

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Hay, Dr. J. A., House

other names/site number Nelson House

2. Location

street & number 406 West Monroe Street [n/a] not for publication

city or town La Grange [n/a] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Lewis code 111 zip code 63448

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] 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 [x] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [x] locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments [].)

Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO

30 April 1999
Date

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

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date

[] entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet [].

[] determined eligible for the National Register

See continuation sheet [].

[] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[] removed from the National Register

[] other, explain see continuation sheet [].

5. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	umber of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	1	0 building
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-state	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0 objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	0 total

Name of related multiple property listing.

Historic Resources of La Grange, Missouri

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
MID-19TH CENTURY: Greek Revival

Materials
foundation stone

 walls Brick

 vinyl
 roof asphalt

 other _____

see continuation sheet [].

see continuation sheet [].

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet [x]

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- 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

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

Architecture

Periods of Significance

ca. 1854

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person(s)

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 Bibliographic 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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	627830	4433650			

C. Zone	Easting	Northing	D. Zone	Easting	Northing
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[] 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

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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 Jerome D. & Sally R. Wiemelt
street & number 406 West Monroe St. telephone 573-665-4864
city or town LaGrange state Missouri zip code 63448

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Summary:

The Dr. J. A. Hay house, located at 406 West Monroe in La Grange, Missouri, was built ca. 1854. The house has a stone foundation and sits on a level lot on the northeast corner of Monroe Street and Fifth Street. It is a 2-1/2 story three bay, massed plan brick house with a roughly square plan and cubic form (See MPS cover document "Historic Resources of La Grange, Missouri: Antebellum Affluence: 1795-1861: Property Type B, Massed Plan"). The double pile house features a side hall entrance sheltered by a single bay porch, a gable roof, and one story bay windows on each side wall. A large 1-1/2 story frame rear ell is not original, but is more than fifty years old. A small portable prefabricated storage building sits behind the house; it is not included in the resource count.

Stylistically, the Hay house is a transitional house as it exhibits both Greek Revival and Italianate characteristics. The porch detailing and general door and window treatments are all typical of Greek Revival buildings in La Grange. The front door is surrounded by a rectangular transom and rectangular sidelights, and all of the other exterior openings are topped by heavy straight lintels. The wide cornice that surrounds the entire roofline of the main part of the house is also typical of the Greek Revival style. However, the house's heavy Greek Revival massing and ornamentation are offset by characteristically Italianate scrolled brackets and pendants at the main roofline and around the roofline of the bay windows. The Hays house is an excellent example of both a transitional style of architecture and of the more prestigious historic housing in La Grange. It is one of the most historically intact houses of its kind in town, and is in excellent condition.

Elaboration:

The Hay house faces south and occupies a level corner lot. The house is located on the northeast corner of Monroe Street, which it faces, and Fifth Street which runs along the west edge of the property. A small portable prefabricated storage building sits approximately 15 feet behind the house. (See Figure One)

The Hay house's current configuration is the result of several building phases. The front brick 2 1/2 story portion of the house is original. The 1 1/2 story frame rear ell appears to be more than fifty years old, but is not original. The enclosed porch on the east side of the house is a modern addition.

The house is one of the most intact Greek Revival Massed-Plan houses in La Grange and is in excellent condition. The main block of the house has load bearing brick walls, a gable roof and a stone foundation. The three bay house is 2 1/2 stories tall and has a side hall entrance sheltered by a single story porch on the left side of the front elevation (See Photo No.1). The porch is supported on round posts at the front and square pilasters at the back. The round posts appear to be modern replacements, but the pilasters appear to be old or original. A second story doorway directly above the main entrance opens out onto the porch roof; it is surrounded by a wooden balustrade supported by square wooden posts. The doorways on the first and second stories are nearly identical. Both are single one-panel doorways with three rectangular sidelights on each side. However, the first story main entrance has a four light transom.

