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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

Aubuchon, Baptiste G., House

AND/OR COMMON

Aubuchon, Baptiste G., House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

450 rue St. Jacques

CITY TOWN

Florissant

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

#9 - Hon. William L. Hungate

STATE

Missouri 63031

CODE

29

COUNTY

St. Louis

CODE

189

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**
 DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT
**OWNERSHIP**
 PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED
**STATUS**
 OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES - RESTRICTED  
 YES - UNRESTRICTED  
 NO
**PRESENT USE**
 AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER
**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. David W. Baum

STREET &amp; 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 &amp; 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

— FEDERAL — STATE  COUNTY — LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDSHistoric Buildings Commission  
St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY TOWN

Clayton

STATE

Missouri 63105

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |   |  |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES      built ca. 1842      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

## 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.<sup>3</sup>

Only minimal historical data is available about the above owners. Baptiste G. [Gabriel]<sup>4</sup> Aubuchon, brother of Florissant's first mayor (Gregory Aubuchon),<sup>5</sup> was married to Celeste Courtois on April 26, 1825.<sup>6</sup> Two children, Henry A. and Maria A., were born to them. Professionally, Aubuchon was a prominent early Florissant Valley farmer/landowner.<sup>7</sup> Henry Goldbeck was the son of prominent Florissant business people, Gerhardt and Mary Ann Goldbeck.<sup>8</sup>

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."

# 9 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).
2. Florissant Valley Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. 10, No. 4 (January, 1969), pp. 9-11.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. .42929 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE November 3, 1975

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 176

TELEPHONE 314-751-4096

CITY OR TOWN Jefferson City

STATE Missouri 65101

# 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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955 rue St. Francois  
Florissant, Missouri 63031
  
  3. Missouri State Historical Survey  
1975 state  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
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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).<sup>1</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup>

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.]<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

FOOTNOTES

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2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.; and Pitzman's New Atlas of the City and County of St. Louis, Missouri (Philadelphia: A.B. Holcombe & Co., 1878), p. 65.
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Florissant, Missouri 63031

