# **National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

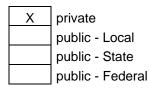
This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property			
Historic name Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar Historic District			
Other names/site number N/A		·····	
Name of related Multiple Property Listing <u>N/A</u>			
2. Location			
Street & number 2 MKT Street	N/A	not for publication	
City or town Treloar	N/A	vicinity	
State Missouri Code MO County Warren Code 219	Zip co	de <u>63378</u>	
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 at the following level(s) of significance:       I national statewide X local         Applicable National Register Criteria:       X_A       B       X_C       D         Signature of certifying official/Title       Detot State       Date         Missouri Department of Natural Resources       State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government       In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.			
Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government			
4. National Park Service Certification I hereby certify that this property is:			
entered in the National Register determined eligible for the	National Re	gister	
determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the Nationa	l Register		
other (explain:)			
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action			

#### 5. Classification

#### **Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)



6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions** 

(Enter categories from instructions.)

	building(s)
Х	district
	site
	structure
	object

**Category of Property** 

(Check only one box.)

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#### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

# ContributingNoncontributing2buildingssitessites1objects21Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

**RECREATION AND CULTURE: museum** 

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

COMMERCE/TRADE: department store

7. Description

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## Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Two-Part Commercial Block

Other: One-Part Commercial Block

Materials (Enter categories from instructions.)		

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION ON CONTINUTATION PAGES

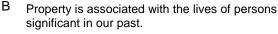
#### 8. Statement of Significance

#### **Applicable National Register Criteria**

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

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Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.



x 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

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

#### 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.) Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data: preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been X State Historic Preservation Office requested) Other State agency previously listed in the National Register Federal agency previously determined eligible by the National Register Local government designated a National Historic Landmark University recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #\_ X Other recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_ Name of repository: State Historical Society of Missouri recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_ Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_

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#### Areas of Significance

COMMERCE

#### ARCHITECTURE

#### **Period of Significance**

c. 1896-1933

**Significant Dates** 

c.1896

1904

#### **Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

#### **Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

#### Architect/Builder

Homann, H.; Theerman, Gus, bank builders

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#### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property	Less than 1 acre				
Latitude/Longitude Coordinates Datum if other than WGS84: (enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)					
1 <u>38.644170</u> Latitude:	-91.188064 Longitude:	3	38.643759 Latitude:	-91.188059 Longitude:	
2 <u>38.644166</u> Latitude:	-91.187721 Longitude:	4	38.643623 Latitude:		
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)NAD 1927 orNAD 1983					
1 Zone Easting	Northing		3 Zone	Easting	Northing
2 Zone Easting	Northing		4 <u>Zone</u>	Easting	Northing
Verbal Boundary Description (On continuation sheet) Boundary Justification (On continuation sheet)					
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11. Form Prepared By					
name/title Katy Armstrong and Dan Burkhart; co-author April Scott, Missouri State Historic Preservation Office					

organizationMagnificent Missouridate10/12/2021; rev. December 2021street & numberBox 4333telephone913-549-6911city or townSt. LouisstateMOzip code 63123e-mailbethlehemvalley@aol.com (primary); karmstrong9223@gmail.com

#### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Maps:
  - o 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. Key all photographs to this map.
- Continuation Sheets
- Photographs
- Owner Name and Contact Information
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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**Estimated Burden Statement**: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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#### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

#### Photo Log:

Name of Property:	Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar
City or Vicinity:	Marthasville
County: Warren	State: Missouri
Photographer:	Dan Burkhart
Date Photographed:	3/22/21

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera: Photo key: Figure 3

1 of 12: District façades (south elevation), camera facing north.

2 of 12: District and surrounding features, camera facing northeast.

- 3 of 12: Treloar Mercantile north elevation (rear) and west elevation, camera facing south. Missouri Field Corn carving visible at far left.
- 4 of 12: District's east elevations, camera facing west.
- 5 of 12: Farmer's Bank north elevation (rear) and Treloar Mercantile's covered basement access, camera facing southwest.
- 6 of 12: Farmer's Bank interior, lobby partition, ceiling safe, and rear (north wall), camera facing north.
- 7 of 12: Farmer's Bank interior, safe in northwest corner, camera facing north.
- 8 of 12: Farmer's Bank interior, safe door, camera facing north.
- 9 of 12: Farmer's Bank interior, lobby partition and teller window, camera facing northwest.
- 10 of 12: Treloar Mercantile interior, first floor south (façade) and east wall, camera facing south.
- 11 of 12: Treloar Mercantile interior, second floor, camera facing north.
- 12 of 12: Treloar Mercantile north elevation (rear) façade, camera facing east. Missouri Field Corn carving visible in background center.

#### Figure Log:

Include figures on continuation pages at the end of the nomination.

- Figure 1: Context Map Treloar in East Central Missouri. Source: Google Maps, Sept. 2021.
- Figure 2: Map of Treloar with District boundary, resource, and external landmarks. Base Map Source: Integrity GIS, Sept. 2021.
- Figure 3: Photo Key, interior and exterior. Source: owner Dan Burkhart, 2021.

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- Figure 4: Current floorplan, first floor of Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank. Source: Dan Burkhart, 2021.
- Figure 5: Current floorplan, second floor of Treloar Mercantile. Source: Dan Burkhart, 2021.
- Figure 6: Sketch of Treloar's commercial district along MKT Street as it existed in the 1950s. Source: Alvin Brandt, *Two Hundred Years at Pinckney in Southern Warren County, Missouri* (self-pub.: 2005).
- Figure 7: Historic Image (early 1900s) of the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar (partial) Façades. Source: "Preserving History: About the Treloar Mercantile Building," Magnificent Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, <u>https://www.magnificentmissouri.org/treloar-mercantile/</u>.
- Figure 8: Historic image (early 1990s) of the Treloar Mercantile west elevation and partial façade. Source: "Preserving History: About the Treloar Mercantile Building," Magnificent Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, <a href="https://www.magnificentmissouri.org/treloar-mercantile/">https://www.magnificentmissouri.org/treloar-mercantile/</a>.
- Figure 9: Plat of Treloar (Holstein), published 1901, with Mercantile and Bank lot identified. Source: *Standard Atlas of Warren County Missouri* (Chicago: Geo. A. Ogle & Co, 1901), leaf 37; State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed September 9, 2021, <u>https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/plat/id/4392</u>.
- Figure 10: Treloar Bar and Grill, former early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial building, 16698 Texas Street, Treloar. Source: Google Maps, Sept. 2021.
- Figure 11: Treloar Depot and surrounding commercial resources. Source: Treloar, *MKT Depots of Missouri*, Sedalia Katy Depot, posted Oct. 23, 2008, accessed Sept 10, 2021, <u>https://www.katydepotsedalia.com/apps/photos/photoi/photoid=16026301</u>.
- Figure 12: 2008 View of Treloar Commercial District, looking northwest. View similar to that of Fig 11 photo. Source: Google Maps Street View, Sept. 2021.

