

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri
COUNTY: St. Louis City
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
St Louis Air Force Station

AND/OR HISTORIC: St Louis Arsenal, St Louis Depot, St Louis Barracks,
St Louis Clothing Depot, St Louis Medical Depot

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Second and Arsenal Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
St Louis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
3 - Ms. Lenor K. Sullivan

STATE:
Missouri

CODE
29

COUNTY:
St Louis City

CODE
510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" 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)
Comments: _____ _____ _____			

4. AGENCY

Headquarters, United States Air Force

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE
001

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
St Louis City Recorder of Deeds, City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
12th & Market Sts

CITY OR TOWN:
St Louis

STATE:
Missouri

CODE
29

6. REFERENCE IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Missouri

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hitt and Lowry Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
Missouri

CODE
65201

CODE
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The area herein described as a district originally encompassed approximately 37 acres of land which extended between Carondelet Ave (now Broadway Street), and the Mississippi River. In February 1853, a right of way was granted to the St Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Co across the property totaling approximately two acres. In July 1870, approximately seven acres of land fronting on Broadway Street and being bound on the South by Utah Street, and on the North by Arsenal Street, was granted to the City of St Louis for erection of a monument in memory of Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon. The dedication was completed by the Secretary of War in 1874. By permit, January 1882, the Corps of Engineers was granted use of approximately six acres of ground lying between the railroad track, mentioned above, and the river, in connection with river improvement work.

The present reservation, minus above transactions, is the area now being offered for consideration, which constitutes approximately twenty-two acres. Within the confines of this acreage are ten buildings with erection dates from 1830 to 1906. These buildings are of Federal architecture, and are arranged in such a manner that gives an excellent example of the building practices and a remnant layout of a major arsenal of the early 19th Century.

Of particular interest are buildings #4 and #5, which are two of the oldest and best preserved buildings on base. Both are constructed of limestone walls over stone foundations, and their site and architectural integrity has not been altered since they were built in the 1830's. These buildings are built in the Federal style of architecture, which characterizes the majority of the other buildings except buildings 20 and 22 which are of modified Federal architecture. A further exception to this style is evident in building #25, which was constructed in 1906, and is believed to be of modified French Colonial architecture. It should also be noted that building #1 has lost its architectural integrity through extensive modification, but it was of modified Federal architecture before remodeling.

Site alterations have occurred to buildings #12 and #18. Each were originally built as three separate buildings in the form of a "Cross", but during the early 1920's, the middle building was removed, rebuilt, and connected in a straight line with the other two buildings. The integrity of the end sections of each building was maintained. Also, building #1 had considerable architectural alteration in January 1963. The building originally had three floors, but the second and third floors were removed, and the first floor was rebuilt. Site integrity was preserved.

The buildings involved in this district are as follows:

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7. DESCRIPTION (Con't)

<u>BLDG NO</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION DT</u>	<u>CATEGORY CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT USE</u>
1	1856	740-735	Restaurant Fac
2	1834	442-758	Warehouse Fac
4	1830	610-249	Hq Admin Fac
5	1834	610-249	Hq Admin Fac
7	1834	219-944	BE Maint Shp
12	1834	610-711	Data Process Fac
18	1834	610-127	BSE Engr Admin
20	1856	219-946	BCE Storage Fac
22	1856	610-125	Admin Off Fac
25	1906	610-125	Admin Off Fac

Collectively, these buildings show construction and engineering techniques of military fortifications during the first half of the 19th Century. This is further enhanced when it is identified with one of the major conflicts in American history - the Civil War. Also, from establishments such as these our political and social environment and ideology was expanded westward across the American continent.

Individually, these buildings are primarily important for the particular function for which they were built. It is believed building #5 was originally built as an armory, but later modified into a guard house. Its appearance has been relatively unaltered for a century. Iron bars are still in place over the windows, and the entrance door is of plank-like construction fitted with a latch and clasp device instead of a doorknob. Slit type fortress windows are still intact along the north wall. Inside, portions of the cell bars that divided the cell area from the reception room are still intact. Only the cell door appears to have been removed for ease of passage between the two areas.

Building #4, which is immediately adjacent to Building #5, is thought to have been the original headquarters building for the Arsenal. However, later research has formed the theory that this building, along with Building #5, was a part of a larger armory building which probably was never built.

Buildings #2 and #7 are also of individual interest and curiosity. Because of their structure and relative position in the arsenal district, it is believed their original use was for gun carriage housing and repair. The large door openings in these buildings, particularly building #2, gives further evidence to this type of usage.

