

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Locust Hill

AND/OR COMMON

McGruder Estate

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Highway Y  
R.R. 1, Box 106

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Brunswick

--- VICINITY OF

#6 - Hon. E. Thomas Coleman

STATE

Missouri

CODE

029

COUNTY

Chariton

CODE

041

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 1, Box 106

CITY, TOWN

Brunswick

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 65236

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Keytesville

STATE

Missouri 65261

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Missouri State Historical Survey

DATE

1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176

CITY, TOWN

Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

---

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Locust Hill, located in a rural farming area in the rolling hills overlooking the Missouri River flood plain, is an estate which includes a residence, garage, privy, root cellar, shed, smokehouse, summer kitchen, chicken yard, two garden areas, a large yard and some surrounding land. (see site plan).

The main house at Locust Hill is a two story Second Empire style building which is of frame construction over stone and concrete foundations. It is capped with a mansard roof which is faced below with red, green, grey and black hexagonal slates and above with composition material. A partial basement is located beneath the kitchen addition to the east. The exterior of the house is faced with pine boards, grooved to imitate rusticated masonry, which were originally sand painted but which are now overpainted in white. The wooden quoins and bracketed Mannerist-inspired window surrounds and other details are highlighted in rose beige. Other notable decorative features include heavy brackets with pendants and a denticulated and paneled frieze, both at cornice level, a mansarded cupola over the main entrance and elaborate cresting in at least four distinct patterns.

The summer kitchen, located south of the house, was attached to it formerly by a veranda. This kitchen is now a small detached frame building. Its plan features two rooms, separated by a wall and fireplace, and a partial basement under its south end. Because the floor is supported from below by hand hewn joists, this building may be of considerable age. All of the other buildings, except the root cellar, are of frame construction in simple, utilitarian designs.

Two modern additions are associated with the house, a two story porch and upper room on the south side and a one story kitchen on the east. The style of the interior woodwork and fixtures of the latter indicate a date of construction in the decade of the 1940's. The date of the former addition is unknown. This section, which includes a glassed-in porch, is faced on the primary facade with rusticated boards removed from the wall which was abolished by the addition.

The main body of the house was constructed in at least two distinct stages. Features and peculiarities in the frame construction visible in the attic of the north section of the house, which includes the parlors, main hall, two bedrooms and cupola, indicate an original low pitched hipped roof and a construction date prior to that of the south half of the house.

The interior of Locust Hill features wall papers imported from France in the parlors, pine woodwork embellished in all the rooms with several variations of incised Eastlake inspired designs, and an elaborate open stairway with spiral balusters and an octagonal newel. When the house was electrified, all of the original gas, kerosene and oil fixtures were adapted for the new medium. In addition, the original furnishings belonging to the Herring and Magruder families remain in the house. (Rucker, pp. 4-10 and Richardson, personal interview).

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
10-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
10-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
10-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
10-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
10-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

APPROXIMATE DATES: 1837, ca. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Locust Hill is significant as a fine example of a Second Empire Style farmhouse in its locality. In addition, its importance is enhanced through its association with the locally prominent families of William David Herring and Napoleon Bonaparte Magruder.

The site of Locust Hill was first inhabited by William David Herring, who moved with his mother and brother, Jonathan, from Maryland about 1837 after purchasing over 1200 acres of farmland near Brunswick, Missouri. The building which today is known as the summer kitchen is possibly the first home on the site built by Herring ca. 1837. Herring married Nancy Turner of Kentucky in 1847. Their son, Lloyd, became a prominent local carpenter, farmer and stock raiser. In the late 1840's the California gold rush drew him west. Upon his return he became a judge of the Chariton County Court and an organizer of the Chariton County Bank (Rucker, pp. 2-3, Gehrig and Smith, pp. 319, 616).