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#### Summary

The Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar Historic District is located at the corner of MKT and Texas Streets in Treloar, Warren County, Missouri, at 2 MKT Street. The district is representative of what was once a larger commercial area that developed along MKT Street as a result of the 1891 creation of Treloar as a depot stop along a rail line installed by the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad in the early 1890s. Known as the "M.K. & T." or "Katy," the line ran along the north side of the Missouri River and linked New Franklin in western Missouri with the eastern terminus of Machens northwest of St. Louis, Missouri. The district consists of less than one acre (.363 acre) and includes the two-story brick Treloar (1904 contributing building), the one-story brick Farmer's Bank of Treloar (1904 contributing building), and the Missouri Field Corn wood carving (2018 non-contributing object). The bank meets with the Mercantile's east wall, and the two buildings share a stoop and one-story overhang. The facades are south-facing, looking to the former railbed and the site where the town's depot once stood. The buildings are separate constructions with no interior connections either historically or at present, but the buildings are on the same parcel and today share the same address.

#### **Narrative Description**

#### Setting

The small town of Treloar is located on the southern edge of Warren County in east central Missouri. It lies along the border of the Missouri River's flood plain and the rolling hills to the north, approximately two miles north of the river (figure 1). The area is largely rural and agricultural. Large expanses of crops and pasture occupy both the hills and flat flood plain interspersed with stretches of typical native woods. The building stock is sparse, generally groupings of a residence with nearby ancillary structures related to smaller farming operations.

The Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar Historic District is located on the north side of MKT Street, approximately 170 feet north of the what was once the railbed for the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad's east-west line to St. Louis (photo 2, figures 2 and 12). The rails and ties were removed in the late and the bed was converted to a crushed-stone surface bike/walking trail in the late 1980s-early 1990s. The Katy Trail and land on either side of the trail (trail corridor) is now under the stewardship of the Missouri Division of State Parks.<sup>1</sup> The area between the track and MKT Street was once the center of the Katy's business in Treloar, holding the depot, a surrounding work yard, and two grain elevators (figures 2 and 11). Today, the depot is gone (date of loss unknown). The railbed, land related to the depot, and one of the grain elevators is owned by Missouri's Division of State Parks. A small pavilion with benches and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Trail History at Katy Trail State Park," Missouri State Parks, accessed September 21, 2021, <u>https://mostateparks.com/page/57943/trail-history</u>.

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informational kiosks stands near the trail and is surrounded on the north and west sides by a flat graveled lot that occupies the former footprint of the depot and work yard (figure 12). The area east of the district and Koch Creek Road is heavily wooded. The area north and west of the district for about two blocks is a mix of commercial buildings, vacant lots, and residential properties with spacious lots, all of varying age.

The district is bounded by MKT Street along the south, Texas Street to the west, Koch Creek Road along the east, and the shared boundary with the neighboring lot to the north (figure 2). The eastern portion of the lot was historically undeveloped and is grassy with recently planted saplings. The Missouri Field Corn wood sculpture (non-contributing object) is sited northeast of the bank within the boundary. There is a metal pump housing on a well cap just northeast of the Mercantile's northeast corner and a small, informal graveled area directly north of the Mercantile (photo 12). The pump housing is not counted as a resource due to its size, and the parking area is not counted due to its impermanence and limited parking capacity.

Architectural Description:

#### 1. Treloar Mercantile c. 1896 Contributing Building

The Treloar Mercantile is a brick, Two-Part Commercial Block with a stepped, flat roof that is sited on the northeast corner of MKT and Texas Streets (photos 1, 2; figures 2, 7, 8). The façade's (south elevation) red brick is laid in running bond (the other 3 elevations are laid in common bond with headers every sixth course). The parapet is decorated with a highly detailed sheet metal cornice capped by a centered, blank name pediment embellished with quarter and half sunburst motifs. The cornice includes modillions, raised bullseye rosettes, and outer brackets with floral and fleur-de-lis motifs. Some of the projecting elements have been lost, such as the end bracket finials and some halfsunbursts along the top of the pediment (compare photo 1 to figure 7). The upper story has two symmetrical, paired two-over-two sash windows capped with segmental arches formed by two courses of rowlock brick. These window sashes have replaced original or early one-over-one lights with the top sashes covered, per the historic photo (figure 7). The storefront is symmetrical, arranged in five bays with the center bay holding a twoleaf entry. The outer bays are the widest and identical, featuring a fixed single-light transom, wide transom bar, display window, and short bulkhead with a raised panels design. The inner bays are narrower and angle in to form the recessed entry area. They feature the same transom-display-bulkhead arrangement as the outer bays. There are two smooth cast iron columns that support the cast iron lintel over the storefront (not visible in photos due to the overhang). They are located at the joints of the inner and outer bays. The two leaves of the entry bay also mimics that arrangement with two lights in the bay's fixed transom. The foundation sill and recessed landing is capped with a steel plate. One course of the limestone foundation is visible along the front. A small window or vent opening in the foundation is visible under each of the two outer bays in the foundation,

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partially obscured by the wide, non-historic concrete pad laid along the Mercantile and Bank facades at an unknown date. Two non-historic, concrete steps are set on the concrete page at the Mercantile's entrance. A single-story wood frame shed roof with corrugated metal awning spans the full length of the mercantile and bank facades. It is supported by square wood posts set on short squared concrete piers. The concrete pad has replaced an original or early elevated boardwalk that spanned the facades (figure 7). It appears that a sloping overhang similar to the current one was in place during the Period of Significance, but it is not clear what existing elements are historic and what are not. The posts have likely been replaced and their concrete bases were added with the other concrete work. Some basic ornamental "X" brackets that were present along the front of the overhang in the historic image have also been lost.

