

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

1. Name of Property

historic name Hess, Philip, House

other names/site number Jefferson, Robert R., House; Bowman House

2. Location

street & number 714 Washington Street [n/a] not for publication

city or town Jefferson City [n/a] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Cole code 051 zip code 65101

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
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

25 Sept 02
Date

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

Thereby 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	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	0	0
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		0	0
		1	1

Name of related multiple property listing.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register.

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N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure

Current Functions

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other: Missouri-German Vernacular

Materials

foundation Stone
walls Brick
roof Asphalt
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.

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
- # _____

Areas of Significance

ARCHITECTURE

ETHNIC HERITAGE: EUROPEAN

Periods of Significance

1864-1943

Significant Dates

1864

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other:

Name of repository: Cole County Historical Society

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

A. Zone	Easting	Northing	B. Zone	Easting	Northing
15	571500	4269520			

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

name/title Jane Rodes Beetem
organization Historic Preservation Consultant date February 15, 2002
street & number 1612 Payne Drive telephone 573/635-0662
city or town Jefferson City state MO zip code 65101

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 Ron and Eileen Bowman
street & number 714 Washington Street telephone 573/636-5460
city or town Jefferson City state Missouri zip code 65109

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Summary: The Philip Hess House is located at 714 Washington Street in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri. This section of Washington Street is part of the neighborhood known as the Historic Southside, or Munichburg. The brick, one-story Hess House was constructed between 1857 and 1864. The gable-roof house is symmetrical, with five-bays and a central transomed entrance. The foundation is limestone. The house is an example of the Missouri-German Vernacular type as described in the Multiple Property Submission (MPS) cover document "Historic Southside (Munichburg) Multiple Property Submission." The house's careful craftsmanship, simplicity of design, and planar brick wall surfaces are typical of this style, as is the decorative brick cornice. The Hess House is one of the most intact examples of the early Missouri-German Vernacular property type in Munichburg and perhaps in all of Jefferson City. The house is in excellent condition. The original form, materials, and pattern of fenestration are intact. The interior retains an incredible amount of original detail, especially considering the dilapidated condition of the property during the Historic Southside Survey in 1995. Since that time Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bowman have purchased and rehabilitated the house, resulting in its current excellent condition. The original entryway, stair railing and newel posts, trim, and doors are intact on the main level. One outbuilding is located on the property, a modern garage to the rear of the house, which is non-contributing. The Philip Hess House is an intact example of the increasingly rare Missouri-German Vernacular building tradition in Munichburg.

Elaboration: The Philip Hess House was built between 1857 and 1864 on a large corner lot on the northwest side of Washington Street in the block between West Ashley Street, which runs along the southwest side of the property, and West Dunklin Street. The house is situated on the south corner of the lot, which is flat near the corner of West Ashley and Washington Streets, then sloping to the northeast about the middle of the house, and gently sloping toward the rear. This house is the oldest building remaining on the block. The buildings on this side of the block are residential. Across the street is the Central United Church of Christ, formerly known as the German Evangelical Central Church, and its parsonage. Two more historic houses complete the opposite side of the block.

The exterior walls are made of hand-pressed brick on a limestone foundation, topped by a gable roof running parallel to Washington Street, and parallel to West Ashley Street on the rear ell. Originally built in an L-shape, the house was altered historically to a rectangular plan. Small unadorned interior chimneys are located at the end of each gable. The front porch covers the second and third bays on the southwest side of the front facade, with steps accessing the southwest side of the porch. The decorations on the porch are the most elaborate found anywhere on the house, inside or out, and are more typical of the Victorian era. An enclosed porch is raised above ground level on the rear, level with the main floor.

The central entrance is flanked by two 6/6 windows on each side. The windows on this house have soldier course jack arches, rather than the rounded arches found on later houses. The exceptional central entryway shows the influence of the Greek Revival style, having a wide original entry door with two small, rectangular panels below nine panes of glass, topped by a four-pane transom and flanked by thin three-pane sidelights on each side. The front porch is supported from underneath by square wooden posts, has a wooden plank floor, four turned porch posts spaced equally across the porch front, and two engaged posts on the front facade. Simple painted wood railings surround the porch on two sides and extend down the stairs to the concrete sidewalk. The porch posts support a flat roof, below which carved corner brackets provide ornamentation to otherwise simple construction. The front facade has header dentils and a raised stretcher beltcourse for a cornice, which wraps slightly to either side elevation. On the east corner, the ground elevation drops, exposing more of the basement wall so that two full windows are located on the side of the front porch. Two smaller basement windows are on the opposite side of the front porch.

