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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Henderson Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College Hill

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Canton

VICINITY OF
CODE

#9 - Hon. Harold L. Volkmer

COUNTY CODE

Missouri

29

Lewis

111

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Culver-Stockton College

STREET & NUMBER

College Hill

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Canton

VICINITY OF

Missouri 63435

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lewis County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Monticello

Missouri 63457

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

1. Missouri: A Guide to the "Show-Me" State (WPA Project)

DATE

1941

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Published: New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, Inc.

CITY, TOWN

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey
1978
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

state

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2. Colman K. Winn, Archivist
Culver-Stockton College
College Hill

Canton

March 29, 1978

314/288-5221

Ext. 83

Missouri 63435

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Henderson Hall, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, faces east from its location on a bluff about one mile from the Mississippi River. Of modified T-shape plan, it is a two-story, red brick structure with full basement. Styled in the Neo-Classical manner, the building is dominated by a colossal, tetrastyle Ionic portico and crowned by a dome.

Measuring about 123' by 117' at its widest points, the structure has the basic shape of a modified T. A slight modification of the T-shape occurs in wings which are placed at right angles to the main (east-facing) block on the north and south ends. Extending only slightly from the body of the main block, they are accented with gables and cornices with partial returns, adding further visual interest to the east and west facades.

The building is constructed of red brick laid in common bond, with a foundation of rock-faced, coursed stone. Windows are regularly spaced and rectangular, each consisting of a hinged transom over one-over-one light, double-hung sash. Those on the main block and wings are trimmed with stone lugsills and cut stone, radiating lintels with keystones, while those on the rear section (the stem of the T), are capped with segmental brick arches with radiating voussoirs. Oeuil-de-boeuf windows occur in the gable fields of the wings.

The roof is hipped, forming gables over the wings and portico, and is covered with a standing-steam tin roof painted red. Atop the center of the roof sits an aluminum dome. Square and octagonal drums provide the structural transition to the dome. The dome was added in 1960, as a replacement for the original dome, which was damaged during a summer storm. One brick chimney extends through the fabric of the roof of the stem of the T.

The roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice embellished in the Classical manner with modillions and a dentate band. The major decorative feature, the central portico on the primary (eastern) elevation, is similarly styled in the Classical fashion. Rising a full two stories, the pedimented entablature is supported by four, unfluted Ionic columns and two pilasters. The shafts of these columns and pilasters are composed of brick with a plaster coating. The entablature consists of a fasciated architrave, frieze (once emblazoned with the former college name, Christian University), and cornice identical to the main cornice. The pediment above is trimmed with a similar raking cornice; a roundel is centered in the tympanum.

In addition to the replacement of the original dome in 1960, modifications have been made on the rear (west) of the building. These alterations include the bricking in of certain windows, the replacement of part of the foundation and exterior wall of the westernmost end with new brick, and the addition of rear entrances. However, as these modifications are minimal and confined to the rear elevation, they detract little from the appearance of the building, which remains much the same as when originally constructed in 1903.

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Extensive renovations in 1967-68, during which time the building was completely closed, drastically changed the interior of the building. Therefore, although a modern, efficient facility, the interior is not of historic interest.

In general, Henderson Hall is in good structural condition. However, plastered brick columns of the front (east) portico are deteriorating and in need of restoration. The building is in constant use for class instruction, lectures and administrative activities. Its preservation is insured as part of an active, growing, college community.

FOOTNOTES

1. Canton Press News, December 4, 1960.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Legg and Holloway, St. Louis

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Henderson Hall, as the earliest remaining building of Culver-Stockton College (established 1853), Canton, Missouri, is of primary significance in the history and development of education in Missouri. One of the first colleges chartered in Missouri, Culver-Stockton (then Christian University) was a pioneer institution in establishing liberal educational opportunities, offering equal education to women and men. Henderson Hall has further importance as a prime example of Neo-Classical architecture in sparsely settled Lewis County in northern Missouri.