The site integrity of all the buildings listed above has been

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maintained, except where noted. Site plans dating back to 1833 have been checked to verify this accuracy. Architecturally, little has been done to change the facade of the buildings, and interior modifications have been made only to keep them functional for current day use.

It should also be noted there is on the parade grounds of this site a very fine sundial, made and emplaced in 1859. This dial is probably one of the few remaining examples of this type of art. An article was written about this sundial entitled "Sundials", by Terry B. Morton, and was published in the Historic Preservation magazine in 1961, Vol 13, Issue No 1, Pgs 30-34.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1830 to 1906

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The installation of an arsenal in this area probably was first conceived by the US War Department about 1809, shortly after the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. Land for this purpose was acquired in 1827, and shortly thereafter construction of buildings began. The arsenal grew in importance over the next 30 years, and reached its peak in the 1860's during the Civil War when it became a principal supplier of ordnance to Federal troops in the Mississippi Valley theater. In 1871 when the ordnance function of the Arsenal was transferred to Jefferson Barracks Army Post, the functional aspects of the area diminished, but its historical significance, and the influence it exerted upon the opening of the Western frontier remained.

Its importance as a significant military installation in the Mississippi Valley during the Civil War, and the ordnance function it maintained to supply such historic events as the Black Hawk War and the Mexican War during the early half of the 19th Century is considered to be the Arsenal's greatest point of significance. Secondary to this only would be the preservation of military fortification engineering techniques, and the Federal style of architecture, which is still intact on the base.

In conjunction with its role as a major ordnance depot, several important personages of the time were identified with the Arsenal -- those being Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, Nathaniel Lyon, William Beaumont, John C. Fremont, and Francis P. Blair.

With regard to the above, in conjunction with EO 11593, it appears that the area is of considerable historical value, both regionally and nationally.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR HISTORICAL REFERENCES

Reasoner, Mathew A, Col, Med Corps, U.S. Army, The Old St Louis Arsenal Which is Now the St Louis Medical Depot, a historical analysis, April 1934.

McDermott, John Francis, "St. Louis as Military Headquarters", Missouri Historical Society Bulletin - Vol XXIII, No 2, January 1967, Pgs 114-116

Morton, Perry B, "Sundials", Historic Preservation magazine - Vol 13, Issue No 1, 1961, Pgs 30-34

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	90° 12' 32.5"	38° 35' 24"				
SW	90° 12' 41"	38° 35' 32"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 22

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Director of**
DARRELL G. BITTLE, Major, USAF Facilities Engr DATE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS:
Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center

STREET AND NUMBER: PHONE:
2nd & Arsenal Sts **314-268-4476**

CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE
St Louis **Missouri** **29**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Federal Representative Signature _____
Date

Title

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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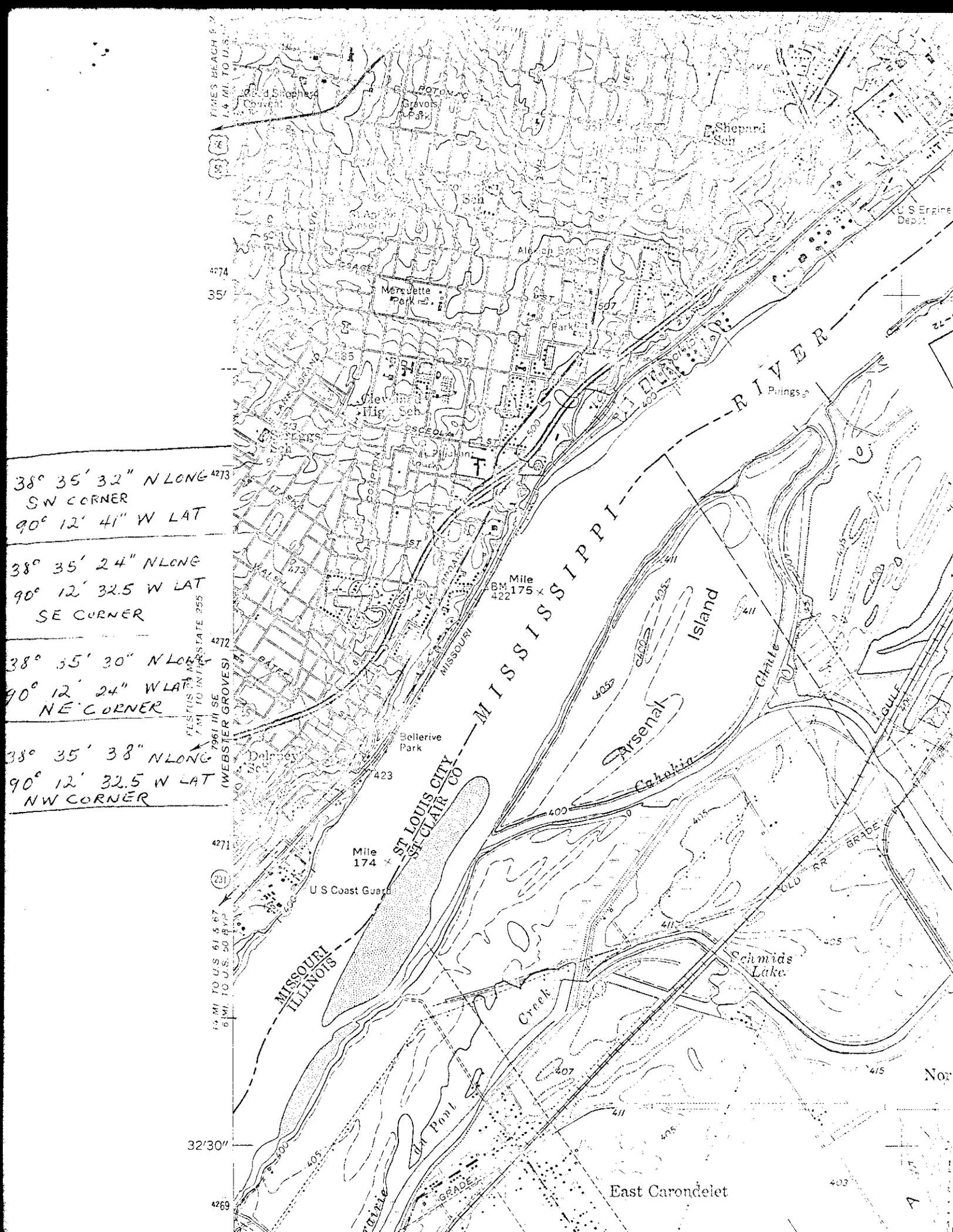
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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AND/OR HISTORIC: St. Louis Arsenal			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Second & Arsenal Streets			
CITY OR TOWN:			
St. Louis			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Missouri	29	St. Louis City	510
SOURCE REFERENCE			
SOURCE: US Department of Interior Geological Survey			
7.5 Minute Series Cahokia Quadrangle, Illinois-Missouri			
SCALE: 1:25,000			
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REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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7.1 MI. TO INTERSTATE 265
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ILLINOIS

ST. LOUIS CITY CO.
ST. CLAIR CO.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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U.S. Coast Guard

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Meredette Park

Cleveland Sch.

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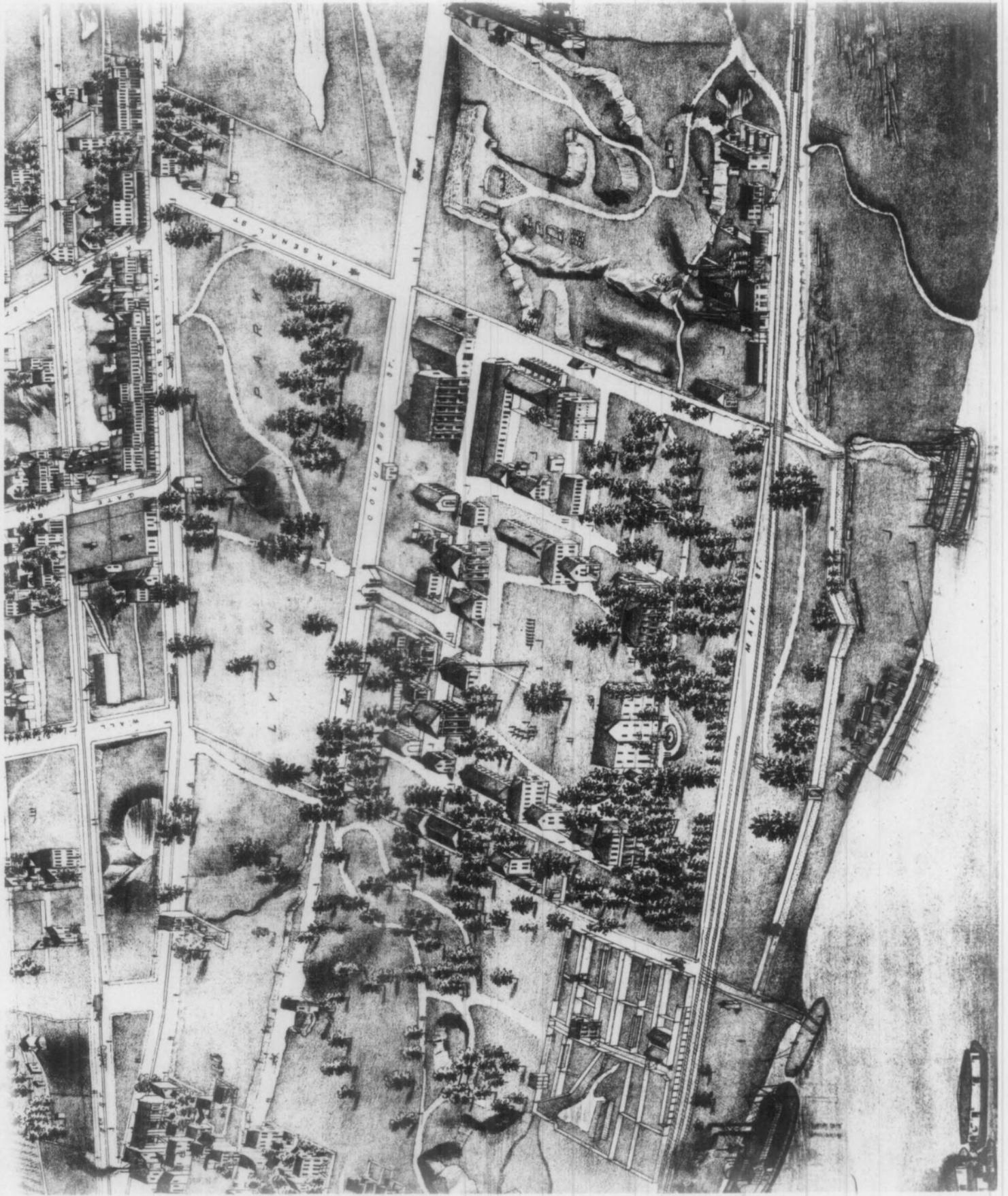
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Graphic Design Div. St. Louis AFS	1874	St. Louis AFS, Mo.
4. IDENTIFICATION		

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Aerial view etching

View direction West

Date of copy enclosed April 1973.



