

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 Farris, Charles McLee, House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 5517 High Street ^{n/a} not for publication

city or town Augusta ^{n/a} 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 Claire F. Blackwell Date
Deputy SAPO
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State or 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<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): _____	_____	_____

Farris, Charles McLee, House
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	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		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)

DOMESTIC: single family

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single family

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

no style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls weatherboard

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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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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

ca. 1850

Significant Dates

ca. 1850

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:

Farris, Charles McLee, House
Name of Property

St. Charles Co., MO
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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	5	6	8	4	4	6	0	4	2	7	1	1	6	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

4

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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 Victor E. Brown; Ruth Ann Brown

street & number P.O. Box 35 telephone _____

city or town Augusta state MO zip code 63332

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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 Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Augusta, St. Charles Co., MO
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Located at 5517 High street in Augusta, Missouri, the Charles McLee Farris House is a ca.1850 1 1/2 story frame house (Property Type: Vernacular Residence). Alterations to the building have not substantially detracted from its overall integrity of design and materials.

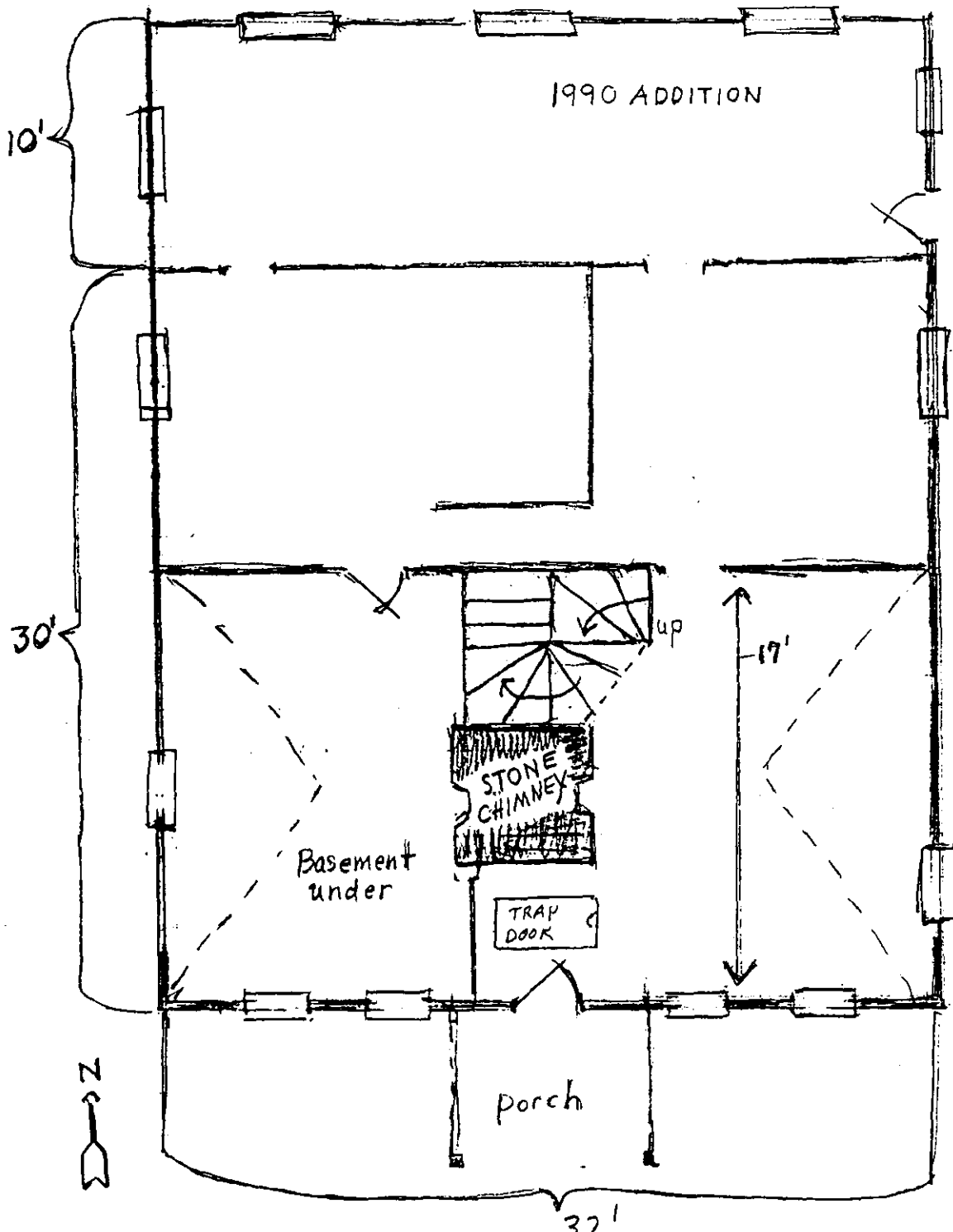
Resting on a stone foundation, the house measures approximately 32 feet wide (east-west) by 30 feet deep, extended north 10 feet with a 1990 addition. The saddlebag plan features a large central stone chimney with hearths opening to both rooms on the first floor and to both of the loft rooms above which are accessed by a turned stair on the north side of the chimney. A flue hole is cut into the wall of the chimney in the east first floor room; this room also features an exposed timber ceiling, and a trap door leading to a basement room with log joists on the west side. A partially exposed north wall in the east room indicates that the house is half-timbered construction (with brick nogging) which has been weatherboarded. The two front rooms (covered with a side-gabled roof) open to a one-story shed-roof section which may be original or an early addition. The five-bay primary facade features a center entry with side-lights and transom now boarded over, and a small wood porch with gabled roof supported by slender polygonal chamfered posts. A comparison of Photo #1 with a historic view, Photo #4, shows only minor alteration such as the removal of the center porch posts, removal of shutters, and the replacement of what were probably original wood steps with the present concrete steps.

