

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Doerr-Brown House

AND/OR COMMON
Museum for Perry County History

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
17 East St. Joseph Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Perryville

VICINITY OF
10th-Hon. Bill Burlison

STATE
Missouri

CODE
29

COUNTY
Perry

CODE
157

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Sanders

STREET & NUMBER
Route 3, Box 134

CITY, TOWN
Perryville

VICINITY OF
STATE Missouri 63775

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office, Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
Perry County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Perryville

STATE Missouri 63775

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
1. City of Perryville Historical Site Survey

DATE
1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Perry County Historical Society and City of Perryville

CITY, TOWN
Perryville

STATE Missouri 63775

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Doerr-Brown House faces North at 17 East St. Joseph Street, Perryville, Missouri. The brick Missouri-German "L" shaped residence is thought to have been constructed at this location between 1877-1879. The date is based on tax assessment increases shown during these years. The six room structure, two and one half stories in front and one story on the side, measures 38' 10" on the north facade, 42' 2" west, 18' east (plus a porch 6' x 13' 8"), and 22' 3" south and rests on a quarry hewn limestone foundation which appears 18" above ground level.

Victorian Italianate wooden elements decorate the entrance, windows and eaves of the rectangular two storied block. A photograph taken ca. 1890 shows a porch with latticed banisters and a pierced rail running around the porch roof. These elements have been replaced by a porch of classical design using columns and half columns as supports. The entrance contains two, three paned sidelights, left and right of the door, with a transom above. The twin arch motif of the door panels reflects the segmental brick arches of two windows placed symmetrically on either side of the porch. The balanced plan of the entrance is mirrored on the second level with the exception of the sidelights on the doorway above the porch. The brick arches and double hung, two over two window sash continue around the house, with the exception of two small double paned square sashed windows located in the attic on each side. Brackets occur under the eaves of the metal gabled roof to complete the exterior decoration of the two storied block.

Three chimneys are incorporated into the 14" thick brick walls. One at each end of the two storied structure furnished heat to the two upstairs rooms and the two rooms downstairs. The upstairs is reached by a central staircase where the original banister remains intact. Some locks and grain work appear on the interior doors to guide the restoration efforts of the current owners. The baseboards, door frames and mouldings remain intact and window screens installed into guides inside the sash continue to function. The attic is reached from the upper landing by an enclosed staircase. The third chimney serviced the kitchen and dining room located in the one story block to the rear. The kitchen is entered through an enclosed porch where a pull-up door leads to the basement. Limestone walls and a brick floor enclose this lowest level below the kitchen and dining room.

One wooden frame outbuilding is found 20' southeast of the residence measuring 12' 4" wide by 10' x 6" high with a metal gabled roof originally used as a summer kitchen and later as a smoke house.

The house has been tuck pointed, rewired and electric heat installed. The owner plans to replace the Italianate rail on the porch and possibly replace the metal roof (corrugated metal on the front part and seamed metal on rear), with shingles as revealed in the 1890 photograph. The residence is in remarkably good condition and stands as one of the few remaining Victorian structures in downtown Perryville.

8 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		locally prominent resident

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architectural and historical importance of the Doerr-Brown House rests purely on a local level within the City of Perryville. The structure is significant in that it represents a well preserved Missouri German style I house of 1870 vintage typified by three paned sidelights, a transom and the continuous use of the segmental arch. Historically, the house rests on Lot number 17, part of the original fifty-one acres Spanish land grant¹, donated to the village of Perryville by Bernard Layton² which was surveyed and auctioned to the public in 1821. The historical significance of the site rests with the prominent businessmen and professionals who lived at this location, individuals who helped establish and promote the growth of Perryville as the county seat.

Richard S. Dorsey, a pioneer doctor, first constructed a dwelling at this location. He served in the Missouri State Legislature in 1828-1829³ and as town commissioner in 1831. Hyman Block⁴, a native of Germany, owned Lot 17 from 1835 to 1875. He and his brother Levi, became early merchants in Perryville, with the store and cotton gin located across the street from the residence.

