

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# 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 Watson, Samuel Stewart House

and/or common Ermeling House

## 2. Location

street & number 205 South Duchesne Drive \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town St. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district #9-Hon. Harold L. Volkmer

state Missouri code 029 county St. Charles code 183

## 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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Henry William and Susan K. Dahl

street & number 205 South Duchesne Drive

city, town St. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Missouri 63301

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds,  
St. Charles County Courthouse

street & number 118 North Second Street

city, town St. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ state Missouri 63301

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1. Historic Sites in St. Charles County, Missouri  
title \_\_\_\_\_ has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_X no

date 1976 (Published work) \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_X county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Harland Bartholomew and Associates and  
St. Charles County Historic Society

city, town St. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ state Missouri 63301

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Samuel Stewart Watson House is located in a modern residential neighborhood in the town of St. Charles, Missouri very close to the right of way of Duchesne Avenue, a major thoroughfare in an expanding area. The house measures approximately 95' from east to west by 44' from north to south and its original section is constructed of hand-made brick laid in common bond over a coursed limestone rubble foundation. This part of the house is capped with a hipped roof which is covered, as are the other roof sections, with asphalt shingles. Its notable features include a broad denticulated cornice with heavy brackets resting on a series of undulating stringcourses above the second floor segmentally arched windows and a classically inspired portico porch on the primary (northeast) facade which was rebuilt over a concrete block foundation at an unknown date in a style similar to a former porch in that location (photos #1 and 2). To the southeast (photo #3) the original section of the house is similar to the primary facade in decoration but its porch was removed at an unknown date. Another to replace it is currently under construction. The southwest side of the house (photo #4) is the location of a brick L addition which is also of common bond brick construction. This part of the house, however, has rectangular windows and lacks cornice decoration. In addition, to the southeast, this end of the house boasts not only a two story gallery porch, part of which was enclosed in the 1960's to create a bathroom and kitchen, but also an enclosed first floor porch to the southwest (photos #3 and 4). On the northwest side, the original house and its L addition are clearly distinguishable (photo #5). The frame portion which juts out here is the former farm office which was added to the original house at an unknown date. The original widows walk, which is now without its railing, as well as other historical features of this house are visible in a tintype on unknown date which is filed with the owners and in the Lindenwood College archives (photo #9).

The interior of this house reflects the history of additions mentioned above in its agglutinative plan (see plan). Notable features include grained white pine woodwork, stenciling on the floor of the main entry which is currently being restored, marbelized stone (probably slate) mantles with cast iron gates in the parlors, sliding parlor doors, a cast iron cook stove in the kitchen and majestic Ionic Greek Revival window and door surrounds in the original part of the house. Within the L addition the woodwork is simpler with only pedimented entablature heads lacking any embellishment above doors and windows. This part of the house also includes a built-in tin bath tub which is fed by lead pipes leading from a cold water tank in the attic. The room where this is located is currently used for storage.

The Watson property originally included a summer kitchen, barns and slave quarters but all these have been demolished over the years. The lot presently includes a two car garage to the northwest.

The Samuel Stewart Watson House is currently being restored by its owners, so its condition, which is only good, is improving.

## 8. Significance

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1859 Builder/Architect unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Samuel Stewart Watson House in St. Charles, Missouri is significant as the retirement home of Samuel Stewart Watson, prominent local farmer, businessman, judge of the St. Charles County Court and founder and benefactor of Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri. The building is additionally significant as the finest known surviving local example of Italianate style residential architecture.