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The Charles McLee Farris House is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C and is significant in the following area: ARCHITECTURE: Built ca. 1850, the house is a well-preserved, noteworthy example of Property Type: Vernacular Residence, exhibiting the simplicity of plan and design characteristic of the type, but distinguished by a massive stone internal chimney and hearths; known to exist in only one other area property. See Historic Context, "German American Culture in Augusta, 1833-1944" and subtheme, "Architecture ca.1836-1943".

In October, 1851, Charles McLee Farris, 45, a native of Virginia, purchased lots 1 and 2 (Block 4) from town founder Leonard Harold. The purchase price of \$157.62 is somewhat puzzling as lots were selling for about \$25 each at that time, suggesting that the parcel may have included a small building. In fact, it appears that Farris was already living near (or possibly in) this house in 1850 judging by the location of his immediate neighbors as listed in the census. A deed of 1851 (Book Z, page 17) reveals that Farris owned all of Block 4, which he placed in trust for the benefit of his wife and children. A Justice of the Peace in the 1850 census, Farris came to St. Charles County around 1832 and was engaged as a schoolteacher according to the History of St. Charles County. He had purchased rural property not far from Augusta as early as January 1832, and in the 1840 census was engaged in agriculture with the help of four slaves. In his household in 1850 were Virginia-born wife, Susanna, 39; and five Missouri-born children ages 17, 11, 8, 4, and 1. A 19th century County history described Farris as "a gentleman by birth and education, and...a man of superior intelligence ... [who] was a Jeffersonian Democrat and ardently supported the principles of Democracy." (1) His untimely death in 1853 left his widow to support the family as a milliner and dressmaker. Susanna was listed in Augusta in the 1860 agricultural census owning livestock valued at \$35 which included one milch cow, two cattle and three swine; she still owned Block 4 in the early 1880s.

Farris' house exhibits characteristics of a grafting of Anglo - and German - American building traditions frequently found in Augusta. The symmetrically ordered five-bay facade indicates a desire for a formal elevation typical of the Anglo-American Georgian heritage; the front entry with side- and transom-lights (now boarded over) and pedimented porch are further allusions to classical style. Missouri German features include the half-timbered method of

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construction; exposed hewn timber ceiling in the east front room; and saddlebag plan. The large stone central chimney, accomodating four hearths (2 downstairs and 2 upstairs) is a feature associated in Missouri with both Upland South Anglo-American and German traditions, and may be the result of local German builders who constructed the house and/or Farris' own preference. Only one other stone chimney with hearths was identified in the comprehensive survey of Augusta: the gable-end fireplace in the ca. 1836 Leonard Harold log house.

NOTES

1) Portrait and Biographical Record (Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1895), 363.

9. Major Bibliographical References:

Portrait and Biographical Record. Chicago: Chapman Publishing Co., 1895.

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

10. Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description: Lot 1, Block 4 of the Original Town. Boundaries are indicated by the heavy broken line on the map entitled, "Architectural Survey of Augusta, Missouri", scale 1" = 100'.

