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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Phillips, John Archibald, House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 522 Cherry Street not for publication N/A

city or town Poplar Bluff vicinity N/A

state Missouri code MO county Butler code 023 zip code 63901

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Claire F. Blackwell 24 Dec 97  
Signature of certifying official Claire F. Blackwell Date  
Deputy SAPO

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
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.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
     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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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### 5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)    Category of Property (Check only one box)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)
<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
	<input type="checkbox"/> object

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count).

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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### 6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
_____	_____
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>RECREATION AND CULTURE</u>	<u>Museum</u>
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### 7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>brick</u>
roof	<u>asphalt</u>
walls	<u>wood</u>
other	<u>wood</u>

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Narrative Description

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

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- 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.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions).

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Period of Significance

1891  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Significant Dates

1891  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Architect/Builder

Architect/Unknown  
Builder/Unknown

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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 Bibliographical References

(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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Department of Natural Resources

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 15 732360 4070540 3 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 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.)

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Philip Thomason

organization Thomason and Associates date 4/23/97

street & number P.O. Box 121225 telephone (615) 385-4960

city or town Nashville state TN zip code 37212

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## Additional Documentation

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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)

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## Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Butler County Historical Society

street & number 855 Lester Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Poplar Bluff state MO zip code 63901

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**Summary**

The John Archibald Phillips is a two-story, residential building constructed in 1891 in the Queen Anne style. The dwelling is one of Poplar Bluff's most intact and representative examples of the Queen Anne style. The dwelling is a two-and-one-half-story, asymmetrical plan building which rests on a brick foundation and has a gable roof, two interior brick chimneys, and an exterior of weatherboard siding. The dwelling retains the majority of its original detailing. The interior floor plan is unaltered and displays its original ornate staircase, pocket doors, fireplace mantles, and wainscoting. In addition to the dwelling, a cast iron fence is included as a contributing structure to the property. The dwelling is included within the Residential Building property type of the Historic Resources of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, multiple property nomination.

**Narrative Description**

The John Archibald Phillips House is located at 522 Cherry Street in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The property is located in a residential neighborhood to the southwest of the downtown area. The building was constructed in 1891 as a single-family residence and was acquired by the Butler County Historical Society in 1985 to serve as a house museum and meeting space.

The John Archibald Phillips House is a two-and-one-half-story, asymmetrical plan, Queen Anne style building. The house rests on a brick pier foundation infilled with brick and has a gable roof of asphalt shingles, two interior brick chimneys, and exterior of weatherboard siding. On the main (north) facade is an original one-story, shed roof entry porch with milled and chamfered columns. These columns rest on concrete piers which were added when the porch was rebuilt following its damage in the 1927 tornado. The porch also has a concrete balustrade which is concealed behind wood lattice panels. The entry porch has a gable peak with milled panels and a spindled frieze.

The main entrance has an original single-light glass and wood paneled door with border lights of various colors. Above the door is a rectangular multi-light transom and an original screen door is located at the entrance. Windows are original one-over-one, double-hung wood sash. Some of the windows on the rear and west facades are three-over-one vertical sash windows which were added following the 1927 tornado. Between the first and second stories is a belt course of octagonal shaped wood shingles. Similar wood shingles are located in the gable fields of the dwelling. At each corner of the second story eave are milled brackets with drop pendants and the eaves have exposed rafters. At the gable on the main facade is bargeboard with milled panels and a spindled frieze.

On the east facade is a two-story porch with original chamfered wood columns and milled balusters in the railing. A secondary entrance is located on this facade and consists of a single-light, two-panel wood and glass door. This entrance also features an original wood screen door. A similar glass and wood door leads from the second story onto the second floor porch on this facade. Another secondary entrance is located in the southwest corner of the rear facade and consists of a five-panel wood door with a two-light transom. A textured, diamond-shaped light is located on the second story of the west facade.

