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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Mann, Horace, School

other name/site number: n/a

2. Location

street & number: 4047 Juniata

not for publication: N/A

city/town: St. Louis

vicinity: N/A

state: Missouri county: Independent City code: 510 zip code: 63116

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public - local

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u>1</u>     | _____           | buildings  |
| _____        | _____           | sites      |
| _____        | _____           | structures |
| _____        | _____           | objects    |
| <u>1</u>     | <u>0</u>        | Total      |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: St. Louis, Missouri Public Schools of William B. Ittner



7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Tudor Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation STONE/limestone roof STONE/SLATE  
walls BRICK other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: local.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: 1901

Significant Dates : 1901 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Ittner, William Butts

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

X See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

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 -- Specify Repository: Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: approximately 1 acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

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|---|-----------|---------------|----------------|---|-------|-------|
| A | <u>15</u> | <u>739100</u> | <u>4276010</u> | B | _____ | _____ |
| C | _____     | _____         | _____          | D | _____ | _____ |

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:  See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification:  See continuation sheet.

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**SUMMARY:** The Horace Mann School is located at 4047 Juniata in City Block 5060S, St. Louis, Missouri. A Tudor Revival design, the two-story red brick school was designed by William B. Ittner in 1901 and is an example of the E ("Open")-Plan Elementary Schools property type. A slate roof and dark headers highlight the building, which exhibits one of the "open" plans Ittner was to explore more fully later (see "St. Louis, Missouri, Public Schools of William B. Ittner" MPS). The school is in good condition with original materials intact, and has been little altered. The site slopes downhill to the east, exposing more foundation at the east end of the school. Play space is limited around this school; most of the surrounding yard, with the exception of a few foundation plantings of evergreen shrubs, has been asphalted - probably since the beginning. A chain-link fence runs the length of the property while an original iron fence extends across the west end. Its prominent corner-lot location in an old residential neighborhood is just a few blocks south of Tower Grove Park.

**NARRATIVE:** This red brick, two-story (plus basement and attic) building is laid in Flemish garden wall bond with cull headers in every fifth course to provide a rich surface effect. The white trim and grey slate roof with red clay ridge tiles provide classic contrast. The elongated, irregular massing of the school was another of Ittner's attempts to achieve the perfect balance in an open plan. Rising from a quarry-faced, ashlar limestone foundation, the school features stone-coped end gables and two front-gabled projections, as well as two twin-gabled rear projecting wings. Those gables on the front elevation have decoratively carved wooden bargeboards supported by heavy, toothed brackets.

Classroom windows on the primary elevation are six-over-six, double-hung wooden sash in groups of four, with flat arches of headers. Side elevation windows are individually spaced two-over-two, double-hung sash; the casement attic windows are ogee-arched with squared stone hood molding. The two front entrances are emphasized by carved stone, ogee-arched surrounds; transoms are vertically divided into narrow lights. Above the west entrance, squared stone hood molding defines a bay made up of paired, multipane, ogee-arched windows that illuminate a stairwell. Above the east entrance, a bay of three tripartite windows with stone surround lights a second stairwell. Two octagonal copper cupolas house vents at the ridge line of the roof.

The exterior of Mann School is in good condition, although some of the trim paint is peeling. Some tuckpointing has produced areas that appear slightly lighter; this is not to be construed as an alteration. The only potential alteration may be the concrete steps leading to the east entrance; these appear to be of more recent construction than the school although they are not

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new. In the absence of an historical photo, this cannot be substantiated. The integrity of this building is definitely intact.

The landscaping of this school is a grey area. Again, without photo documentation, it is difficult to know whether Ittner intended a more substantial landscape layout. This school was built after the institution of public school gardeners, when Ittner professed his preferences for designed landscapes around his schools. It would appear, however, that given the narrowness of the lot and the absence of trees that Ittner might have planted, not much more original landscaping existed beyond that which we have today.

Original interior appointments of this building appear to be largely intact. Oak is used throughout in the chair rails, trim and picture molding. Interior oak doors have three- or six-pane transoms. The main stairway features handsome, wide oak handrails above attached round oak rails, an unusual feature in grade schools, although often seen in St. Louis high schools. The wide handrail is omitted in secondary stairways. The hardwood floors in classrooms and hallways are in good condition. Original light fixtures with flattened spherical milk-glass shades provide illumination. The entrance to the kindergarten is an ogee arch with intact leaded glass surround. It has no stained glass, although transoms in the entrance foyers have stained glass shields connected by a stained glass band within a clear leaded glass field. Interior paint is noticeably peeling, lending a somewhat shabby aspect to what is a substantially intact interior in fairly good condition.