The Mercantile was built at the corner of its parcel with the west elevation historically abutting Texas Street (figures 7-9, photo 2). Today, a non-historic wide flagstone walkway with a curb of treated wood runs the length of this elevation. The parapet is capped with terra cotta coping and makes three step-downs to the rear, separated by four narrow chimneys (photo 2, 3). Based on comparison between the present appearance and the historic photos (figure 5, 6), the parapet has undergone a considerable degree of repair, and the brick chimneys that are now short and unadorned were more elaborately dressed with corbelling early in the building's life. This appears to be the case along the top of the east elevation as well. The chimney on the northeast corner of the Bank may be similar to what the Mercantile's chimneys were like (photo 4). Five double-hung wood windows are evenly spaced along the second story. They are two-over-two light with double-row segmental arch lintels of rowlocks. Evident in the historic images are functional louvered shutters, which have been lost (figure 8). The first story has no fenestration. A course of the façade that are blocked with panels.

Most of the east elevation is visible above and behind the Bank (photo 4). This elevation has seven bays fairly evenly spaced, with the second bay holding a single entry door with a transom that has been blocked by wood. The windows are the same as those of the west elevation. The fist level, visible behind the Bank, has no fenestration.

The Mercantile's north elevation (rear) has fenestration on both levels (photo 3). A large portion of the upper story has been infilled with modern materials: board and batten siding and three two-over-two double hung windows, thought to have been done in the early 2000s to repair damage from a storm. The first story has three bays: a single-light window (likely non-historic replacement) near the northeast corner, a centered double-leaf entry with a doubled two-light transom, and a single-leaf, four-panel wood door with a covered transom near the northwest corner. All openings have the two-row segmental arches. The entries have concrete or stone sills. Due a slight change in grade, more of the

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limestone foundation is visible along this elevation. Steps or a raised platform would be necessary to use the entries, but there is nothing in place. The center entry doors each have a four-light glass with two raised panels below. This provides access to the main level. The single door provides access to the stairway to the second floor.

The Mercantile's first-floor interior has retained many historic elements, such as the wood plank floor and ceiling, display shelving and cases, the counter, and woodstoves (photo 10). Cabinets still have the price of items displayed within its drawers. Modern ceiling fans and light fixtures have been installed. There is no interior connection between the Mercantile and the Bank. The second floor is assumed to have been private living space. Wall framing is in in place and likely reflects the layout from the Period of Significance (photo 11)

#### 2. Farmer's Bank of Treloar 1904 Contributing Building

The Farmer's Bank of Treloar is a brick, One-Part Commercial Block with a flat roof (photo 1, 2, 4). It was built on the east wall of the Mercantile by builders H. Homann and Gus Theerman.<sup>2</sup> It is both narrower and shallower than the Mercantile, and based on historic images, is likely the easternmost building of what was Treloar's commercial district along MKT Street and the north side of the tracks (figure 6). The façade (south elevation) mimics that of the Mercantile's front. It is a five-bay storefront with a centered recessed entry. The cornice features squared modillions with fluted brackets at either end. A named pediment with raised "BANK" letters is centered on the cornice. It is flanked with quarter sunbursts. Comparison with the historic image (figure 7) suggests that the pediment has lost some elements or that this is a replacement, and that the end caps have lost finials. The storefront bays are identical in arrangement: a fixed, singlelight transom, wide transom bar, large display window, and a short bulkhead with a raised panel. The outer bays are the widest, the bays flanking the entry are narrow and angle inward to the entry bay. And the single-leaf door mimics the storefront panels with a single-light transom and has a wood frame screen door. There are smooth, narrow wood columns at the corners where the outer bays and angled bays meet. The limestone foundation is barely visible along the wide concrete stoop. Two non-historic concrete steps like those at the Mercantile's entrance are set in front of the recessed entry. The bank's façade shares the metal-clad wood frame overhang with the Mercantile. It is supported with four non-historic square wood posts on short, square concrete piers.

The Bank's east elevation is brick in common bond with the headers at every sixth course (photo 4). Extensive repair has been done to the masonry along the top and bottom of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Homann was concurrently building a brick bank in Marthasville just to the east of Treloar. "Marthasville News," Franklin County Observer (Washington, MO), October 14, 1904, p.8; Missouri Digital Newspaper Project. The State Historical Society of Missouri. Accessed September 20, 2021.

https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/frankcoobsv/id/5754/rec/1.

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wall. The parapet is capped with terra cotta coping, and has a centered chimney (smooth, possibly rebuilt) and a chimney with corbelling at the rear, northeast corner, likely original construction. The parapet makes one step-down at the center chimney. The only opening in this elevation is a small vent in the foundation near the northeast corner capped with a double-rowlock segmental arch lintel.

The Bank's north elevation (rear) has the same bond pattern as the east elevation and has a single entry near the northeast corner (photo 5). A non-historic shed-type structure abuts the exterior walls of the "L" formed by the rear of the Bank and the side of the Mercantile. The Bank's rear entry has a double-row segmental arch over a transom frame that has a window unit air conditioner in it. The door's upper three quarters is occupied by a four-light light fixed glass and the lower bout has a raised panel design similar to the storefront bulkheads. A concrete step unit is set under the door on a concrete pad that runs from the building's northeast corner to the shed's east-facing door. The wood-framed and clad shed structure has a metal, low-pitched shed roof and a wide wood door. This structure was built to protect the Mercantile's cellar stairwell, likely by previous owners in the early 2000s.

The Bank's interior has retained the original bank counter and partitioning, vault, and narrow wood plank ceiling (photos 6-9). Modern ceiling fans have been installed.

3. **Missouri Field Corn Sculpture** 2018 Non-Contributing Object The current owners (the Burkhardt) had the sculpture carved from a standing dead American Elm Tree. It has been counted due to its size and permanence but considered non-contributing due to its introduction to the district outside of the c.1896-1933 Period of Significance.