Taxes increased from \$200.00 in 1877 to \$1,200.00 in 1879 suggesting that Arsan Gallier⁵ who purchased Lot 17 in 1875, constructed the brick residence between these dates. Louis Doerr⁶ purchased the house in 1896, after becoming a successful business man as owner of a general store which he established in 1868. Doerr's daughter married County Court Judge Robert Brown and the residence remained in the family until 1976 when Thomas B. and Helen Ward Sanders purchased the site for the Museum for Perry County History.

Even though the brick residence is probably not the original structure constructed on Lot 17, the Doerr-Brown reflects the local architecture and history of the city. Exterior features of both the Doerr-Brown house and nearby Faherty House (the oldest residence) provide an historic core for the town and are significant documents of nineteenth century Perryville.

¹"Spanish Land Grants" #2129, (State Archives, Jefferson City, MO, Microfilm).
²History of Southeast Missouri, (Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888), p. 4.
³Committee of Citizens of Perry County, Centennial History of Perry County, (Perryville, MO, Privately Published, 1921), chapter 19, p. 2.
⁴Perryville, MO, Perry County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds, Land Record Book 2, p. 57.
⁵Ibid, Book 2, p. 390.
⁶Ibid, Book 49, p. 348.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Abstract, Perry County Recorder, Perry County Courthouse.
 Goodspeed, History of Southeast Missouri, Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co.
 O'Rourke, Timothy J., Maryland Catholics on the Frontier
 Microfilm of Spanish Land Grants, State Archives Building, Jefferson City, MO
 "A Modern Eden," an unpublished local history, 1895.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 17 of Spanish Land Grant #2129 located in township 35N Range 11E.
 Bounded on the north by St. Joseph Street, the east by South Spring Street,
 the south by Mrs. Emma Roth and the west by City Parking Lot.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Sanders

ORGANIZATION

Museum for Perry County History

DATE

1979

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3, Box 134

TELEPHONE

314-547-5058

CITY OR TOWN

Perryville

STATE

Missouri 63775

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

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Item number 6

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2: Missouri State Historical Survey

1980

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state

Item number 11

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and State Contact Person

Department of Natural Resources

Office of Historic Preservation

P.O. Box 176

Jefferson City

July 1, 1980

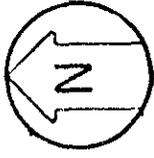
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Missouri 65102

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
DOERR-BROWN HOUSE
PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

