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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hannibal Lime Company Office

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 623 Collier not for publication

city, town Hannibal vicinity of

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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" 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 River City Restorations

street & number 200 South Seventh Street

city, town Hannibal vicinity of state Missouri 63401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds

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 August 1982 (Hannibal Arts Council survey) federal state county local

depository for survey records Missouri Department of Natural Resources

city, town P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City state Missouri 65102

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hannibal Lime Company Office is located at 623 Collier, the southeast corner of the intersection with Seventh Street. It is a two-story red brick structure, three bays wide and six deep, of stretcher bond. Its roof is sharply gabled in front and hipped behind, with chimneys rising near the centers of east, west and south faces. The building rises from a coursed rubble foundation. Doors and tall windows are topped by segmental arches with two courses of radiating headers. On the front facade these headers are raised, and raised stretchers continue a few courses down the sides of the windows and door to form labels. Pilaster strips mark the corners of this elevation, which is further ornamented by dentilled brick string courses between floors and in the gable, and by ornamental bargeboards. Most sash are two over two; those at the back and two windows on the east side are six over six. Window sills are also differentiated, those on the street sides being stone, on the rear and east sides wood.

An ell extends the building one bay farther east and is indented one bay north and south to create additional entries. An exterior frame staircase rises from west to east across the rear of the building to a clapboarded landing in the southeast indentation. This landing is tenuously supported by thin bracketed posts and would appear to be a later addition; on the other hand, the first four steps are stone, and there is no evidence of an interior staircase.

Lettering has been painted on the exterior on at least two occasions in this century. The west side has the inscription "Hannibal Lime Co." in capital letters running between the floors. The first floor front was painted white after 1945, when the building was used as a tavern; inscriptions from that period include, between floors, "The Blue Diamond"; over the front door, "Hey Mabel, Carling"; at both sides of the door, "Black Label."

The interior is marked by extensive use of deeply channeled moldings around doors and windows, joined at corners by bulls-eye blocks. The east front door repeats this pattern on a smaller scale. The front part of the first floor is one large room; smaller rooms at the rear appear to be arranged to facilitate distribution of the lime products.

Considering its varied use, the building is in relatively good condition. A photo dating from about 1910 reveals that it once had taller chimneys, including a second one on the west side, shutters on the windows, some awnings, a decorative structure in the gable, and a bargeboard continuing around the sides of the roof. The same photo shows a large shed to the east of the main building, probably used to store lime products. This part of the property was sold in 1948 and has since been extensively altered. The neighborhood, which was largely occupied by lumberyards when this building was constructed, was transformed into a district of large factories after the turn of the century. Some of them remain, altered and greatly reduced in use.

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates constructed ca. 1880 Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hannibal Lime Company Office is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C, in that it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. It is the best preserved of a handful of surviving structures associated with nineteenth-century industry in Hannibal.¹ The Hannibal Lime Company was at the head of what might be termed the second rank of post-Civil-War industries, which included brewing and, continuing from the prewar years, milling and pork packing. The dominant industry of the era was lumbering, which was concentrated along the banks of Bear Creek, stretching north to Collier. The Hannibal Lime Company office was situated at the heart of this bustling district, and it has survived to mark that location while all vestiges of the lumber industry have been obliterated. It was erected after November 1, 1878, and served as the local company office until 1945.² The current owners, building contractors specializing in historic restoration, plan to restore the building as their own headquarters and an example of their work. An unusual opportunity is thus presented to preserve a rare building type, representative of the economic productivity which made possible the fine houses and institutions that have already been recognized by the National Register in Hannibal.

The history of the Hannibal Lime Company is closely tied to that of the brothers Lyman Paige Munger (1836-1906) and William Austin Munger (1838-1911).³ Born in Rutland, Vermont, they moved with their parents to Granville, New York, in 1849 and worked in Joliet, Illinois from 1856, Lyman as a bank cashier and William as a retail clerk. In 1862, William organized Company G of the 100th Illinois Infantry, which saw action in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge in the Civil War. After the war he moved to Hannibal, where he became partner in a grocery business. Lyman had moved to Des Moines with his father in 1861 and from there had trekked in 1863 by four-mule team to Montana Territory. Against the lawless condition of the mining settlement of Alder Gulch he had organized a vigilante group that was ultimately responsible for twenty-six executions. There he had prospered to the extent that he was able to return to Missouri in 1866 with "a fair business capital in gold dust" which he used to buy out his brother's partner. Munger Bros. dealt in agricultural machinery until 1871, when they embarked in the manufacture of lime.

