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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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## 1. Name

historic Ebert-Dulany House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 1000 Center Street

not for publication

city, town Hannibal

vicinity of Congressional District 9, Hon. Harold Volkmer

state Missouri

code 29

county Marion

code 127

## 3. Classification

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

## 4. Owner of Property

name James E. Cary, Anne E. Cary, Joseph D. Welch and Sharon Filipek Welch

street & number 1000 Center Street

city, town Hannibal

vicinity of

state Missouri 63401

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Circuit Clerk and Recorder

street & number Marion County Courthouse

city, town Palmyra

state Missouri 63461

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Missouri State Historical Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Parks & Historic Preservation  
P.O. Box 176

city, town Jefferson City

state Missouri 65102

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Ebert-Dulany House stands at the northwest corner of Center and North Tenth Streets in Hannibal, Missouri. It is a two-story mansarded brick house set on a foundation of rock-faced ashlar. The roof rises to a ridge that was originally crested; examples of this ironwork survive on the west wing. Later dormers have been removed, as have the circa 1900 porch, several rear additions and modifications, and a one-story gable-roofed addition at the northeast corner dating from the 1930's. The front elevation breaks forward in three steps from right to left. One-over-one windows are round-headed in front, segmental-arched on the sides; all have heavy metal label-like surrounds and incised decoration. The left front first-floor window has a very large fixed pane and a leaded transom; a large bracketed hood above once sheltered a balcony. A wide bracketed frieze runs below the modillioned cornice; attic windows have been inserted in the frieze above the second-floor openings. The first bay on the Tenth Street side of the house has a frame first-floor bay window, which retains the same bracketed modillioned cornice seen of the original front porch. Its windows were partly paneled when leaded glass was installed circa 1900 and the interior redecorated. The rear bay is lower and has simpler window treatment than the front. It was added after 1905. Still later is the two-story glazed porch on the west side of the house; its windows have three vertical panes in the lower sash and six panes above, and its spandrels are stuccoed. Its interior is finished with dark-stained woodwork. The first rooms east and west of the entry have pocket doors installed c. 1900 and elaborate fireplaces. The east room has finely detailed walnut paneling in the bay window and opens into the later rear room, which has a much simpler oak window seat and bookcase. The dining room in the center of the west side has diamond-paneled wainscotting, a beamed ceiling, and hardwood flooring inlaid with a border in a diamond-link chain pattern. The west wall of this room has high center casements flanked by double-hung windows with 20-pane top sash. The front staircase has its original newel and balustrade.

After many years as an apartment building and numerous alterations, the house is now being returned to its appearance circa 1891, when it was illustrated in an album of lithographs called Souvenir of Hannibal. It will become the office of a long-established legal firm. This restoration is expected to be a model for similar structures in the neighborhood and throughout Hannibal. Although not yet widely recognized, the neighborhood of the Ebert-Dulany House is outstanding for its concentration of fine turn-of-the-century structures. Half a block south on the east side of Tenth Street is the Court House, one of two in Marion County, which has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. At the head of Tenth Street, a block north, stands "Rockcliffe", a National Register site, one of the largest houses in northeast Missouri. The historic integrity of the neighborhood is currently threatened by the Hannibal Housing Authority, which is considering a historic property less than a block away as the site of a high-rise for the elderly. A more positive action is a UDAG project three blocks to the west of that should divert much through traffic from Center Street.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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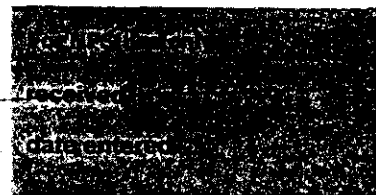
**Specific dates** 1865, c. 1905      **Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Ebert-Dulany House is currently being restored to its appearance as one of the outstanding post-Civil-War houses in Hannibal. Its dignified Second-Empire exterior conceals an interior of astonishing spaciousness, with enrichments dating from about 1905. It was built by William C. Ebert, who brought the Courier newspaper back to Hannibal, and was later owned by George W. Dulany, a member of a leading family in the lumber industry. Dulany was a key figure in diversifying Hannibal's industrial base when the decline of lumber at the turn of the century threatened the city's future. He was also, like many other Hannibal lumbermen, a notable benefactor. The house is thus significant both for its architecture and for its associations with Hannibal's industrial history and the generous philanthropic tradition it engendered.