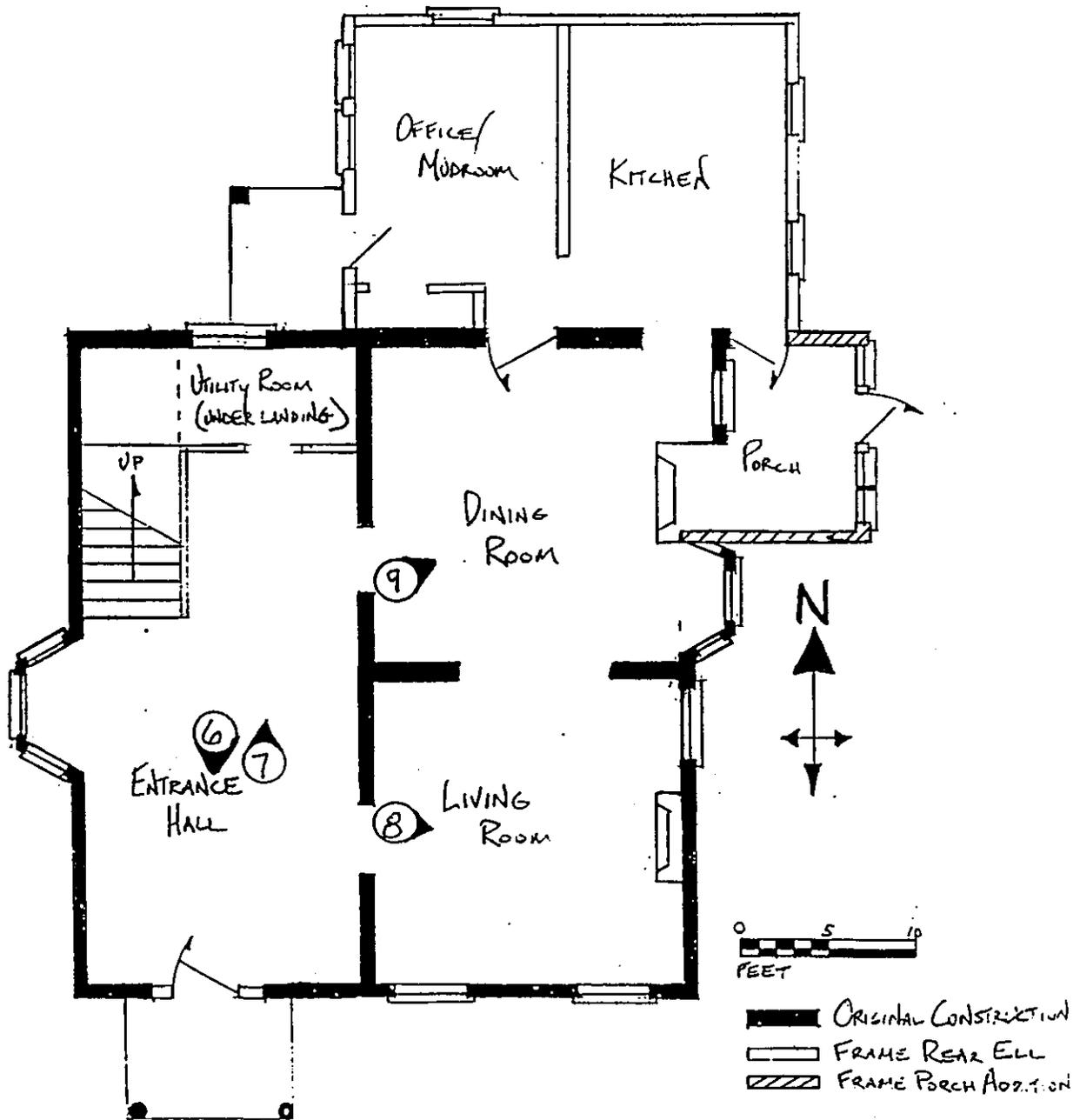
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Figure One: Site Map Drawn by Becky Snider



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(See Photo Nos. 1 & 6) Windows on the front elevation are equally spaced 6/6 with stone lintels and lugsills. A raking cornice and wide frieze board band the entire main portion of the house at the roofline. Cornice returns and Italianate inspired paired carved brackets with pendants add to the ornamentation of the house. (See Photo No. 2)

Each of the side elevations has single story three-sided frame bay with 1/1 windows on each facet. (See Photos No. 4 & 5) Each bay is banded by a wide cornice decorated with brackets identical to those at the main roofline. The bay on the east elevation is partially obscured by the porch addition. (See Photo No. 3) Additional windows on the side elevations are 6/6 and have stone lintels and lugsills. The rear elevation of the main block of the house, although mostly covered by the rear ell, has three 6/6 windows. One of these windows appears to have been shortened when the rear ell was added. The main block of the house has two gable end chimneys set toward the front of the house.

