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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Jackson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Wornall House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
John B. Wornall Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
116 West 61st Terrace, facing Wornall Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Kansas City

STATE: Missouri 64111 CODE: 21 COUNTY: Jackson CODE: 095

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> under restoration
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Jackson County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
217 North Main

CITY OR TOWN: Independence STATE: Missouri 61050 CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Jackson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Independence STATE: Missouri 61000 CODE: 21

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one (.98)

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: Missouri 65201 CODE: 21

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JOHN B. WORNALL HOME

6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1201 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 24

Historic American Buildings Survey (federal)

1969

John A. Huffman

5701 Central Street

Kansas City, Missouri 64113

Code: 24 (in preparation)

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		
			Moved <input type="checkbox"/>			Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wornall House is an "L"-shaped two story brick Greek Revival building, built in 1858. House faces west onto Wornall Road. House and lot, now within Kansas City, were originally part of 1100 acre plantation. Curved carriage drive to front entrance was replaced in 1910 with single street-to-door sidewalk.

West facade of house is symmetrical with large, central two-story portico supported by four giant-order square columns at front of porch, placed two on either side of front door. Under portico, front door surrounded by lights and wrought iron balcony projecting from facade at second floor door. Painted wood columns, pediment, and cornice with wide frieze which extends around house. Windows on facade double hung, six over six light sash, with unusual feature being window frames slightly more narrow at top than at bottom, accentuating vertical proportions of facade. Three fireplace chimney stacks extend above roof line at north and south sides of main block of house and at center of ell.

Porch on south wall of ell originally an open gallery with exposed access stair to second floor porch. First and second story porches enclosed and stairway reworked in 1910 remodelling, now being restored to original form. Rear or east porch on ell a 1910 replacement of original.

Six rooms on each floor; cellar under kitchen, the east room of ell, with access by trap door in kitchen floor. Central foyer houses wall-supported "U"-plan stairway.

Wornall household possessions include portraits of John B. Wornall and wife Roma and two steel engravings, all by Missouri artist George Caleb Bingham.

Wornall house now being restored by Jackson County Historical Society, John A. Huffman, restoration architect.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1858 (built); 1861 and 1863 (Civil War)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	Urban Planning
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	Religion/Philosophy	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	Science	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	Sculpture	_____
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	Social/Humanitarian	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	Theater	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	Transportation	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Wornall House is reputedly oldest surviving residence of historical significance in Kansas City. It is also architecturally important as one of earliest in its area to be built in Greek Revival style, then popular east of Mississippi River.

During the Civil War Kansas-Missouri border conflict (1861), Wornall house used as headquarters of Union Colonel Charles Jennison, Seventh Kansas Cavalry. On August 25, 1863 "General Order Number Eleven" of Union General Thomas Ewing required evacuation of all southern sympathizers. Accordingly, house vacated by Wornall family after John B. Wornall failed to demonstrate Union loyalties. In Battle of Westport (October 23-24, 1863), Wornall house used as hospital and headquarters, first by Confederate then by Union troops. Union offensive to gain control of house still evidenced by shot pock marks on exterior walls. (History and Directory of Cass County, Missouri, Harrisonville, Missouri: Cass County Leader, 1908, pp. 122-128; John Edwards Hicks, "Frontier Cabins Give Way to Gracious Home," Kansas City Times, July 7, 1965, p. 28.)

Wornall house owned and built by John Bristow Wornall, a native of Kentucky and resident of Westport after 1843. Wornall, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen in Westport community, served as President of National Bank of Kansas City, Moderator of the (Baptist) Blue River Association, and Chairman of Board of Trustees of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. Wornall Road, currently a Kansas City arterial, named for John B. Wornall. (John Edwards Hicks, "Frontier Cabins Give Way to Gracious Home," Kansas City Times, July 7, 1965, p. 28.)

Wornall house architecture attributed to Asa Beebe Cross, renowned Kansas City architect for thirty years, and purported to be his first house in the area. This well-known point of local significance now under question. (see Katherine N. Taggart, Historian of Jackson County Historical Society, "The Research Historian," Skylines: Midwest Architect, October-November, 1967, p. 10.)