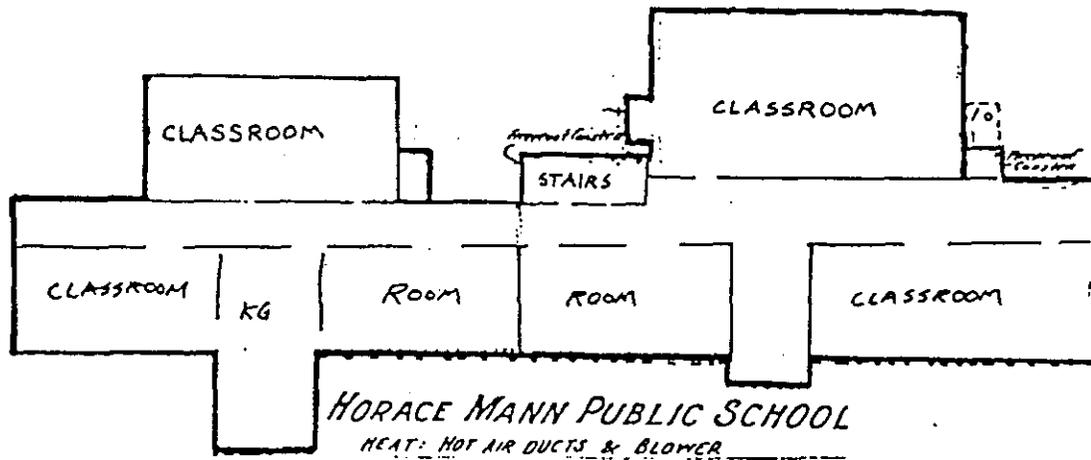
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Floor Plan, Horace Mann School, c. 1930  
Source: Sanborn map

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**SUMMARY:** The Horace Mann School in St. Louis, Missouri is significant under Criterion C for its architecture and architect. St. Louisan William B. Ittner, F.A.I.A., designed the Tudor Revival school in 1901. An example of the E ("Open")-Plan Elementary School property type, its "open" plan differed from the earlier Wyman School in its asymmetrically-gabled facade and in its rear-facing wings. Ittner made continual adjustments to his basic premise with each successive school he designed, both to achieve a more satisfactory product and to suit the individual site--in this case, a long, narrow lot (see "St. Louis, Missouri, Public Schools of William B. Ittner" MPS).

**NARRATIVE:** The building permit for the Mann School was issued in April of 1901, indicating a construction cost of \$59,408. Mann School was built by Jean Jameton, a member of the Master Builders' Association. Educator Horace Mann (1796-1859) was the school's namesake.

Ittner faced the problem of a restrictively narrow lot upon which to build Mann School. The resulting school features a very long center block with short wings that each extend from only one side of the block. On the primary, south-facing facade he chose to locate the kindergarten wing, the larger of the two gabled projections. The smaller projection is an entrance and stairwell. Classrooms are located along the south side of the center block with the corridor opposite. Because of the building's orientation, these rooms receive natural light all day. Rooms in the rear wings have windows on three sides to compensate for a location that precludes direct exposure to the sun. This arrangement, while not Ittner's ideal setup, does allow for a long, unbroken playground across the front of the building; the "courtyard" effect of Field School would have resulted had the wings been brought forward instead. The school is in good condition and has received minimal alterations.

The Jacobethan design of Mann School is somewhat restrained, probably the result of the tight budget allotted for the project. The ogee arches, decorative bargeboards and cupola vents give the school its Jacobethan air with a minimum of fuss, keeping it from being too severe and conveying an historical sense at the same time.

Because of spatial limitations, Ittner's general landscaping policy lost in favor of a paved playground for this school. Small, evergreen foundation plantings keep the building from looking too sterile while using a minimum of space.

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The following information is the same for all photographs:

1. Horace Mann School  
4047 Juniata
2. St. Louis [Independent City], MO
3. Cynthia Longwisch
4. April 1990
5. Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc.  
7th floor, 917 Locust  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Photograph #1: Primary elevation; camera facing northeast

Photograph #2: Side and rear elevations; camera facing southeast

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**Verbal Boundary Description:** Horace Mann School is located at 4047 Juniata, occupying a lot approximately one-quarter of City Block 5060S as follows: beginning at the northeast corner of the intersection of Juniata and Oak Hill Avenue, proceed eastwardly along the right-of-way of Juniata to its intersection with the west property line of 4033 Juniata; then proceed northwardly along said property line to its intersection with the east-west alley of City Block 5060S; then proceed westwardly along the right-of-way of the alley to its intersection with Oak Hill Avenue; then proceed southwardly along the right-of-way of Oak Hill Avenue to its intersection with Juniata, the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification:** The boundaries described above encompass that portion of the city block which has been historically associated with the property.

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WEBSTER GROVES QUADRANGLE  
MISSOURI-ILLINOIS  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

2961 II NW  
(GRANITE CITY)

17°30" 736

737

4.5 MI. TO INTERSTATE 70  
0.4 MI. TO U.S. 40

570 000 FEET (MO.) 739

90°15'

38°37'30"



ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OF WILLIAM B. ITNER.

4278  
44  
2.3 MI. TO INTERSTATE 55

1 010 000 FEET  
(MO.) Horace Mann School,  
4047 Junata,  
St. Louis, MO

ZONE 15  
EASTING 739100  
NORTHING 4276010



4276  
2.7 MI. TO INTERSTATE 55

4274  
35'

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WILLIAM B. ITTNER  
HORACE MANN SCHOOL, 4047 JUNIATA, ST. LOUIS, MO  
PRIMARY ELEVATION; CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WILLIAM B. ZITNER  
HORACE MANN SCHOOL, 4047 JUNIATA, ST. LOUIS, MO  
SIDE REAR ELEVATION; CAMERA FACING SOUTHEAST

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