#### Integrity:

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The Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank Historic District appears much as it did during its c.1896-1933 Period of Significance. The setting has lost some of the "railroad town" feel due to the end of rail service and loss of some of the period's commercial and railroad-related buildings. The close proximity of the conserved railbed as a gravel-surfaced pathway and the continued rural/agricultural state of the surrounding environment has preserved the look, feel, and association of the district. Much of the historic character-defining features of the district's commercial buildings remain, such as the one- and two-part storefronts with large display windows, highly ornamented pressed-metal cornices, and upper story wood windows. Details related to the shared overhang and front landing have been altered, but the buildings have retained the ability to represent a rural commercial district that developed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century along a major railroad line.

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#### Summary

The Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar Historic District, located at 2 MKT Street on the north side of MKT Street between Texas Street and Koch Creek Road in Treloar, Warren County, MO, is locally significant under Criterion A, in the area of COMMERCE, and Criterion C, in the area of ARCHITECTURE. The period of significance for the Treloar Mercantile building has been determined as c.1896 to 1933, beginning with the year the Mercantile was constructed and opened and ending at the year the last business known to operate in the Mercantile closed. The Significant Dates are c.1896 – the construction year of the Mercantile Building, and 1904 – the construction date of the Farmer's Bank of Treloar. The development of Treloar and its commercial district followed on the heels of the construction of this portion of track by the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad (referred to as the "M.K. & T." or the "Katy"). The district is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, in the area of Commerce as the most extant representation of Treloar's historic commercial district. The district is also significant as a local example under Criterion C: Architecture, as the remaining extant collection of late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings from Treloar's once larger commercial district. The retention of integrity allows the district to convey the look, feel, association, workmanship, and materials and location of the district during the c.1896-1933 Period of Significance. The buildings are separate constructions with no interior connections either historically or at present, but the buildings are on the same parcel and today share the same address.

#### Narrative

#### **Early County and Town History:**

Warren County was established in 1833, and Warrenton, a settlement formed circa 1818 in the north-central portion of the county, was named the county seat in 1836.<sup>3</sup> Many travelers came to and passed through the county via the Boone's Lick Road, established circa 1820 just south of Warrenton as a major route westward.<sup>4</sup> By the mid-nineteenth century, the county's population was heavily German, many of which immigrated to Missouri after learning of the similarities to the German countryside and the agricultural opportunities available from reading or hearing about Gottfried Duden's Missouri experience. A German native, upon return to Germany, Duden wrote of his positive and successful experiences in the area that became St. Charles County and Warren County.<sup>5</sup> Of the many "emigration societies" Germans formed to relocate in America and specifically Missouri, one such was the Giessen Emigration Society, formed by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> L.J. Dryden, "History of Warren County, Missouri," in *An illustrated historical atlas of Warren County, Missouri,* (Philadelphia, PA : Edwards Brothers of Missouri, 1877), 9; State Historical Society of Missouri Digital Collections, accessed September 16, 2021, <u>https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/plat/id/4644</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Boone's Lick Roads Map," Boone's Lick Road Association, accessed Sept. 10, 2021, <u>https://www.booneslickroad.org/index.php</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Dorris Keeven-Franke, Images of America: Warren County (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2011), 93.

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Friedrich Muench and his brother-in-law Paul Follenius. The group splintered due to various missteps, but many of them settled in Warren County.<sup>6</sup> The 1880 census reported the county population as 10,806, approximately 91 percent reported as white, mostly engaged in agriculture, with no locations reporting a concentration of 2,500 or more people.<sup>7</sup> Several small villages and townships had developed in the county, but there was no evidence of town development at the future site of Treloar by the time *An illustrated historical atlas of Warren County, Missouri, 1877* was published.<sup>8</sup>

The Missouri, Kansas, & Texas Railroad was established in the mid-1800s and had developed several hundred miles of tracks for freight and passenger service in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Between 1891 and 1894, the company laid approximately 162 miles of track along the north edge of the Missouri River's flood plain from New Franklin in central Missouri to a point north-northwest of St. Louis called Machens to take advantage of St. Louis's growth as a major rail crossroads.<sup>9</sup> The site that became known as Treloar became a station location along the route. It is located about two miles north of the Missouri River along the northern edge of its flood plain and about 2 miles southwest of the town of Holstein, which was founded in the 1840s.<sup>10</sup> Evidence suggests that Treloar was at first recognized as "New Holstein." It was changed to Treloar fall of 1897 when given a post office named in honor of William M. Treloar, a composer and music professor who served as a Representative from Missouri in the 54<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress, 1895-1897.<sup>11</sup> Other commercial buildings existed during the Period of Significance, including the Hasenjeager Tavern (demolished 2020), the Treloar Savings Bank (1916-1930 merger, demolished c.1990), and some other commercial buildings (figure 6). With the exception of the grain elevators (no longer in operation) and the Mercantile and Bank, there are no commercial resources historic or otherwise left along MKT Street.

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<sup>7</sup> "Comprehensive report result of 1880 Warren County census," Social Explorer, accessed September 16, 2021, https://www.socialexplorer.com/reports-beta/report/a80fc5bc-1716-11ec-9fca-7f9fe2eaa01b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Van Ravenswaay, Charles, *The Arts and Architecture of German Settlements in Missouri: A Survey of a Vanishing Culture* (Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 1977), 38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Warren County, Missouri, 1877, 27, 31; accessed September 8, 2021, https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/plat/id/4638/rec/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Katy's Missouri Beginnings" and "On To St. Louis!," The "M" In The MKT: Katy's Missouri Heritage 1870-1988 And Beyond, accessed September 8, 2021, <u>http://www.missouri-central.railfan.net/history1.html</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Eugenia L. Harrison, "Place Names of Four River Counties in Eastern Missouri." M.A. thesis (Columbia, MO: University of Missouri, 1943); Ramsay Place Names File, The State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed September 9, 2021, <u>https://collections.shsmo.org/manuscripts/columbia/C2366/warren-county</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Treloar Items. (Formerly known as New Holstein)," *Marthasville News* (Marthasville, MO), September. 23, 1897, p.4; Harrison, "Place Names…"

