UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC
Aubuchon, Baptiste G., House

AND/OR COMMON
Aubuchon, Baptiste G., House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
450 rue St. Jacques

CITY TOWN
Florissant

STATE
Missouri 63031

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
#9 - Hon. William L. Hungate

STATE CODE
29

COUNTY CODE
189

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. & Mrs. David W. Baum

STREET & NUMBER
450 rue St. Jacques

CITY TOWN
Florissant

STATE
Missouri 63031

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of the Recorder of Deeds
St. Louis County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
7900 Forsyth

CITY TOWN
Clayton

STATE
Missouri 63105

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
1. 100 Historic Buildings in St. Louis County

DATE
1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Historic Buildings Commission
St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY, TOWN
Clayton

STATE
Missouri 63105
The Baptiste G. Aubuchon House, 450 rue St. Jacques, Florissant, Missouri, is a rectangular-plan, two-story, five-bay, six-room (not including halls, bath, and basement) residence in a typical, Missouri, Classically derived style. An enclosed one-story, two-room porch is attached to the rear (southeast) facade of the main (northwest) portion of the house.

EXTERIOR

OVER-ALL DIMENSIONS
The main portion of the house measures approximately 40' by 20'; the enclosed porch is 9' x 40'.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND COLORS
Basic construction materials are brick and stone: handmade soft red brick (laid in common bond) for the walls and stone for the foundations. The rear (southeast) porch is of wood-frame construction. Brick and wood are used for the cornice and lintels and lugsills respectively. Asphalt shingles cover the roofs.

OPENINGS
Windows. Six-over-six light, double-hung sash windows occur one per bay on the northwest and southeast facades of the main portion; there are no windows on the gable ends. Each is trimmed by a wood lintel and lugsill. The four porch windows are also six-over-six light, double-hung sash; they, however, lack the lintel and lugsill trim.

Two basement windows are on the southwest facade of the main portion. Vousoirs (brick stretchers) ornament the segmental-arched openings.

Doorways. Two entrances provide access to the Aubuchon House. The main (northwest) entrance is centered in the middle (or third) bay of the primary (northwest) facade of the main portion on the first story. It is filled by a single-leaf, six-panel, wood door flanked by three-light sidelights and topped by a four-light transom. A lintel trims the upper edge of the doorway opening. Protecting the entrance is a three-bay, one-story porch. Four Doric columns support its hip roof; a pedimented gable ornaments the roof above the center bay. The porch rests on a cement base.

A second doorway, which provides access to the rear (southeast) porch, is also centered in the middle bay and filled by a single-leaf door. It is located on the southeast facade.

ROOFS
Medium-pitched gable and shed roofs cover the main (northwest) portion and the rear porch respectively. Three lightning rods are evenly positioned along the center ridge of the gable roof.

CHIMNEYS
Two, single-stack, brick chimneys service the Aubuchon House. Positioned one to each end (northeast and southwest) facades of the main portion, they are flush with the wall surface, straddling the roof ridge.
The Baptiste G. Aubuchon House, 450 rue St. Jacques, Florissant, Missouri, is significant as an unusual example in its locale of a typical, Missouri, two-story, Classically derived-style, residential structure. It is perhaps one of the earliest houses in Florissant, being constructed in ca. 1842. The house remains essentially unaltered.

The Aubuchon House is located on the southwest quarter of Block 35, once a part of the original Florissant Commons. These Commons were disposed of under the charter granted by the city of St. Ferdinand [Florissant] in 1857. The first recorded deed transfer to this property was to Baptiste G. Aubuchon in November, 1856. As these early dates appear contradictory, it should be noted that some plots were occupied previous to the Commons' dispersal.

Chronology of ownership

A chronology of ownership includes:

1. ?
2. Baptiste G. Aubuchon --- November, 1856
3. Maria Mottin (nee Aubuchon) --- February, 1869
4. Henry and Cora Goldbeck --- October 8, 1908
5. Hardesty Developments Inc. --- May, 1947
6. Mr. Rogers --- February, 1948
7. Mr. Davinroy --- May, 1948
8. Robert Hoorman --- 1959
9. Mr. and Mrs. David W. Baum --- July 7, 1971.

Only minimal historical data is available about the above owners. Baptiste G. [Gabriel] Aubuchon, brother of Florissant's first mayor (Gregory Aubuchon), was married to Celeste Courtois on April 26, 1825. Two children, Henry A. and Maria A., were born to them. Professionally, Aubuchon was a prominent early Florissant Valley farmer/landowner. Henry Goldbeck was the son of prominent Florissant business people, Gerhardt and Mary Ann Goldbeck.

The survey of Missouri's historic sites is based on the selection of sites as they relate to theme studies in Missouri history as outlined in "Missouri's State Historic Preservation Plan." The Baptiste G. Aubuchon House is, therefore, being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an example of the theme of "Architecture."
**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. Data excerpted from a draft National Register Inventory-Nomination Form prepared by Florissant City Survey (a sub-survey of the Office of Historic Preservation).

