

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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date entered

1. Name

historic Issac Miller House

and/or common Miller House

2. Location

street & number 3003 Ashland Avenue not for publication

city, town St. Joseph vicinity of congressional district 6th - Hon. E. Thomas Coleman

state Missouri code 029 county Buchanan code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Virginia Miller

street & number 3003 Ashland Avenue

city, town St. Joseph vicinity of state Missouri 64501

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registrar of Deeds - Buchanan County Courthouse

street & number 5th & Jules

city, town St. Joseph state Missouri 64501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title 1. The Architecture of St. Joseph has this property been determined eligible? yes ☒ no

date 1974 federal state ☒ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Albracht Art Museum

city, town St. Joseph state Missouri 64501

7. Description

Condition

☒ X. excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ X. unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ X. original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Issac Miller house is a two story brick dwelling built with running bond brick courses. The structure is in a residential area. At the time of construction it was located on 360 acres of farmland. Today it occupies less than one acre.

EXTERIOR

The main structure is forty-six feet south to north on the west facade; fifty-nine feet and four inches west to east on the north facade; fourteen feet north south on the east facade; and then continues westerly in a setback forming an ell for twenty-three feet, four inches from east to west along the south facade; thirty-two feet along the east facade at the base of the ell and then, thirty-six from east to west along the south facade. There is a two story porch at the southeast corner of the house measuring eleven feet, six inches wide by twenty-three feet long. The plan of the house is an ell.

There is a two story porch on the west facade with Tuscan columns and wood balustrades. These have probably been replaced at some point in time. There is a wrought iron balcony on the south facade at the second story level.

There are brackets at the cornice of the gable roof. At the attic level of the gable ends there are a series of small windows. On the south facade these have a cut stone band which accentuates their position.

The windows are double hung 6/6 light. Heavy cast iron lintels above the windows and wooden shutters are found on the west and south facade. The windows on the north and east facade have segmental brick arches.

INTERIOR

All interior walls of the house are twelve inches thick. The doors are four panel and many have a swinging cover over the keyhole. The exterior door on the west facade is flanked by side lights and a transom. There is an open staircase to the second and attic level of the house.

Fireplaces on the first floor level have wooden Classic Revival type mantels. They have been painted over with the exception of the restored mantel in the summer kitchen.

The walls are eleven feet from floor to ceiling on the first floor and nine feet, eight inches from floor to ceiling on the second floor.

The house rests on a foundation of rubble stone twenty inches thick.

ALTERATIONS

This house has few alterations. The porch on the west facade has been replaced and several window frames were restored in 1978. There has been a space heater installed in one of the fireplaces. Otherwise, the structure has not been altered since 1959.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics-government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific Dates 1859 Builder/Architect William Blair

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Issac Miller house is significant as a fine example of a transitional Classic Revival Style residence with Italianate decorative elements, and was the home of Issac Miller, an early settler in Buchanan County and a successful farmer.

Issac Miller immigrated to Buchanan County, Missouri from Virginia in the late 1830's. He acquired 360 acres of land in 1846 and by 1857 had contracted William Blair to build this house. The contract, still in possession of his granddaughter, the present owner, states that the price of \$4,500 was for an ell shaped building, two stories high to measure forty-six by sixty feet. Plastering the second story and building the porch on the south, cost an additional \$400 when the structure was completed in 1859.

Issac Miller was one of the first settlers of Buchanan County after the Platte Purchase. He raised cattle and prize winning horses on his farm. Some slave labor was used to form the bricks for the structure as they were burnt on the property.

The property was annexed by the City of St. Joseph in 1925. Napoleon Miller was listed as a farmer in the City Directory for 1925. Virginia Miller is the third owner of the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Atlas of Buchanan County: WPA Edition, located in the Engineering Department City Hall, St. Joseph, Missouri.
2. Birdsall, Williams and Co., ed. History of Buchanan County, Missouri. St. Joseph: St. Joseph Steam Printing Co., 1881.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name "St. Joseph North, Mo.-Kans."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at N line of Summit Ave., 1300 feet N and 725.4 feet W, SE corner of the SW quarter, thence N 348.2 feet, W 115.9 feet then S 125 feet, W 263.4 feet to the E line of Ashland Avenue, then Southerly along the E line of Ashland 223.3 feet, then

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Thomas W. Carneal - Assistant Professor of History

organization Northwest Missouri State University date January 18, 1980

street & number 303 Colden Hall telephone 816/582-7141 ext. 1289

city or town Maryville state Missouri 64468

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

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

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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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2. Missouri State Historical Survey
1980
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City

state

Missouri 65102

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3. City Records in the City Clerks Office, City Hall, St. Joseph, Missouri.
4. Courthouse Real Estate Records: Buchanan County Courthouse, Assessor's Office, St. Joseph, Missouri.
5. H. Fotheringham, comp., St. Joseph City Directory for 1859-60. St. Joseph: J.A. Millan's Ben Franklin Book and Job Printing Establishment, 1859.
6. Historical and Descriptive Review of Saint Joseph, MO. New York: John Lethem, 1882.
7. Hoyes City Directory of St. Joseph. St. Joseph: Hoyes City Directory Co., 1887-1897.
8. Insurance Map of St. Joseph, Missouri (North): Sanborn Map Co.
9. McDonald, E.L. and King, W.L. History of Buchanan County and St. Joseph, Missouri. St. Joseph: History Publishing Co., 1915.
10. On Site Observations by Thomas W. Carneal.
11. Plat Book of Missouri Counties: Tracy and Rutt, St. Joseph, Missouri, 1895.
12. Plat Book of Missouri Counties: W.W. Hixson and Co., Rockport, Illinois, Printed prior to 1895.
13. Plat map of the Buchanan County Assessor, County Courthouse, St. Joseph, Missouri.
14. Polk, R.L. St. Joseph City Directory. St. Joseph: R.L. Polk and Co., 1909-1925.