Samuel Stewart Watson was born in 1804 in Waterford, Pennsylvania. In 1819 the Watson family, Archibald and Martha Watson and their eight children, including Samuel, came to Missouri on a keel boat by way of the Allegheny, Ohio and Missouri Rivers. After landing at Louisiana, Missouri Archibald Watson bought a farm near St. Charles which eventually grew to over 600 acres. After his parents died, Samuel bought out his brothers and sisters and became sole owner of the property, a successful farmer and cattleman and a land speculator. In the early 1850's Samuel Watson was appointed by the Synod of Missouri to a committee to select a site for a Presbyterian women's college. Lindenwood School for Girls in St. Charles was chosen and in 1853 Lindenwood College was incorporated with Samuel Watson serving as president of its Board of Directors and one of its large shareholders<sup>1</sup>. By 1862, the college was in financial trouble and was sold at auction on the courthouse steps. Watson bought the property and eventually deeded it back to the College for a consideration of \$1.00. Later, in 1864, Watson released the College from a \$4000 debt owed to him to further help its financial situation<sup>2</sup>. When he died in 1878, Watson left 92 acres of his home farm to Lindenwood and bequeathed a small endowment to the college to aid indigent women in obtaining a college education<sup>3</sup>.

In addition to all these activities, Samuel Stewart Watson served on the Westminster College (Fulton, Missouri) Board of Directors (1857-1867), as a St. Charles County Court Judge (1865) and as director of the St. Charles branch of the Southern Bank and of the First National Bank of St. Charles<sup>4</sup>.

The Samuel Stewart Watson House holds additional significance as the finest known surviving local example of Italianate style residential architecture. The Herman B. Ermeling family came into possession of the Watson property in 1985 and by 1990 they had begun selling the property off in lots. Consequently, this house today is surrounded by a modern residential area which serves to emphasize its quality of construction and its distinctive styling.

### Footnotes

1. George S. Sibley, personal correspondence to Samuel Watson, n.d.; Act of Incorporation of Lindenwood College, 1853; Lindenwood College, receipt to Samuel Watson for subscription, n.d. All of these documents are now in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, Missouri.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Act of Incorporation of Lindenwood College, 1853.
2. Book R, #2, pp. 317-318, Office of Recorder of Deeds, St. Charles County Courthouse, St. Charles, Missouri.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name "Kampville, MO-ILL"

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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H 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Part of the Prairie Haute Common Field, Township 47 North, Range 5 East, described: Beginning at a point distant South 57° 22' West 720.00' from the southeast corner of Pasadena Gardens Plat One, a Subdivision in St. Charles County, Missouri, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5 page 91 of the St. Charles County records; thence

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title I. Noelle Soren/Historic Architecture Specialist

organization Historic Preservation Program

Department of Natural Resources

date August 3, 1981

street & number P.O. Box 176

telephone 314/751-4096

city or town Jefferson City

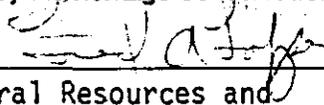
state Missouri 65102

## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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(11/78)

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

WATSON, SAMUEL STEWART HOUSE

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2. Missouri State Historical Survey  
1979-1980 state  
Division of Parks and Historic Preservation  
Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
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### Footnotes (cont.)

2. Book R, #2, pp. 317-318 in Office of the Recorder of Deeds, St. Charles County Courthouse, St. Charles, Missouri; Quit Claim Deed, now in possession of the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, Missouri.
3. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Missouri Day by Day, Volume 1 (Columbia: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1942), p. 132. The original building of Lindenwood College, Sibley Hall, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on November 29, 1978.
4. William S. Bryan, Pioneer Families of Missouri (St. Louis: Bryan, Brand and Co., 1876) p. 167; Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri. St. Louis: Southern Historical Company, 1901.