The main portion of the house is roughly a 30' wide by 40' deep rectangular block laid out in customary massed plan format. (See Figure Two) On the main floor, a wide entrance hallway runs the full depth of the west side of the house and contains the staircase to the second floor. (See Photo No. 7) A new utility room is built into the entrance hall at the rear of the house. The other two-thirds of the first floor is taken up by the living room at the front of the house and the dining room directly behind the living room. Both rooms are approximately 20' square and have 12' tall ceilings.

The layout of the second floor appears to have been somewhat altered when a bathroom was added, but the basic division of the space remains the same. The second floor rooms are laid out in the same proportions as those on the main floor. (See Figure Three) A wide hallway containing the main staircase occupies the majority of the western one-third of the second floor. (See Photo No. 10) This space also has a small room at the front of the house that contains the doorway to the roof of the front porch. The upstairs hall also has an enclosed stairway to the unfinished third floor. The other two-thirds of the second floor is devoted to two bedrooms and a bath. The larger master bedroom is at the rear of the house (See Photo No. 12) and a smaller guest bedroom is at the front. A hallway was created between the two bedrooms when the bathroom was added and in an effort to heat the second floor more efficiently, false ceilings were installed throughout the second floor.

The 1 1/2 story frame rear ell is covered with vinyl siding and has a steeply pitched gable roof. The rear ell is recessed behind the main block of the house and is approximately 17' deep and 27' wide. A small flat roofed porch supported by a single square column shelters a side door. (See Photo No. 4) Windows in the rear ell are 1/1 on the east and north elevations and 6/6 and 6 pane fixed on the east elevation. (See Photo Nos. 3 & 4) The rear ell contains the kitchen and a small office/mudroom on the first floor and unfinished attic space on the second floor. The attic is reached through a door in the master bedroom.

The original interior woodwork throughout the house is intact and in good condition. The tall baseboards, window and door trim and the doors throughout the house have been painted. All of the door and window openings in the main portion of the house have well-crafted Greek Revival style shouldered trim. (See Photo Nos. 6-12) Interior doors in the main part of the house are of two designs. Some have two long vertical panels and others have two long vertical panels on the top half of the door and two short vertical panels on the bottom half (See Photo Nos. 9, 10, 11) The living room and

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entrance hallway are the only two rooms in the house that retain their original cornices. The ornate cast plaster cornice in the living room has suffered some damage, but is largely intact. The original wood floors are still in place in the living and dining rooms on the first floor in the hallway and bedrooms on the second floor. However, upstairs carpet covers the wood floors. Fireplaces in the living room, dining room, and master bedroom all appear to have their original mantels and are in working order.

The Hay house has always functioned as a single family residence and it has had few alterations in its 145 year lifetime. The house is in excellent condition and is one of the most historically intact houses in La Grange.