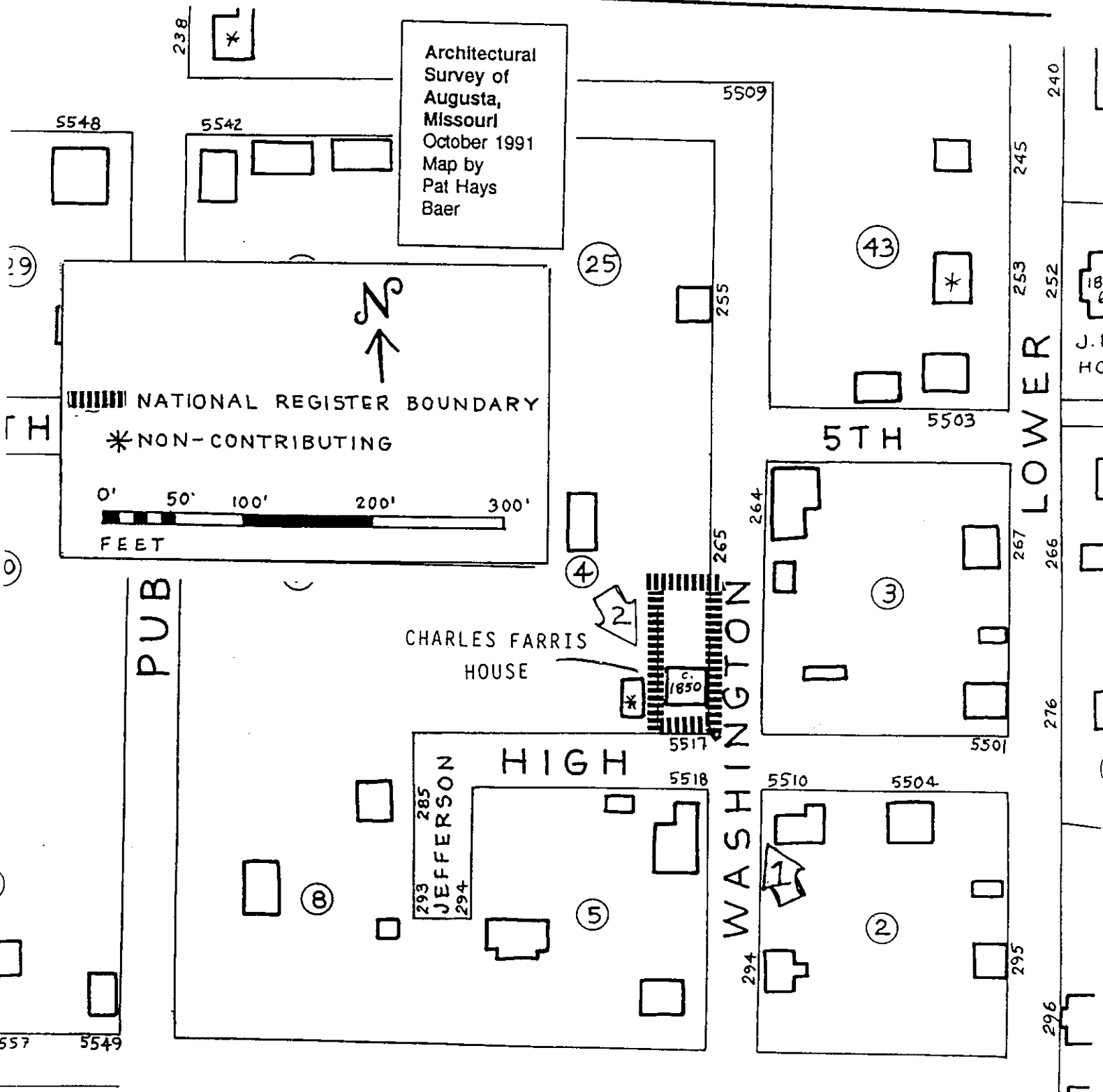
Boundary Justification: Boundaries were drawn to include the only building retaining integrity; a small non-contributing historic barn of unknown date and function has been excluded due to loss of integrity.

