

# MISSOURI OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION / INVENTORY SURVEY FORM

## 1. NAME

HISTORIC Dr. Jacob Geiger Home / Maud Wyeth Painter Residence  
AND/OR COMMON United Missouri Bank

## 2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2501 Frederick  
CITY, TOWN St. Joseph VICINITY OF  
STATE Mo. CODE 29 COUNTY Buchanan CODE 021

## 3. 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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input 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

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME United Mo. Bank of St. Joseph  
STREET & NUMBER 2501 Frederick  
CITY, TOWN St. Joseph VICINITY OF STATE Mo.

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Buchanan County Recorders Office  
County Courthouse  
St. Joseph, Missouri

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE DETERMINED ELEGIBLE? YES ☒ NO ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐

Missouri State Historical Survey, 1981.

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE The Dr. Jacob Geiger Home is a two-and-one-half story residence in an English gothic revival style with a three-story crenelated tower at the southwest corner and a smaller two-story crenelated tower at the southeast corner. The primary (south) facade features an arcaded porch. Windows throughout the house have white granite surrounds, lugsills and entablature window headers. Above the porch there is a four bay bow window with segmental transoms. Gargoyles lean from the pediment of this bow window. The floor to the balcony formed by the bow window is in a decorative gabled dormer. There is a small two story tower at the southeast corner. A drive-up addition to the bank has been constructed in sympathetic manner. (See Photos #34, #35, and #36).

### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1911 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Eckel & Aldrich/ Band Construction/ Reinert Bros. Masonry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)  
The Dr. Jacob Geiger Home is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places according to the criteria under definitions B and C, to wit: it is associated with Dr. Jacob Geiger, a person of prominence in the history of St. Joseph, and it is the work of Eckel and Aldrich, well-known St. Joseph architects, and possesses high artistic values in form and details.

This house was built by Dr. Jacob Geiger in 1911-1912. At that time this was the edge of the city. Dr. Geiger, a native of Germany emigrated to St. Joseph in 1858, at the age of 10. After working his way through high school, Geiger studied medicine with Dr. Galen Bishop and then secured an M.D. from the University of Louisville. (see appendix).

Geiger was the anesthetist when Dr. Bishop performed cataract surgery on Joseph Robidoux. In 1888 Dr. Geiger was the coronor of Buchanan County and as such performed the autopsy on Jesse James. An eminently successful physician and surgeon he was a member of the City Council and the Missouri State Medical Society, also serving as president of both groups. The Geiger Home is significant in the area of architecture by virtue of its unusual English gothic revival style, with interesting features such as the two crenelated towers, arcaded porch, stone window surrounds, and ornamental dormers. The residence was designed by Eckel and Aldrich, a prominent St. Joseph firm.

### 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Saint Joseph Landmarks.

St. Joseph, Missouri, Today, 1927.

### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY \* QUADRANGLE NAME St. Joseph North, Mo.-Kan. SCALE 1:24,000  
\*Less than one acre.

#### UTM REFERENCES

A 1 5 3 4 3 2 8 0 4 4 0 4 4 0 0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B  
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C  
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D  
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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Lot 1, 2, 23, 24, Block 4, Westminster Place.

### 11. FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Historic Preservation

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF FREDERICK AVENUE  
(Partial Inventory)

Dr. Jacob L. Geiger Residence  
2501 Frederick

St. Joseph (Buchanan County), Missouri

Photographer: Bonnie Wright

Date: April 24, 1985

Neg. Loc.; Dept. of Natural Resources  
Historic Preservation Program  
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View looking northeast.

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View looking northwest; note sympathetic  
addition.

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View looking south toward rear of building.

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