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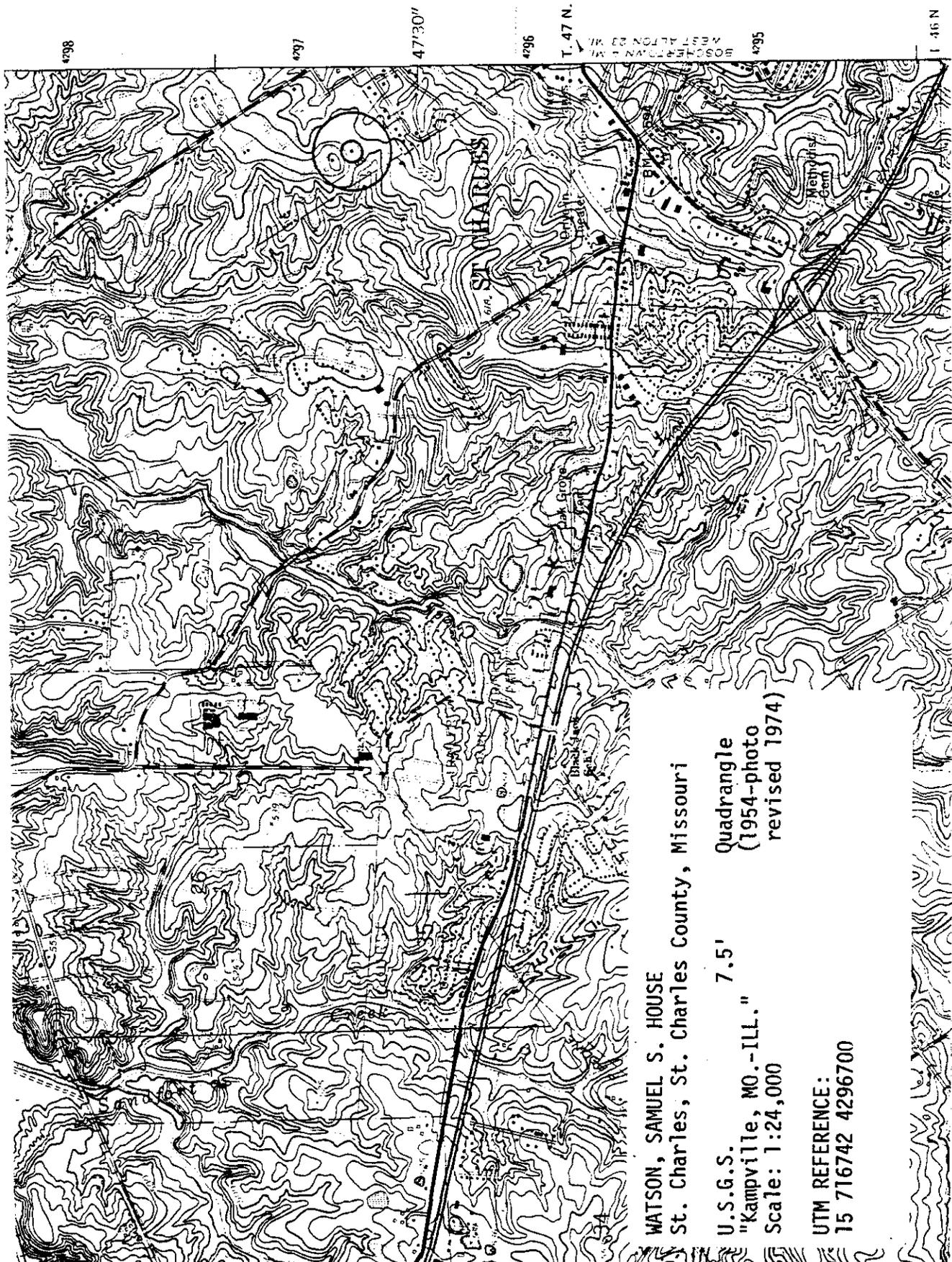
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3. Bryan, William S. Pioneer Families of Missouri. St. Louis: Bryan, Brand and Company, 1876.
4. Conard, Howard L., ed. Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri. St. Louis: Southern Historical Company, 1901.
5. Lindenwood College, receipt to Samuel Watson for subscription, n.d.
6. Quite Claim Deed, Lindenwood College, 1864.
7. Shoemaker, Floyd C. Missouri Day By Day. Columbia: State Historical Society of Missouri, 1942.
8. Sibley, George S. Personal correspondence to Samuel Stewart Watson, n.d.