Although the Mungers eventually became "the sole stockholders, directors, officers, and managers" of the Hannibal Lime Company,⁴ they were not among the original incorporators. When the company was organized January 18, 1871, "for the purpose of manufacturing or buying and selling Lime Plaster and Cement" the directors were C. O. Godfrey, Josiah Hunt, Edward Price, Thomas Price, and Charles T. Hayward.⁵ Like the Mungers, these were all northerners and Union men, Col. Hunt having been the Civil War mayor of Hannibal and J. T. & Hayward, the father of Charles, its military officer in charge. Godfrey, one of the wealthiest men in the county, was a coal wholesaler.⁶ The five hundred shares of stock capitalized at \$50,000 were acquired by others as well;

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Greene, C. P. A Mirror of Hannibal. Hannibal, Mo.: author, 1905.
2. Hagood, J. Hurley, and Hagood, Roberta. The Story of Hannibal. Hannibal, Mo.: Standard Printing Co., 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.08 acre

Quadrangle name "Hannibal East- Mo. 111."

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UTM References

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115	640640	4396080
Zone	Easting	Northing

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Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The northwest corner of Out Lot 46 of the original town of Hannibal, measuring 40 feet on Collier by 82 feet on South Seventh Street.

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 J. Esley Hamilton

organization _____

date May 1984

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city or town University City

state Missouri 63130

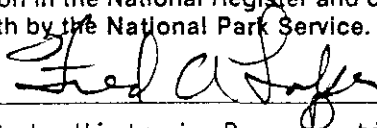
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Fred A. Lafser, Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Natural Resources

date

7/10/84

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

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Hannibal had in those years at least a score of men with large profits from the lumber industry to invest. One of them, John Garth, was president of the Hannibal Lime Company in 1883.⁷ From the beginning, however, William A. Munger was superintendant of the business, and the brothers ultimately bought out all the others. The quarry, located in the bluffs south of Bear Creek opposite Wardlaw Street, produced stone for building purposes as well as for lime manufacture. Three kilns were located on the hill near the quarry, with a packing and shipping station in the valley near the tracks of the St. Louis and Hannibal Railroad ("the Shortline"). Three more kilns were a little further up Bear Creek on a spur of the railroad, while a third facility six miles west at White Bear had three more kilns, two storage and packing sheds, and a cooper shop.⁸ In 1897 the company advertised "Rough sawed and dressed lime stone known as Marion Marble. Also manufacturers of White Lime and dealers in cement, plaster, hair, etc."⁹ The ends of Hannibal Lime Company barrels showed a bear standing against a barrel, on the end of which was the picture of a bear standing against a barrel, and so on to infinity, with the slogan "Whitest, Strongest, Coolest & Best."¹⁰ At its height the business employed two hundred people.

The Mungers were described as among "the most useful citizens and most prominent men in Hannibal." W. A. was elected mayor in 1880. He lived at 207 North Fifth Street, an Italianate house dwarfed by the one at 521 Bird Street in the same block, later purchased by L. P.¹¹ When the original company charter expired in 1903, they sold out,¹² devoting their remaining years to civic interests and to the six thousand acres of land they owned in the Sni Bottom, the Illinois side of the Mississippi River near Hannibal.

The business continued to prosper until 1922, when it was purchased by the Marblehead Lime Corporation of Delaware. In the meantime great changes had occurred in Hannibal's industrial makeup.¹³ The Atlas Portland Cement Company of Philadelphia located immediately south of town at Ilasco in 1901. With 1144 acres and several thousand employees, Atlas dwarfed the older lime company. At the same time the decline of the lumber industry led to the redevelopment of the industrial district on Collier with a variety of large new buildings including two shoe factories. In spite of the changed physical and economic setting, the building remained in company ownership until 1945, then went through a series of owners and a variety of uses until acquired by the present owners. Their plans promise years of continued productivity for this rare building type.

