

NAME
HISTORIC Wyeth Flats
NO./OR COMMON San Regis Apartments
LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER 1015-1031 Faraon
CITY, TOWN St. Joseph **VICINITY OF**
STATE Mo. **CODE** 29 **COUNTY** Buchanan **CODE** 021

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial (Apts.)
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME M. D. Payn & L. D. Owens
STREET & NUMBER 1017 Faraon
CITY, TOWN St. Joseph **VICINITY OF** **STATE** Mo. 64501

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 Buchanan County Recorders Office
 County Courthouse
 St. Joseph, Missouri

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE **DETERMINED ELIGIBLE?** YES NO FEDERAL STATE COUNTY
 Missouri State Historical Survey, 1981.

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
		DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 The Wyeth Flats building is a large four-story brick apartment building, facing Faraon Street on the corner at which Faraon Street and 11th Street intersect with Frederick Avenue. When completed in 1888, the building contained multi-story townhouses for the well-to-do. In the 1940's, the building was converted to an apartment building. At that time the bay windows were removed from the south facade, as was an oriole from the southeast corner of the building (facing Frederick Avenue). The nine-bay facade features nine separate entrances; the two central doorways are surmounted by round arches. Above these two entranceways are two small windows, also topped by round arches. On the fourth floor, four of the window openings (in alternate bays) also feature round arches. The roof line is flat; the dentil trim cornice is surmounted by a parapet. What remains of the oriole on the southeast corner is capped by a tile roof of 1940's vintage. In spite of these alterations, the building retains substantial integrity and many interesting architectural features, including unusual textured brickwork in the parapet and window surrounds, and four-story pilasters extending above the parapet and topped with decorative finials.

(See Photograph #18.)

I. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> inventions		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

SPECIFIC DATES 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT W. M. Wyeth

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

The Wyeth Flats (San Regis Apartments) building is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places according to the criteria under definition B, to wit: this substantial and imposing residential structure has significant associations with William Maxwell Wyeth, Huston Wyeth, and Dr. Jacob L. Geiger, who were persons of significance in the history of St. Joseph during the period of the building's greatest significance, between 1888 and the 1940's. The building is significant in the area of commerce, in that William M. Wyeth and his son, Huston Wyeth, built and occupied the building during the years in which they operated a hugely successful hardware business in St. Joseph, Missouri, a town that enjoyed a "Golden Age" of prosperity between the 1870's and the Great Depression. Dr. Jacob L. Geiger, a prominent local physician, also occupied the Wyeth Flats just prior to building his magnificent Tudor revival home at Frederick Avenue and 25th Street (which is also included in this nomination). In association with these prosperous local citizens, the Wyeth Flats building attains significance as a physical reminder of St. Joseph's boom years as an outfitting post for western emigrants and later as a wholesale and retail marketing center for the Middle West. William M. Wyeth (1832-1901) and his son, Huston Wyeth (1863-1925), developed and operated a company that became the largest saddlery house in the world. After the coming of the automobile, Huston Wyeth was able to diversify his business enterprises, remaining very successful until his death in 1925. The Wyeth Flats survives as the only town home of the Huston Wyeth family, whose country home Wythewood survives, on a large tract of land north of Frederick Boulevard. The building takes on additional significance as the temporary domicile of Dr. Jacob L. Geiger, an eminent St. Joseph physician, who is further described in connection with the Dr. Jacob L. Geiger Residence elsewhere in this nomination.

J. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Buchanan County, Mo. (1881) Reprint, p. 959. Logan, Sheridan A., Old Saint Jo, Gateway to the West, St. Joseph, Mo., 1979.

K. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

CREATION OF PROPERTY _____ **QUADRANGLE NAME** _____ **SCALE** _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	3 4 1 8 2 0	4 4 0 3 5 6 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Lots 7 & 8, Block 37, Smith's Addition, St. Joseph, Mo.

L. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Bonnie Wright, Cultural Resource Preservationist I, Nancy Sandehn

Photo Log:

Name of Property: **Wyeth Flats** _____

City or Vicinity: **St. Joseph** _____

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

Photographer: **Bonnie Wright** _____

Date

Photographed: **Feb. 1985** _____

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

1 of 1. View looking NW.