ST. JOSEPH STREET

SPRING STREET



NOT TO SCALE

4' BRICK SIDEWALK

SMOKE / STORAGE HOUSE

FRONT PORCH

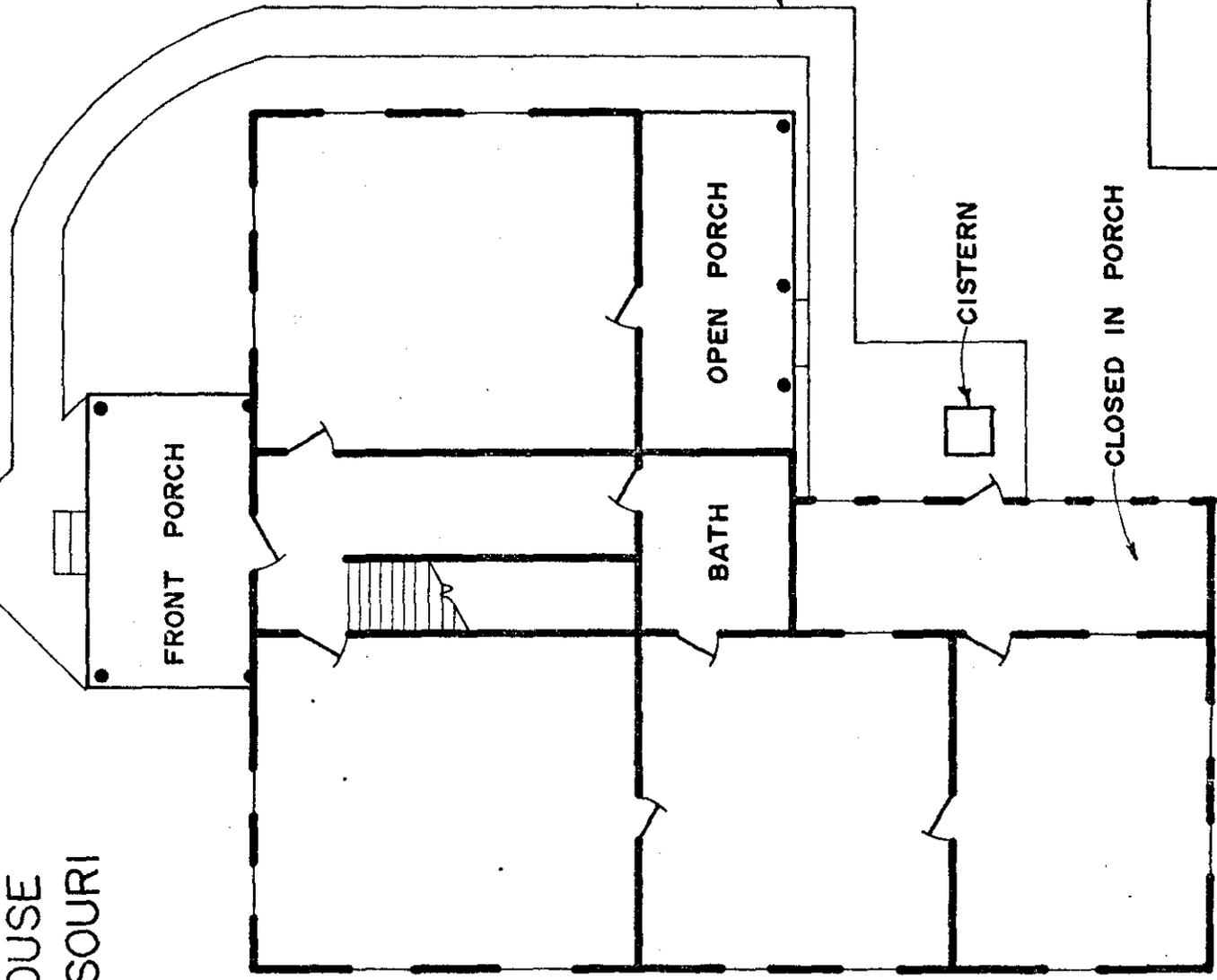
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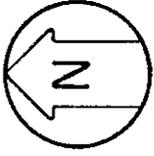
