

MISSOURI OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION/INVENTORY SURVEY FORM

1. NAME  
 HISTORIC Dr. Jacob Geiger Home/Maud Wyeth Painter Residence  
 AND/OR COMMON United Missouri Bank

2. LOCATION  
 STREET & NUMBER 2501 Frederick  
 CITY, TOWN St. Joseph VICINITY OF  
 STATE Mo. CODE 29 COUNTY Buchanan CODE 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 NAME United Mo. Bank of St. Joseph  
 STREET & NUMBER 2501 Frederick  
 CITY, TOWN St. Joseph VICINITY OF STATE Mo.

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 Buchanan County Recorders Office  
 County Courthouse  
 St. Joseph, Missouri

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 TITLE Missouri State Historical Survey, 1981.  
 DETERMINED ELIGIBLE? YES  NO  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered - addition	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE The Dr. Jacob Geiger Home is a two-and-one-half story residence in an English gothic revival style with a three-story crenelated tower at the southwest corner and a smaller two-story crenelated tower at the southeast corner. The primary (south) facade features an arcaded porch. Windows throughout the house have white granite surrounds, lugsills and entablature window headers. Above the porch there is a four bay bow window with segmental transoms. Gargoyles lean from the pediment of this bow window. The floor to the balcony formed by the bow window is in a decorative gabled dormer. There is a small two story tower at the southeast corner. A drive-up addition to the bank has been constructed in sympathetic manner. (See Photos #34, #35, and #36).

### B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> science (medicine)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social /	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

SPECIFIC DATES 1911 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Eckel & Aldrich/ Band Construction/ Reinert Bros. Masonry

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)**  
 The Dr. Jacob Geiger Home is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places according to the criteria under definitions B and C, to wit: it is associated with Dr. Jacob Geiger, a person of prominence in the history of St. Joseph, and it is the work of Eckel and Aldrich, well-known St. Joseph architects, and possesses high artistic values in form and details.

This house was built by Dr. Jacob Geiger in 1911-1912. At that time this was the edge of the city. Geiger, a native of Germany emigrated to St. Joseph in 1858, at the age of 10. After working his way through high school, Geiger studied medicine with Dr. Galen Bishop and then secured an M.D. from the University of Louisville. (see appendix).

Geiger was the anesthetist when Dr. Bishop performed cataract surgery on Joseph Robidoux. In 1888 Dr. Geiger was the coronor of Buchanan County and as such performed the autopsy on Jesse James. An eminently successful physician and surgeon he was a member of the City Council and the Missouri State Medical Society, also serving as president of both groups. The Geiger Home is significant in the area of architecture by virtue of its unusual English gothic revival style, with interesting features such as the two crenelated towers, arcaded porch, stone window surrounds, and ornamental dormers. The residence was designed by Eckel and Aldrich, a prominent St. Joseph firm.

### 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Saint Joseph Landmarks.
- St. Joseph, Missouri, Today, 1927

### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY \* QUADRANGLE NAME St. Joseph North, Mo.-Kan. SCALE 1:24,000  
 \*Less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	3 4 3 2 8 0	4 4 0 4 4 0 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION  
 Lot 1, 2, 23, 24, Block 4, Westminster Place.

### 1. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Bonnie Wright, Cultural Resource Preservationist I, and Nancy Sandehn  
 ORGANIZATION Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Historic Preservation

**Photo Log:**

Name of Property: **Geiger, Dr. Jacob, House – Maud Wyeth Painter House**

City or Vicinity: **St. Joseph**

County: **Buchanan County** State: **MO**

Photographer: **Bonnie Wright**

Date

Photographed: **Apr. 1985**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 3. View looking NE.
- 2 of 3. View looking NW, note sympathetic addition.
- 3 of 3. View looking S toward rear of building.





First Missouri Bank