House occupied by John B. Wornall descendants until early 1960s when acquired by Jackson County Historical Society for restoration as historic house museum.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Hicks, John Edwards, "Frontier Cabins Give Way to Gracious Home," The Kansas City Times, July 7, 1965, p. 28.
2. History and Directory of Cass County, Missouri. Harrisonville, Missouri: Cass County Leader, 1908, pp. 122-128.
3. Skylines: Midwest Architect. Publication of the Kansas City Chapter, American Institute of Architects, October-November, 1968, pp. 9-13.
4. State Historical Society of Missouri's Historic Sites Files, Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets, Columbia, Missouri, ref. Jackson County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			D R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Martha Jean Godfrey, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION Missouri State Park Board DATE May 5, 1969
State Historical Survey and Planning Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 176, 1201 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City STATE Missouri CODE 24
65101

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

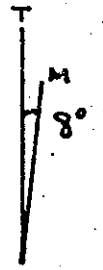
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:
Keeper of The National Register

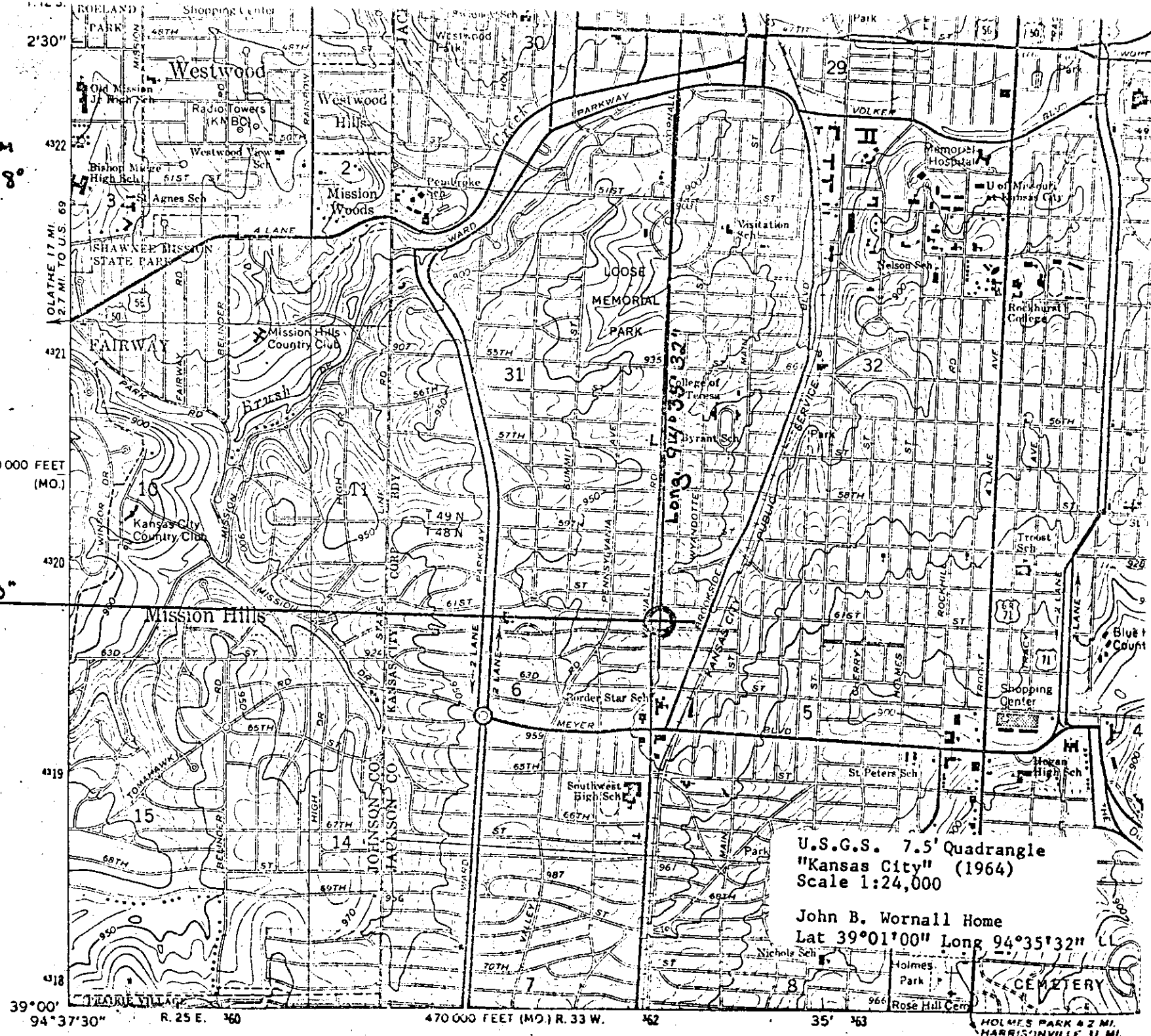
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1 040 000 FEET
(MO.)