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The two-story Mercantile was built circa 1896 (**significant date**) for Robert Muench, a grandson of Giessen Emigration Society co-founder Friedrich Muench.<sup>12</sup> In addition to establishing the store, Muench also served as the first postmaster of the town of Treloar, operating from the Mercantile.<sup>13</sup> The general store was noted for being well stocked with much needed items for the community residents.<sup>14</sup> Muench sold the store to Jacob Sutter in 1903.<sup>15</sup> In addition to the general store, Muench also passed the position of postmaster along to Sutter.<sup>16</sup> This pattern continued with the next two store owners, Orlando Kienker and Otto Winter, both operating the store and serving as postmaster.<sup>17</sup> Winter resigned as postmaster and moved to St. Louis at the end of 1925, presumably selling the store in the process and ending the connection between the general store owner and the role of postmaster.<sup>18</sup>

The store passed between various owners until 1932, when Henry W. Blom opened an A.G. Store in the same building.<sup>19</sup> A. G. stores were locally-owned general stores run through the A. G. store company. This was a change from the former owners of the Treloar general stores, who seemed to all work independently. Blom ran the store for about a year and a half before holding a closing sale in September 1933. He placed an ad thanking the people of Treloar for their business, explaining that "after this sale is over with, will close my place of business at Treloar, Mo., and move my stock of goods."<sup>20</sup> The store presumably remained closed after Blom's departure and has not housed a commercial business since.<sup>21</sup> It never received indoor plumbing and was used mainly for storage by subsequent owners until the building was bought by Dan and Connie Burkhardt in 2018. Since then, the Mercantile building has been used for special events

https://shsmo.org/collections/newspapers/mdnp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> "Outline Descendant Report for Georg Munch," Muench Family Association, accessed May 11, 2021,

https://www.muenchfamilyassociation.com/uploads/1/3/1/0/13104486/outline\_descendant\_report\_for\_georg\_munch\_ \_1753-1825.pdf; "Treloar," *Warrenton Banner Fiftieth Anniversary and Historical Number*, 18 December 1914, 16; Newspaper Archive, accessed September 16, 2021, https://newspaperarchive.com/warrenton-banner-dec-18-1914-p-17/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> "Treloar Wonders How Long It Will Have A Post Office," *Washington Citizen*, June 9, 1958, 1-2; Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, The State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, https://shsmo.newspapers.com/image/126546202/?terms=treloar&match=1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> "History of Treloar," Kiosk, Treloar Trailhead of the Katy Trail, Missouri Division of State Parks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> "The following Warren County items are from the St. Charles Banner," *Warrenton Herald* (Warrenton, MO), November 18, 1903, 4; Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, The State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> "Treloar Wonders How Long It Will Have A Post Office," Washington Citizen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "Local News Items of the Week," *Marthasville Record* (Marthasville, MO), January 8, 1926, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, The State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed December 20, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "New Store at Treloar," *Marthasville Record* (Marthasville, MO), January 29, 1932, accessed May 11, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> "Big Closing Out Sale," ad, *Warrenton Banner* (Warrenton, MO), September 22, 1933; Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 7, 2021,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "Treloar Storytelling Event Video," Preserving History: About the Trelaor Mercantile Building, Magnificent Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, <u>https://katylandtrust.org/treloar-mercantile-building/</u>.

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to promote conservation along the Katy Trail and the non-profit work of Magnificent Missouri and the Katy Land Trust.

The one-story building was built by H. Homann and Gus. Theerman in 1904<sup>22</sup> (significant date) for the Farmer's Bank of Treloar, which was chartered on September 29, 1904.<sup>23</sup> The elected directors of the new bank were Samuel Sutter, H. H. Wessel, J. W. Thee (cashier), William Gruebbel (assistant cashier), Hy. Wegener, Fritz Niemann, and Henry Hasenjaeger.<sup>24</sup> The bank and the store were closely associated, its owners and operators sharing family ties as well as the building block: the first cashier, Thee, married the daughter of the store's second owner, Sutter.<sup>25</sup> In October of 1930, the Savings Bank of Treloar merged with the Farmer's Bank of Treloar. The name remained Farmer's Bank of Treloar, and the business moved into the building that had been occupied by the Treloar Savings Bank (on the northwest corner of MKT and Texas Streets, non-extant, figure 6).<sup>26</sup> Farmer's Bank was closed under a moratorium declared in 1932 "in view of present financial depression," in the hopes of safeguarding the depositors and stockholders.<sup>27</sup> The bank was later "declared insolvent" in June 1933<sup>28</sup> and was turned over to the State Finance Department to be liquidated.<sup>29</sup> H.H. Wessel's son Arlie was the assistant cashier at the time and was sentenced to five years in prison on embezzlement charges that same year.<sup>30</sup> Following the bank's closure, the space was converted into Treloar's post office which operated until 2008.<sup>31</sup> It was also purchased by the Burkhardts in 2018 and is used for special events in conjunction with the Mercantile.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> "Marthasville News," Franklin County Observer (Washington, MO), October 14, 1904, 8, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 7, 2021, https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/frankcoobsy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> John Swanger, Seventh Biennial Report on Examinations of the State Banks of Missouri to the 45<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Missouri, Missouri Secretary of State (Jefferson City, MO: The Hugh Stephens Printing Co, 1909), 462.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "Do You Remember?" *Marthasville Record* (Marthasville, MO), August 27, 1954, 3. Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 7, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> "Do You Remember?" *Marthasville Record* (Marthasville, MO), January 10, 1958, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> "Treloar Banks Merged Last Week," Warrenton Banner (Warrenton, MO), March 21, 1930, 1, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed November 1, 2021, https://shsmo.newspapers.com/image/85953053/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> "Bank Holiday at Marthasville, Treloar," *Warrenton Banner* (Warrenton, MO), September 30, 1932, 1, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 7, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> John C. Konzal. "William Brewer Whitlow Papers, 1894-1943 (C0035) Finding Aid," rev. ed, The State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, <u>https://files.shsmo.org/manuscripts/columbia/C0035.pdf</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> "Two Banks Go Into Liquidation," *Warrenton Banner* (Warrenton, MO), July 7, 1933, 1, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 7, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> "Faces Embezzlement Charges," *Warrenton Banner* (Warrenton, MO), September 22, 1933, 1, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> "Treloar Post Office Robbed Thursday Night Of Last Week," *Marthasville Record* (Marthasville, MO), September 25, 1936, 3, Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021.