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

1. Nancy B. Breme, Research Associate

**ORGANIZATION**: Department of Natural Resources
**OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**STREET & NUMBER**: P.O. Box 176

**CITY OR TOWN**: Jefferson City
**STATE**: Missouri
**PHONE**: 314-751-4096

**DATE**: November 3, 1975

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:**

- NATIONAL __
- STATE X
- 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.

**TITLE**: Director, Department of Natural Resources, and State Historic Preservation Officer

**DATE**: November 3, 1975
2. Florissant City Survey
   1974
   City Hall
   955 rue St. Francois
   Florissant, Missouri 63031

3. Missouri State Historical Survey
   1975
   Department of Natural Resources
   P.O. Box 176
   Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Decorative features
Decorative details include lintels and lugsills (already mentioned) and cornices. Dentil-embellished cornices trim the northwest and southeast facades of the main portion; the end-facade projecting verges are plain.

INTERIOR

Basement
The half basement under the main (northwest) portion has stone walls and a poured concrete floor.

First floor
The first floor is comprised of four rooms. A central hall separates the parlor and dining room of the northwest portion.

The rectangular-plan parlor and dining room are equal in dimension. Each has a fireplace centered along its lengthwise outer wall; original closets abut the fireplaces to the southeast. Finishing treatments include random-width, tongue-and-groove, pine flooring and plaster walls. The woodwork is primarily of pine; window sills are of oak.

Access to the second floor is by a straight-run, 16-step, "bridal" staircase (so named because each step represents one year of the bride's age, usually 16). The stairway is positioned along the northeast wall of the hall, near the main entrance.

Second floor
The two bedrooms of the second floor open off a central hall; a non-original bath is at the northwest end of the hall. Each room has a fireplace and closet positioned like those of the parlor and dining room below. The finishing of this floor is similar to that of the first floor.

Attic
Access to the attic is through a closet in the bath. This space is unfinished.

ALTERATIONS

Alterations include:
1) the addition of an enlarged, one-story porch on the main (northwest) facade (ca. turn-of-the-century)
2) the enclosure of the rear (southeast) porch with siding (date unknown)
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3) the addition of a bath at the northwest end of the second-floor hall (date unknown).2

CONDITION

The Aubuchon House is in good condition. The present owners are conducting an extensive restoration program.

SITE

The Aubuchon House, which faces northwest, is situated on the east corner of rue St. Jacques and Washington Street, one of the highest elevations in Florissant. A residential neighborhood of more recently constructed homes surrounds the house.

The house occupies the northeastern half of a lot measuring 170' by 110'. Outbuildings include an original well house (no longer in use) and a shed (constructed on the site originally occupied by a summer kitchen). [The summer kitchen was known to have existed as late as 1878 as it appears on a survey map for that year.]3

PRESENT STATUS

There is no threat to the continued existence of the Aubuchon House; the home has sympathetic owners. Restoration of the first floor is complete; the second floor is to be finished in 1976.4

FOOTNOTES

1. Data excerpted from a draft National Register Inventory-Nomination Form prepared by Florissant City Survey (a sub-survey of the Office of Historic Preservation).
2. Ibid.
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FOOTNOTES


6. Data excerpted from a draft National Register Inventory-Nomination Form prepared by Florissant City Survey; and Northwest [St. Louis] County [Missouri] Journal, July 9, 1975, p. 30A.


8. Data excerpted from a draft National Register Inventory-Nomination Form prepared by Florissant City Survey.

4. Goldbeck, Miss Marie. Personal interview. July 24, 1974. (Miss Goldbeck is the daughter of Henry Goldbeck, a previous owner.)


2. Sheila Andrew, Secretary
   Florissant City Survey (sub-survey of the Office of Historic Preservation)
   955 rue St. Francois
   Florissant, Missouri 63031
SECTION FACING NORTH

AUBUCHON  HS£
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
AUBUCHON HOUSE
450 ST. JACQUES

drawn by david otto
July 1974
Photo Log:

Name of Property:  Aubuchon, Baptiste G., House
City or Vicinity:  Florissant
County:  St. Louis County  State:  MO
Photographer:  Frederick J. Breme
Date Photographed:  Sept. 1975

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 4. N corner; view looking S-SE with the primary (N-W) façade on the right and the NE façade on the left.
2 of 4. W corner; view looking NE with the primary (NW) façade on the left and the SW façade on the right.
3 of 4. S corner; view looking NW with the rear (SE) façade on the right and the SW façade on the left. An enclosed porch is attached to the SE façade.
4 of 4. NE façade; view looking S-SW. The enclosed rear porch is to the left; a portion of the primary (NW) façade is visible to the right.