Lat. 39°01'00"



U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"Kansas City" (1964)
Scale 1:24,000

John B. Wornall Home
Lat 39°01'00" Long 94°35'32"

39°00' 94°37'30" R. 25 E. 360

470 000 FEET (MO.) R. 33 W. 362

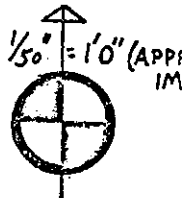
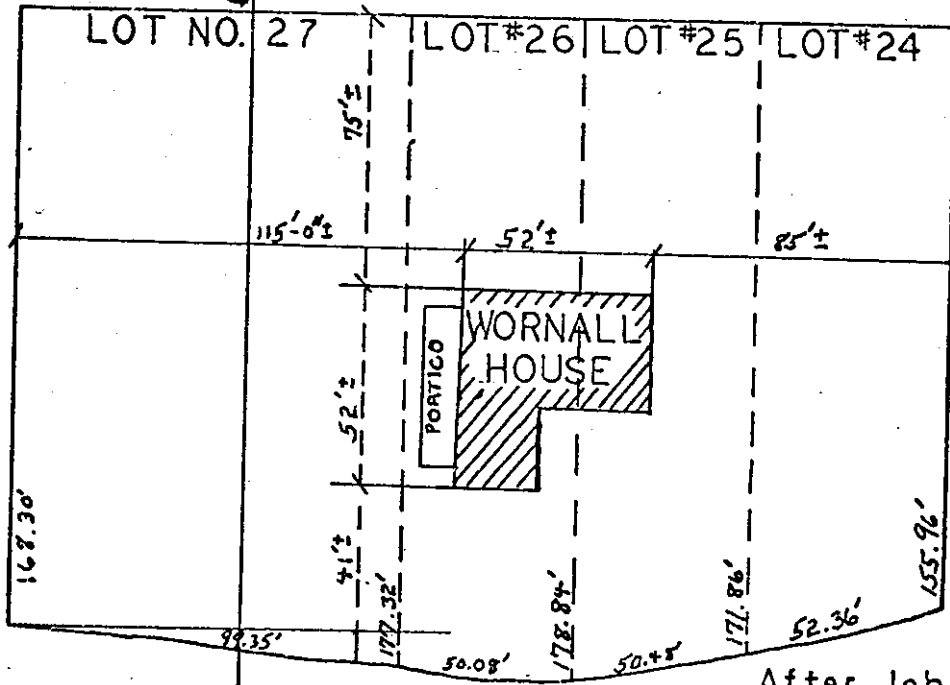
35' 363

HOLMES PARK 2 MI. HARRISONVILLE 31 MI.

WORNALL ROAD

Building Line

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
All of Lots #24, #25, #26, #27, BLOCK 8,
WORNALL HOMESTEAD, JACKSON COUNTY
MISSOURI



SITE PLAN

61st Street Terrace

After John A. HUFFMAN,
WORNALL HOUSE PLOT,
Prepared 16 July 1966,
MSHS, Steven Teczar
March 4 1969