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#### Significance Under Criteria A: COMMERCE

The commercial district that the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank Historic District represents was a direct result of the growth and decline of the railroad industry and today are the strongest remaining examples of commercial activity in Treloar during the c.1896-1933 Period of Significance. Railroad companies like the M.K. & T. promoted the development of centers of commerce along their lines, encouraging spacing at 7 to 10 miles to control the number of stops made along the line. These points benefitted area farmers by providing convenient locations for selling their products and resupplying, and it attracted commercial entities by providing a convenient point to reach that market.<sup>32</sup> Meunch acted on the potential business the railroad would bring, having the Treloar Mercantile built circa 1896, right across the street from the Katy's new station (non-extant). The store's success came from conducting business with the local community, the famers in town to sell and ship crops and livestock, and the Katy's employees and passengers. Other commercial buildings and businesses were in the commercial district during the Period of Significance: the two-story frame Hasenjaeger's Tavern (construction likely in the 1890s, demolition 2020), the one-story brick Treloar Savings Bank (1916 construction, demolition in the 1990s), and a store and/or tavern (construction unknown, demolition in the 1990s) between Kansas and Texas Streets on the north side of MKT Street (figures 2, 6). <sup>33</sup> One extant commercial building that was likely built in the early 1900s and may have housed a store during the Period of Significance is a few parcels north of the district on the east side of Texas Street (figure 11, further discussed in Comparison subsection below). The buildings along MKT Street are gone today, and very little is known of the businesses that occupied these other commercial buildings in town. The Katy Railroad struggled through much of its existence, suffering like most companies through the Great Depression, experiencing a somewhat of a rebound during World War II thanks to the needs of the war industry and troop transportation, only to return to the struggle to profit in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and eventual failure in the mid-1980s.<sup>34</sup> The Treloar Mercantile and the Farmer's Bank were not able to recover from the Great Depression. While other businesses continued to operate in the commercial district along MKT Street, those buildings have been removed, making the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank Historic District significant as the remaining intact examples of Treloar's commercial district.

#### Significance Under Criteria C: ARCHITECTURE

<sup>33</sup> "History of Treloar," Treloar Trailhead Kiosk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> "Railroad Towns," from *The Iron Horse – The Impact of the Railroads on 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Society,* American History from Revolution to Reconstruction and Beyond, accessed Sept. 10, 2021, <u>http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/essays/1801-1900/the-iron-horse/railroad-towns.php</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> "A New Century," The "M" in the MKT, accessed Sept. 20, 2021, <u>http://www.missouri-central.railfan.net/history2.html</u>.

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The Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank Historic District is also significant under Criteria C for ARCHITECTURE during the construction dates of c.1896 and 1904 within the Period of Significance. The district consists of 1 Two-Part Commercial Block (the Mercantile) and 1 One-Part Commercial Block (the Bank). The character-defining features of the Late 19th/Early 20th Century Two-Part Commercial Block type are the building height - usually two to four stories, clear division between the street-level commercial space and more private upper levels, lowpitched or flat roofs, embellished cornices, cast iron structural elements in the storefronts, large display windows with narrow divisions, and heavy ornamentation using various materials including stamped iron or sheet metal on the storefront, upper level fenestration, and along the cornice.<sup>35</sup> The Late 19<sup>th</sup>/Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century One-Part Commercial Block type is a one-story building, essentially the same as a Two-Part Block without the upper levels. Its characterdefining features are this single-level height and the features found on the Two-Part Block minus those that relate to upper stories.<sup>36</sup> The Two-Part Commercial Block type replaced the "shophouse" many American businesspeople operated from when the commercial and residential areas of towns started becoming more separated and distinct. This type became the most common commercial form, offering street level access to the business; large areas to define the business and display goods; and maximization of space by providing owners with convenient living or storage space or creating additional revenue by renting the upper levels as apartments or offices.<sup>37</sup> The One-Part Commercial Block type has similar roots as the Two-Part Block type and served to establish a business in an emerging commercial district, providing income with less investment in a smaller building.<sup>38</sup>

The character-defining features of the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar Historic District buildings are generally the brick, One-Part and Two-Part Commercial Block type buildings with low profile roofs, cornices, and defined storefronts. More specifically, the buildings exhibit heavy embellishment on the cornices with details taken from various styles popular for late 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings (modillions, brackets, sunbursts, bullseyes, fleur-de-lis, and floral motifs), recessed entry bays that allow for more display space, and bays of repeating transom/display window/wood bulkhead arrangements with decorative trim. The two-part Mercantile building also features wood windows with segmental arches on the upper level, another common characteristic of late 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial architecture. The Mercantile's facade exhibits character-defining features that define the public space and upper level private space: the differences in window types, the cast iron beam over the storefront (hidden in photos by the overhang), and the height of the overhang itself. These character-defining features are remarkably intact and the buildings have been very well preserved, given their age, changing ownership, periods of vacancy, and the threat of removal to which other similarly-aged

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Richard Longstreth, *The Buildings of Maine Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture*, updated ed. (Walnut Creek, CA: Alta Mira Press, 2000), 24-37.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Longstreth, 54.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Longstreth, 24-29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Longstreth, 54-55.

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commercial resources have succumbed. Because of these retained features, these buildings are significant examples of late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial architecture and the only such extant examples of Treloar's historic commercial district.

#### **Comparison:**

There are no other collections of late 19th century/early 20 century commercial buildings in Treloar. There is another extant commercial building in Treloar, located north of the district at 16698 Texas Street (figure 10). Its construction date and initial use was not able to be determined during research. It is a brick, one-part commercial block with an asymmetrical storefront on the west elevation. The entrance bay is near the north side of the façade, and the rest of the front is occupied by two glass panels on short brick bulkheads. Much of the facade's brick is glazed in white, and a dark green glazed brick is used to create accenting lines in the cornice and bulkhead panels. What was likely a flat roof with parapet walls has been changed to a front-gabled, low-pitched roof with asphalt shingles and vinyl cladding in the gables. Several of the upper courses have been repaired on the north and south elevations, and the area over the storefront, possibly a transom, is covered in vinyl siding. The change in roof profile has negatively affected integrity, but more research would need to be conducted to determine this property's individual eligibility. Any historic continuity with the commercial district along MKT Street is not evident today. The Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank Historic District is the only collection of buildings that has retained its ability to convey association to Commerce and represent late 19th century/early 20th century Commercial Block architecture.

