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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Marion	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Gardner House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 421 Hamilton and Main Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Palmyra			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Missouri	63461	Marion	127

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Vacant

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: City of Palmyra			
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Palmyra	Missouri	63461	29

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:			
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Marion County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Palmyra	Missouri	63461	29

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Historical Society of Missouri			
STREET AND NUMBER: Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Columbia	Missouri	65201	29

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gardner House in Palmyra, Missouri, is a domestic structure exhibiting the tendency in Missouri to combine the central hall symmetrical plan and general format of a Federal style home with the details characteristic of the Greek Revival style. Constructed of gray painted brick, it has a two-story "L" shaped plan, a common ridge roof and two unusual three-step gables. The house was built in approximately 1828 and faces west onto Main Street.

EXTERIOR

The west facade of the house is six bays wide, but is treated as a typical five bay structure. The entrance is situated at the first floor level to the north of center and is flanked by five evenly spaced double-hung windows which have nine over six light sash. Two windows are placed to the left of the door and three to the right. The second floor is characterized by six identical windows placed directly over the first floor openings. The facade ends in a simple molding of small brick dentils.

The gable walls have two nine over six light double-hung sash windows at the first floor level located just to the left and right of center. This fenestration is repeated at the second story level. Each wall ends in a three-step gable with a central chimney included within and flush with the exterior walls. Each chimney is topped by a round metal flue.

The east, back wall of the building is characterized by a single door and window at each level, thus indicating the possible existence of an original double gallery. The molding of dentils is repeated.

The ell of the Gardner house is a later addition, but the actual date of its construction is unknown. It is broken into two sections and, like the main part of the house, is constructed of brick with two simple ridge roofs. The rooflines, however, are lower than those of the main building, the gables are not stepped, the cornice is omitted and the double-hung windows have only six over six light sash.

The windows are all framed with wood painted white. The main entrance has a simply panelled door topped by a rectangular six light transom and flanked by narrow side-lights. The door jambs, which form mullions between the door and each side-light are treated somewhat as pilasters and extend through the transom bar

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)      c. 1828

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Gardner House, constructed in approximately 1828 in Marion County, Palmyra, Missouri, is significant as a tavern located on a north-south stage coach route between St. Louis, Missouri and east Iowan towns. ~~(The significance of the house is further enhanced by its generation of public interest in historic preservation in the Marion county vicinity.)~~ *This sentence deleted from original Prussia A. Evans 16 Dec. 708*

The role of taverns in the history of Missouri has evoked a generalization that ". . . the Missouri tavern was the center of public affairs during those pioneer decades. In no other state does it appear, from somewhat cursory inquiry, that the tavern has played such [an] important part." (Walter B. Stevens, Centennial History of Missouri, I, 1921, p. 114.) The first state legislature met in a tavern; the first constitution of Missouri was drafted in a tavern.

Located a few blocks from the Federal Land Office, established in 1825, the Gardner House of 1828 was an apt center of public affairs. Samuel Morton utilized the building as a tavern and a place of public entertainment for at least two years (1828 and 1829). However, it is very possible Morton maintained the tavern until 1847, at which time he sold the building to a John A. Devericks (Devereaux).

It is not until the early 1870's that one again finds documentation of the Gardner House functioning as a place of public entertainment. At this time, a native Prussian, by the name of Gartner, managed the tavern.<sup>2</sup> (R. I. Holcombe, History of Marion County, 1884, p. 860.) It is from this proprietor the building receives its name.

The building's useage during the interim period of 1847 and the early 1870's is vague. There are evidences of the building being used as a domestic residence, a hotel, and an elementary school. The Devericks Family (later becoming the Devereaux Family) occupied the building as their residence. On the south wall of the Gardner House faint wording appears through paint labelling the building the "Devereaux Hotel."

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Priscilla A. Evans, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Missouri State Park Board DATE: August 24, '70  
State Historical Survey and Planning Office

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

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson City STATE: Missouri 65101 CODE: 29

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
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Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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GARDNER HOUSE

to the lintel. The entire doorway is surrounded by an undecorated frame capped with a simple cornice. All the trim is painted white.

INTERIOR

The first floor is divided at the entrance by a stair hall with a single room to each side. Behind the smaller left-hand room are two more rooms occupying the ell space. A cherry, dog-leg stair in the hall leads to a second story hall which also has a single room to either side. The second story ell area contains only one room with a floor level lower than that of the two front rooms. Each of the four rooms in the main sections of the house has a fireplace at its gable end wall. These are all closed now, but the original mantelpieces still remain.

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Several local citizens remember their parents' talk of attending elementary school at the Gardner House and claim the building to be the site of the first primary grade school in Palmyra. (Mrs. Mary Baynard White, Palmyra resident, interviewed by Priscilla A. Evans and H. Roger Grant, staff members, Missouri State Historical Survey and Planning Office, July 21, 1970.)