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William C. Ebert built 1000 Center Street in 1865, only a few years after McDonald's Subdivision, in which it is located, was laid out.<sup>1</sup> He had lived in Hannibal since before the Civil War, when he had been associated with William League in the Daily Messenger. He purchased that paper from League in 1860 under the name of Frazee, Ebert & Co., borrowing \$530 for the purpose.<sup>2</sup> In 1863 a new firm of Winchell, Ebert & Marsh consolidated that paper with the Palmyra (Missouri) Courier, the paper Mark Twain had worked for during its earlier sojourn in Hannibal, 1848-1855. The resulting paper, now the Hannibal Courier-Post, has been in business ever since. The firm, which incorporated in 1870, also printed blanks and blank books and became widely known, employing about fifty people.<sup>3</sup> Financial reverses in 1879 and 1880 caused its liquidation and the sale of Ebert's house.<sup>4</sup>

The house was purchased by George Cope of Quincy, Illinois, who sold it two years later to Amos and Mary Hewitt of New Albany, Indiana. When Fanny W. Dulany bought it in 1886, the house had not been occupied by its owner for six years and was still, as the deed attested "commonly known as the William C. Ebert property."<sup>5</sup>

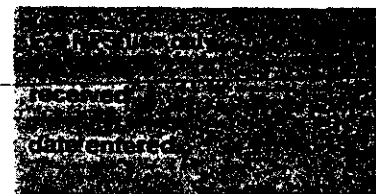
Fanny Dulany was the wife of George William Dulany, the younger son of William Henry Dulany. After twenty years in the tobacco business in Monroe County, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois, W. H. Dulany had come to Hannibal in 1867, where he had formed a lumber company in partnership with his brother Daniel and Jesse McVeigh. This firm had merged in 1881 with Ingram & Kennedy of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to form the Empire Lumber Company. At that time, W. H. Dulany's elder son D. M. Dulany moved to Eau Claire to become the firm's bookkeeper. Partner O. J. Ingram already lived there, while Charles Horton, another partner, worked out of Winona, Minnesota.<sup>6</sup> From these northern points logs were floated down the Mississippi in large rafts to Hannibal. There the lumber was processed and shipped by way of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad to rapidly growing Kansas and Nebraska. George William Dulany was manager of the Empire Lumber Company's operations in Hannibal.

This pattern of business had been initiated in Hannibal in 1856 by J. J. Cruikshank, Sr., even before the railroad had been finished. The Duback brothers had followed in 1858, and eventually at least eighteen separate lumber companies were formed in Hannibal, not counting mergers and reorganizations. By the late 1880's Cruikshank's firm was handling forty million board feet of lumber a year, and the combined total for the city was two hundred million board feet.<sup>7</sup> The Empire Lumber Company was one the largest of its kind, with a central yard of forty-three acres along Collier Street, three blocks south of Broadway, and additional leased ground. The Dulanys also had the advantage of their own saw mill, the Hannibal Saw Mill Company, organized in 1882.

As the forests of Wisconsin and Minnesota dwindled toward the end of the

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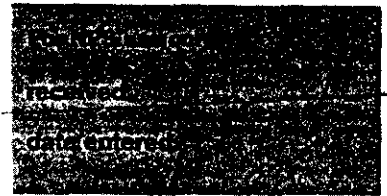
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century, the lumber industry in Hannibal declined. The Hannibal Saw Mill Company closed out in 1901 and the Empire Lumber Company a few years later. G. W. Dulany played a key role in diversifying Hannibal's economy, which would otherwise have faced a bleak future. He arranged for the Business Men's Association to purchase 33 acres of his lumber yard, which they offered free to new industries. He then helped to organize Bluff City Shoe Company, which became one of the first and most successful of the factories to locate in this new industrial district.<sup>8</sup> His success at this critical juncture was reflected in the improvements he made to his house in the first years of the century.<sup>9</sup> When the YMCA was erected in 1911, he underwrote three-sevenths of the cost<sup>9</sup> and he bequeathed another forty thousand dollars to the institution at his death in 1923.<sup>10</sup>

George and Fanny Dulany sold their house in 1917 after they had moved to Dallas, Texas, where their daughter lived.<sup>11</sup> In the 1930's the house was divided into apartments and a small grocery store or confectionery was added to the northeast corner of the building. Further subdivisions took place until 1981, when the property was purchased by Scott Meyer II and Jeff Trevathan of River City Restorations, a contracting firm specializing in historic preservation. They removed the many later kitchens and bathrooms and developed a restoration plan for the house, which they are now carrying out for the present owners, who plan to make the building their law offices.