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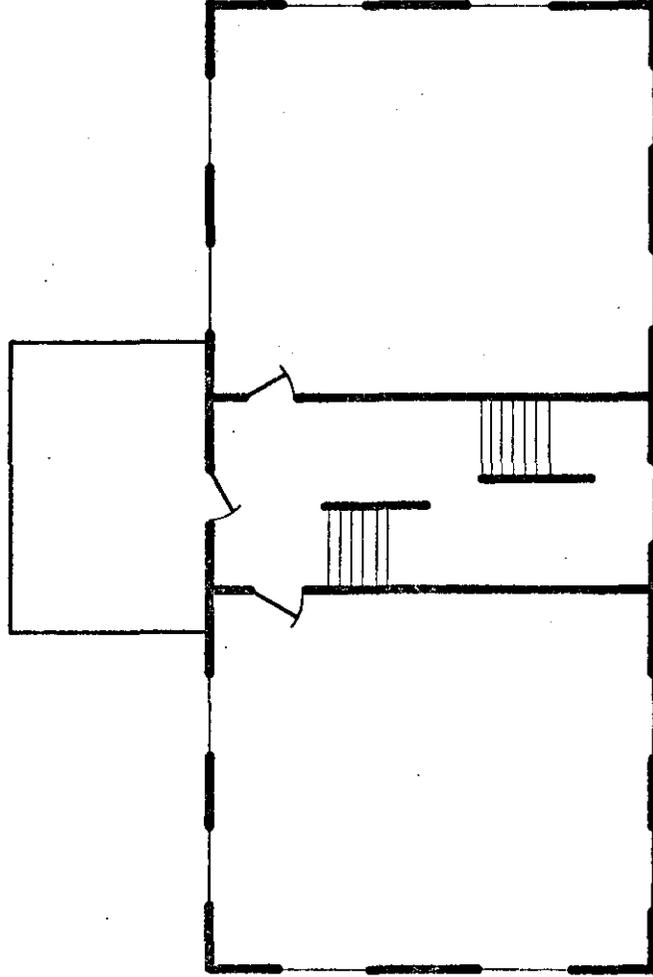
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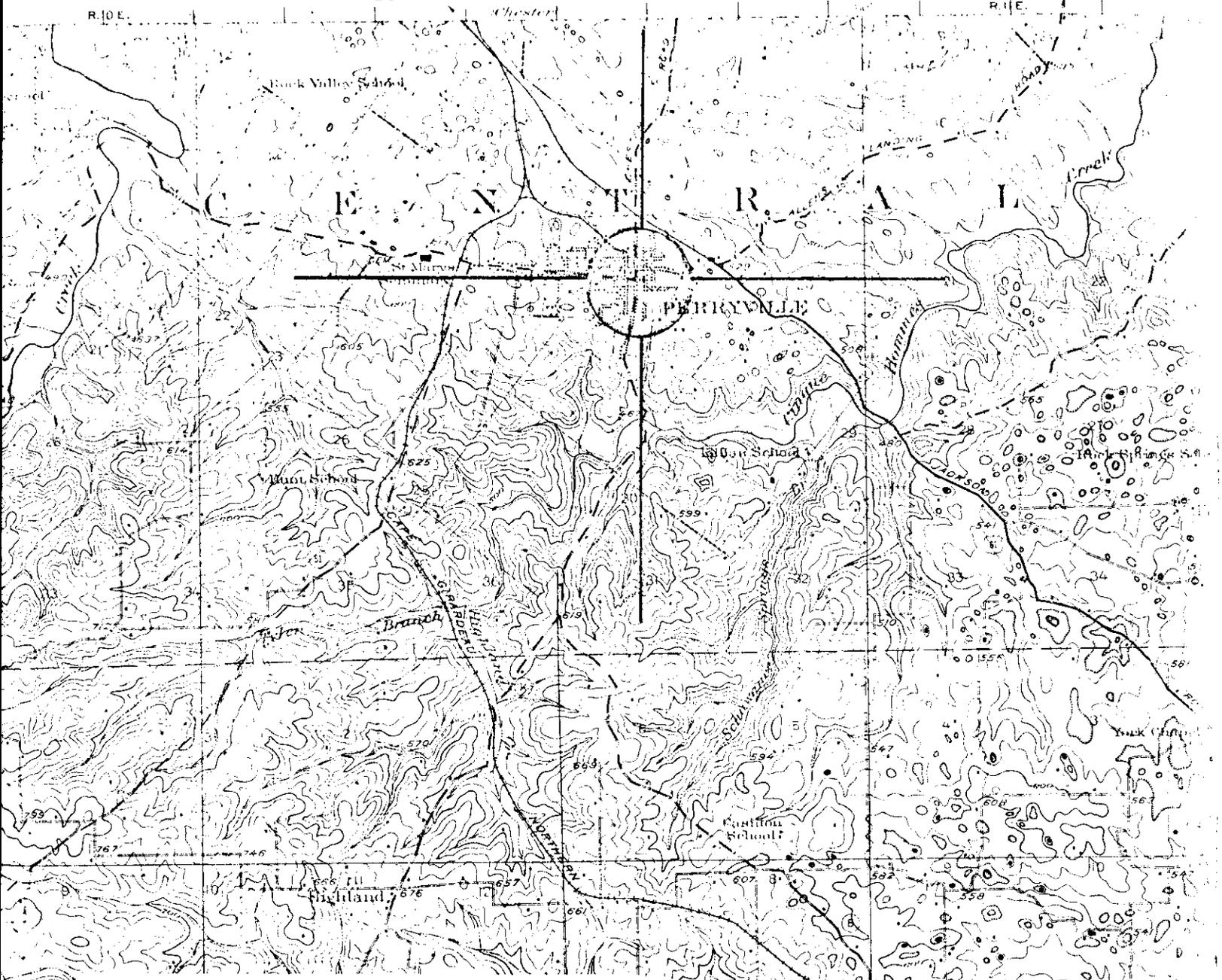
SECOND FLOOR PLAN
DOERR-BROWN HOUSE
PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI



NOT TO SCALE



STATE OF MISSOURI
BUREAU OF GEOLOGY AND MINES



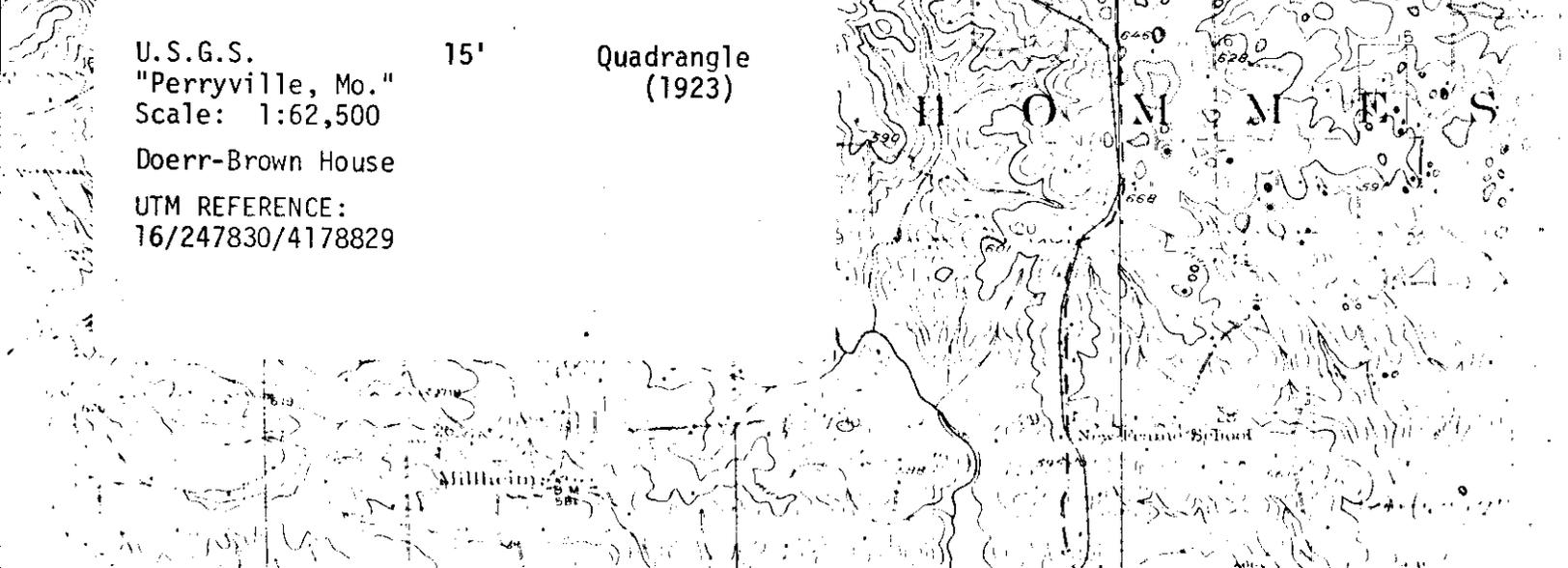
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"Perryville, Mo."
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15'

Quadrangle
(1923)

Doerr-Brown House

UTM REFERENCE:
16/247830/4178829



DOERR-BROWN HOUSE

#468

COUNTY: Perry

LOCATION: 17 East St. Joseph St., Perryville, Mo.

OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Sanders
ADDRESS: Route 3, Box 134, Perryville, Mo. 63775

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: July 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.: September 11, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: September 17, 1980

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: November 14, 1980

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE
(AND PRESENTOR): Given to Bob Flanders: July 12, 1983
Presented:

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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DOERR-BROWN HOUSE

Perryville, Perry County, Missouri
Photographer: Steve Strieler
June 15, 1979
NEG LC: Steve Strieler Studio

Frontand West view from the north. Front
is on St. Joseph Street

Photo 1 of 4



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Front and East View looking from north
at St. Joseph Street



DOERR-BROWN HOUSE

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Rear view of house taken from the south-
east.



DCIERR-BRODWIN HOUSE

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View of front entrance facing north on
St. Joseph Street.