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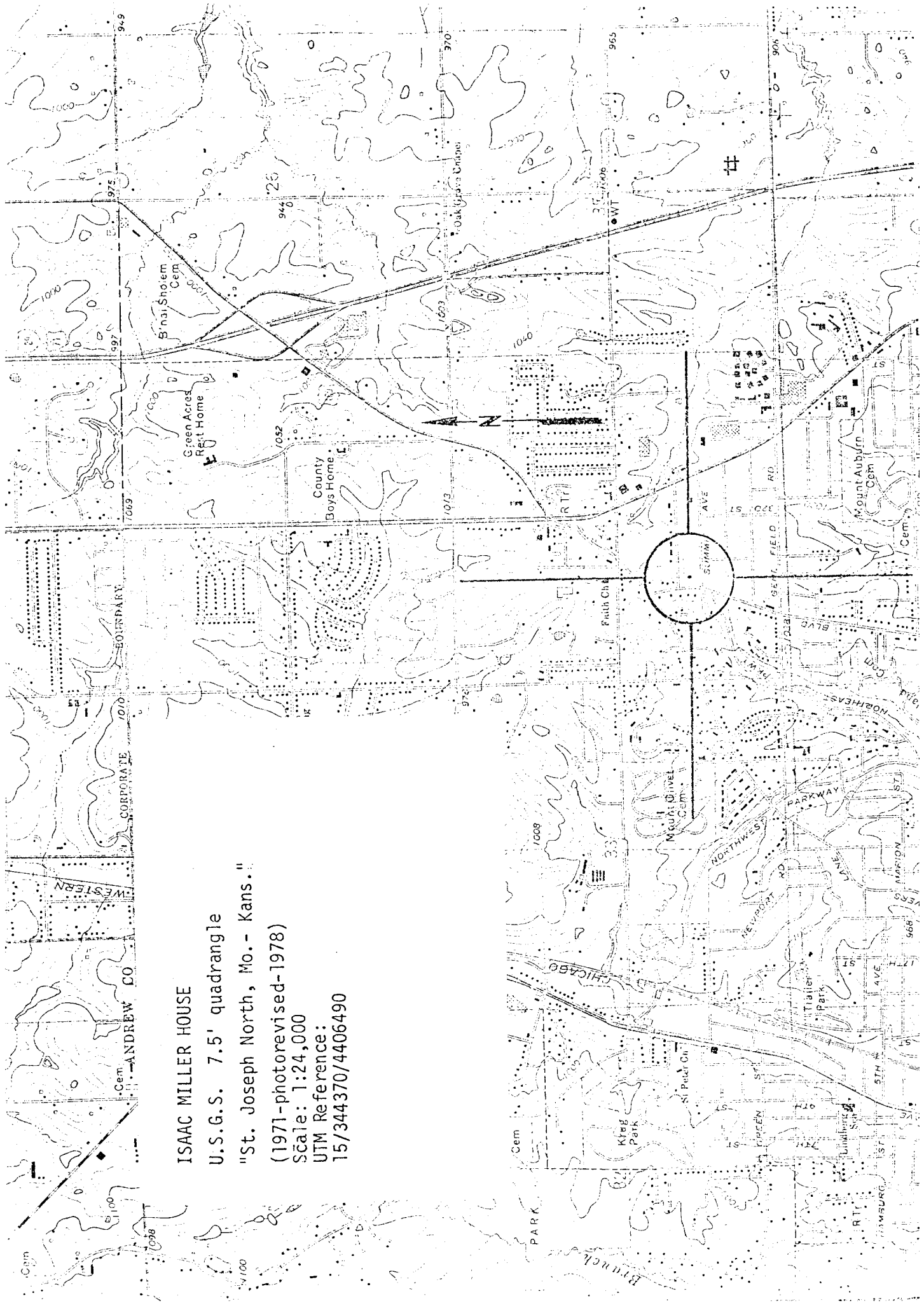
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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey
and State Contact Person
Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City.

March 4, 1980

314/751-4096

Missouri 65102



ISAAC MILLER HOUSE
U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle
"St. Joseph North, Mo. - Kans."
(1971-photorevised-1978)
Scale: 1:24,000
UTM Reference:
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Photo Log:

Name of Property: **Miller, Issac, House**

City or Vicinity: **St. Joseph**

County: **Buchanan County** State: **MO**

Photographer: **Tom Carneal**

Date

Photographed: **Sept. 1979**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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