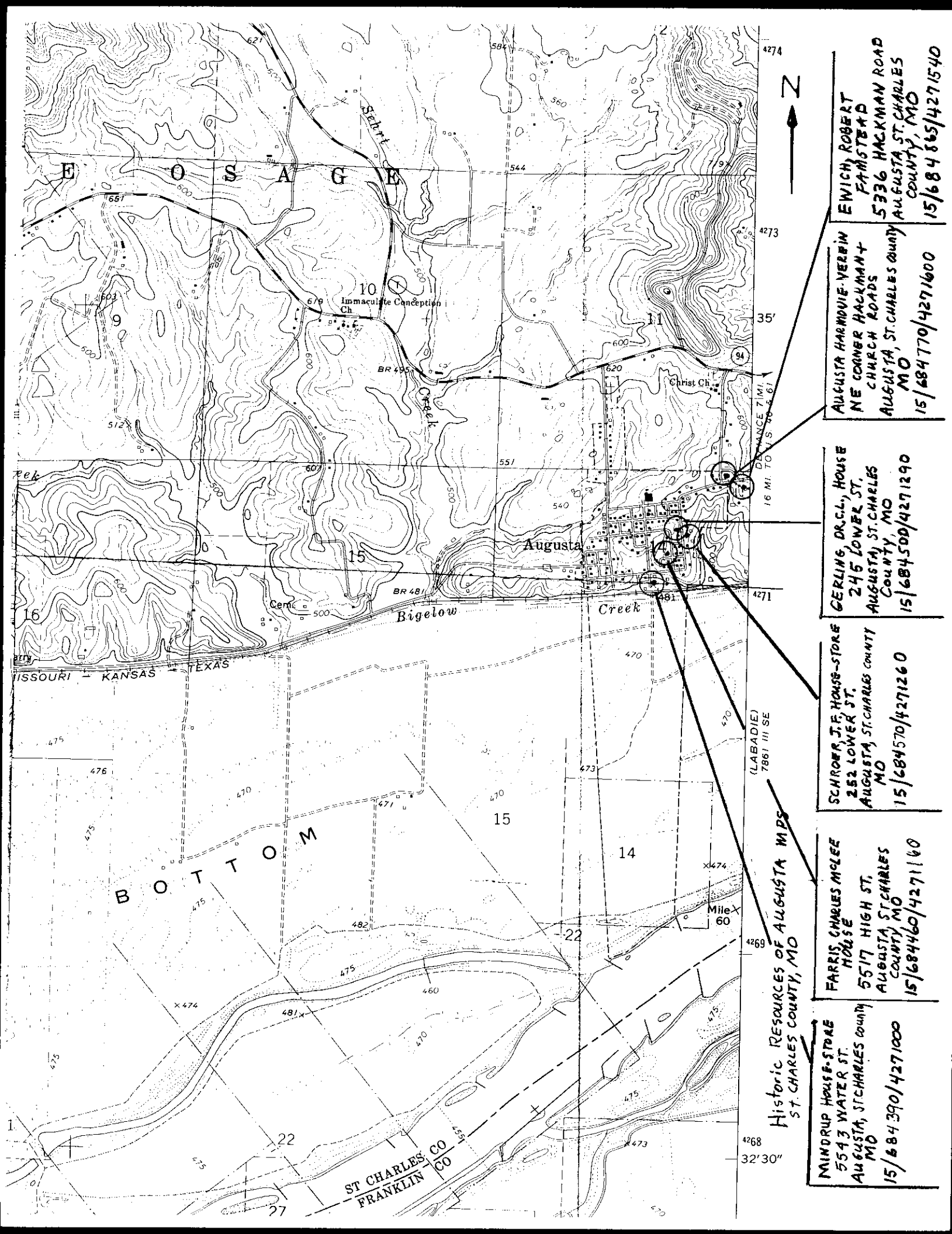
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 FAMILIAR
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 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES
 COUNTY, MO
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AUGUSTA HARMOVIE VERBIN
 NE CORNER HACKMAN +
 CHURCH ROADS
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES COUNTY
 MO
 15/684770/4271600

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

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

FARRIS, CHARLES MOLEE
 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

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 ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO

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35'

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ST CHARLES CO
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B O T T O M