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South 57° 22' West 220.00 feet to a point; thence South 33° 29' East 193.20 feet to a point in the Northwestern Right-of-Way line of Duchesne Avenue, 50 feet wide; thence along said Right-of-Way line North 57° 36' feet East 220.00 feet to a point; thence North 33° 29' West 194.51 feet to the point of beginning.



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St. Charles, St. Charles County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle  
"Kampville, MO.-ILL."  
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revised 1974)

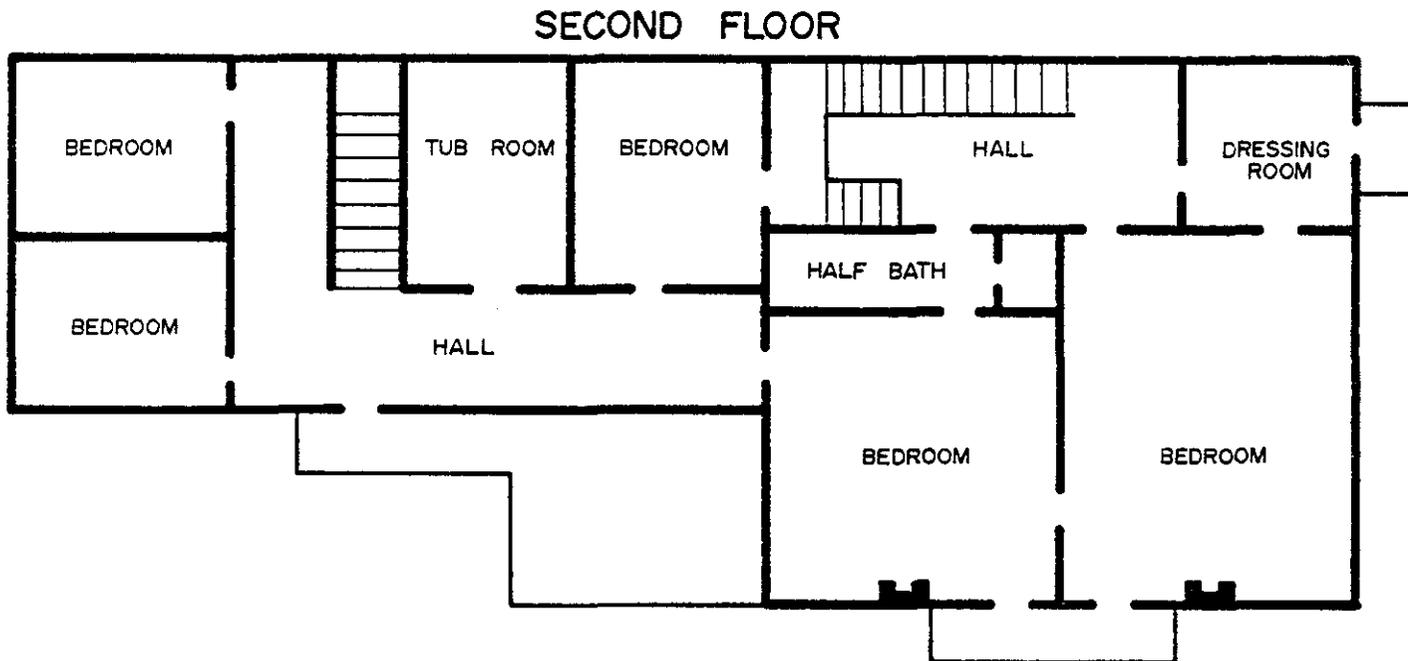
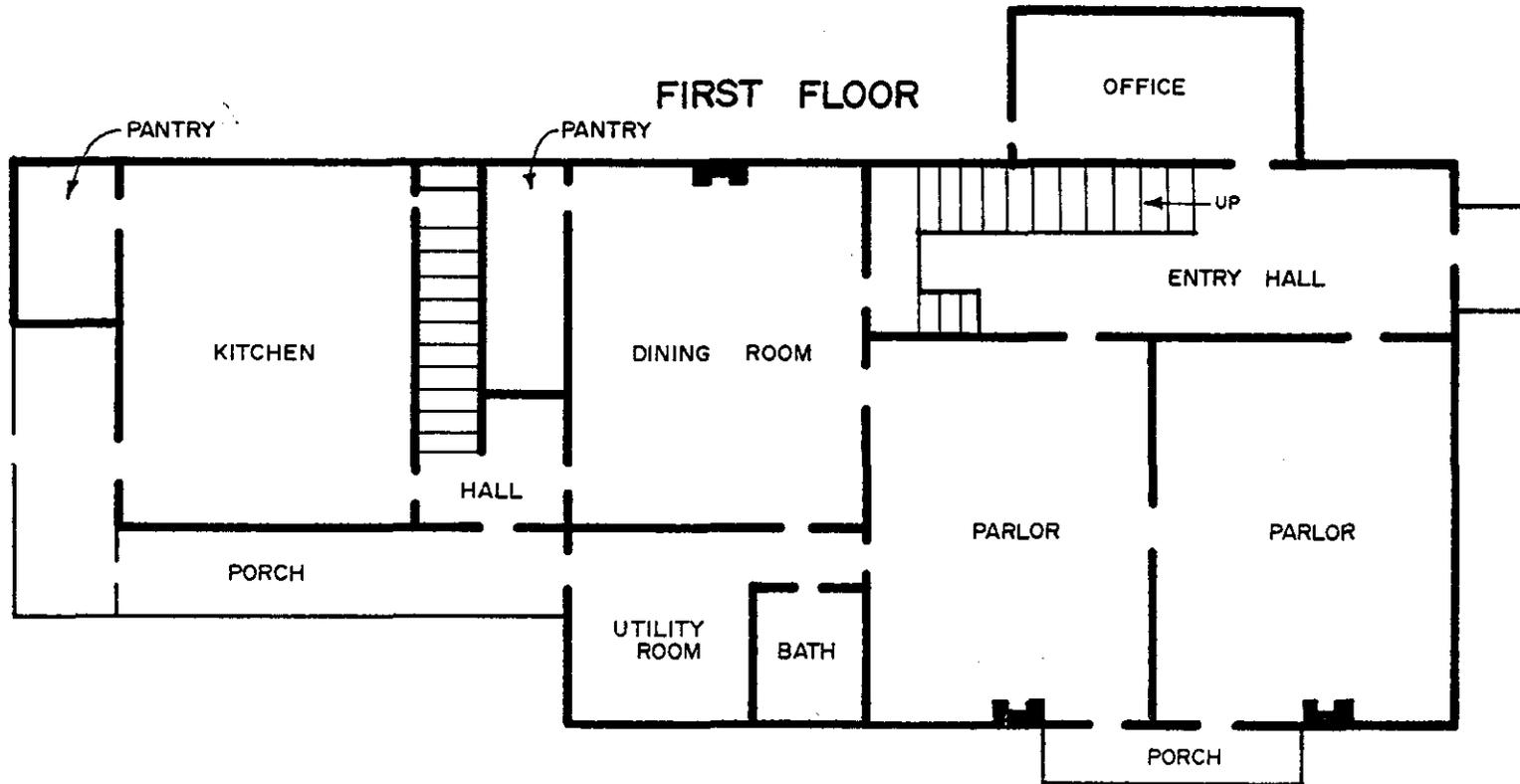
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FLOOR PLANS

