Grand Army of the Republic Hall

### 2. Location

street & number NE corner Hackman & Church  not for publication

city or town Augusta  vicinity

state Missouri code MO county St. Charles code 183 zip code 63332

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Claire F. Blackwell 7 December 1994  
Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy SAFO Date  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain): _____	_____	_____

Augusta Harmonie Verein  
Name of Property

St. Charles Co., MO  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>		buildings
		sites
		structure
		objects
<u>2</u>		Total

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

Historic Resources of Augusta, MO

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/clubhouse  
CULTURE/music facility

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/clubhouse

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone  
walls wood  
roof metal  
other concrete

**Narrative Description**

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

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Name of Property

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

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

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

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

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

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

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

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

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Ethnic Heritage: European

**Period of Significance**

1869-1920

**Significant Dates**

1869

1890

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

Augusta Harmonie Verein  
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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 1.5

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	15	684770	4271600
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2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Mary M. Stiritz

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date 5 January 1994

street & number 12 Wydown Terr. telephone 314 721 6289

city or town St. Louis state MO zip code 63105

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name American Legion Post 262 c/o Victor Kuchem

street & number 109 Schell Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Augusta state MO zip code 63332-

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, and the Office of

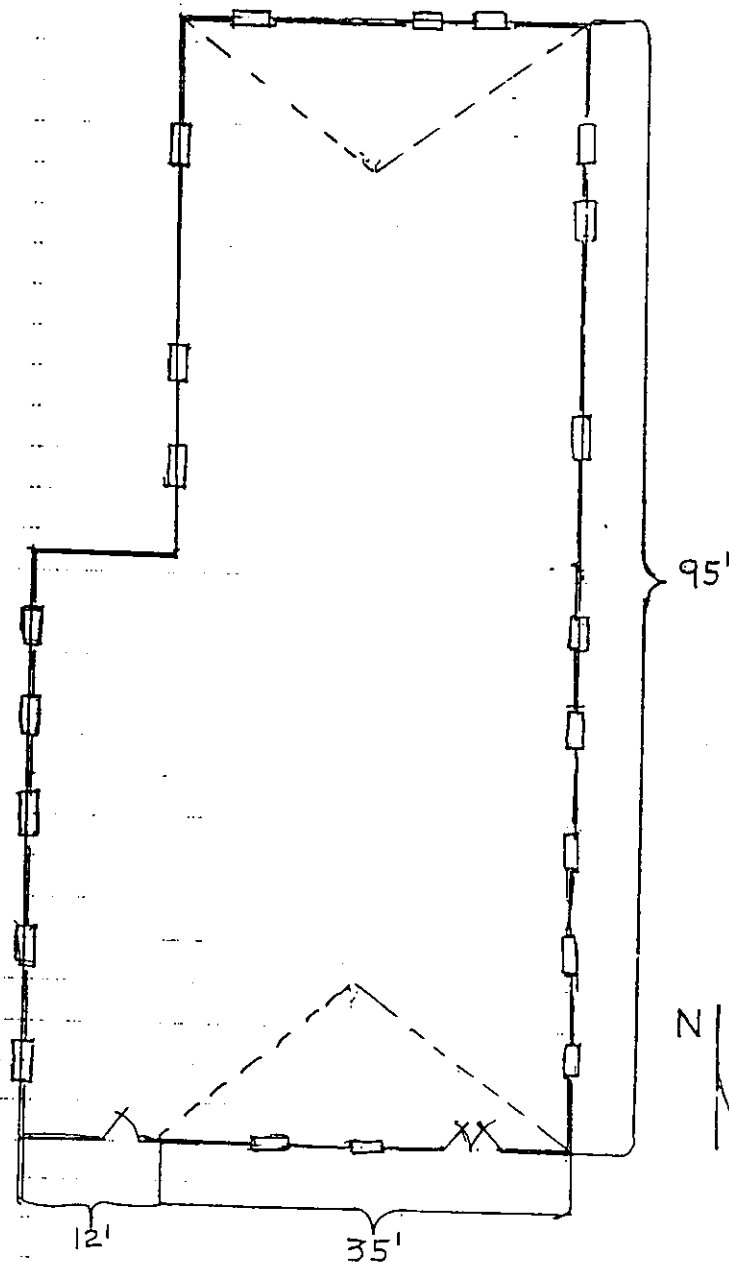
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Augusta, St. Charles Co., MO  
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Augusta Harmonie Verein



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The Augusta Harmonie Verein, located at the northeast corner of Hackman and Church Roads in Augusta, Missouri, consists of an 1869 frame music clubhouse, and an 1890 frame bandstand (Property Type: Institutional Building). Features which meet basic requirements of the property type include the sparsely detailed designs which follow simple vernacular conventions; and the substantial size of the clubhouse with space for assembly. One minor resource, a circa 1970 frame concession stand of nonpermanent construction, has not been counted. The historic buildings survive with minor alterations which do not detract substantially from their overall integrity of design and materials.