EARLY HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE)

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was active in promoting education in Missouri, establishing 33 different schools in the period between 1848 and 1909. One of the prominent individuals involved in the establishment of two of these institutions was D. Pat. Henderson, pastor of the First Christian Church in Columbia. Henderson was one of the incorporators of Christian College in Columbia. Chartered in 1851, Christian College was founded for the exclusive education of women. However, the need for equal education of women and men was in the minds of the Disciples of Christ, leading to the subsequent decision to establish a university where such coordinate education could be instituted. On December 4, 1851, the Board of Trustees for that school was organized, and D. Pat. Henderson was elected President of the Board. By August of the next year, parishioners of the Christian Church throughout Lewis County had pledged \$50,000.00 toward the construction of the first college building. Application for a charter was made, and on January 28, 1853, Christian University was granted a charter by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri.¹

A notable feature of the charter was that it granted to women the same educational advantages as men; and it has the honor of being the first charter in the United States to embody this liberal and advanced provision.²

While the claim to being the first coeducational institution chartered in the United States is an exaggeration, Christian University was undoubtedly one of the first institutions of higher learning west of the Mississippi to offer coordinate education for men and women.

A site for this early coeducational institution was selected in Lewis County, in the town of Canton, overlooking the Mississippi River. D. Pat. Henderson, who had aided

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in the search for an appropriate location, wrote a glowing description of the spot:

Here on the summit of two of a circle of hills, divided by a vale so virgin in its primitive luxuriance of forest and tangled wood that twilight lingers at midday beneath its bough, are to arise the structures dedicated to the equal culture of the male and female mind.³

Construction of the first building, known later as Old Main, was begun in 1853 and completed in 1855. On March 23, 1903, after only 50 years of service, Old Main was entirely devastated by fire. The college President, Dr. Carl Johann, immediately resolved to rebuild and set about the arduous task of soliciting funds.

Within ten days after the fire, the citizens of Canton raised \$15,000 for a new building, \$8,000 were collected on insurance, \$4,000 worth of stone and brick were saved from the wreck, and plans were immediately made to rebuild on a much larger scale than before. During the summer as my duties would permit, I solicited help in different parts of the state, and secured \$3,000.⁴

Plans and specifications for the new building to replace Old Main were prepared by Legg and Holloway, architects of St. Louis, Missouri. Contractors were invited to submit bids on or before May 14, 1903, and at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 30, 1903, the contract was awarded to William R. Oder of Canton for the sum of \$31,353.00. The new building was completed and occupied by May 15, 1904, at a final cost of \$42,000.00.⁵ As funds were still short for payment of construction costs, on August 24, 1904, famed orator William Jennings Bryan spoke on the university campus to help raise the urgently needed funds.⁶ The building was named Henderson Hall in honor of D. Pat. Henderson, one of the founders of the university and the first President of the Board of Trustees. In 1917 the name Christian University was changed to Culver-Stockton College in recognition of Mary E. Culver and R.H. Stockton, outstanding benefactors of the institution.

D. PAT. HENDERSON

David Patterson Henderson (1810-1897) was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on May 18, 1810. Raised in Kentucky, he attended Cane Run Seminary and later taught school in Fayette County. In 1831 he moved with his family to Jacksonville, Illinois, but he returned to Georgetown, Kentucky the following year on account of illness. In Georgetown he began preaching, and in the fall of 1832 he returned to Jacksonville, where he began in the ministry of the Christian Church. A man of many talents and

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interests, he also served as Clerk of the Court and as Probate Judge in Morgan County, Illinois, and studied medicine at Illinois College from 1847-48, all the while continuing his preaching.⁸

In 1837 Henderson married Eliza Smedley in Jacksonville. In 1848 he moved to Columbia, Missouri, where he served as pastor of the First Christian Church for five years. He was instrumental in the founding of both Christian College in Columbia and Christian University in Canton.⁹ Respected "...throughout the brotherhood for his wide interests and statesmanlike qualities," he was an excellent speaker, an able preacher, and a tireless fundraiser.¹⁰ He was the "...moving spirit in the founding and endowing of the University" in Canton and served as President of the Board of Trustees until 1865.¹¹ Henderson died in Canton on February 11, 1897.