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The southwest wall, facing West Ashley Street, features one 6/6 window to the south of the chimney centered on the side gable. Directly above is a wooden attic vent. Behind the wooden vents in this house are 4-pane windows, hinged on one side so they open to the inside of the attic for ventilation. These original wooden windows were constructed with wooden pegs. Also on this wall, on the rear ell, is another window. The northwest wall, including the rear of the original ell, features one window to the west of the central chimney and an attic vent above, covering a 4-pane window. The L-shaped enclosed porch has a band of windows above wooden wainscoting, with steps leading to ground level on the north side. One small window and a door on the basement level are located beneath this porch. Another window is located to the northeast of the porch, in a historic one-story addition, over a basement window. The northeast wall has one window in the addition to the rear, both on the main level and the basement, and one window on the original section just east of the chimney, with an attic vent above. A low, modern concrete retaining wall protects an entry door to the basement just below the window. A modern garage is located at the rear of the property, in the north corner of the lot, accessed by a concrete driveway extending to the side street, West Ashley. This outbuilding is non-contributing.

The interior is a central hall plan, with the entryway extending the full width of the hall. The hall features the original low stair railing and plain square newel posts. To either side of the hall is a parlor with two windows on the front wall and one window on the side wall. The parlor to the southwest features an oversized single door on the northwest wall that operates as a pocket door. This door retains its original locking hardware and grain painting, as do most of the doors and trim on the main level. The door features four flat, recessed panels, pegged together and having no trim or carving of any kind. This door opens onto a bedroom in the original rear ell. This room has one window on each outer wall. Across from the large pocket door is an original exterior door, having the same flat, recessed panels as the pocket door, topped by a three-pane transom with later period transom hardware. The northeast wall has a short four-panel door accessing a closet. To the southeast of this door is a later period four-panel door topped by a single-pane transom leading to the rear of the central hallway, with a closet on the northwest wall of the hall. The rear section of the hallway was added as part of a historic addition, forming a T-shaped hall. A few feet into the hallway from the bedroom is a large ceiling beam that has been covered with wide sycamore boards found by the current owners in the attic.

Northwest of the hallway is the bathroom, entered through a door with a transom. The bath retains the original clawfoot tub and has had wainscot paneling installed to approximately four feet from the floor. The bath has one window on the outer wall and an original closet door on the northeast wall. The rear of the hallway has a door on the northeast wall to the kitchen, which is in a historic addition. Due to the deteriorated condition of the building, part of the outer walls of this room were rebuilt, but the slope of the floor of approximately 1½" remains, as the foundation walls remained in place during rehabilitation. The kitchen has one window on each outer wall, and a door on the northwest (rear) wall leading to the enclosed porch. The only change made to this porch, other than cleaning and painting, was to replace the hinged panel at the bottom of the outer walls with a fixed board. The original floors throughout the house remain in place but are covered by carpet or other flooring due to their deteriorated condition. Many of the doors have porcelain knob hardware, some of which are original. The basement retains its original window and door openings, the stair railing and newel post, and original flooring under carpet in the central hall. A closet at the end of the stairs retains its original wooden wall and door. The rest of the basement has had a modern ceiling, walls, and floors installed during rehabilitation.

In one of the parlors on the main floor is an immigrant's or bride's chest that the current owners retrieved from the attic. It retains its original decorative painting and hardware, the date of 1812, and the initials "KM," believed to indicate Katherine Schulz's maiden name, as she was one of the house's former owners.¹

¹ Ron and Eileen Bowman, interview by Jane Beetem, August 2002.

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The appearance of the Philip Hess House remains much the same as it would have looked 138 years ago, on both the interior and exterior. The house retains both its architectural integrity and its original function as a single-family dwelling, and it meets the requirements for listing on the National Register as described in the MPS cover document "Historic Southside (Munichburg) Multiple Property Submission," Property Type 1, Missouri-German Vernacular. The house is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion A, ETHNIC HERITAGE: EUROPEAN, and Criterion C, ARCHITECTURE.

