**Missouri State Capitol Building and Grounds**

### 2. LOCATION
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- **City or Town:** Jefferson City
- **State:** Missouri
- **Code:** 65101

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### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
- **State of Missouri, Board of Public Buildings**
- **Street and Number:** Missouri State Capitol Building
- **City or Town:** Jefferson City

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
- **Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.:** Office of Recorder of Deeds, Cole County Courthouse
- **City or Town:** Jefferson City
- **State:** Missouri
- **Code:** 65101

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
- **Title of Survey:** Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue
- **Date of Survey:** 1963
- **Repository for Survey Records:** State Historical Society of Missouri
- **Street and Number:** Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets
- **City or Town:** Columbia
- **State:** Missouri
- **Code:** 65201

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

**Type all entries – complete applicable sections**
6. MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Missouri's Contribution to American Architecture  (state)
1928
John Albury Bryan
St. Louis Architectural Club, Publisher
St. Louis, Missouri  Code: 24

Missouri State Historical Survey  (state)
1968
Missouri State Park Board
P. O. Box 176
1204 Jefferson Building
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Missouri State Capitol Building is a pure but late example of Classic Revival architecture. Plan is symmetrical, two wings for legislative houses flanking large central rotunda. Building has four stories and basement, covers approximately three acres, and has nearly 500,000 square feet of floor space.

Carthage, Missouri limestone marble used for exterior walls, corridor floors, rotundas and stairways. Exterior ornament includes pedimental and frieze sculpture, executed in an ornate, formal and well proportioned style.

Interior of rotunda richly painted. Subject matter of mural work includes a social history of Missouri by Missouri artist Thomas Hart Benton.

Basement converted to parking lot. Original cement balustrade surrounding ground floor on exterior and access stairways has deteriorated and is currently being replaced with stone.

General form and detail of building presently very close to original. Building is well maintained as official seat of state government.

The Capitol Building and grounds are situated on top of a bluff fronting on the Missouri River in central Jefferson City. Symmetrical terraces descending from the Capitol Building on its river side. Area surrounding the building is formally landscaped and includes driveways and esplanade encircling the building; trees, flowers and shrubbery arrangements, ornate iron lamp posts and monumental sculpture.
specify the period and specific date(s) relevant for your entry.

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The Capitol was completed in 1917 and dedicated October 6, 1924. Tracy and Swartwout, New York architectural firm, designed the building.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

I. BOOKS
      Secretary of State, State Capitol, Jefferson City, Mo.
   B. Parker, Lester Shepard. The State Capitol of Missouri.
   C. Pickard, John. Report of the Capitol Decoration Commission,

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

   NAME AND TITLE: M. Patricia Holmes, Research Architectural Historian
   ORGANIZATION: Missouri State Park Board
   Date: April 24, 1969
   STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 176
   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 [ ]

   Name: Joseph Jaeger, Jr.
   Title: Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

   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

   Date ____________________________
9. (Continuation Sheet #1)

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL BUILDING


II. NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

A. Columbia Missourian, Feb. 6, 1926, p. 6, col. 4. Account of Missouri's capital.


March 30, 1926, p. 8, col. 2. Visitors are required by new rule to register.


March 14, 1927, p. 4, col. 2. Editorial on the development of the Capitol Building.

March 29, 1927, p. 1, col. 5. Statue of Thomas Jefferson placed at front steps.


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B. Decorations in the Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City.
   American Magazine of Art, July, 1921. Photographs
   with notes.

   Legislature passes bill proposing a new $5,000,000
   building.

   Open column letter of member of Legislature
   concerning building of a new Capitol.

   March 11, 1911, p. 1, col. 1. House of Representatives
   passes bill providing for the erection of a
   $3,000,000 Capitol.

   July 19, 1911, p. 1, col. 5. Comment on $3,500,000
   bond for new Capitol.

   Aug. 4, 1911, p. 4, col. 2. Poem written when it
   was decided to build a new Capitol on old site.

   Oct. 27, 1911, p. 1, col. 4. State secures most
   of the land needed for additional Capitol grounds.

   Feb. 13, 1912, p. 1, col. 5. Commissioners tour
   country to inspect state capitols, prior to building
   new Missouri Capitol.

   April 18, 1912, p. 1, col. 4. Invite all architects
   to bid on erection of new State Capitol.

   Dec. 21, 1912, p. 1, col. 1. Description of proposed
   new building.

   May 6, 1913, p. 1, col. 1. Account of formal cere-
   monies held at breaking of ground for new State
   Capitol.

   Nov. 21, 1913, p. 1, col. 3. Capitol Commissioners
   vote to terrace the riverfront of Capitol Park.
MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Feb. 24, 1914, p. 1, col. 3. Account of difficulty of Capitol Commissioners in securing stone for new Capitol, due to their differing with K. F. Gill, contractor.

March 14, 1914, p. 1, col. 3. Laborers to resume work after gaining higher wages as result of strike.


Aug. 11, 1914, p. 1, col. 1. Steelwork completed on structure; account of ceremonies at flag raising.

Sept. 5, 1914, p. 1, col. 2. Plan to purchase ground to enlarge Capitol grounds.

Nov. 7, 1914, p. 1, col. 5. Brick work started on building.


July 17, 1917, p. 1, col. 5. Description of $10,000 door to be hung in the new Capitol. World's largest two-piece door since days of ancient Romans.

Aug. 23, 1917, p. 1, col. 2. Capitol Commissioners refuse to accept the new capitol from the John Gill
9. (Continuation Sheet #4)

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Construction Company.

April 9, 1919, p. 1, col. 3. House of Representatives appropriates $25,000 for improving the State Capitol Park.

June 6, 1919, p. 1, col. 6. Tracy and Swarthout, architects of new Capitol, sue State Auditor to make him pay the $500 for designing of the rostrums.


G. Official Souvenir Program, Missouri State Capitol Dedication, Jefferson City, Missouri, October 6, 1924.

H. University Missourian, April 18, 1910, p. 2, col. 3. New building advocated by country newspapers.

  Sept. 17, 1916, p. 3, col. 2. Statue of Ceres to be placed atop Missouri's new Capitol.

  Jan. 22, 1917, p. 3, col. 1. Elliot W. Major signs his message to the 49th General Assembly, this being first official act in the new Capitol and his last official act as governor.
9. (Continuation Sheet #5)

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June 28, 1917. State Capitol Commission sets limit for Capitol furnishings at $200,000.

Feb. 10, 1919, p. 4, col. 3. Data concerning cost, etc., of new State Capitol.

May 9, 1921, p. 1, col. 6. Painting on third floor of Academic Hall moved to Capitol Building.


Oct. 6, 1924, p. 5, col. 4. Sketches of the eleven capitol buildings which have been occupied by the state since its founding.

Note: All sources listed in this bibliography can be found at the State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.
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U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle Jefferson City

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Looking northwest. View includes Corinthian columns and ceiling of colonnade on southwest side of Capitol. Note Missouri State Seal on ceiling.
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- **DESCRIPTION:** Looking northeast. Bronze entry doors, thirteen by eighteen feet, on southwest facade of building.
EXTRA
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