Notes

1. Other recognizable industrial structures are the Robards Mill at 210 Bird Street, the Ice House Theater at the foot of Hill Street, and the Roderick Wagonworks (now Murphy Motors) at 422 North Main Street, all included in the local Mark Twain Historic District, and the office of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad at 800 South Main Street.
2. Title abstract in possession of the owners; Marion County Recorder of Deeds.

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3. Biographies of the Mungers appear in R. I. Holcombe, History of Marion County, Missouri (St. Louis: E. F. Perkins, 1883), pp. 610-613; Portrait and Biographical Record of Marion, Ralls and Pike Counties, Missouri (Chicago: C. O. Owens & Co., 1895, reprinted New London, Mo.: Ralls County Book Company, 1982), pp. 113-116, with portrait; Walter Barlow Stevens, Missouri: The Center State (Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1915), Vol. IV, pp. 693-694.
4. So described in a deed dated January 21, 1903.
5. Marion County Recorder of Deeds, Book 57, page 275.
6. For more background on these men and their era, see J. Hurley Hagood and Roberta Hagood, The Story of Hannibal (Hannibal, Mo.: Standard Printing Co., 1976).
7. Holcombe, p. 606.
8. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1906, located in the office of the city engineer, Hannibal. One of the company's facilities is illustrated by C. P. Greene, A Mirror of Hannibal (Hannibal: author, 1905), p. 166.
9. Advertisement in Hannibal City Directory of 1897.
10. Photograph provided by Dave Thomson, Walt Disney Productions, Burbank, California.
11. Both these houses are included in the Central Park Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
12. The Mungers received from the newly incorporated company \$50,000, the same amount the company had originally been capitalized for thirty-two years previously. Of course, other considerations such as stock may have been involved as well.
13. Hagood, pp. 100-101.

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Company, 1982.
5. Stevens, Walter Barlow. Missouri: The Center State. Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1915.