The affluent Magruder family first moved to a farm near Brunswick when Napoleon Bonaparte Magruder, his wife, Abbie, son Waverly Theophilus, and 43 slaves emigrated there from Amherst County, Virginia. On November 5, 1863 Waverly was married to Johanna Herring, daughter of William David and Nancy Turner Herring of Locust Hill (Rucker, p. 3, Gehrig and Smith, pp. 319, 805 and 828). It is quite probable that a large home was constructed at Locust Hill at this time for the newlyweds. William had died in 1862 and the property eventually entered the Magruder family through an inheritance by Johanna Herring Magruder. In addition, due to the wealth and position of the Magruder family, it is probable that Waverly would have desired a substantial home for his family. Moreover, a family tradition records that during the Civil War, which raged in the area between 1861 and 1864, the family was forced to hide for a time in the cellar of the slave quarters while Union soldiers occupied the main house. The summer kitchen, with its partial cellar and hand hewn construction, is a likely candidate for these slave quarters, as well as the possible site for the original house at Locust Hill. If the latter supposition is correct, the original house must have been vacated and its use altered before 1864 and another larger house must have been constructed nearby before this date if the family tradition is given credence.

Design details of Locust Hill also indicate a probable early 1860's date for the construction of the north portion of the house which, as indicated in Item #7, was built with a low pitched roof prior to the erection of the south portion. The elongated windows, bracketed eaves, original hipped roof and asymmetrically

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

FOR HCRS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

LOCUST HILL

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 1

placed tower suggest that the house was originally constructed in the Italian Villa Style, a system of ornament already popular in Virginia, the original home of the Magruder's, in the 1850's. In Missouri, this style of construction fits nicely into the decades of the 1860's and 1870's. Moreover, in this state frame construction imitating rusticated masonry such as that exhibited at Locust Hill, is associated with the Italianate style. One example is the Prigmore Homestead (ca. 1860) in Pettis County, which, though lacking a tower, bears a resemblance to the postulated original appearance of the house at Locust Hill. It was probably that, with the advent of the Second Empire Style after the Civil War and the enlargement of the Magruder family, which has always been noted for its fecundity, the south portion of the house was constructed and the roofline of the northern part including the tower was altered. This could have occurred as early as ca. 1870, but it probably took place in the decade of the 1880's, if the Eastlake style of the interior woodwork is any indication. The Magruder family continued to occupy Locust Hill until 1973 when the remaining members of the family sold it to its present owners.

Missouri boasts several other fine examples of Second Empire residential design, a few of which are already on the National Register of Historic Places. These include the Blosser House (1880), Malta Bend, Saline County; the Governor's Mansion (1872), Jefferson City, Cole County; the Krause Mansion, (1883), Platte City, Platte County; and Rivercene (1869), near Boonville in Howard County.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gehrig, Pearl Sims and T. Berry Smith. History of Chariton and Howard Counties, Missouri. Topeka: Historical Publishing Co., 1923.

Richardson, Margie and Kenneth Richardson. Personal interview with Noelle Soren, Department of Natural Resources, October 18, 1979.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.2 approximately (193,200 square feet)

QUADRANGLE NAME "Brunswick, East, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 | 4, 9, 0, 5, 1, 0 | 4, 3, 6, 5, 1, 5, 6

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

E | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

F | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Locust Hill is bounded by a trapezoid of which the northern line runs East along State Road Y right-of-way limit for 760'. The line turns to South at a point and runs along the Eastern boundary for 576' to a point, turns to West and runs 700' to a point and

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Noelle Soren, Architectural Historian

October 31, 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Department of Natural Resources

314/751-4096

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P.O. Box 176

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Jefferson City

Missouri 65102

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

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 Director, Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