#### **Conclusion:**

The buildings of the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar Historic District in Treloar, Warren County, Missouri look today much as they did when they were constructed (c. 1896 and 1904) and when they housed successful commercial businesses. Their historic appearance remains, despite some alterations to the porch and overhang along the facades. Treloar was once a bustling town along the railroad, and these buildings are what remains of the thriving commercial district that once existed along MKT Street and Katy railway. The Mercantile offered the local community, visiting farmers, and travelers along the Katy Railroad a place to purchase goods. The Farmer's Bank provided necessary financial services for the local rural community. The district is remarkably intact and retains the ability to be a significant local representation of Commerce and Architecture during the c.1896-1933 Period of Significance. National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet 

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#### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

See figure 2. The southern, eastern, and western boundaries are marked by paved roads.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property boundaries as described above closely align with the historic boundaries of the extant properties as illustrated in the 1901 plat of the town in figure 9.

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#### Figure 1: Context Map – Treloar in East Central Missouri



Source: Treloar, Google Maps, accessed Sept. 10, 2021, https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar,+MO+63357/@38.6842928,-91.7955864.9z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x87d955337f04f56f:0xa0dea0ca55167391!8m2!3d38.644495!4d-91.1878967. National Register of Historic Places **Continuation Sheet** 

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Figure 2: Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank Historic District Site Map



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Source: Warren County, Missouri base map (2021 Aerial), Integrity, accessed Sept 30, 2021, https://warrengis.integritygis.com/H5/Index.html?viewer=warren\_basic,; District-specific labels created by April Scott

**Status:** C-Bldg

#### **District Boundary coordinates:**

(boundary outline in red/yellow line)

- NW: 38.644170, -91.188064 1
- 3 SW: 38.643759, -91.188059

**District Resources:** 

1 Treloar Mercantile
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- Farmer's Bank of Treloar 2 C-Bldg Missouri Field Corn Sculpture NC-Obj 3

#### **External Resources Referenced:**

- a MFA Grain Elevator
- b Depot site (approx.)
- Trailside Rest/Interpretive Pavilion с
- d F.H. Meyer Store site (approx.)

- 2 NE: 38.644166, -91.187721
- 4 SE: 38.643623, -91.187651

- Hasenjeager Tavern site (approx.) e
- f Treloar Savings Bank site (approx.)
- g Treloar Bar and Grill commercial bldg.
- h Hoelscher Grain Elevator

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Figure 3: Photo Key.



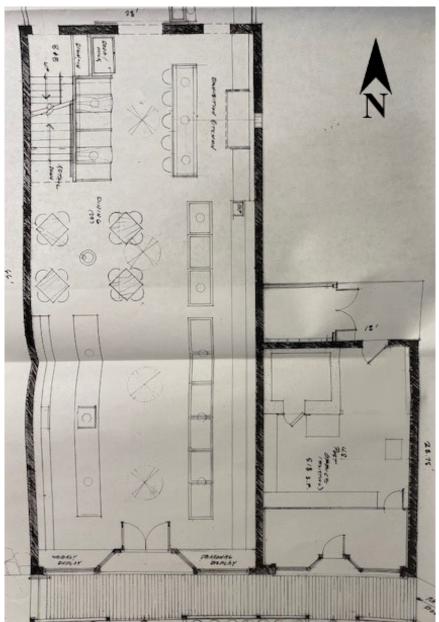
Source: owner Dan Burkhart, 2021

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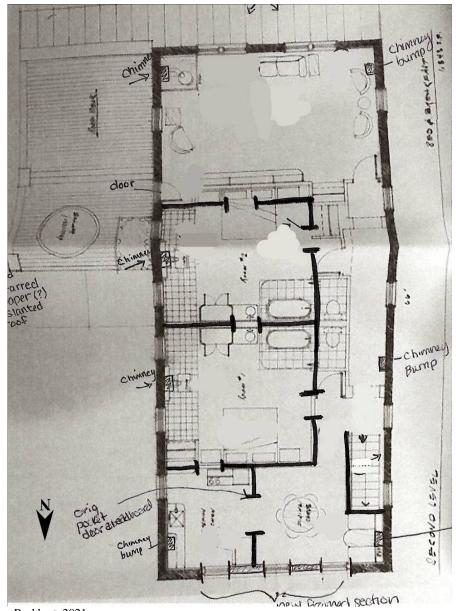
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Figure 4: Current floorplan of Treloar Mercantile (right) and Farmer's Bank first floors.



Source: owner Dan Burkhart, 2021

Figure 5: Floorplan of Treloar Mercantile second floor. Existing wall layout in thick black lines.



Source: owner Dan Burkhart, 2021

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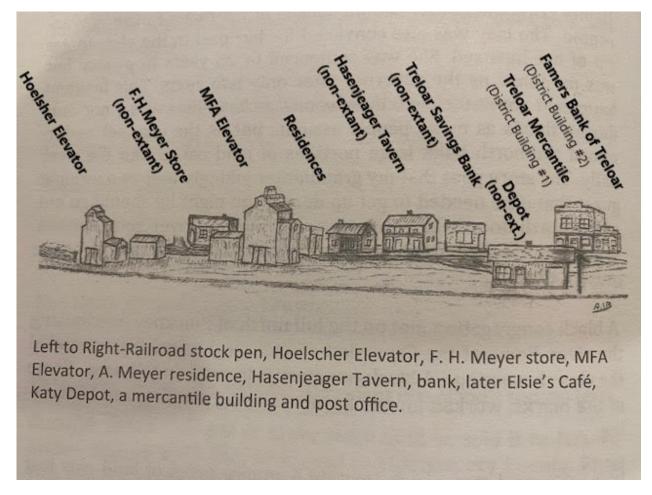
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Figure 6: Sketch of Treloar as it existed in the 1950s, showing the commercial district. The Mercantile and Bank are located on the far-right side of the sketch.



Source: Alvin Brandt, Two Hundred Years at Pinckney in Southern Warren County, Missouri (self-pub.: 2005).