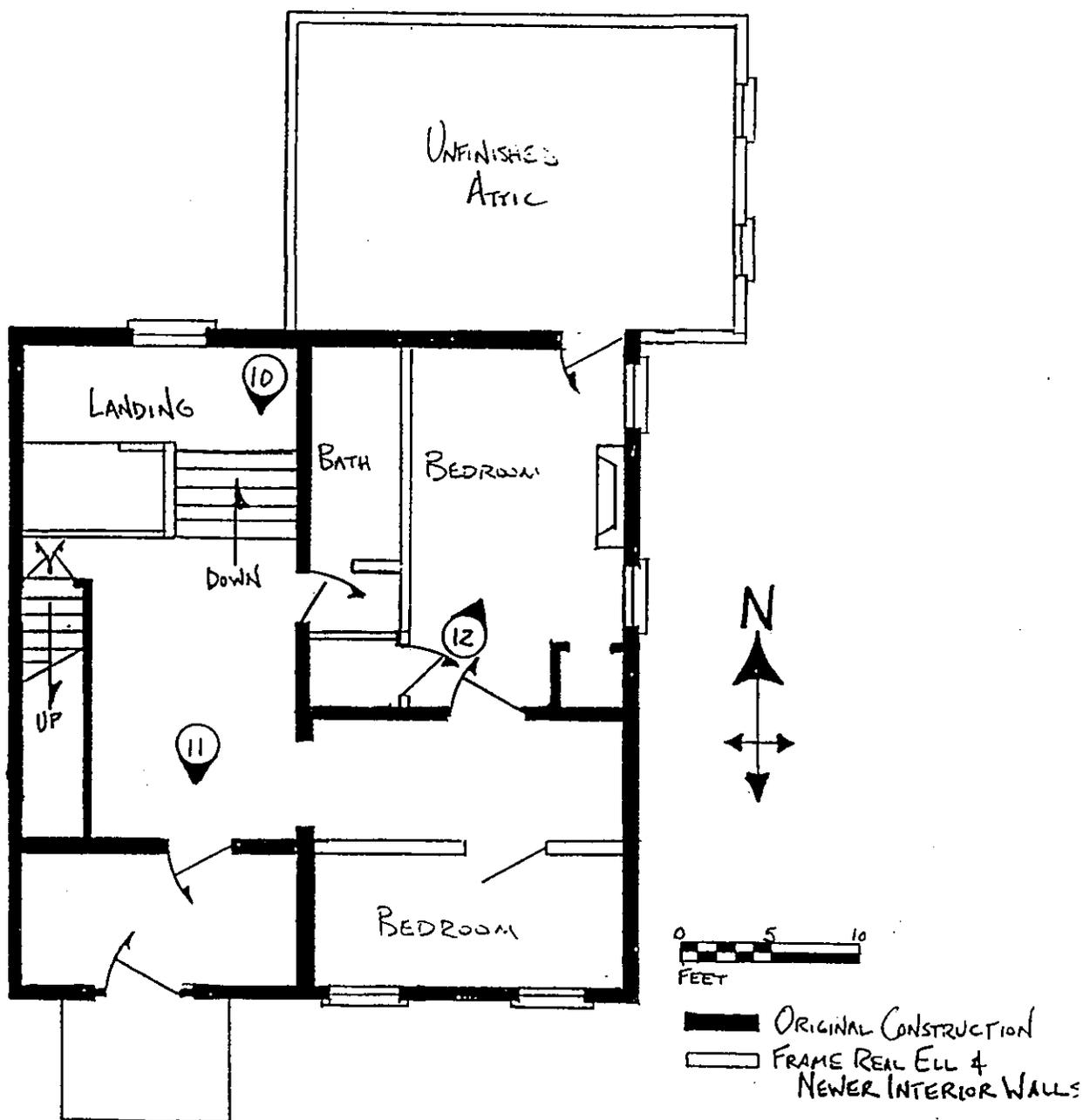
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Figure Two: First Floor Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