Augusta

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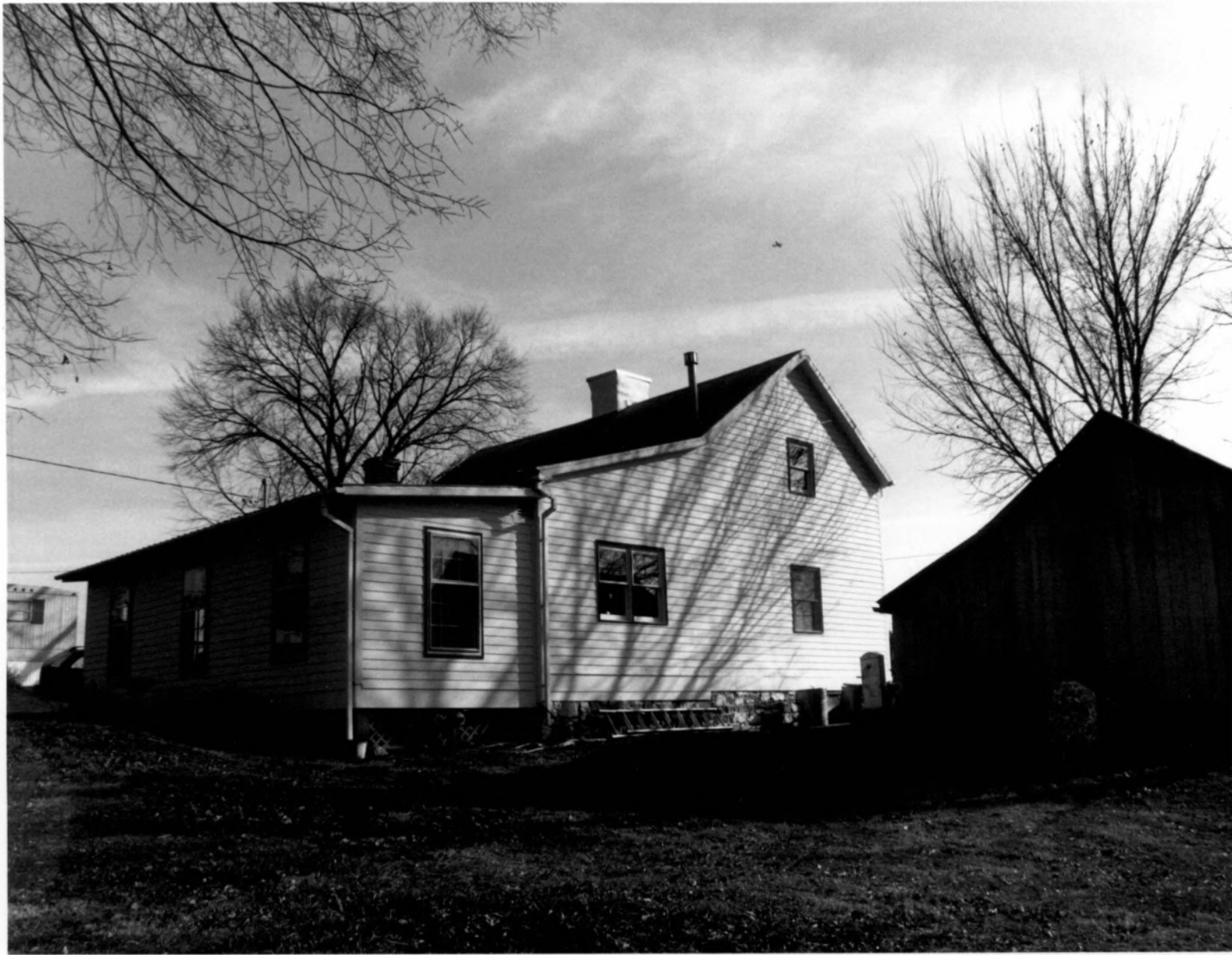
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- 1) FARRIS, CHARLES MCLEE, HOUSE
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, MO
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) DEC. 1993
- 5) MO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) PRIMARY (south) + east elevs.
CAMERA FACING NW
- 7) #1



- 1) FARRIS, CHARLES M'LEE, HOUSE
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, Mo
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) DEC. 1993
- 5) MO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) REAR, (NORTH) + WEST ELEV'S.
CAMERA FACING SE
- 7) #2

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- 1) FAIRBIS, CHARLIS MCLELL, HOUSE
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, Mo
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) June 1994
- 5) MO Dept. Natural Resources
- 6) INTERIOR, 1st floor, east room
r CAMERA facing NW
- 7) #3



- 1) FARRIS, Charles McLELL, MOOSE
- 2) AUGUSTO, St. Charles County, MO
- 3) UNKNOWN
photocopy: MARK STIRN
- 4) c. 1900
photocopy: 1994
- 5) MO Dept. Natural Resources
- 6) Historic view of primary (south) elev.
camera facing north
- 7) # 4