The interior of the dwelling has not been significantly altered and retains its original hardwood floors, plaster walls, and ceilings, and decorative detailing. In the foyer of the dwelling is a quarter-flight staircase with an original milled newel post. The railing and handrail of the staircase are unusual and feature milled balusters and wood spindles arranged in a stepped design. The fireplaces display original mantles with decorative pilasters, volutes beneath the shelf, and an inset mirror. Both the hearth and surround have decorative glazed tile depicting classical scenes. Between the living and dining rooms are paneled pocket doors. Windows and doors display their original fluted surrounds and interior doors are four panel wood design. In the dining room is wainscoting of original Lincrusta Walton wallpaper. The house is unusual in that a bathroom was never part of the original design or added later in the 20th century. The original kitchen remains intact but has added appliances and cabinets.

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The house is sited on a rectangular lot and faces north towards Cherry Street. A cast iron hoop fence with fleur-de-lis pickets fronts the house and rests on a rough-faced, stone retaining wall capped with concrete coping. This fence is original to the dwelling and is included as a contributing structure. With the exception of the house and fence, there are no other buildings or structures on the lot.

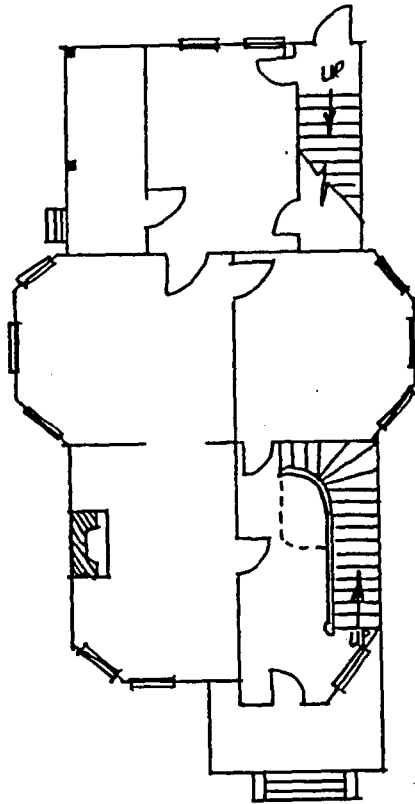
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Floor Plan, First Floor  
Not To Scale

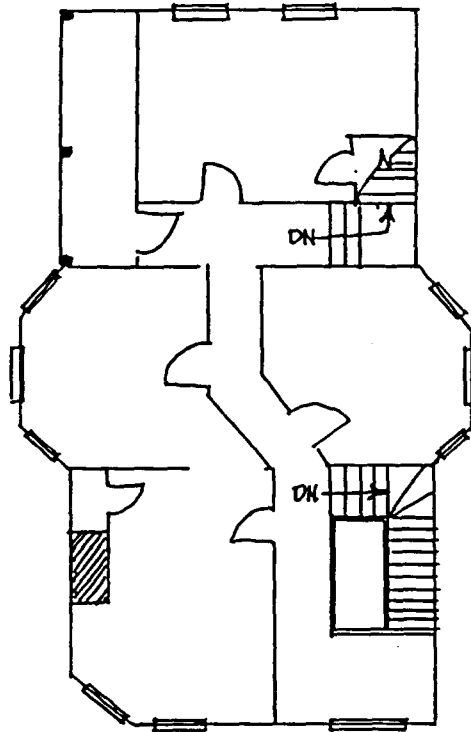
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SUMMARY

The John Archibald Phillips House is significant under National Register Criterion C for its architectural design. The dwelling is one of the most intact and representative examples of the Queen Anne style in Poplar Bluff. The dwelling is notable in the community for its design and relatively unaltered condition. With the exception of a rebuilt porch and added windows from 1927, the building retains its original exterior and interior plan, detailing, and materials. In recent years the property was acquired by the Butler County Historical Society and is presently used as a house museum. The dwelling was constructed in 1891, and this date represents its period of significance. The dwelling retains a high degree of integrity and is associated with the historic context of Late 19th and Early 20th Century Residential Buildings of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, ca. 1880-1943. The dwelling is included within the Residential Building property type of the Historic Resources of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, multiple property nomination.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The John Archibald ("Arch") Phillips House was constructed in 1891 by John Archibald Phillips and his wife Nettie Hach Phillips. On June 4, 1891, the Phillips acquired Lot 88 from C.W. and Jane Addy and constructed this two-and-one-half-story Queen Anne style house at 522 Cherry Street. Phillips worked as an engineer on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad and served as a Poplar Bluff city councilman. Phillips was also responsible for the construction of several Poplar Bluff residential and commercial properties.