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<sup>1</sup>Ebert purchased Lot N July 12, 1865 (Marion County Recorder of Deeds Book N<sup>2</sup>, page 486) and is reported as living at that location by the 1866 City Directory (the only known copy of which is in the Mark Twain Museum, Hannibal).

<sup>2</sup>R. I. Holcombe, History of Marion County, Missouri (St. Louis E. F. Perkins, 1884), p. 988; Recorder of Deeds Book E<sup>2</sup>, page 486, and Book I<sup>2</sup>, page 20.

<sup>3</sup>North Missouri Courier, December 8, 1871; Hannibal City Directory, 1875; Recorder of Deeds Book 57, page 113. The other stockholders in the firm were Joseph R. Winchell, George H. Marsh, and Martil L. Pierson.

<sup>4</sup>Recorder of Deeds, Book 85, page 284.

<sup>5</sup>Recorder of Deeds, Book 87, page 391; Book 105, page 492; Book 106, page 302.

<sup>6</sup>Walter Williams, ed. History of Northeast Missouri (Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Co., 1913), p. 1985 (biography of William H. Dulany); Hannibal city directories for 1881, 1885, and 1888, Hannibal Public Library.

<sup>7</sup>J. Hurley Hagood and Roberta Hagood, The Story of Hannibal (Hannibal, Mo.: Standard Printing Co., 1976), p. 75; Holcombe, p. 605; city directories; Hannibal Evening Post, December 19, 1890.

<sup>8</sup>C. P. Greene, ed., A Mirror of Hannibal (Hannibal, Mo.: C. P. Greene, 1905), p. 120; Hagood, pp. 93, 100; M. L. VanNada, ed., The Book of Missourians (Chicago: T. J. Steele & Co., 1906), p. 5.

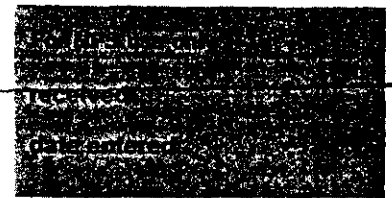
<sup>9</sup>J. B. Jeffries, "A City of Monuments, Memorials and Noted Men," "Speeches Delivered at Annual Dinner of the State Historical Society, January 21, 1927," Missouri Historical Review, April 1927, p. 339.

<sup>10</sup>Hannibal Courier-Post, April 5, 1923.

<sup>11</sup>Recorder of Deeds Book 243, page 570.

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2) James M. Denny, Chief Survey-Nominations  
and State Contact Person  
Department of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Program  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City,

September, 1982  
314/751-4096  
Missouri 65102

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Greene, C. P., ed. A Mirror of Hannibal. Hannibal, Mo.: C. P. Greene, 1905.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .15 acre

Quadrangle name Hannibal East, Mo. - II.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Ebert-Dulany House occupies parts of Lots M and N of McDonald's Subdivision of Out Lot 78; the east 12.5 feet of Lot M and the west 5 feet of Lot N; both 126 feet deep, and the east 50.5 feet of the south 93.3 feet of Lot N.