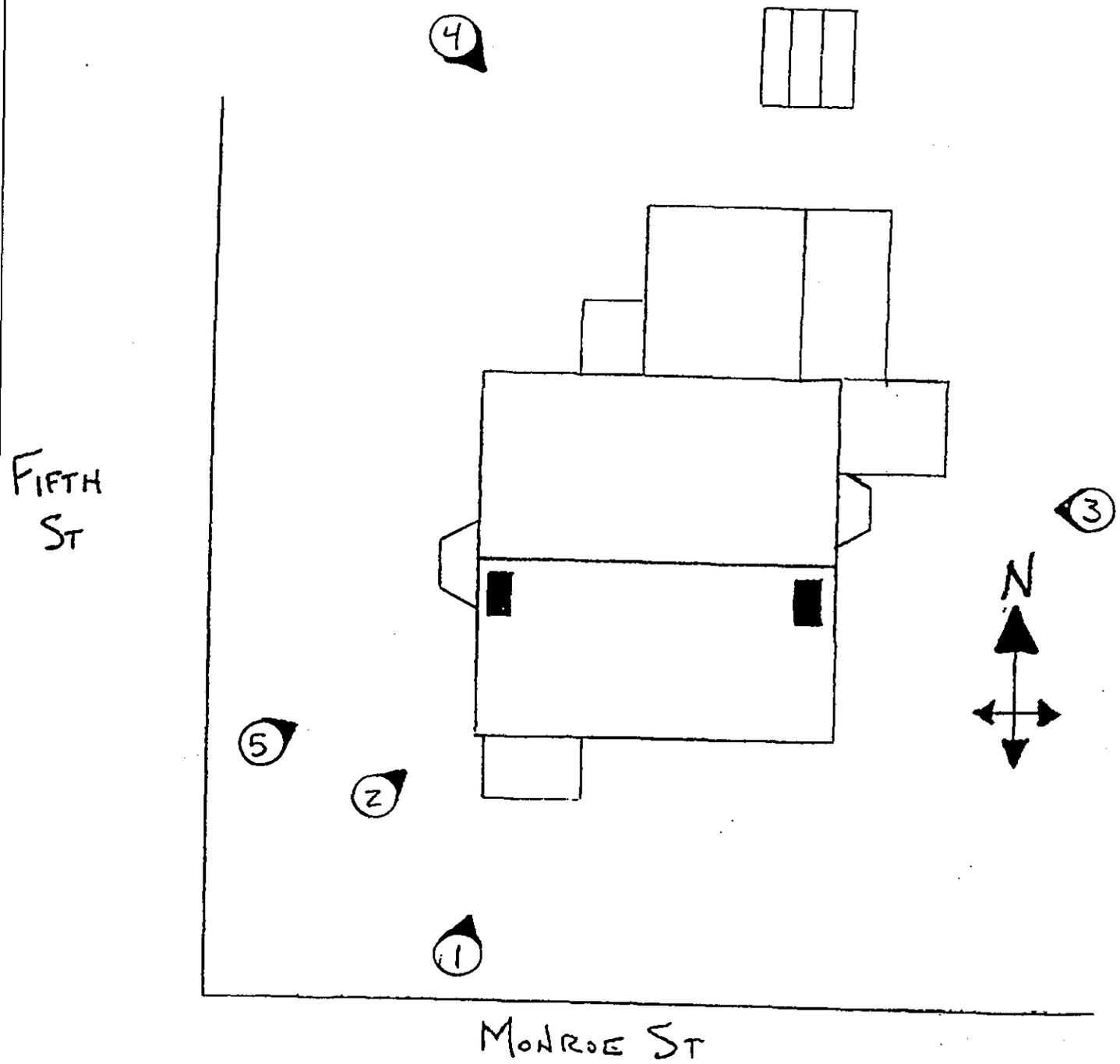
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Figure Three: Second Floor Plan Drawn by Becky Snider



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Summary:

The Dr. J. A. Hay house, 406 West Monroe St., is significant under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. Constructed circa 1854, it is a remarkably intact example of a Greek Revival style ante-bellum Massed Plan house in La Grange. (See MPS cover document "Historic Resource of La Grange, Missouri: Ante-Bellum Affluence: 1795-1861.") The large three-bay house's cubic form, brick construction, and Greek Revival styling exemplify the Massed Plan sub-type identified in the cover document mentioned above. Its Greek Revival features include evenly spaced fenestration, prominent straight lintels over doors and windows, a full door surround with rectangular sidelights and transom and a wide raking cornice with Italianate scrolled brackets. The Hay house, like other Massed-Plan houses in La Grange has a 1 1/2 story rear ell. The period of significance is based on a circa 1854 construction date established through tax and deed records. The Hay house retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, and setting.

Elaboration:

Lewis County deed records show that Dr. Joseph A. Hay, purchased lots 6,7, and 8 in Block 19 of Wright and Shropshire's Addition in 1853 for \$250 from Thomas Richardson.¹ Construction on the house probably started soon after. A year later, Hay purchased two adjacent lots (lots 9 & 10) from J. L. Orange.² The house was definitely completed by the first known tax assessment in 1867. The house remained in the Hay family until the 1880's when it was purchased by R. M. Nelson.³ Today, only lots 6 & 7 are still associated with the Hay house.

Dr. Joseph A. Hay, who was born in Kentucky, was one of two practicing physicians in La Grange in the 1840's. Hay continued in this profession into the 1860's.⁴ However, during his lifetime, Hay was involved with several different businesses in La Grange and was active in state and local government. In a 1901 column in the La Grange Weekly Indicator titled "A Pioneer of La Grange," Thomas Pryce describes some of Hay's businesses. In 1864, Hay became the senior partner in a pork packing business.⁵ Initially the firm was very successful, but after several years "the firm became reckless and bought hogs by loose contracts too far away from home."⁶ After several years of hard work, the firm erased its large debt and quit business. In 1872, less than a year before he died, Hay bought F. S. Hardesty's drug store.

¹ Lewis County Deed Records, Book K, p. 583.

² Lewis County Deed Records, Book K, p. 126.

³ Lewis County Tax Records.

⁴ 1860 Census

⁵ Thomas Pryce, "A Pioneer of La Grange." La Grange Weekly Indicator.
May 20, 1901.

⁶ *Ibid.*

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Hay was also heavily involved in the northern expansion of La Grange. In 1865, nine men and their wives, including Joseph and Elizabeth Hay, teamed up to file a plat for "North La Grange."⁷ Several years later, Hay and some of these same partners joined together again to plat the final northern extension of the city limits, the "Addition to North La Grange."⁸

Hay's political career began in 1852 when he defeated fellow La Grange resident Armstead Waltman for a seat in the state legislature. A year later, he was one of the officers of the newly incorporated town of La Grange. In 1862, he was appointed United States Assessor for the entire northern half of Missouri. Pryce notes that Hay was "intimately acquainted with [President] Lincoln," a connection which no doubt helped him acquire the assessor position.⁹ Shortly after leaving his federal post in 1870, Hay became mayor of La Grange.

The Dr. J. A. Hay house is an excellent example of the Massed Plan property type with Greek Revival styling, and a high level of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, and setting.

⁷ Lewis County Records, "Record of Town Plats," p. 50.

⁸ Lewis County Records, "Records of Town Plats," p. 64.

⁹ Thomas Pryce, "Early Physicians of La Grange" La Grange Weekly Indicator,
May 12, 1901.

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SOURCES:

La Grange Business Directory. 1872.

Lewis County Deed Records, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Lewis County Land Tax Records, Lewis County Recorders Office, Monticello, MO, 1867-1940.

Pryce, Thomas. "Early Physicians of La Grange" La Grange Weekly Indicator. May 12, 1901.

Pryce, Thomas. "A Pioneer of La Grange." La Grange Weekly Indicator. May 20, 1901.

Sheals, Debbie. Inventory Forms and Summary Report, Architectural and Historical Survey: La Grange, Lewis County, Missouri. July 15, 1997. (On file with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, Jefferson City, MO.)

United States Census Records. Census Indexes and Population Schedules for Lewis County, 1850-1860.

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

The Dr J. A. Hay house is located on Lots 6 & 7 of Block 19 in Wright and Shropshire's Addition in the city limits of La Grange, Lewis County, Missouri.

Boundary Justification:

The current boundaries encompass all of the land currently associated with the building.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Dr. J. A. Hay House
La Grange, Lewis County, Missouri
Becky Snider
November, 1998 and January, 1999
Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory, MO Department of Natural
Resources, Jefferson City.

List of Photographs

See Figures 1-3 for Camera Angles.

1. Front (South) Elevation
2. Cornice Detail
3. Side (East Elevation)
4. Rear (North) Elevation
5. Side (West) Elevation
6. Front Door Interior (Facing South)
7. Entrance Hall (Facing North)
8. Living Room (Facing East)
9. Dining Room (Facing Northeast)
10. Second Floor Hallway (Facing South)
11. Door Detail - Second Floor
12. Master Bedroom (Facing Northwest)