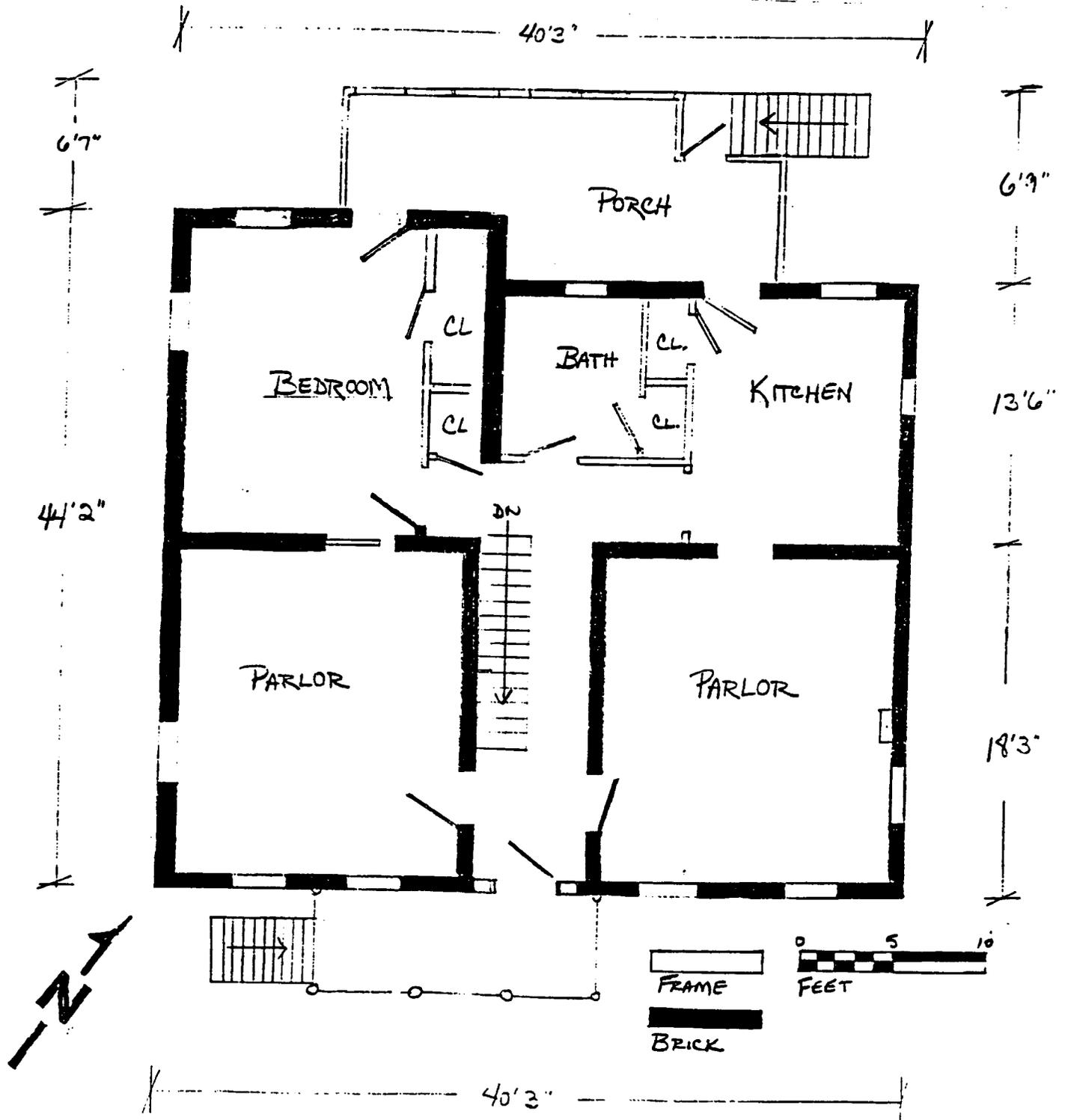
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Figure 1: Floor Plan - First Floor



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Summary: The Philip Hess House, located at 714 Washington Street, Jefferson City, exemplifies the Missouri-German Vernacular architecture in the Munichburg neighborhood. The house is typical of this type in plan, overall massing, materials, and detailing. The house also exhibits some of the Missouri-German building traditions evident elsewhere in Munichburg. The house meets the requirements for listing on the National Register as described in the MPS cover document "Historic Southside (Munichburg) Multiple Property Submission," and is associated with Context 1: Early Settlement Period, 1850s to 1865, and Context 2: Cultural Changes Shape Munichburg: 1866-1919. Constructed between 1857 and 1864, the house is the oldest building on its block. It is clearly visible in the "Bird's Eye View of Jefferson City, the capitol of Missouri 1869." The house meets the registration requirements of the Missouri German Vernacular property type and is therefore significant under Criterion C, ARCHITECTURE. The house also was the longtime home of the Philip Hess family. Philip Hess acquired the property in January, 1865, and his family continued to own the house for three generations.² Hess was an immigrant from Germany who had a traveling meat wagon and operated a grocery store out of this house. The house is representative of German immigration/migration to this neighborhood and of the businesses the neighborhood depended upon.³ Therefore the house is significant under Criterion A, ETHNIC HERITAGE: EUROPEAN, with a period of significance from its construction in circa 1864 to 1943, the last year that Philip Hess's son, J. Philip Hess, lived in the home.