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2. State Contact Person
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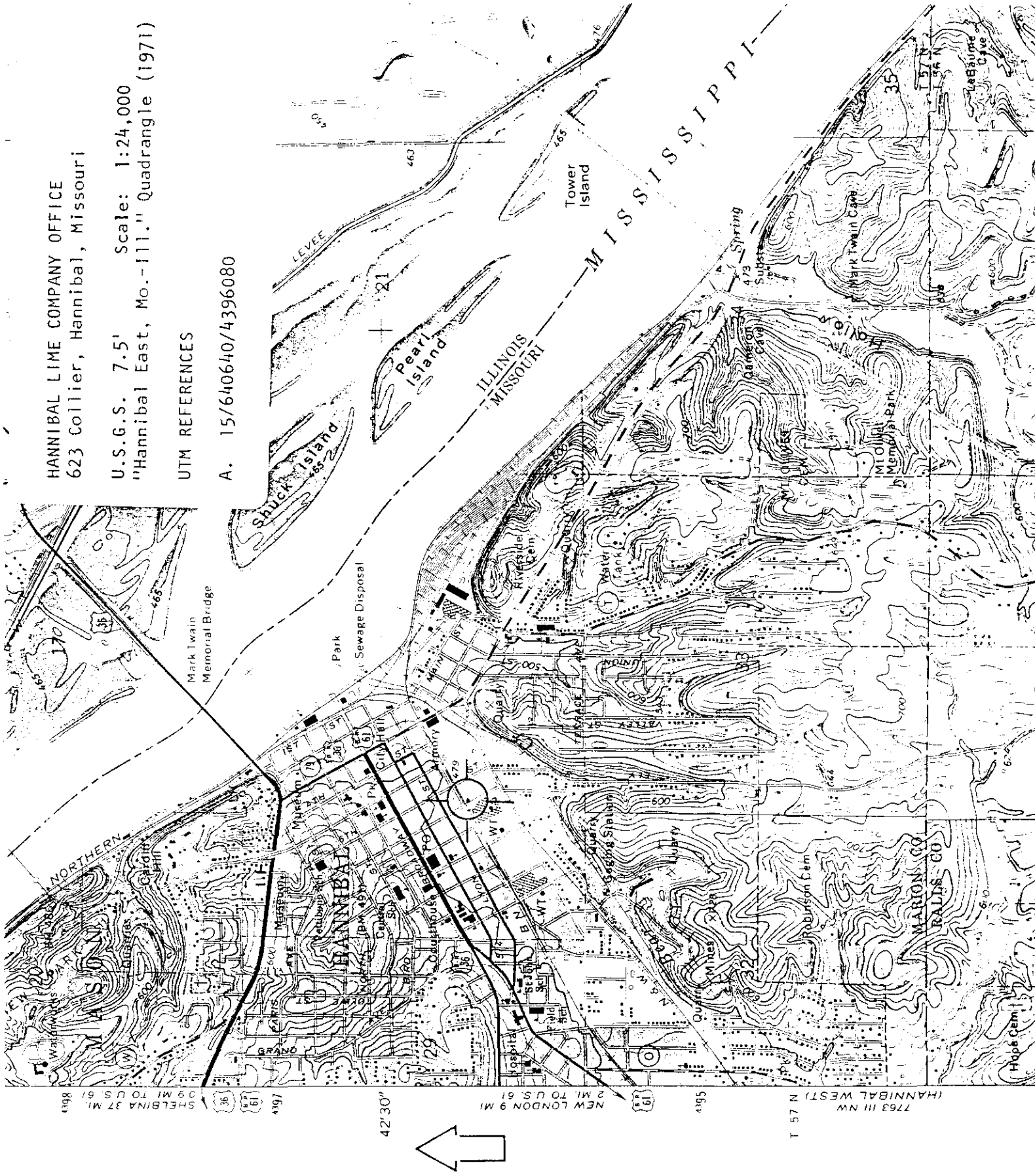
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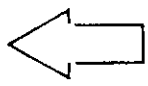