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HENDERSON HALL

Henderson Hall was built in 1903 to replace the earliest college building, "Old Main," which had burned on March 23rd of the same year. The earlier building, which is pictured in a photograph dating ca. 1888, was an imposing structure designed in the Classical Revival tradition. A three-story, brick structure, it was accented with a colossal, hexastyle portico in the Corinthian order and a central dome.¹²

Although Henderson Hall is by no means an imitation of the first, it is evident that it was designed with the earlier building well in mind. It presents a similarly imposing facade, with a tetrastyle Ionic portico and a central dome. Whereas the earlier building was constructed in the Classical Revival style still popular in Missouri in the 1850's, Henderson Hall well illustrates the Neo-Classical Revival which was current at the beginning of the twentieth century.

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies outlined in "Missouri's State Historic Preservation Plan." Therefore, Henderson Hall is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an example of the themes of "Architecture," and "Education."

FOOTNOTES

1. Information on the founding of Christian University is contained in the following: George L. Peters, Dreams Come True: A History of Culver-Stockton College (Founded 1853) (Canton, Mo.: The Board of Trustees, Culver-Stockton College, 1941), pp. 19, 20; Howard L. Conard, ed., Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri, vol. I (St. Louis: The Southern History Company, 1901), p. 610; History of Lewis, Clark, Knox and Scotland Counties, Missouri (St. Louis: Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1883), pp. 176-180.

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4. Peters, Dreams Come True, pp. 87, 88.
5. Christian University (Canton, Mo.), Minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1903.
6. "Henderson Hall and Culver-Stockton College", unpublished MSS, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo.
7. Peters, Dreams Come True, pp. 95, 96.
8. Peters, Dreams Come True, pp. 119, 120.
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12. An early photograph (ca. 1888) of the original building is on file in the Archives of Culver-Stockton College.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .92 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Canton, Mo.-III.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 6,2,5 2,2,0 4,4 4,3 0,7,0

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of a 200' square, the center point of which is the center point of Henderson Hall.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

I. Claire F. Blackwell, Architectural Historian

June 14, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Department of Natural Resources, Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 176

TELEPHONE

314/751-4096

CITY OR TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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

Robert J. Dornseid

TITLE

Director, Department of Natural Resources, and
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 7, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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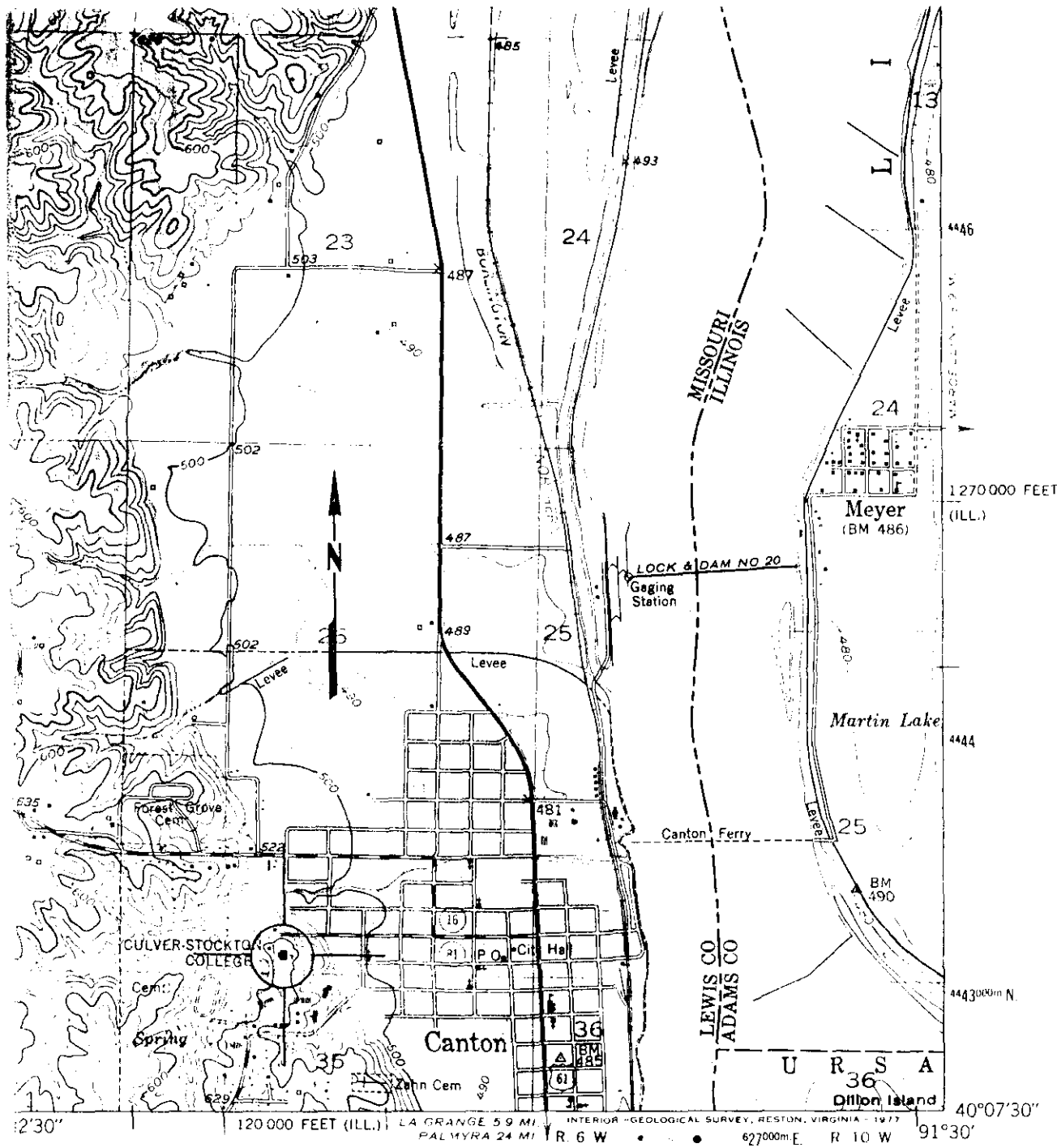
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
- Light duty road, all weather, improved surface
- Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

State Route

HENDERSON HALL
 U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
 "Canton, Mo.-Ill." (1950, photorevised 1975)

Scale: 1:24,000
 UTM Reference: 15/625220/4443070

CANTON, MO.-ILL.

N40075-W9130/7.5
 1950
 AMS 7664 II NE SERIES V879

(MERIDION 162500)
 2700 Ill

HENDERSON HALL

COUNTY: Lewis
LOCATION: College Hill, Canton
OWNER: Culver-Stockton College
ADDRESS: College Hill
Canton 63435
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: July 14, 1978
DATE SENT TO D.C.: August 9, 1978
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: August 17, 1978
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: October 2, 1978
DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED
(AND PRESENTOR): May 24, 1979
Pat Brennan
DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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HENDERSON HALL
Canton, Missouri

Photographer: Robert Cox
January 2, 1975

Neg. Loc.: Culver-Stockton College
Canton, Missouri 63435

View from southeast.



#2

HENDERSON HALL

Canton, Missouri

Photographer: Bruce Erickson

June 1977

Neg. Loc.: Culver-Stockton College

Canton, Missouri 63435

View from south.



#3

HENDERSON HALL

Canton, Missouri

Photographer: Robert Cox

January 2, 1975

Neg. Loc.: Culver-Stockton College

Canton, Missouri 63435

View from northwest.



#4

HENDERSON HALL
Canton, Missouri

Photographer: Bruce Erickson
March 1978

Neg. Loc.: Culver-Stockton College
Canton, Missouri 63435

Detail, east (primary) elevation.

Photo 100



HENDERSON HALL #5
Canton, Missouri

Photographer: unknown
ca. 1903-1917

Neg. Loc.: State Historical Society of
Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Historic view of primary (east) facade,
showing original dome.