OR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

HR-8-300A  
11/78)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

FOR HCRS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

DATE ENTERED

LOCUST HILL

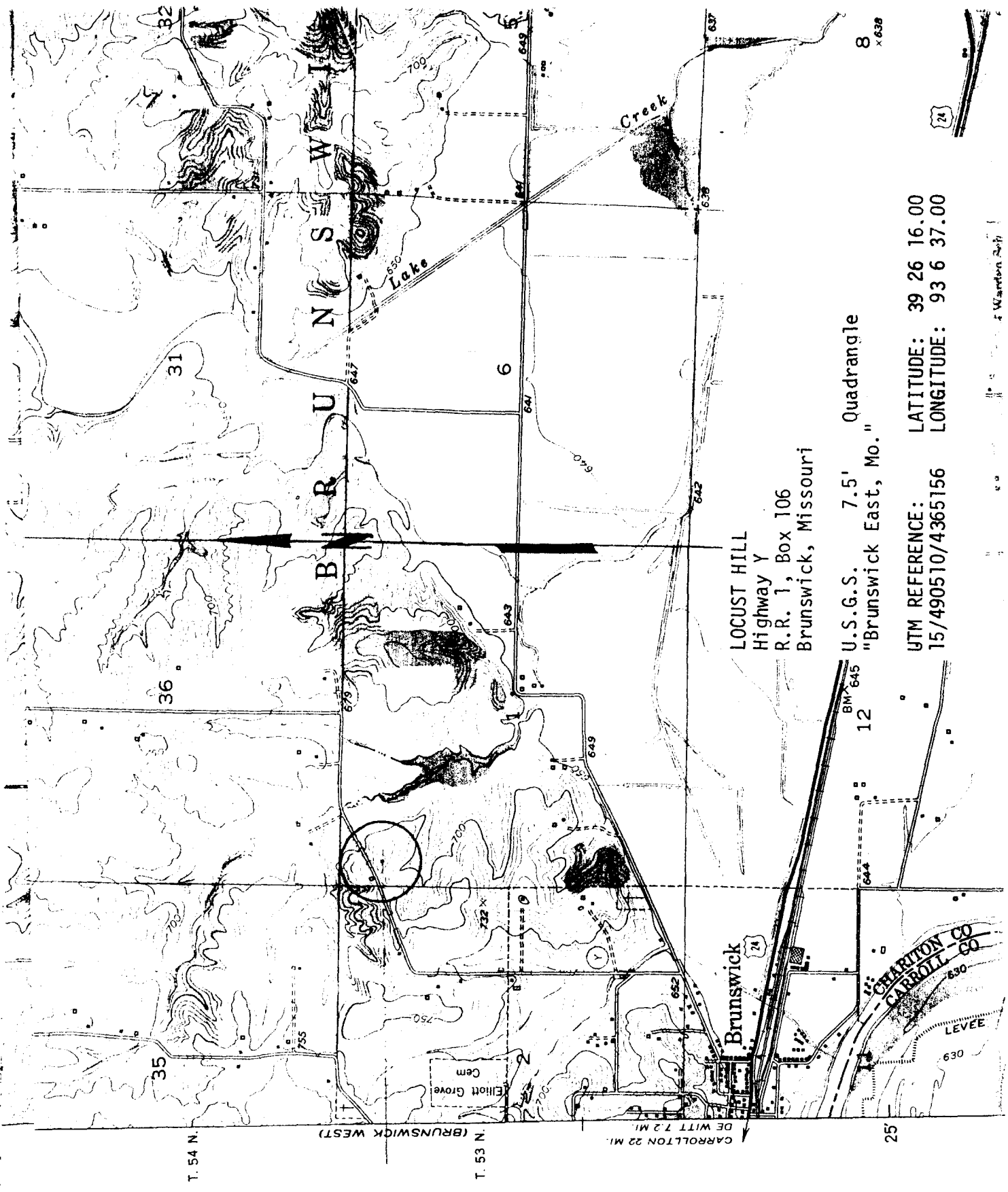
CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 9 PAGE 1

Rucker, Booker H. "A Report on the Magruder Estate, "Locust Hill"." Jefferson City, Mo.: Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural Resources, 1973.

ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE 1

and turns to North and continues 135' to State Road Y right of way limit enclosing house, outbuildings and grounds as shown on site plan.



T. 54 N.

(BRUNSWICK WEST)

T. 53 N.

CARROLLTON 22 MI.  
DE WITT 7.2 MI.

25

Brunswick

LOCUST HILL  
Highway Y  
R.R. 1, Box 106  
Brunswick, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle  
"Brunswick East, Mo."