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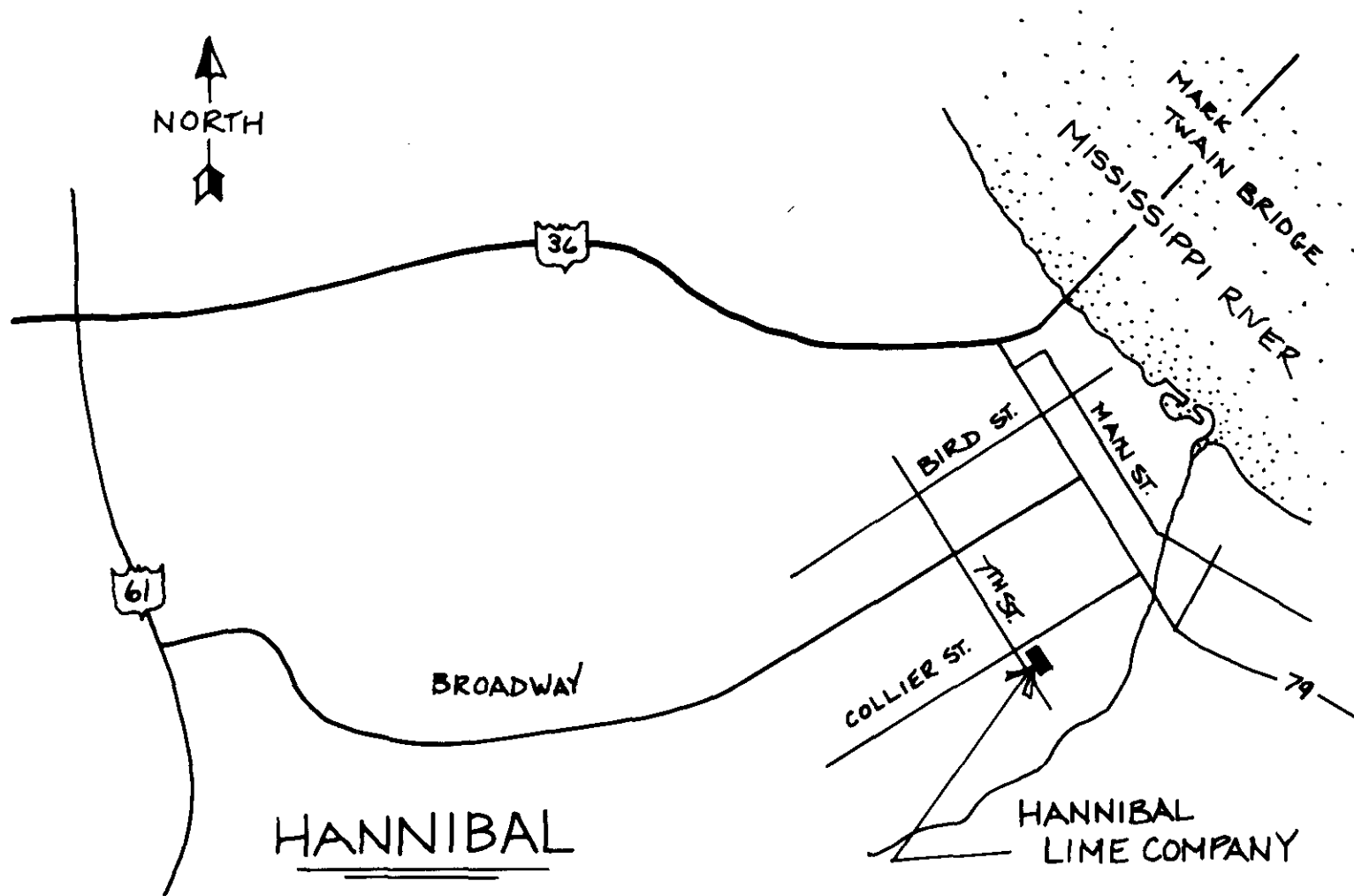
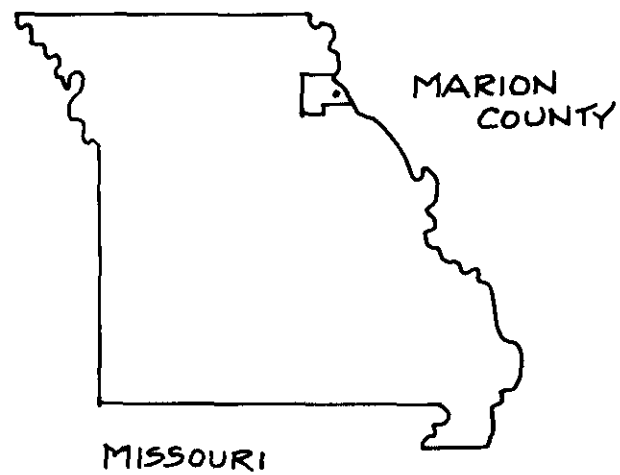
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42°30'
NEW LONDON 9 MI.
2 MI. TO U.S. 61
4196
T 57 N (HANNIBAL WEST)
7763 III NW