Harmonie Verein

The front-gabled building faces south and is set back about 50 feet from Hackman Road. The original board-and-batten building measures approximately 35 X 95 feet; it is extended on the west side (see Plan) by a circa 1970 12 X 50 feet weatherboarded addition on a concrete foundation. The front 50 feet section of the original building rests on a stone foundation and features fenestration on the east and south elevations of double-hung sash with 6 over 6 lights. The rear 45 feet section rests on a raised concrete block basement which replaced (circa 1940) the original basement material; fenestration is irregular. Multi-paneled double doors are employed on both the primary (south) and rear (north) elevations. Corrugated tin covers the roof. Wood scroll brackets trim the eaves on the front and rear gables and the east elevation.

Bandstand

The octagonal bandstand has a diameter of 19 1/2 feet; chamfered posts set on concrete replacement bases support the octagonal roof with wood ceiling. Asphalt shingling covers the roof. A polygonal wood pillar is located in the center of the wood floor which slopes downward from the center.

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The Augusta Harmonie Verein is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A and is significant in the area of ETHNIC HERITAGE:EUROPEAN. The music society which constructed the 1869 clubhouse and 1890 bandstand (Property Type: Institutional Building) was the foremost cultural institution of Augusta's German community. The society gained a county-wide reputation which drew attendance to festivals from numerous other Missouri German towns. See Historic Context, "German American Culture in Augusta, 1833-1944" and subthemes, "Development of Cultural Traditions and Institutions ca.1850-1865"; "Persistence and Decline of Ethnicity ca.1890-1944".

The Harmonie Verein was organized in January 1856 when charter members were forced by Missouri temperance laws to gather in a tent on the frozen Missouri River in order to enjoy wine and song. They resolved to organize a singing society whose purpose was, as stated in the club's constitution, "To cheer up life, through vocal and instrumental music as well as by promoting social intercourse through friendship and congeniality."(1) The following spring of 1856 the Verein celebrated its first Mai-fest, an annual picnic which became one of several musical festivals sponsored each year by the club. In 1866, the Verein purchased the 1.5 acre parcel on Hackman and Church Roads for a picnic ground; there, in 1869, they erected the present dance hall/clubhouse building; the bandstand was constructed in 1890. In addition to choral groups and a band, the Verein also founded a library for members which at one time contained about 3500 volumes largely in the German language.(2)

In the Post-Civil War years, the building also was known as the Grand Army of the Republic Hall because of the strong support given by Harmonie Verein members to the Union cause. By 1920, declining membership together with anti-German sentiment of World War I caused the Verein to enter into a lease agreement with the newly-founded American Legion Post #262, who eventually purchased the property and remain the current owners.(3)

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### NOTES

- 1) Carl Wencker, to R.A. Hoffmann, 2 Feb. 1906, Missouri Historical Society Archives, St. Louis, MO.
- 2) Carl Wencker to R.A. Hoffmann, 2 Feb. 1906.
- 3) Anita M. Mallinckrodt, Historic Augusta: Its Buildings and People, 1820-1900, (Augusta, MO: Augusta Historical Society, 1994), p. 60.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References:

Mallinckrodt, Anita M. Historic Augusta, MO. Augusta, MO: Augusta Historical Society, 1994.

St. Louis, MO. Missouri Historical Society Archives. Carl Wencker to R.A. Hoffmann, 2 February 1906.

(See Section I of the Multiple Property Document, "Historic Resources of Augusta, Missouri", for additional references.)

### 10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description: Boundaries are indicated by the heavy broken line on the map entitled, "Architectural Survey of Augusta," scale 1" = 100'.

Boundary Justification: Boundaries were drawn to include all land historically associated with the property; the area is an unplatted addition to the Town of Augusta.