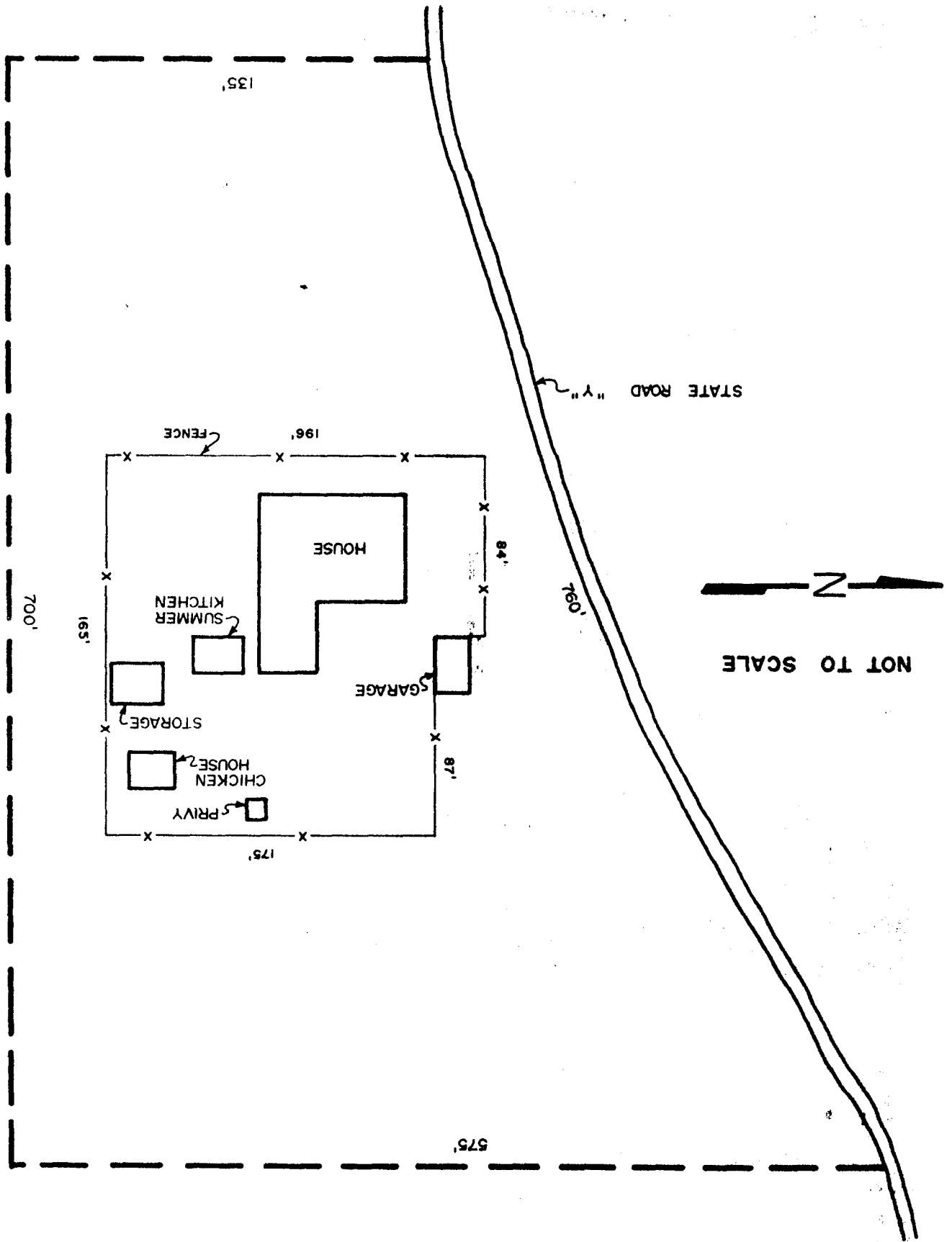
UTM REFERENCE: 15/490510/4365156  
LATITUDE: 39 26 16.00  
LONGITUDE: 93 6 37.00

8  
X 638

21

Wardman, S. B.