HANNIBAL
LIME CO.
BUILT CA. 1880



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* METAL SILLS
ALL OTHERS
CUT STONE

MODERN ADDITION -
NOT ACCESSIBLE

VAULT

UP

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14'-11"

49'-6"

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28'-0"

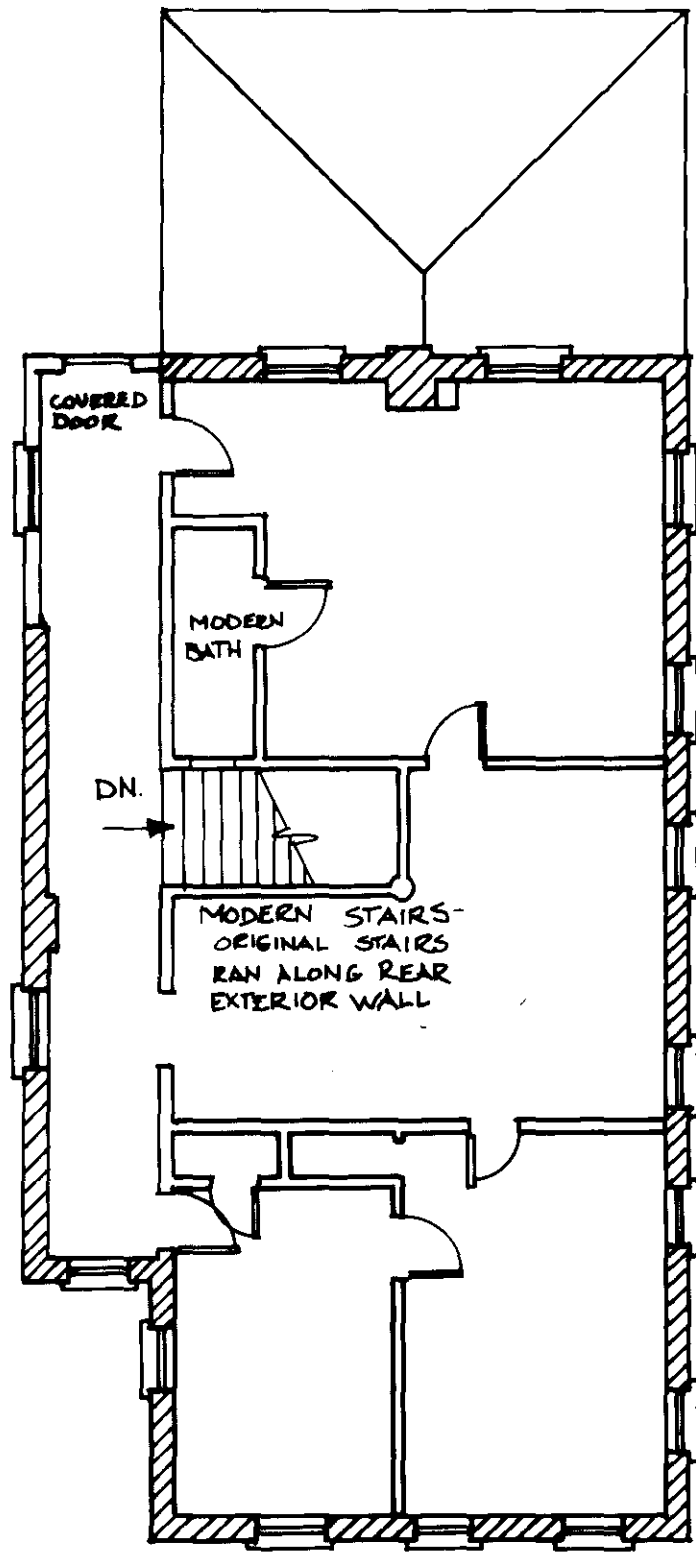
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FIRST FLOOR
MARCH, 1996 1/8" = 1'-0"

Torrance, Calif. 90503 #PV119



SECOND FLOOR
 MARCH, 1996 $\frac{1}{8}''-1'-0''$

HANNIBAL LIME COMPANY OFFICE 1 of 3
623 Collier, Hannibal, Missouri

Photog.: Esley Hamilton, August 1982
Neg. Loc.: Hannibal Arts Council
623A Broadway, Hannibal, MO 63401

View of front from northwest



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Photog.: Esley Hamilton, April 1984
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View of rear from southeast



HANNIBAL LIME COMPANY OFFICE 3 of 3
623 Collier, Hannibal, Missouri

Photog.: prob. Anna Schnizlein, ca. 1910
Neg. Loc.: Lalla Freeman Collection, F-87
Marion County Historical Society

View toward east on Collier, with Hannibal
Lime Company office on right



623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO ①
D. SHERLS 3-96 C. 1880

FRONT ELEVATION (FACING COLLIER ST.)