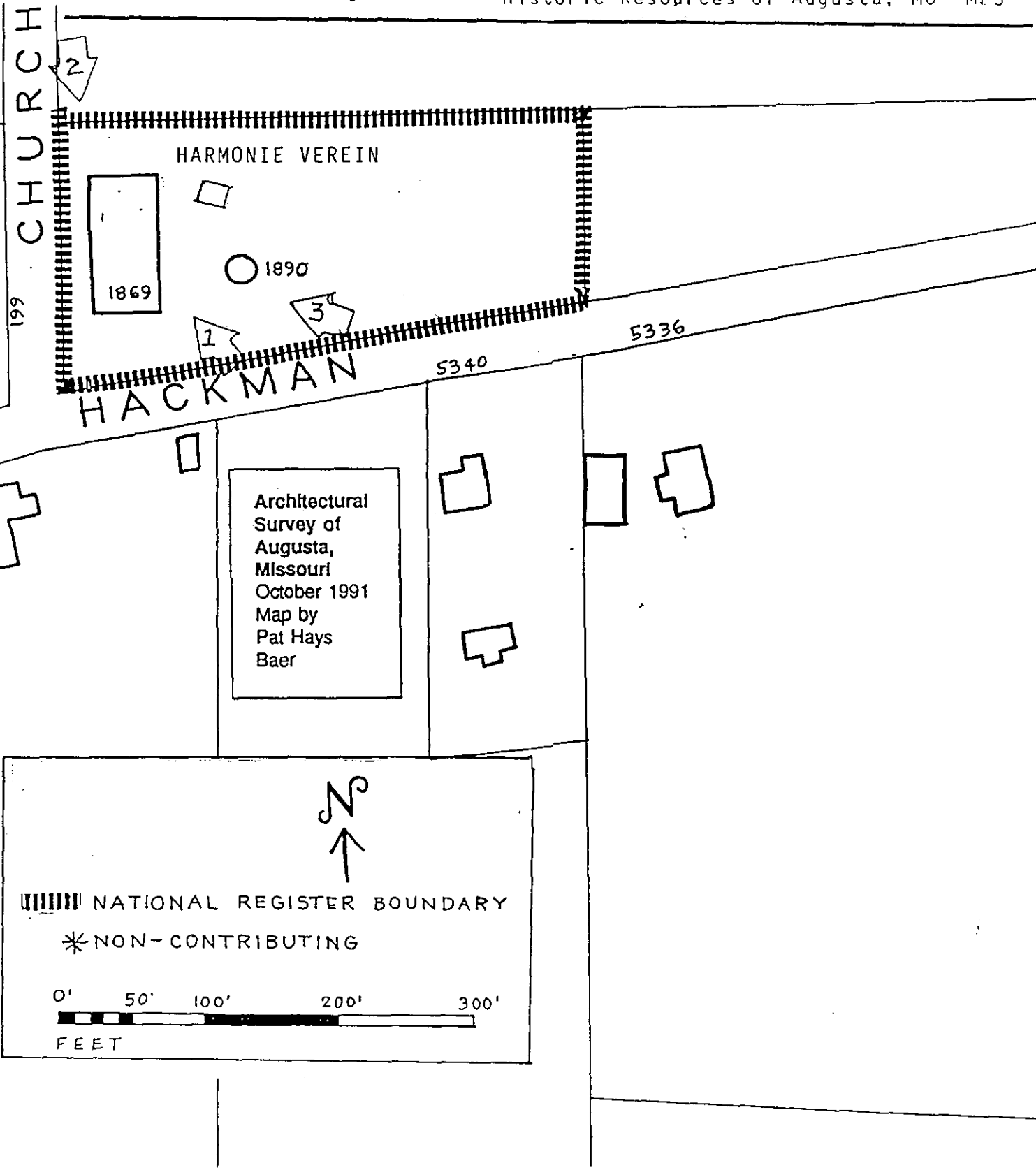


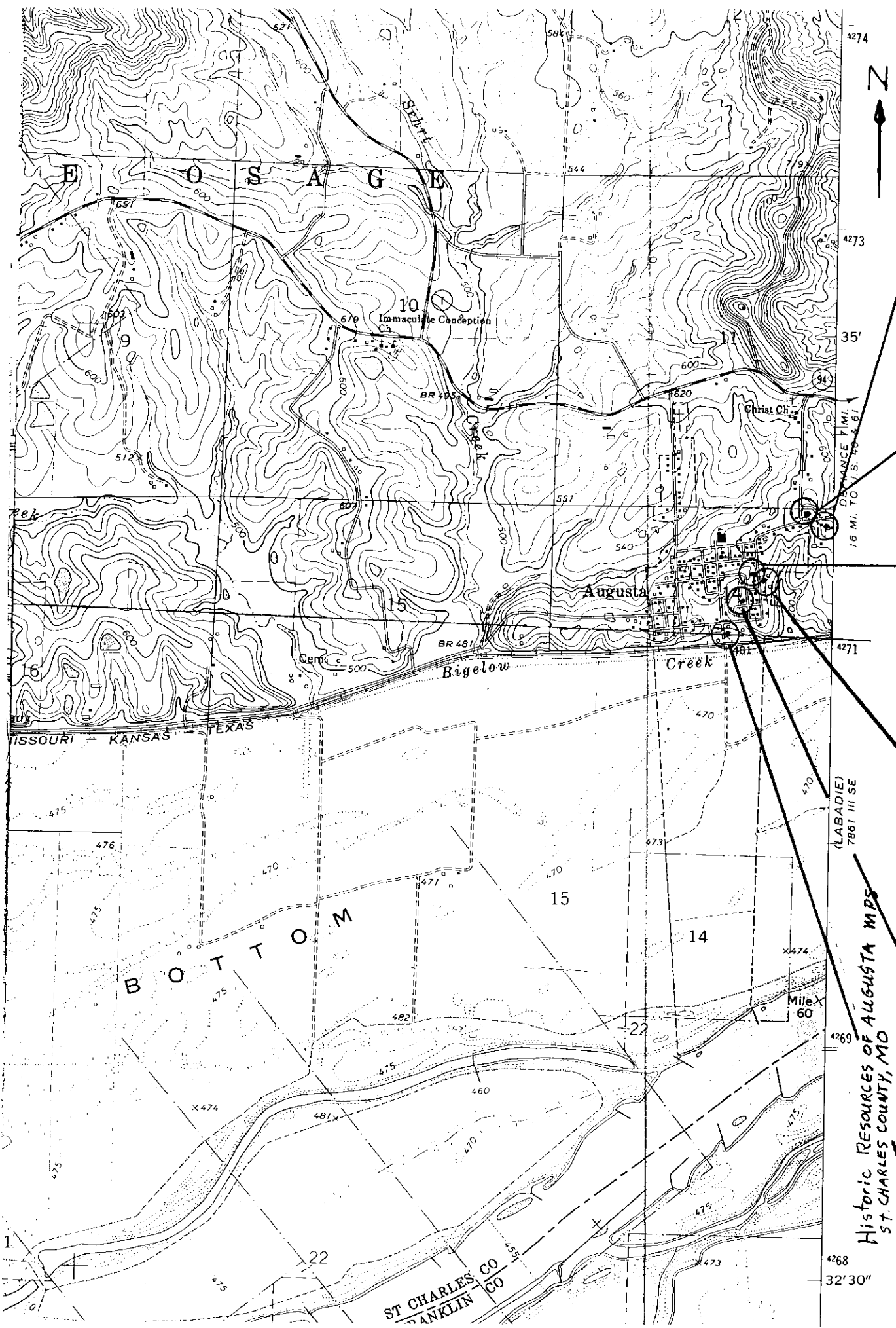
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EWICH, ROBERT  
 FARMSTEAD  
 5336 HACKMAN ROAD  
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES  
 COUNTY, MO  
 15/684865/4271540

AUGUSTA HARMONIE VERBIN  
 NE CORNER HACKMAN +  
 CHURCH ROADS  
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES COUNTY  
 MO  
 15/684770/4271600

GERLING, DR. CL., HOUSE  
 245 LOWER ST.  
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES  
 COUNTY, MO  
 15/684500/4271290

SCHROER, J. F. HOUSE-STORE  
 252 LOWER ST.  
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES COUNTY  
 MO  
 15/684570/4271260

FARRIS, CHARLES MCLEE  
 HOUSE  
 5517 HIGH ST.  
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES  
 COUNTY MO  
 15/684460/4271160

MINDRUP HOUSE-STORE  
 5543 WATER ST.  
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES COUNTY  
 MO  
 15/684390/4271000

Historic RESOURCES OF AUGUSTA MPS  
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4274  
 4273  
 35'  
 16 MI. TO U.S. 40-61  
 DISTANCE TIME  
 4271  
 4269  
 32'30"

- 1) Harmonie Verein
- 2) Augusta, St. Charles County, MO
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) DEC. 1993
- 5) MO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) south (primary) + east elev's.
- 7) CAMERA FACING NW
- 8) #1

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- 1) HARMONIE VEREIN
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, MO
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) DEC. 1993
- 5) MO DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) NORTH (rear) + West elev's.  
CAMERA FACING SE
- 7) #2



- 1) HARMONIE VEREIN
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, MO
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) DEC. 1993
- 5) MO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) EAST elev. HARMONIC VEREIN  
BAND STAND  
CAMERA FACING NW
- 7) #3 NW

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