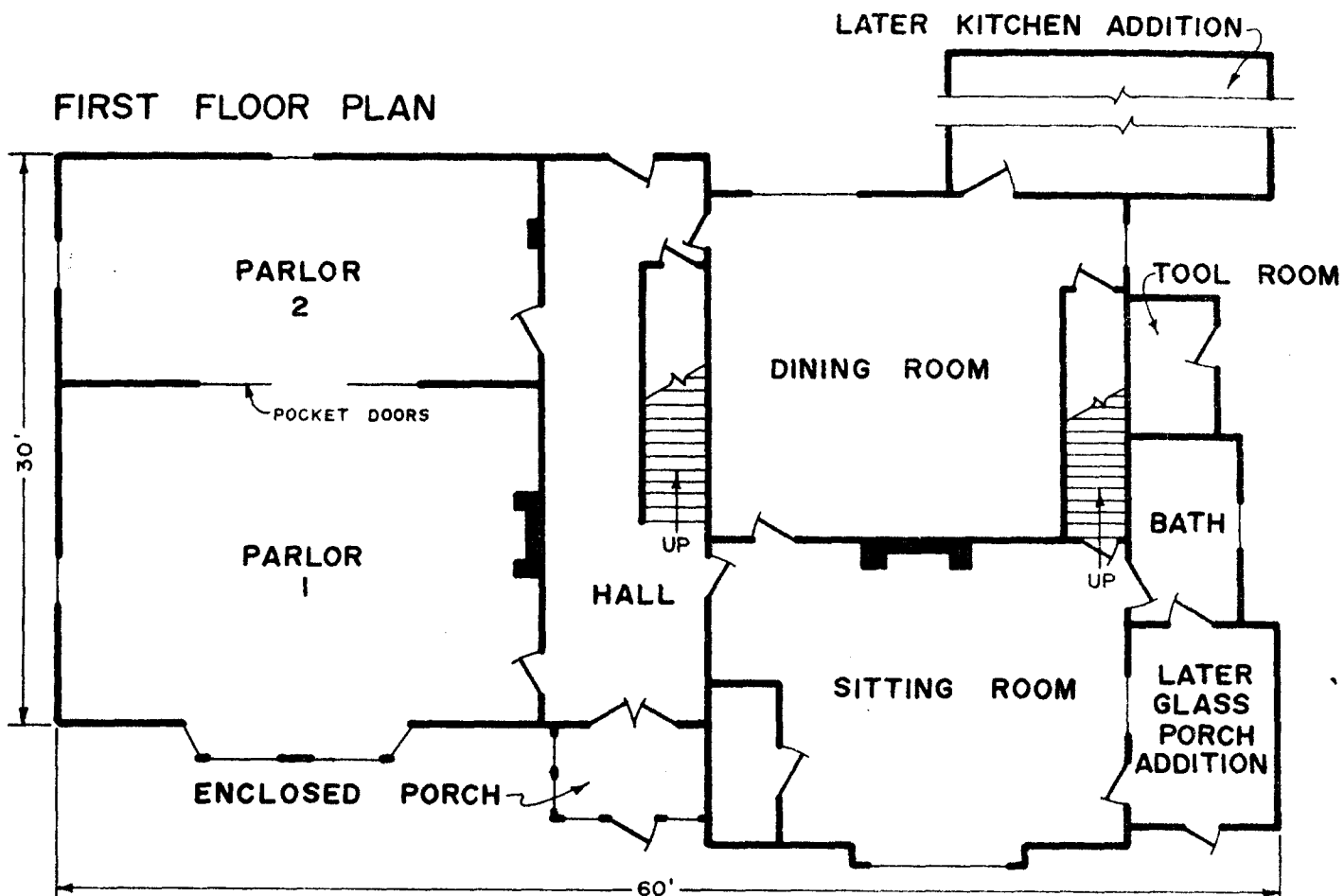
**SITE PLAN**  
**BOCUST HILL**  
**BRUNSWICK, MISSOURI**