The design for the dwelling was in the popular Queen Anne style of the late 19th century. The Queen Anne style became one of the predominate architectural styles of the period and featured asymmetrical floor plans, projecting bays, and decorative woodwork on the porches and gables.<sup>1</sup> Often the exteriors featured a mixture of wood finishes such as shingles, weatherboard, and vertical board. This style was widely used for residences from the 1880s to the early 1900s. The John Archibald Phillips House is typical of Queen Anne style dwellings constructed with exuberant decorative woodwork. On both the front and rear porches are chamfered wood columns and the rear porch retains its original milled balusters. In the gables are decorative bargeboard panels and at the eaves are exposed rafters, decorative brackets, and drop pendants. The exterior features both weatherboard siding and octagonal wood shingles. The interior also displays decorative woodwork especially on the mantles and staircase.

The Phillips family lived in the Cherry Street house until 1897 when they moved into a larger Cherry Street residence located two doors west. On November 2, 1897, the John Archibald Phillips House was purchased by Harry M. Roush, a St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad engineer. Roush's first wife Susan, died ca. 1898 and Roush remarried in 1901. Upon Roush's death in 1904, his second wife, Anna Loewinger Roush, was his sole beneficiary. Anna Loewinger Roush was a German immigrant who arrived in Poplar Bluff in 1901. Anna, age 29, and Harry Roush, age 40, were married on March 27, 1901. Following Roush's death in 1904, Anna Roush operated her Cherry Street home as a boarding house, renting rooms to railroad workers. Mrs. Roush also made space available for tailor George Heppner who operated a small workshop on the second floor. As a member of the Evangelical (later Zion) Lutheran Church, Anna Roush made her home available for church organizational meetings. On February 23, 1908, she married one of her boarders, Charles J. Davis, an employee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Davis owned a livery business with a stable located across the street at 5th and Cherry streets. He was also associated with the Moss-Davis Company, a wholesale food business.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, p. 263.

<sup>2</sup> "Butler County Historical Society." Manuscript on file with the Butler County Historical Society, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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On May 13, 1927, a devastating tornado struck Poplar Bluff, leveling much of the downtown area and adjacent neighborhoods. The Davis' home survived largely intact but lost its roof. The front porch was also damaged and several windows were blown out. The roof was soon replaced and the porch rebuilt with its original columns. A new concrete foundation was added to the porch along with concrete piers and a balustrade. Several new windows of three-over-one vertical sash design were added on the rear and west facades of the dwelling.

Anna Loewinger Roush Davis died on May 19, 1962, leaving her Cherry Street home to the Zion Lutheran Church. On July 22, 1965, the Zion Lutheran Church sold 522 Cherry Street to Orville Duane Allen and his wife Alice Geraldine Allen. The Allens owned the property until October 21, 1987 when the property was sold to the Butler County Historical Society as museum and office space.

Additional information is located in the accompanying multiple property cover document, "Historic Resources of Poplar Bluff, Missouri."

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the John Archibald Phillips House includes all of lot 2 on block 46 of Butler County tax map 13-2-3-4. The lot is bounded on the north by Cherry Street and on the east, south, and west by adjoining property lines.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the John Archibald Phillips House includes all property historically associated with the dwelling. The property includes the dwelling and a cast iron fence which is included as a contributing structure. With the exception of the dwelling and fence, there are no other buildings or structures on the property.

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John Archibald Phillips House  
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Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri  
Photo by: Thomason and Associates  
Date: January 25, 1997  
Location of Negatives: Department of Natural Resources

- Photograph No. 1: North facade, view towards the southeast.
- Photograph No. 2: North and east facades, view towards the southwest.
- Photograph No. 3: East facade, view towards the northwest.
- Photograph No. 4: South and west facades, view towards the northeast.
- Photograph No. 5: Interior view of staircase.
- Photograph No. 6: Interior view of mantle in living room.
- Photograph No. 7: Interior view of second floor bedroom.