The Lauck Family purchased the title in 1889. The Gardner House remained in their possession as a residence until the late 1940's. After that time, the building served as a furniture warehouse until the late 1960's.

The structure is now owned by the City of Palmyra. It was to be demolished in 1970 to make room for a medical center. It is at this point the building assumes additional importance in that Marion countians spoke out for the preservation of the Gardner House. This united effort has led to a concentrated effort and viable organization to regenerate not only the Gardner House but may other Palmyra buildings.

Upon fruition of plans for an adaptive use, the building's significance will be further expanded. With restoration complete, the building will house the town's library. An upstairs lounge will be a community meeting room and a place for farmers' wives to relax while waiting for their husbands to complete business in this rural community.

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Rogers, T.M. Atlas Map of Marion County, Missouri. Quincy, Illinois: 1875.

Stevens, Walter B. Centennial History of Missouri. Vol I. St. Louis: The S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1921.

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Tuesday, Mrs. Mary Baynard White, Palmyra resident, interviewed by Priscilla A. Evans and H. Roger Grant, staff members, July 21, 1970. On file at the Missouri State Park Board, P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

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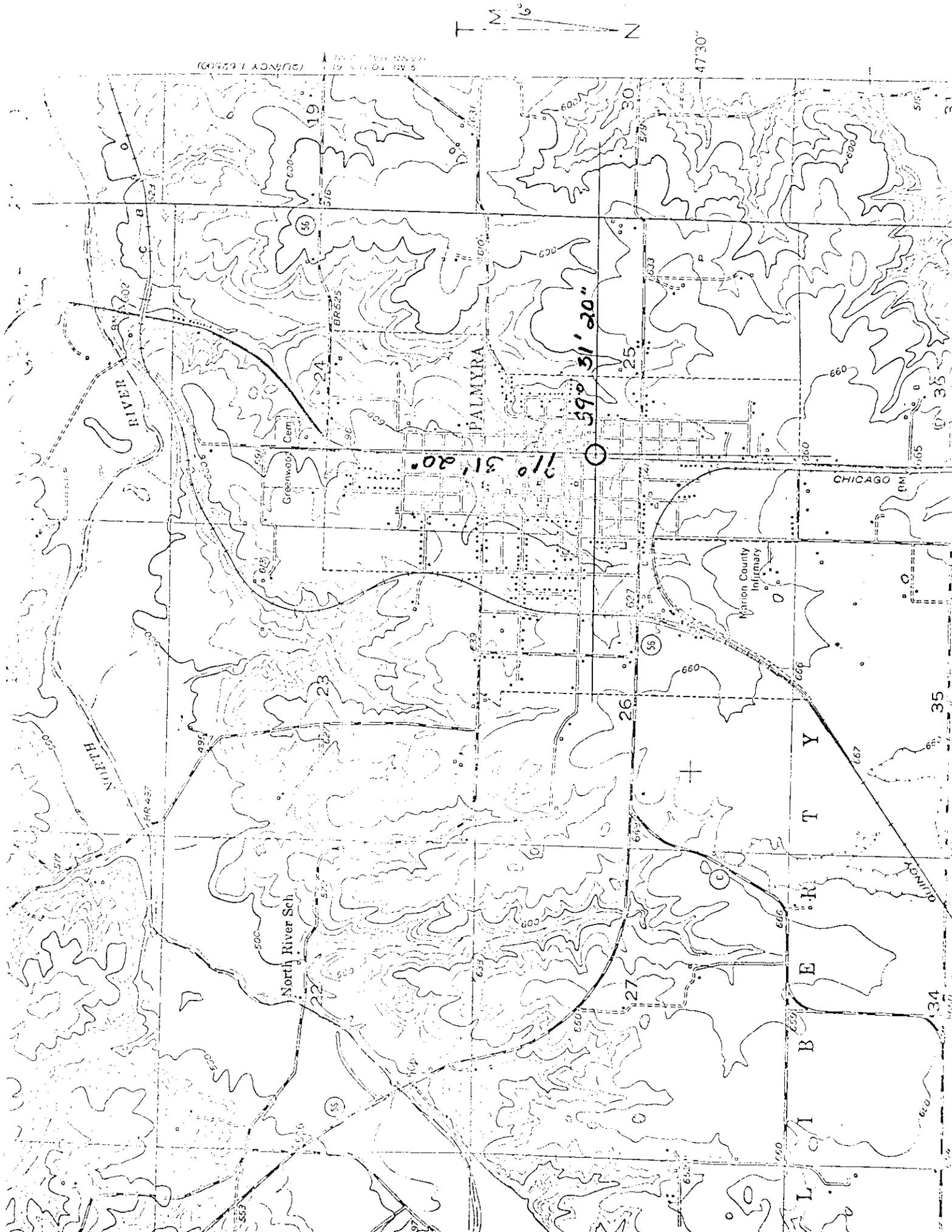
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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COMMON:	Gardiner House		
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 421 South Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Palmyra			
STATE:	Missouri	CODE	COUNTY:
		29	Marion
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle Palmyra, Missouri			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1950			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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GARDNER HOUSE

