1. **NAME**

**COMMON:**
Harry S. Truman Birthplace, State Historic Shrine
Harry S. Truman Birthplace Memorial Shrine

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**

2. **LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
North Corner of Eleventh Street and Truman Avenue

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Lamar

**STATE:**
Missouri

**CODE:**
64759

**COUNTY:**
Barton

**CODE:**
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3. **CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Cultural
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Educational
- Religious
- Scientific
- Other (Specify)

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNERS NAME:**
State of Missouri

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Missouri State Park Board
P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Jefferson City

**STATE:**
Missouri

**CODE:**
65101

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
County Recorder's Office

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Lamar

**STATE:**
Missouri

**CODE:**
64759

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

**DATE OF SURVEY:**
1963

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
State Historical Society of Missouri

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Corner of Hitt and Lowry streets

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Columbia

**STATE:**
Missouri

**CODE:**
65201
One and one-half story frame building facing east (ca. 1881). Exterior covered with clapboard siding. House has six rooms. Simple rectangular design under a ridge roof. Facade, three bays wide, is slightly asymmetrical. Structure is devoid of ornamentation except for slight detail on wooden window and door frames. Bay window on south gable end wall first floor. Central brick chimney bisects roof ridge. Windows and doors have vertical proportions in relation to the walls.

House was donated to the State of Missouri by the United Automobile Workers in 1957. Lean-to porch on the front of building was removed. Original, unrestored smoke house and well remain behind the house. House has been furnished in the Victorian style of the 1880's. Restoration was completed in 1959.
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**SPECIFIC DATE(S)** (If Applicable and Known) 1882-1885

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

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

Harry S. Truman, thirty-second President of the United States, was born in this house on May 8, 1884. Truman's father, John A. Truman, purchased the house from the builder, Simon Blethroad, in 1882. The family lived in the house until Truman was eleven months old. In 1890, the Truman family settled permanently in Independence, Missouri.

In 1927, Truman was elected to the Jackson County Court as Presiding Judge. In 1935 he was elected to the United States Senate and in 1945 he became Vice-President of the United States. That same year he assumed the Presidency following the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Truman was subsequently elected President in 1948.

During the Truman Administration (1945-1953) World War II was brought to a close; the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan spearheaded the fight against Communist aggression; and the Fair Deal continued the domestic policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Truman is also noted for his efforts in formulating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

House stands as a tribute to Missouri's only native-born who has to date become President of the United States.
HARRY S. TRUMAN BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL SHRINE

6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968
Missouri State Park Board
P.O. Box 176
1204 Jefferson Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101  
Code: 24
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

Martha L. Kusiak, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION State Historical Survey and Planning Office
Missouri State Park Board

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City
STATE Missouri 65101

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [ ]

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUN 23 1969

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
JUN 23 1969
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

1. **ENTRY NUMBER**
2. **SOURCE:**
   - U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle Lamar South 1:24,000
3. **MAP REFERENCE:**
   - Missouri 2:43 Barton
4. **STATE:**
   - Missouri
5. **COUNTY:**
   - Lamar
6. **LOCATION:**
   - North corner of Eleventh Street and Truman Avenue
7. **NAME:**
   - Harry S. Truman Birthplace Memorial Shrine

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.
4. Requirements
   - Date: 1962
   - Scale: 1:24,000
   - U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle Lamar South

**TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS**

- North arrow.
- Property boundaries where required.
- Latitude and longitude reference.
TRUMAN, HARRY S, BIRTHPLACE

COUNTY: Barton
LOCATION: N corner of 11th St. & Truman Ave., Lamar, Mo.
OWNER: Missouri State Park Board
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: 10-26-68
DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY: 04-11-69
DATE SENT TO D.C.: 04-14-69
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: 06-23-69
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: 06-23-69
DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE (AND PRESENTOR): 03-29-73
Central Office representative

DATE FILE REVIEWED: 
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