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

state Missouri code 29 county Marion code 127

state \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1) Esley Hamilton

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date September, 1982

street & number 1169 Ursula Avenue telephone 727-0428

city or town University City state Missouri 63130

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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

### State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Director, Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer date \_\_\_\_\_

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

date \_\_\_\_\_

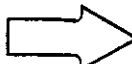
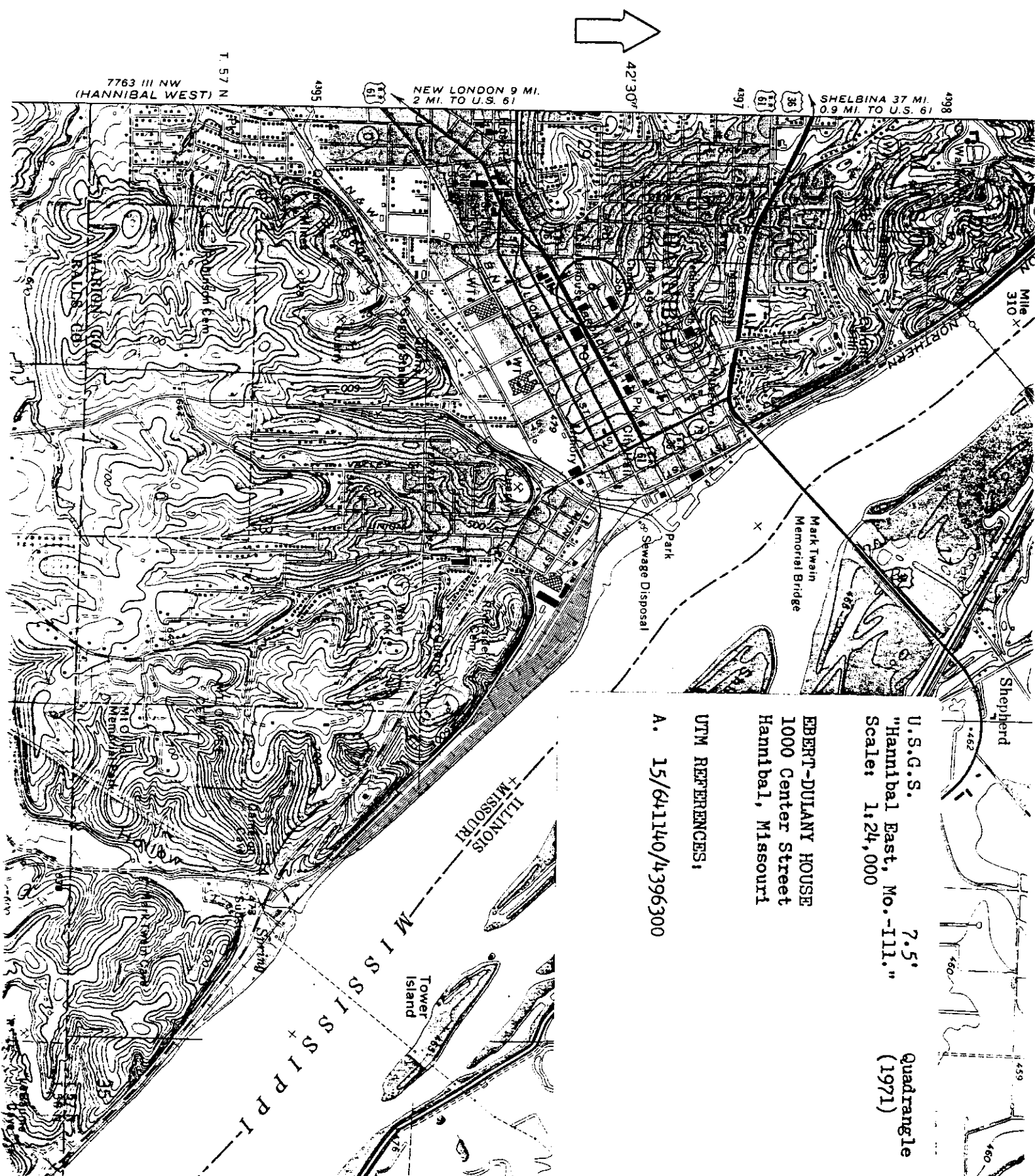
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration





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(1971)

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1000 Center Street  
Hannibal, Missouri

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ILLINOIS  
MISSOURI

MISSISSIPPI

Tower  
Island

Mark Twain  
Memorial Bridge

Seawage Disposal  
Park

Mile X  
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Shepherd

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EBERT-DULANY HOUSE

COUNTY:

Marion

LOCATION:

Hannibal

OWNER:

James E. Cary, Anne E. Cary, Joseph D. Welch &  
Sharon Filipek Welch  
1000 Center Street, Hannibal, Mo.

ADDRESS:

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

November 11, 1982

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

January 6, 1983

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

January 12, 1983

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

February 17, 1983

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED  
(AND PRESENTOR):

Mailed July 9, 1983

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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View from E. (Tenth Street) of Ebert - Dulany  
House.



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View from S. of Ebert - Dulany House.



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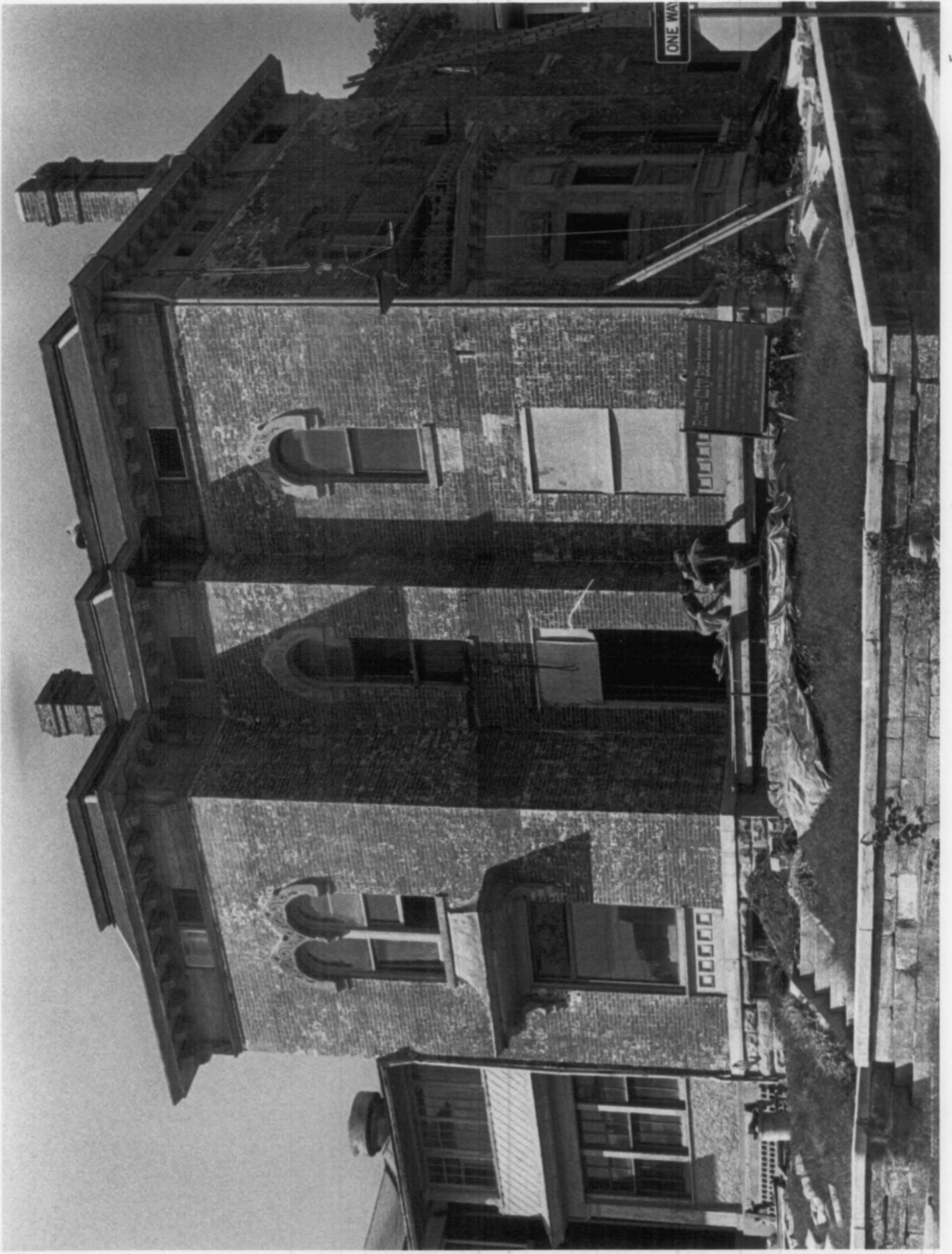


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