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LOCATION: 421 Hamilton & Main streets, Palmyra, Mo.  
OWNER: Heritage Seekers of Palmyra  
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DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: 12-12-70  
DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY: 01-20-71  
DATE SENT TO D.C.: 01-20-71  
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: 01-25-71  
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: 03-04-71  
DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE  
(AND PRESENTOR): 11-15-76  
Orval L. Henderson, Jr.  
DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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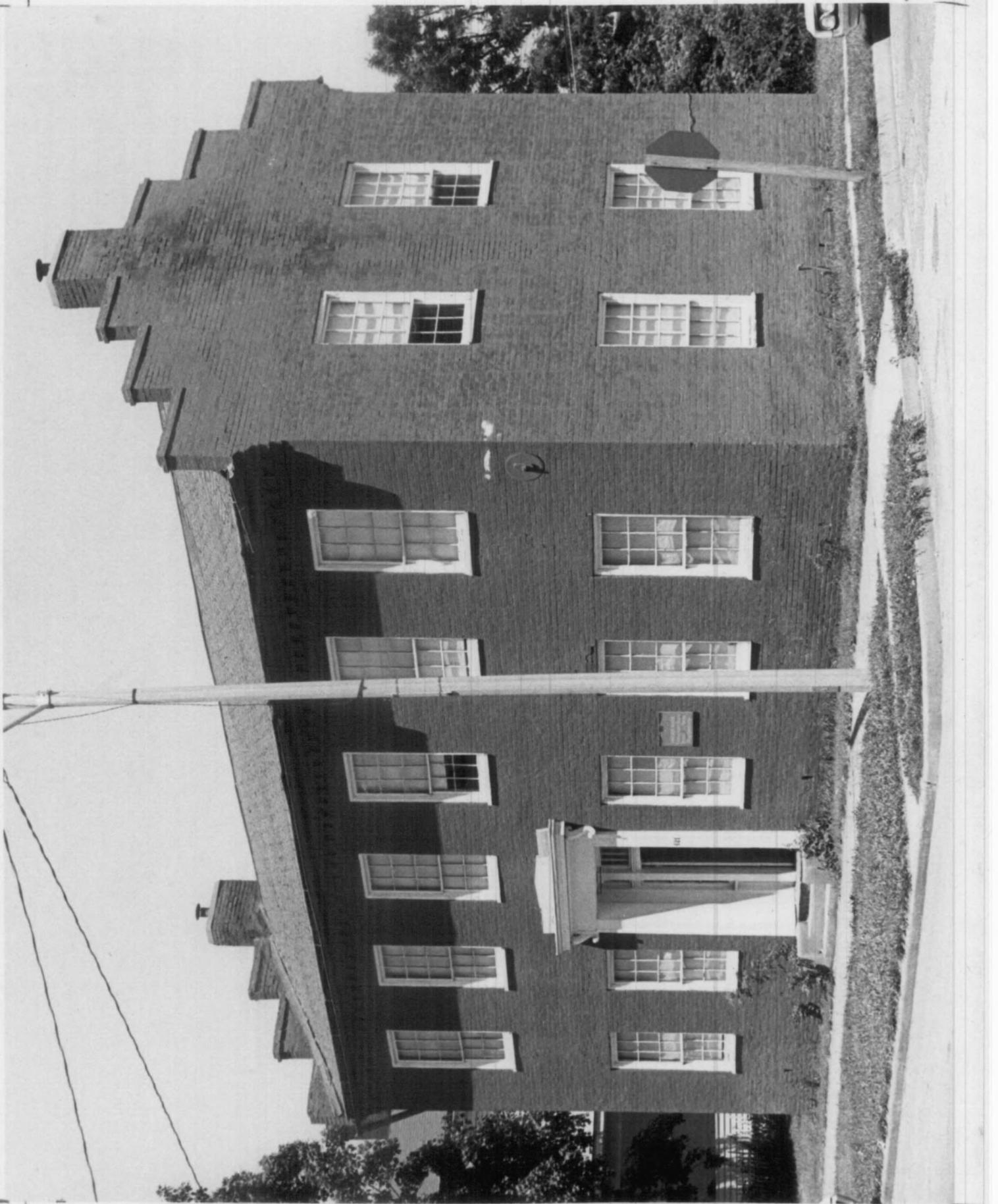
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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DATE OF PHOTO: July 21, 1970  
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Missouri State Park Board P.O. Box 176  
1204 Jefferson Building Jefferson City, Missouri

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
The west front facade and south side of the Gardner House;  
View from the southwest looking northeast.



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The south side, east rear facade and ell of the Gardner House; view from the southeast facing northwest.