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Figure 7: Historic image (Early 1900s) of the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank of Treloar (partial) Facades.



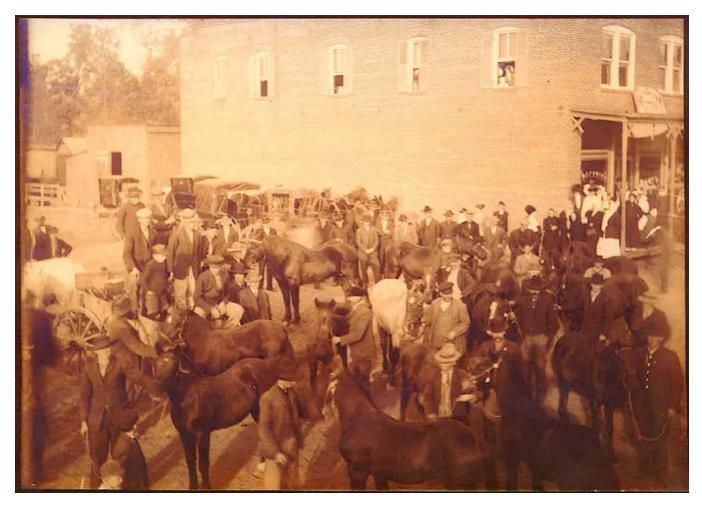
Source: "Preserving History: About the Treloar Mercantile Building," Magnificent Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, https://www.magnificentmissouri.org/treloar-mercantile/.

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Figure 8: Historic image (early 1900s) of the Treloar Mercantile West Elevation and Partial Façade.



Source: "Preserving History: About the Treloar Mercantile Building," Magnificent Missouri, accessed May 11, 2021, <u>https://www.magnificentmissouri.org/treloar-mercantile/</u>.

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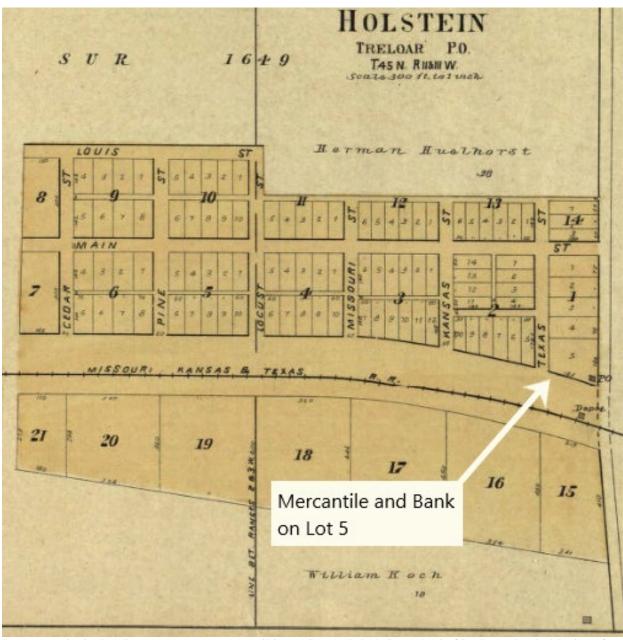
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Figure 9: Plat of Treloar, published 1901.



Source: *Standard Atlas of Warren County Missouri*, (Chicago: Geo. A. Ogle & Co., 1901) leaf 37; State Historical Society of Missouri, accessed September 9, 2021, <u>https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/plat/id/4392</u>.

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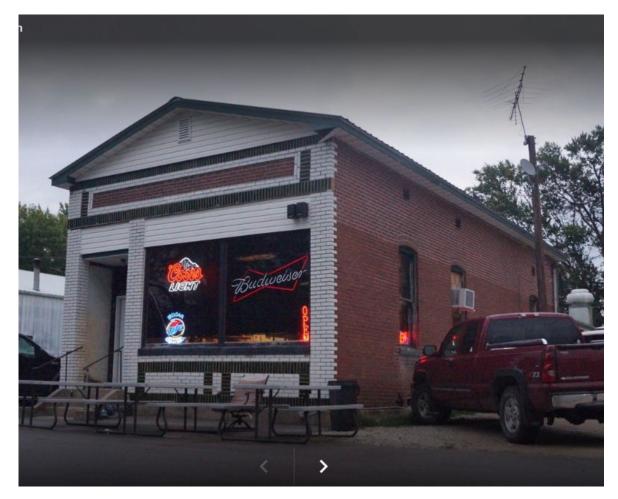
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Figure 10: Treloar Bar and Grill, former early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial building north of Treloar Mercantile, 16698 Texas Street, Treloar.



Source: Google Maps, accessed Sept 10, 2021, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399-91.1879638.3a">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399-91.1879638.3a</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399-91.1879638.3a">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399-91.1879638.3a</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399-91.1879638.3a">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399-91.1879638.3a</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+8ar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+8ar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+8ar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+8ar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.44493">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.44493">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.644493</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.44493">https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.44493</a>, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/Treloar+Bar+%26+Grill/@38.6445399">https://www.google.com/maps/place/

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Figure 11: Treloar Depot (non-extant) and surrounding commercial resources. Photographer and date

unknown, facing northwest. Visible in background from left to right: Hasenjager Tavern (non-extant), Treloar Savings Bank (non-extant), Texas Street, and Treloar Mercantile (partial).



Source: Treloar, *MKT Depots of Missouri*, Sedalia Katy Depot, posted Oct. 23, 2008, accessed Sept 10, 2021, <u>https://www.katydepotsedalia.com/apps/photos/photo?photoid=16026301</u>. ("Treloar" misspelling from site).

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Figure 12: 2008 View of Treloar Commercial District, looking northwest. View similar to that of Figure 11 photo. Depot and tracks are gone, replaced with a trail and covered rest area in approximate location of the depot. Grain elevator is present but obscured by trees. Of the commercial buildings in the background, only the Treloar Mercantile and Farmer's Bank (at right) are extant today.



Source: Google Maps Street View, posted September 2008, accessed September 30, 2021, <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@38.6431938.-">https://www.google.com/maps/@38.6431938.-</a> 91.18743,3a,40.6y,297.22h,88.12t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sVeFRgVCZZYZ4VLCWkPPAJQ!2e0!7i3328!8i1664



















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