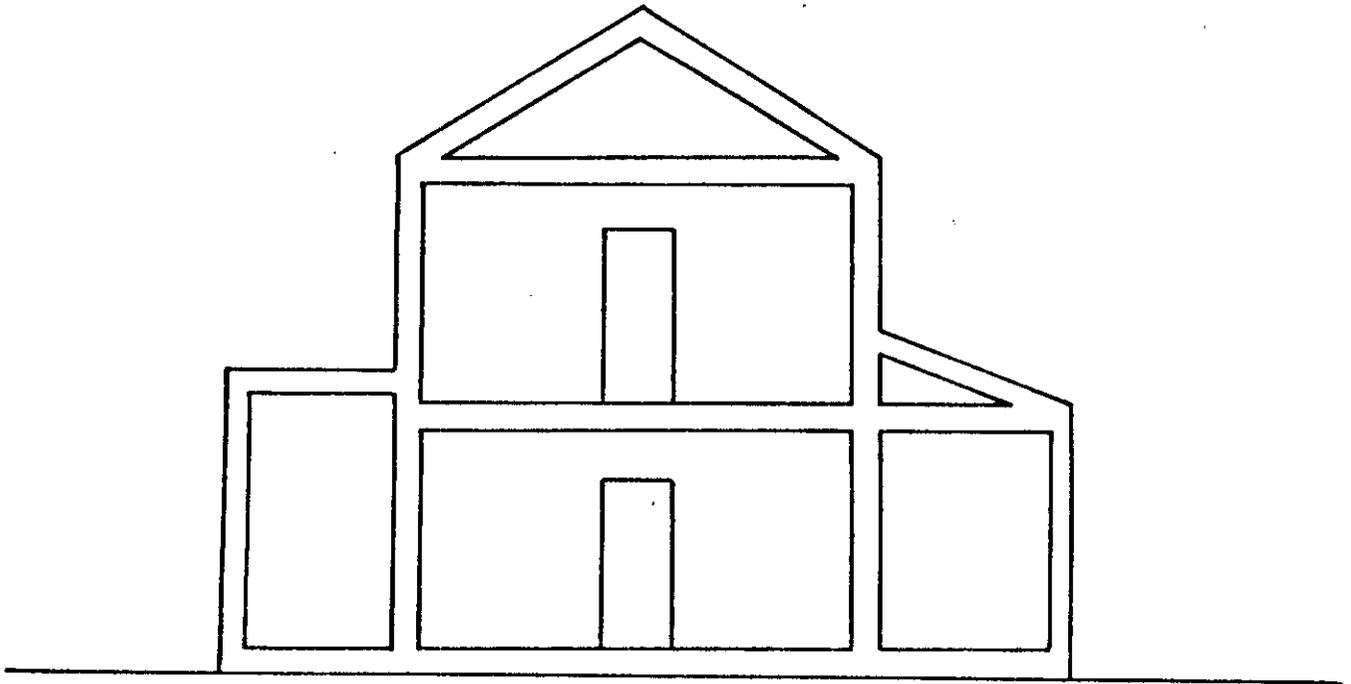
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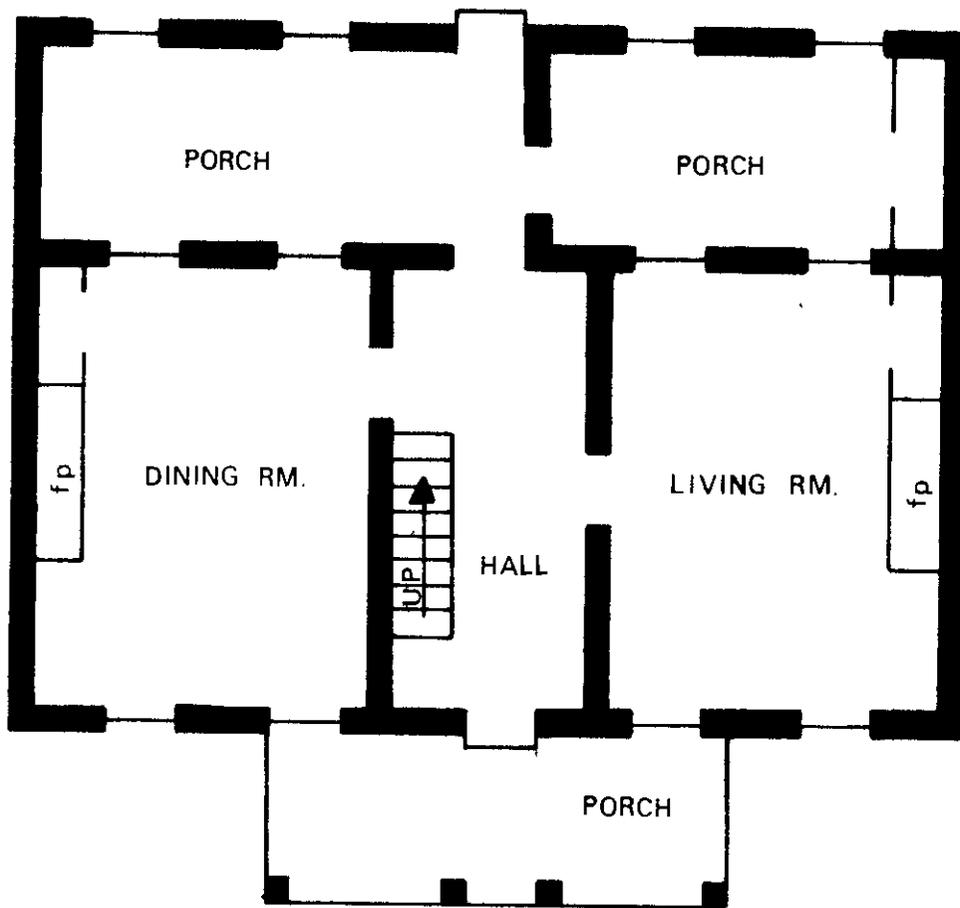
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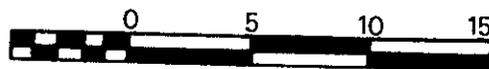
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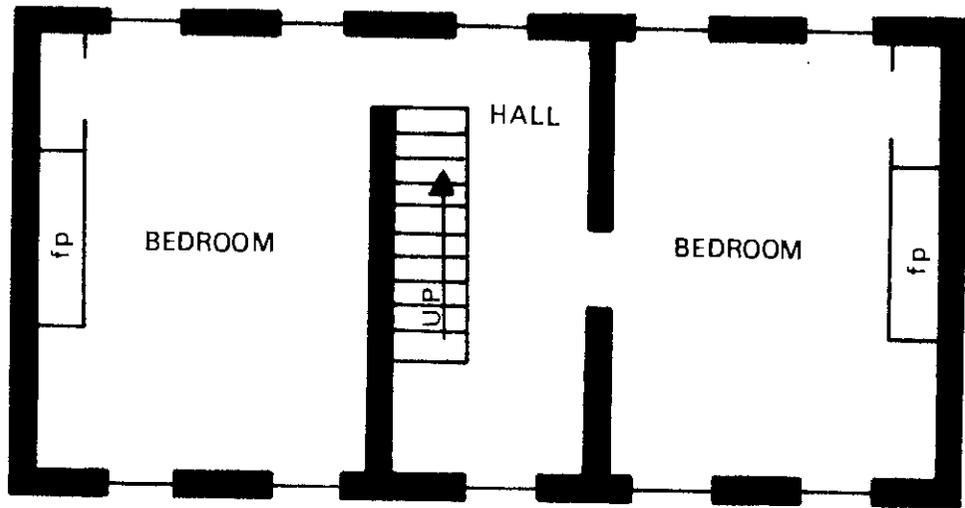
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
AUBUCHON HOUSE  
450 ST. JACQUES



feet  
drawn by david otto  
July 1974



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

**Photo Log:**

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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.