Elaboration: Originally built in an L-shape, the Philip Hess House was altered historically to a rectangular plan. An enclosed porch was added to the rear of the rectangle. The Hess House is perhaps the best example of an early vernacular Missouri-German house in Munichburg.

The exterior walls are made of brick and rest on a limestone foundation. The use of brick, particularly the brick detailing exhibited just below the eaves on the front facade, is a construction detail typical of Missouri-German builders. The simple design, flat brick lintels, symmetrical fenestration, and general massing of the building identify the home as an early Missouri-German type of vernacular residence. The earliest brick buildings to be erected by German Americans in Missouri show the influence of Klassicismus, the German variant of the Neoclassical or Federal style. Features of Klassicismus that can be found in Missouri-German buildings include such things as a symmetrical facade, straight lintels, double doors, and windows over the doors. The severity of the design was often relieved by such things as decorative cornice treatments, most commonly in the form of dentilation and ornamental wooden trimwork.⁴ The decorations on the porch are the most elaborate found anywhere on the house, inside or out, and are more typical of the Victorian era.

Robert R. Jefferson acquired the land where the house is situated in 1857 from the U.S. Government for \$50, selling it in 1864 for \$310 to Charles and Katherine Schulz. Based on this increase in value, the house is believed to have been constructed between 1857 and 1864, providing a period of significance for ARCHITECTURE of 1864. The house could have been constructed earlier, and information provided by Ron Bowman from his abstract indicated an increase in the property's value between 1857 and 1860, but certainly the house existed in 1864 when it was sold for six times the value of the land. Therefore the date of 1864 has been sufficiently documented to serve as the period of significance. Philip Hess, an immigrant from Germany, acquired the property from the Schulzes in January, 1865 for

² Ron Bowman, interview by Jane Beetem, February 2002.

³ Urbana Group, "Historic Southside, Architectural/History Survey," inventory form for 714 Washington Street, page 2.

⁴ Jane Beetem, "John B. and Elizabeth Ruthven House," National Register Nomination, 1999. (Nomination on file with Missouri DNR State Historic Preservation Office.) 7.1, 8.12.

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\$420.⁵ Hess acquired the adjacent lot in March 1865,⁶ expanding the property to its current size. Two generations of the Hess family were subsequently born in this house.

Philip Hess was a butcher and meat processor. He operated a grocery store in this house, with living quarters above, and also had a traveling meat wagon.⁷ The architecture supports this history, as a side door leads directly into the basement. In 1877, Hess was described as a "teamster"⁸ which apparently was a reference to his meat wagon. In 1891, Hess was listed as living in this house and working as a clerk in the Giesecke B&S Company. Philip Hess was a founder of the German Evangelical Church located at 711 Washington, and prior to the construction of a new church building, church meetings were sometimes held in the Hess residence. John Philip Hess, Philip's son, inherited the home in April 1895. John Philip had assisted his father with the store, but after his father's death he closed the store and became a letter carrier for the next 30 years. John Philip had three children, Selma Katharine Hess, Carl Hess, and Alma Carolyn Hess Heinrich. The children of Alma Hess and Victor Heinrich were also born in the family home.⁹

An interesting facet of the history of this house is that while Philip Hess, a first-generation German American, was comfortable operating his business from his home, his son John Philip discontinued this practice after his father's death. This was a trend typical of the period, as many business owners began to conduct their commercial operations separate from the family's personal space. In a traditional downtown commercial area, this resulted in underused or vacant upper floors. In Munichburg, the result may have been an expansion of the neighborhood, as homes were built nearby to accommodate the desire for personal space, while remaining in close proximity to the family business. In this case, the family home remained, and John Philip found separate employment.

