

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 Gerling, Dr. C.L., House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 245 Lower Street n/a not for publication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 SPO
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:	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): _____	_____	_____

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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

brick

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)

ETHNIC HERITAGE: EUROPEAN

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:

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Name of Property

St. Charles Co., MO
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	15	684500	4271290
	Zone	Eastings	Northings
2			

3			
	Zone	Eastings	Northings
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 Scott C. Madsen; Diane Lynn Parsons

street & number P.O. Box 155 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 Officer, Office of Management and Enterprise Services, Paperwork Reduction Project (3045-0047), Washington, DC 20503.

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Augusta, St. Charles Co., MO
Historic Resources of Augusta, MO MPS

The Dr. C.L. Gerling House at 245 Lower Street in Augusta, Missouri, is a ca. 1850, 1 1/2 story weatherboarded, half-timbered dwelling (Property Type: Vernacular Residence). It exhibits the characteristics of the most basic examples of the property type, including sparse detailing and a simple traditional plan. A small shed of unknown date and function was not counted. The house has been little altered and retains a high degree of integrity of materials and design.

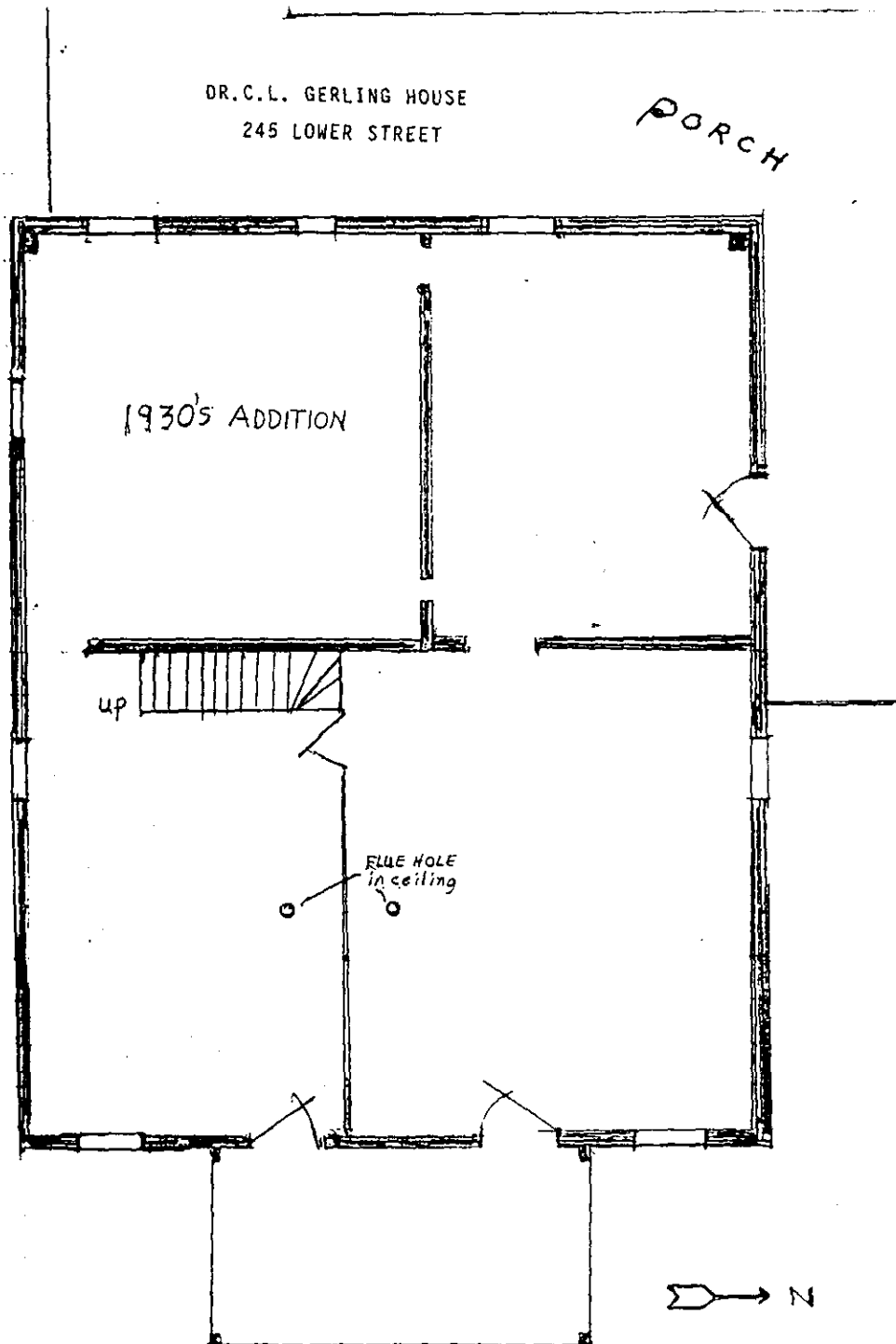
Facing east and set back from the street about 30 feet, the house measures approximately 27 feet wide X 35 feet deep. The plan follows a two-room hall-parlor extended by a room on the north side which may be original or an early addition; under this rear north room is a small deep cellar (probably used for wine storage) which is accessed from an exterior entry. Circa 1930 a rear room on a concrete foundation was added on the south end of the house. The four-bay primary facade displays paired doors in the center bays flanked by windows in the outside bays. The house rests on a stone foundation and features a side-gabled roof covered with tin.

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The Dr. C.L. Gerling House (Property Type: Vernacular Residence) is significant under Criteria A and C in the following areas: ETHNIC HERITAGE--EUROPEAN: The ca. 1850 house is an essentially unaltered, representative example of the houses constructed by Augusta's German settlers and of the cultural traditions and processes which they brought with them to Missouri and, particularly, St. Charles County and Augusta. Dr. Gerling was one of a number of Augusta emigrants from northwest Germany, the cultural hearth of traditions which, when transplanted to Augusta, assured the development of the town's German character and its cultural cohesiveness. In addition, Gerling's activities as a winegrower, co-founder of the Harmonie Verein, and Union supporter are all closely associated with Missouri German cultural traditions. See Historic Resources of Augusta, MO, MPS: "German American Culture in Augusta, 1833-1944" and subthemes: "Immigration and Settlement, ca. 1830-1860"; "Development of Cultural Traditions and Institutions, ca. 1850-1865"; and "Wine Industry, ca. 1850-1917." ARCHITECTURE: The Gerling House substantially displays the defining characteristics of Property Type: Vernacular Residence, in its unembellished, sparsely detailed design; weatherboarded, half-timbered construction; simple, traditional hall-and-parlor plan; and small wine cellar. See subtheme: "Architecture, ca. 1836-1943."

Born in Marburg, Hessen, Germany, Christian Ludwig Gerling (1821-1902) arrived in St. Charles county in 1847. In 1855, he purchased the parcel on which the house stands from William Philip Follenius for \$450, an amount suggesting that the property was improved. In the 1860 census, Gerling was listed as a doctor, holding real estate valued at \$1900 and personal property of \$815; in his household were wife Juliane, 29, born in Hesse Darmstadt; four Missouri-born children, and one Hessian female servant. In 1856, Gerling became one of the founding members of the Harmonie Verein, one of Augusta's principal cultural institutions; his interest in music is also evidenced by the piano he insured as part of his household. During the Civil War, Dr. Gerling was among the Augusta Germans who provided strong support to the Union cause through service in the Home Guard unit and through activism in Radical Republican politics, serving on executive committees at the township and county levels.(1)

Dr. Gerling's wine production of about 500 gallons annually is documented in census records and in German newspaper accounts of the 1860s and later.(2) His house includes a small, deep basement

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chamber which probably served for wine storage, although it is known through probate records that he also rented the large wine cellar across the street in the ca.1865 Schroer house. Gerling also offered leadership in efforts to stave off prohibition by acting as chairman of a local protest meeting in 1882. As a result, Gerling along with other townsmen drew up resolutions against prohibition, citing violation of civil rights and damage to Augusta citizens, "who for nearly half a century had sacrificed to make the wine industry flourish by turning formerly worthless hills and fields into blooming gardens through persistent, untiring labor." (3)

Among Gerling's probate files are items relating to his dual occupations of physician/druggist and vintner including numerous claims against his estate for labor in the vineyard and wine cellar; a large inventory of wine, along with a wine press, barrels, casks and bottles; a contract for wine delivery to a Chicago firm; a library of medical books; surgical instruments, and patent medicines.

NOTES

1) Anita M. Mallinckrodt, Historic Augusta: Its Buildings and People, 1820-1900, (Augusta, MO: Augusta Historical Society, 1994, p.32.

2) Mallinckrodt, p.32.

3) Quoted in Mallinckrodt, p.32.

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9. Major Bibliographical References:

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

(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 with the heavy broken line on the map entitled, "Architectural Survey of Augusta, Missouri", scale 1" = 100'.

Boundary Justification:

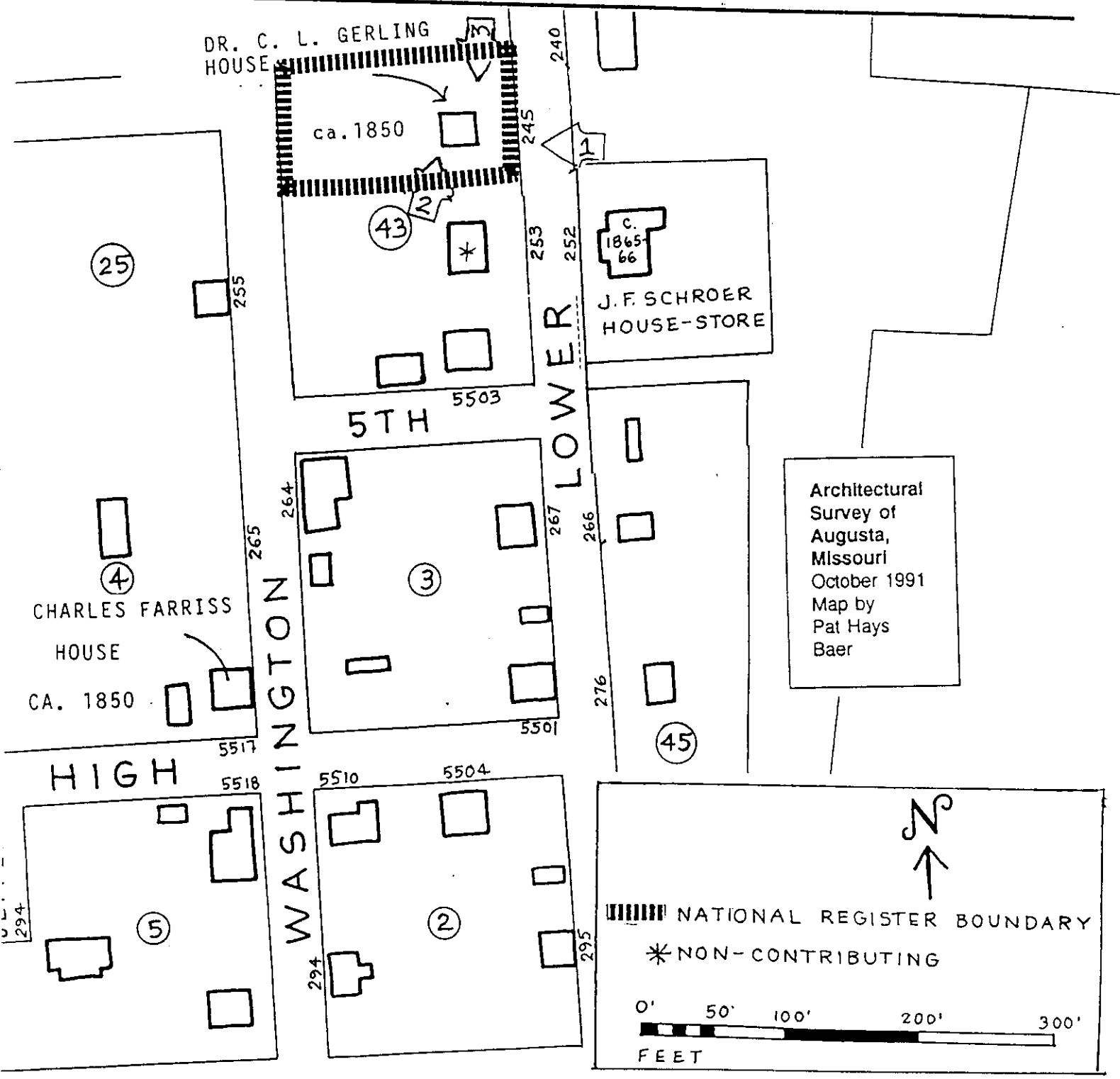
The nominated property includes all of the land that historically has been associated with it.

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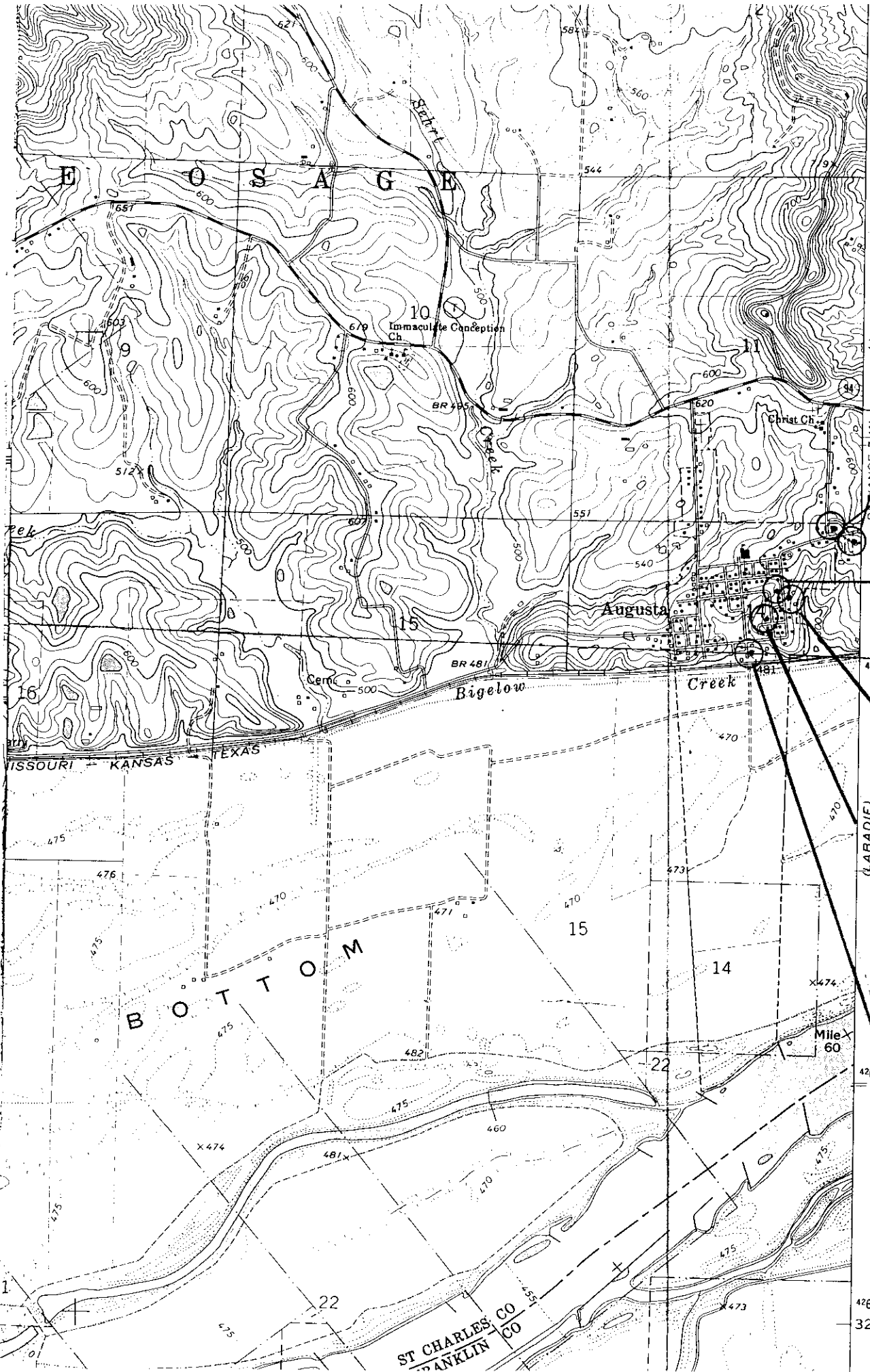
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Architectural
Survey of
Augusta,
Missouri
October 1991
Map by
Pat Hays
Baer



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

AUGUSTA HARMONIE VEREIN
 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-STORF
 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-STORF
 5543 WATER ST.
 AUGUSTA, ST. CHARLES COUNTY
 MO
 15/684390/4271000

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 ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO

4274
 4273
 35'
 16 MI. TO U.S. 20 & 61
 4271
 4270
 4269
 4268
 32' 30"

ST CHARLES CO
 FRANKLIN CO

- 1) GERLING, DR. C.L. HOUSE
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, MO
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) MARCH 1994
- 5) MO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) PRIMARY (east) & south elevs.
- 7) # 1



- 1) BERLING, DR. C. L. HOUSE
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, Mo
- 3) MARY STIBITZ
- 4) MARCH 1994
- 5) MO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) REAR (west) + south elevs
CAMERA FACING NE
- 7) # 2



- 1) GEPLINE, DR. C. L. HOUSE
- 2) AUGUSTA, St. Charles County, Mo
- 3) MARY STIRITZ
- 4) MARCH 1994
- 5) MODERATE NATURAL RESOURCES
- 6) NORTH ELEV.
CAMERA FACING SW
- 7) # 3



EXTRA
PHOTOS





FRAMES # 8, 9, 10 =
Dr. Gerling House INTERIOR
295 LOWER ST.