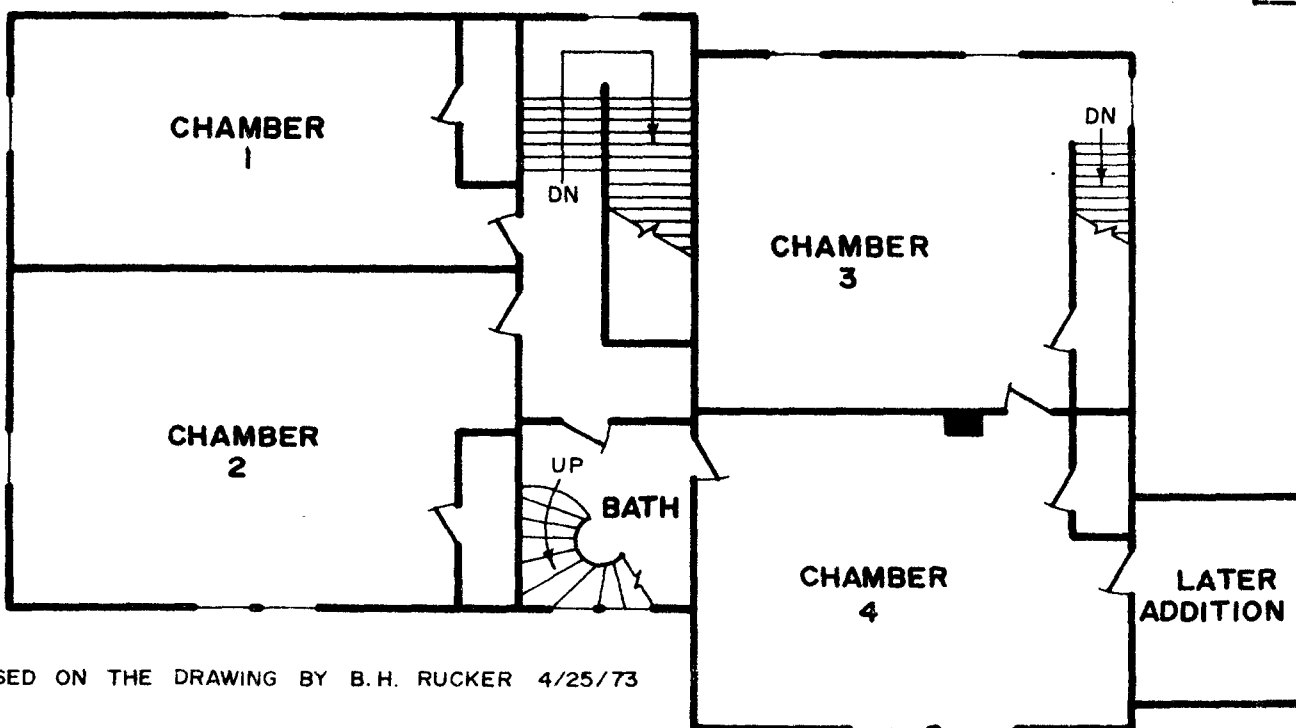
"LOCUST HILL" (MAGRUDER HOME)  
 BRUNSWICK, MISSOURI

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



NOT TO SCALE

SECOND FLOOR PLAN



BASED ON THE DRAWING BY B.H. RUCKER 4/25/73

## LOCUST HILL (MC GRUDER ESTATE)

COUNTY:	Chariton
LOCATION:	R.R. 1, Box 106 Brunswick 65236
OWNER: ADDRESS:	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson R.R. 1, Box 106 Brunswick, Mo. 65236
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	November 9, 1980
<u>DATE SENT TO D.C.</u>	November 26, 1980
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	December 4, 1980
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:	January 10, 1980
DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED (AND PRESENTOR):	November 9, 1982 Sam Wegner
DATE FILE REVIEWED:	

Locust Hill is significant as a fine example of a Second Empire Style farmhouse in its locality. In addition, its importance is enhanced through its association with the locally prominent families of William David Herring and Napoleon Bonaparte Magruder.

LOCUST HILL

#1

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker

Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

General view to east of house and outbuildings.



LOCUST HILL

#2

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Noelle Soren  
October, 1979

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102  
West (primary) facade.



*Locust Hill  
Brunswick, Mo*

LOCUST HILL #3  
Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri  
Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)  
Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102  
West (primary) facade, detail of main entrance.





Magruder House  
Brunswick, Mo.

LOCUST HILL

#4

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker

Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

East (rear) side of house, view to southwest,  
with modern kitchen addition to the left.



LOCUST HILL

#5

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

East (rear) entrance, detail of woodwork.



Magnolia House  
Brunswick, Mo.

LOCUST HILL

#6

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

View to northwest of rear of house showing the  
summer kitchen to the left and the newer  
kitchen addition in the center.



LOCUST HILL

#7

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

South side of house, summer kitchen and newer  
kitchen addition to the right.





Maguire House  
Brunswick, Mo.

LOCUST HILL

#8

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

Summer kitchen, view to east of west side.



Maple Hill House  
Brunswick, Mo.

LOCUST HILL

#9

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102  
Smokehouse, view to southeast.