The Philip Hess House is an intact example of the early Missouri-German Vernacular property type and is representative of the long-term contributions Missouri-German families have made to development of the Munichburg neighborhood. The house is significant under Criterion C, ARCHITECTURE, and Criterion A, ETHNIC HERITAGE: EUROPEAN.

⁵ Ron Bowman, interview by Jane Beetem, February 2002.

⁶ Cole County Deed Records, book Q, p. 510.

⁷ "Historic Southside Survey" inventory form for 714 Washington Street, 2.

⁸ Beasley's Jefferson City Directory, 1877-78.

⁹ Jefferson City and Cole County Directory, 1891-1892.

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Chronology of Ownership and Events

(based on research of deed records, city directories, newspaper articles, and other sources)

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| 1857 | Robert R. Jefferson acquires Lot 904 for \$50 from the U.S. Government. |
| 1864 | Charles & Katherine Schulz buy the house for \$310 (house apparently constructed by this time). |
| 1865 | Philip Hess buys the house from the Schulzes for \$420. |
| 1891 | City directory lists Philip Hess as a clerk for Giesecke B&S Co., residing on Washington Street, northwest corner of Ashley Street. |
| 1904 | John Philip Hess, clerk for the U.S. Post Office, residing at 714 Washington Street. |
| 1913 | J. Philip and Caroline Hess, plus Miss Selma Hess, reside at the home. |
| 1915, 1929, 1933 | J. Philip Hess listed in city directories as living at 714 Washington Street. |
| 1938 | J. Philip Hess is listed as the homeowner at 714 Washington. V. F. Heinrich also listed as residing in the home. |
| 1943 | J. Philip Hess, homeowner. |
| 1948 and 1951 | Ollie L. Day, homeowner. |

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Sources:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Washington and West Ashley Streets, facing Washington Street, the lot is described as: Inlot 904 in the City of Jefferson, Cole County, Missouri.

Boundary Justification:

The current boundaries encompass all of the land currently and historically associated with the property.

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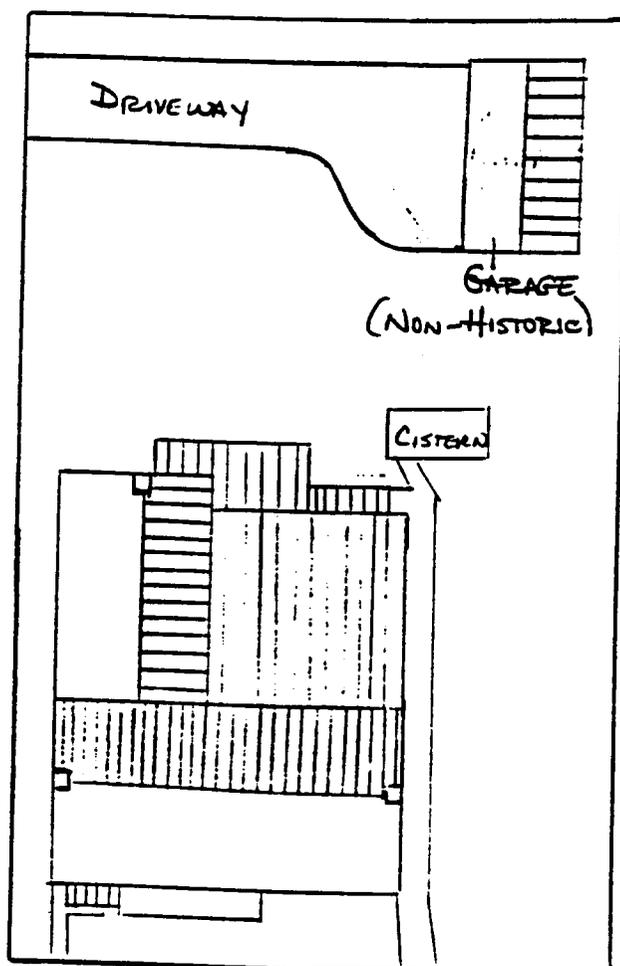
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Site Map:



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Photographs:

The following information is the same for all photographs:

Philip Hess House
714 Washington Street
Cole County, Missouri
Jane Rodes Beetem
February 2002

Negatives on file with the Missouri DNR State Historic Preservation Office
101 East High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

List of Photographs:

1. Southeast (front) and southwest elevations, facing north.
2. Southeast and northeast elevations, facing west.
3. Northwest elevation, facing southeast.
4. Central hallway, stair, and front entrance.
5. Single pocket door, between southwest parlor and bedroom, with original exterior door in background.

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Photo Key Map:

