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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Barrett, Randolph Columbus, House
AND/OR COMMON Barrett, R. C., House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 209 Plum Street
CITY, TOWN Doniphan VICINITY OF #10 - Hon. Bill Burlison
STATE Missouri 63935 CODE 29 COUNTY Ripley CODE 181

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Randolph and Elizabeth A. Maness
STREET & NUMBER 209 Plum Street
CITY, TOWN Doniphan STATE Missouri 63935

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of Recorder of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER Ripley County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN Doniphan STATE Missouri 63935

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE 1. Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue
DATE 1963
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historical Society of Missouri
CITY, TOWN Columbia STATE Missouri 65201

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The R. C. Barrett House, 209 Plum Street, Doniphan, Missouri, is a "T"-plan, two-story, wood-frame residence facing south toward the central business district three blocks away. It was built in 1881 by Marcus Moler, a local carpenter, with materials from area sawmills.¹

The design is a late nineteenth century, Missouri variant of the classic revival style in a symmetrical, 3-bay format featuring a two-story front portico with rail at both levels, bracketed cornice and coupled posts, a semi-octagonal bay with bracketed cornice on the east gable end wall, and a two-story side gallery with stairway on the east side of the rear wing.

The clapboard siding and trim are presently painted white and gray.

The two, front block chimneys are offset right and left. A third chimney straddles the ridge of the rear "T" roof. The gable roof presently has asbestos roofing.

Decorative, wooden scrollwork ornaments each of the four gables.

The front block has two rooms flanking a central stairhall on both first and second floors. The rear wing has three rooms and an east and west porch on the first floor and four rooms plus a central hall and a porch on the second floor. Major interior features include the pine and oak stairway and the east parlor bay window.

There is an original cellar under the southwest portion of the house. It is entered through a trap door on the rear porch. The cellar has a seven foot high ceiling (below the floor joists) and has a dirt floor and walls. The walls were plastered over but this has crumbled in several areas.

The front block was occupied in December, 1881.² The rear wing was added in the 1890's or ca. 1895.³ Alterations include installing upstairs and downstairs bathrooms, screening the east porch, adding a stairway on the east porch, lowering the downstairs ceilings (except the central hall) to ten feet, and cutting off area in some rooms for closets. An early, wood, picket fence surrounding the yard has been removed.

The house occupies an 83' x 100' lot on the northwest corner of the intersection of Plum and Walnut streets. Neighboring residences are newer and heterogeneous in character, including house trailers.

The house is presently undergoing refurbishment by new owners who are aware of its historic/architectural value. The structure is in good condition.

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	
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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1881, ca. 1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Randolph Columbus Barrett House, Doniphan, Missouri, is significant within south-central Missouri, as one of the oldest surviving houses in the area. Built by a local lumber merchant,¹ the design of this wood-frame and wood trimmed house was a showplace displaying uncommon architectural detailing and workmanship within its locale. The basic character and exterior appearance of the house remain essentially unaltered.

Doniphan, Missouri, founded in 1860 is the county seat of Ripley County and was the terminal of a branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway. During the Civil War the town suffered widespread destruction accounting for the absence of early buildings there dating from the 1860s period and previously.

Randolph Columbus Barrett, the original owner-builder, purchased the lot for his house in 1881. That same year he built the two-story south front section into which he brought his bride, Pauline Borth Barrett, on December 11, 1881.²

At the time of his marriage Barrett had recently become the junior partner with his brother-in-law, Herman Borth, in Borth, Barrett and Company,³ at Doniphan. The business was a general store and lumber company.

Active in local Democratic politics, Barrett six times served as county treasurer in 1884-1886, 1918, 1920, 1924 and 1928. He had resigned this position because of ill health in the fall of 1930 and his daughter, Mrs. Clara B. Chapman, was elected to fill out the unexpired term,⁴ becoming the first woman ever elected to a major county office in the area. The house was the scene of innumerable political gatherings over the years.

Barrett was in the lumber business during the heyday of Doniphan's boom period as a major timber producing area known as the "lumber capital of the nation." The company was sold to pay business indebtedness on November, 1896.⁵

The Barretts lived in the house their entire married life, nearly fifty years, and after Barrett's death in March, 1931, his widow and Mrs. Chapman continued to occupy the family home. Mrs. Barrett died in 1951, having resided at the place for 70 years. Mrs. Chapman, the last surviving child of the Barretts, lived there until her death in 1969. The home then was owned briefly by Thomas W. Doherty and Helen D. Watson, until July 10, 1969, and by Raymond and Martha McCrae until December 27, 1973.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Sept. 20, 1951. Mrs. Barrett interviewed.
2. Deed Records, Ripley County, Mo., Book 11, p. 211.
3. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect-News, Dec. 14, 1881.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	6,9,4	6,2,5	4,0	5,4	8,7,5	B					
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C							D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Randolph Maness

ORGANIZATION

Ripley County Historical Society

DATE

October, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

209 Plum Street

TELEPHONE

314/996-3814

CITY OR TOWN

Doniphan

STATE

Missouri 63935

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

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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

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey state
1972-1976
Office of Historic Preservation
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Office of Historic Preservation
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FOOTNOTES

1. State Historical Society of Missouri, Historic Sites Files, ref. Ripley County, h 2.
2. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect News, Dec. 14, 1881; and Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Sept. 20, 1951, p. 8A.
3. The design and general character of the rear wing indicate ca. 1895 as the date for the rear addition. The abstract indicates that on July 9, 1895 the Barretts mortgaged the property for \$800.00 which could suggest financing for an addition. They had three living children by 1895 and a fourth born in mid-1896 indicating a need for increased space at that time. Information on the family history was compiled at the Doniphan City cemetery where all the family members are buried.

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The present owners, Randolph and Elizabeth Maness, are dedicated to preserving the house and restoring its late nineteenth century appearance. Mr. Maness is an attorney.

Local tradition names a "Marcus Moler" as the contractor who built the house. Information on Moler and other projects by him is lacking.

FOOTNOTES

1. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect-News, December 14, 1881; and Missouri State Gazetteer and Business Directory, St. Louis, Missouri: R. L. Polk and Co., 1883 and years following.
2. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect-News, December 14, 1881; and December 18, 1901.
3. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect-News, December 14, 1881.
4. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect-News, March 5, 1931.
5. Deed Records, Ripley County, Mo., Book 11, p. 211.

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4. The Doniphan [Mo.] Prospect News, March 5, 1931. Mr. Barrett's obituary.
5. Missouri State Gazeteer and Business Directory. St. Louis, Missouri: R. L. Polk and Company, 1883 and years following.

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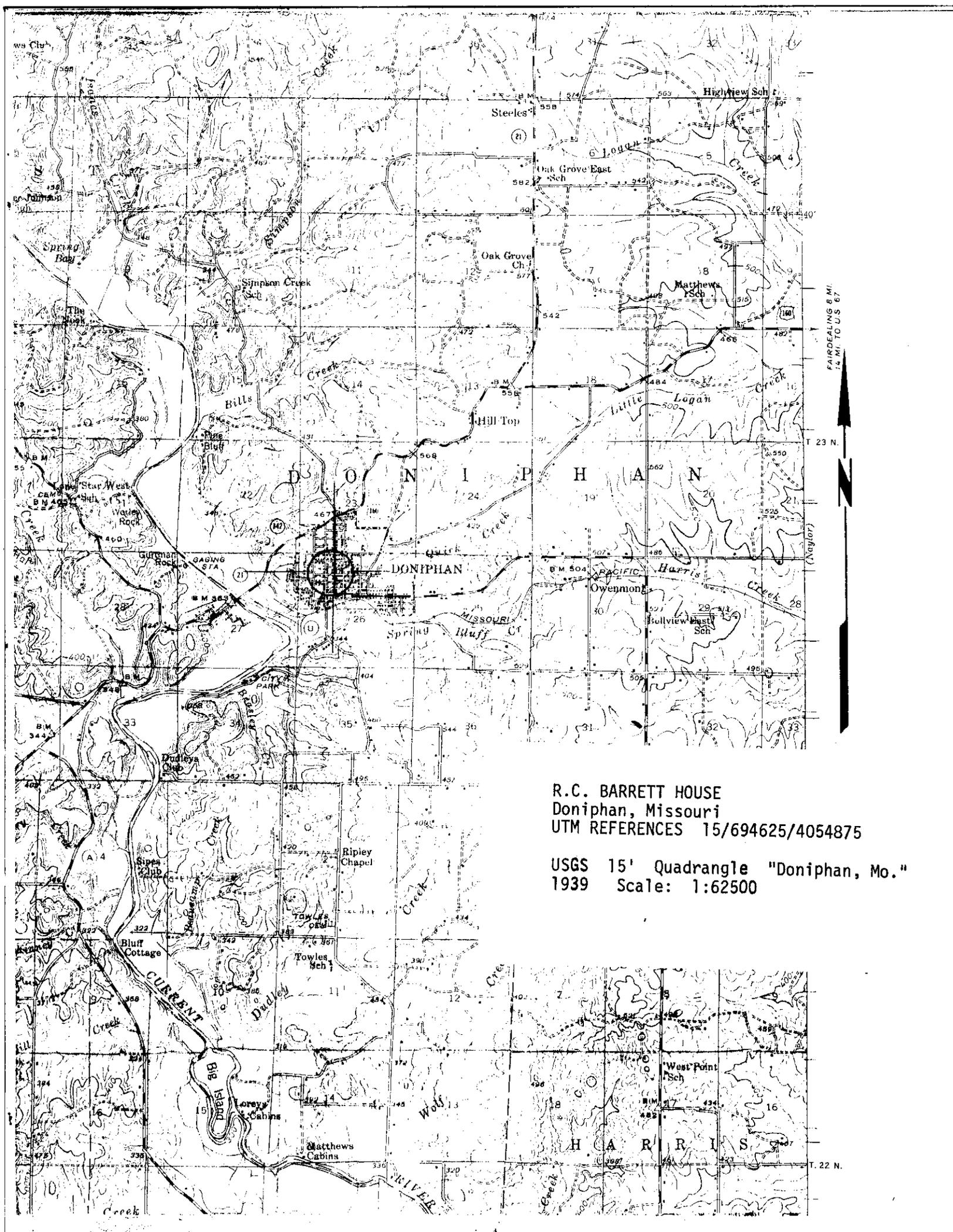
SOURCE United States Geological Survey "Doniphan, Mo." Quadrangle

SCALE 1:62500 DATE 1939

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



R.C. BARRETT HOUSE
 Doniphan, Missouri
 UTM REFERENCES 15/694625/4054875

USGS 15' Quadrangle "Doniphan, Mo."
 1939 Scale: 1:62500

BARRETT, RANDOLPH COLUMBUS, HOUSE

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LOCATION:	209 Plum Street, Doniphan, Mo. 63935
OWNER: ADDRESS:	Randolph and Elizabeth Maness 209 Plum Street, Doniphan, Mo. 63935
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	03-05-76
DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY:	04-23-76
DATE SENT TO D.C.:	05-06-76
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	05-10-76
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Front elevation from the south, looking north.

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From the southeast looking northwest.

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From the northwest looking southeast. Rear wing.

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Interior view of the parlor.

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