*Magdalen House  
Brunswick, Mo.*

LOCUST HILL

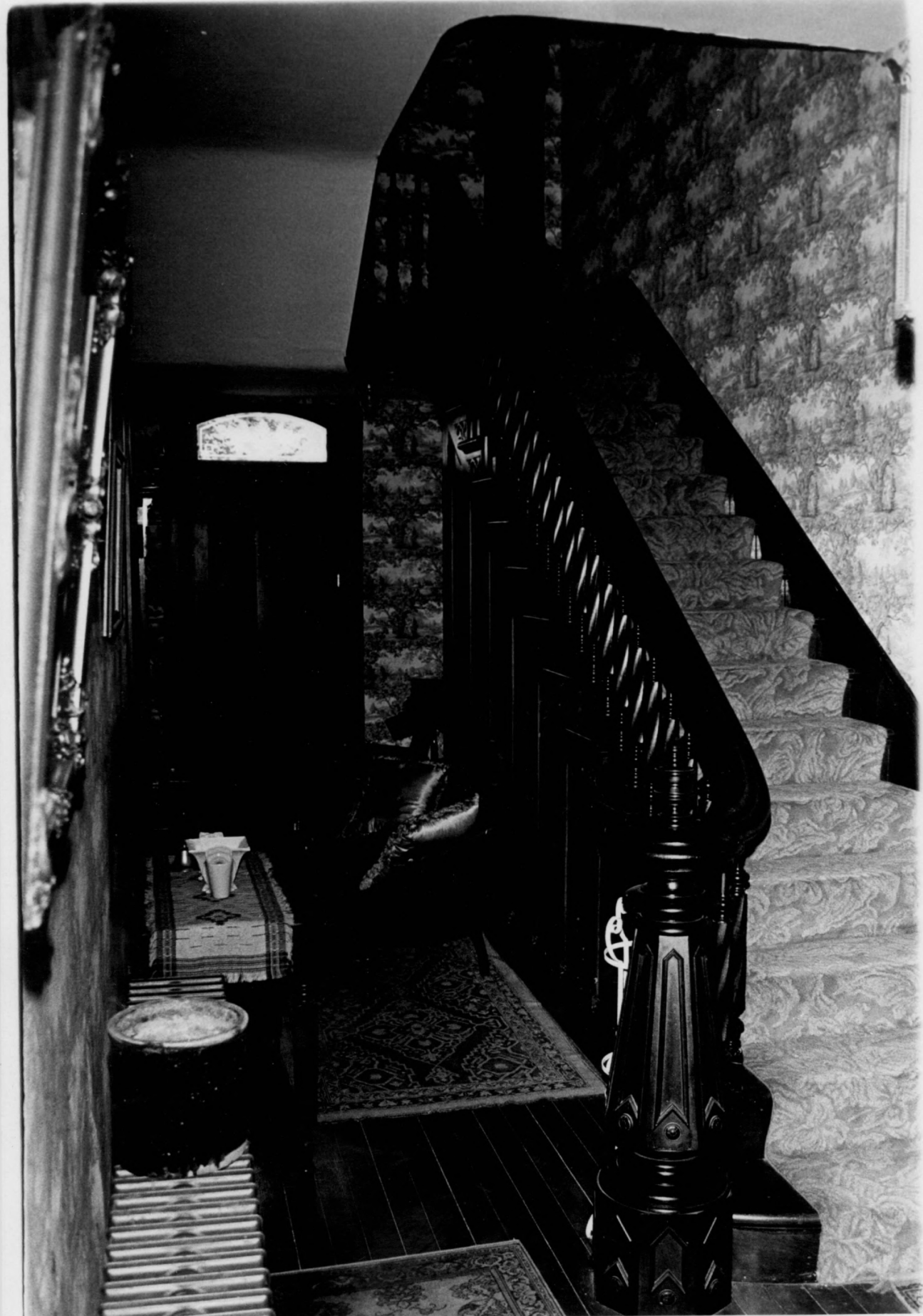
#10

Highway Y, Box 106; Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

Interior, central hallway with staircase,  
view to east.



Maguire House  
Brunswick, Mo.

LOCUST HILL

#11

Highway Y, Box 106, Brunswick, Chariton County,  
Missouri

Photographer: Booker H. Rucker  
Spring, 1973 (condition remains  
the same)

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

Transom and woodwork over doorway linking  
dining room and later kitchen addition.





EXTRA  
PHOTOS