623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO ②
D. SHERLS 3-96 C. 1880

FRONT & SIDE



623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO

③

D. SHEALS 3-96

C. 1880

SIDE ELEVATION

623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO

④

D. SHEALS 3-96

C. 1880

7TH STREET



623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO

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D. SHEALS 3-96

C. 1880

REAR

623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO

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D. SHEALS 3-96

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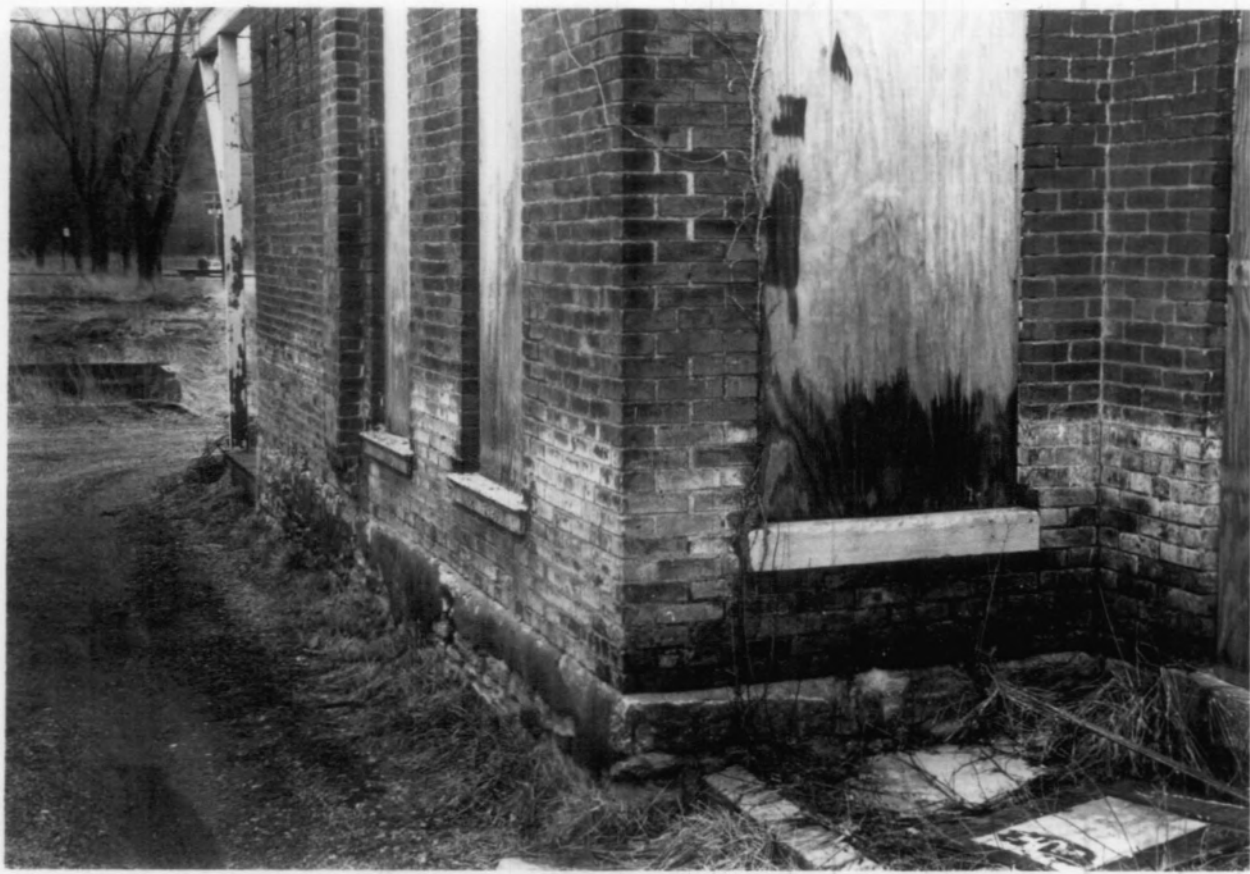
623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL MARION COUNTY, MO

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D-SHEALS 3-96

c. 1880

WINDOW SILLS, METAL ON LEFT STONE ON RT.



623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO

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D. SHEALS 3-90

C. 1880

BRICKWORK DETAIL



623 COLLIER ST. HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO
D. SHEALS 3-96

C. 1880

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VAULT DOOR GROUND FLOOR

623 COLLIER STREET, HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MO

D. SHEALS 3-96

C. 1880

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FRONT GROUND FLOOR