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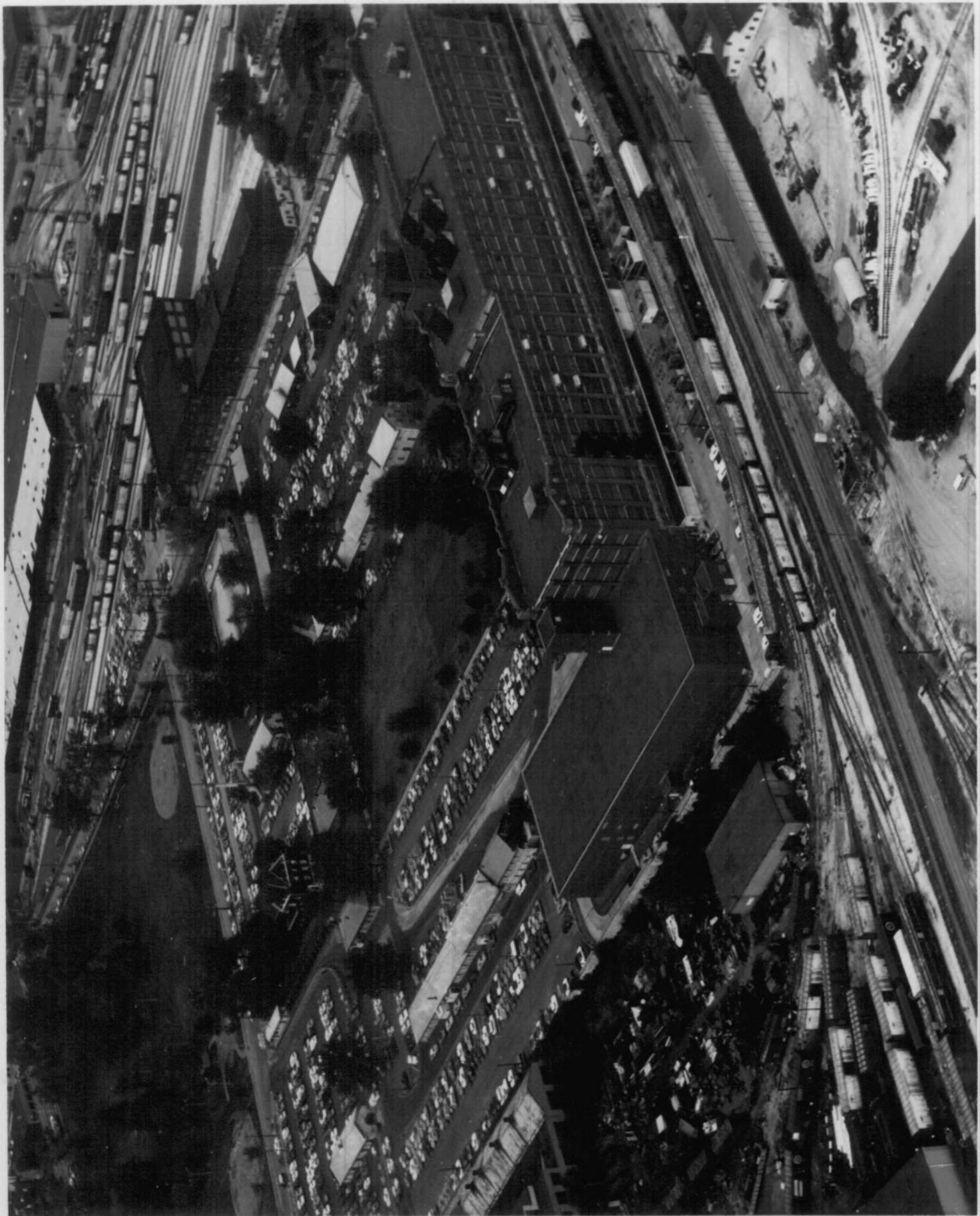
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Graphic Design Div. St. Louis AFS	1972	St. Louis AFS, Mo.

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Aerial view of installation

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Graphic Design Div. St. Louis AFS	6 May 1973	St. Louis AFS, Mo.

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Left to right, Buildings No. 2 and No. 1

View direction NW

Buildings, left to right 2 and 1

Construction date:

Bldg 2 - 1834

Bldg 1 - 1856

Present Use:

Bldg 2 - Warehouse Gov

Bldg 1 - Restaurant Gov

Presumed orig use:

Bldg 2 - Cannon Shed

Bldg 1 - Barracks Building

Date of photo

6 May 73

Direction

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Left to right, Buildings No. 5, No. 25, No. 4 and No. 2

View direction NW

From left to right: Bldgs 5, 25, 4 and 2

Construction date:

Bldg 5- 1834
Bldg 25- 1906
Bldg 4- 1830
Bldg 2- 1834

Present Use:

Bldg 5- Nz Admin Fac
Bldg 25- Admin Off Fac
Bldg 4- Nz Admin Fac
Bldg 2- Storehouse Fac

Presumed Orig Use:

Bldg 5- Armory / Guard House
Bldg 25- Quarters for Commanding Officer
Bldg 4- Original Headquarters Bldg
Bldg 2- Common Shed

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Building No. 18

View direction North

Building 18

Construction date: 1834

Present Use: Base Engrs Admin

Presumed original use: Timbers shed and laboratory/Shop Bldg

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Left to right, Buildings No. 2, No. 22, No. 16, No. 20, No. 37 and No. 18

View direction NE

In this photograph, disregard Buildings No. 16 and No. 37

Buildings left to right 2, 22, 16, 20, 37 and 18.
In this photograph, diagonal Bldgs 2, 16, 37 and 18.

Construction dates: Bldg 22 - 1856
Bldg 20 - 1856

Present Use: Bldg 22 - Admin Off Fac
Bldg 20 - BCE Storage Fac

Presumed Orig Use: Bldg 22 - Stable
Bldg 20 - Original post stable

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Building No. 12, foreground

View direction NE



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Left to right, Buildings No. 12, No. 7, and No. 5
View direction SW

Buildings, left to right: 12, 7 and 5
In the photograph disregard buildings 12 and 5

Construction date: 1834

Present Use: Base Engrs Maint Shop

Presumed Orig Use: Magazine for prearranged Cannon Shed

Date of photo: 6 May 73
direction SW