SAMUEL S. WATSON HOUSE  
ST. CHARLES COUNTY  
ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI



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WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #1 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri  
Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
July, 1979  
Neg. Loc.: Dah1, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301  
Primary (northeast) facade.

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ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #2 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
July, 1979

Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301  
Primary (northeast) facade, detail of cornice.

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WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #3 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
April, 1980

Neg, Loc.: Dahl. 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301  
View to northwest of southeast side with L  
addition visible to the left.

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WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #4 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
July, 1979

Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301

View to north of southwest side of L addition.



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #5 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
April, 1980

Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301

View to east of northwest side showing L  
addition and the original house.

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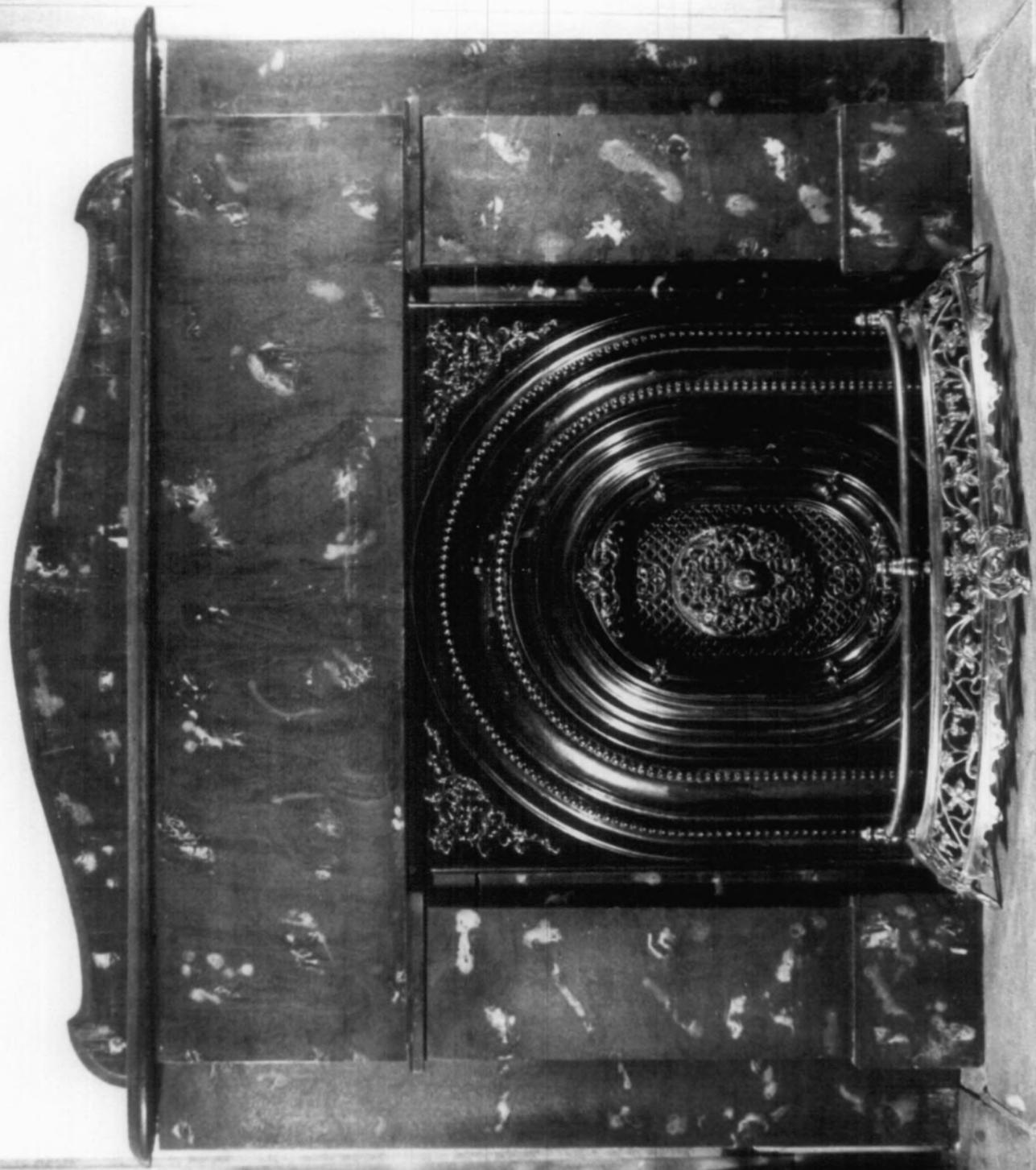
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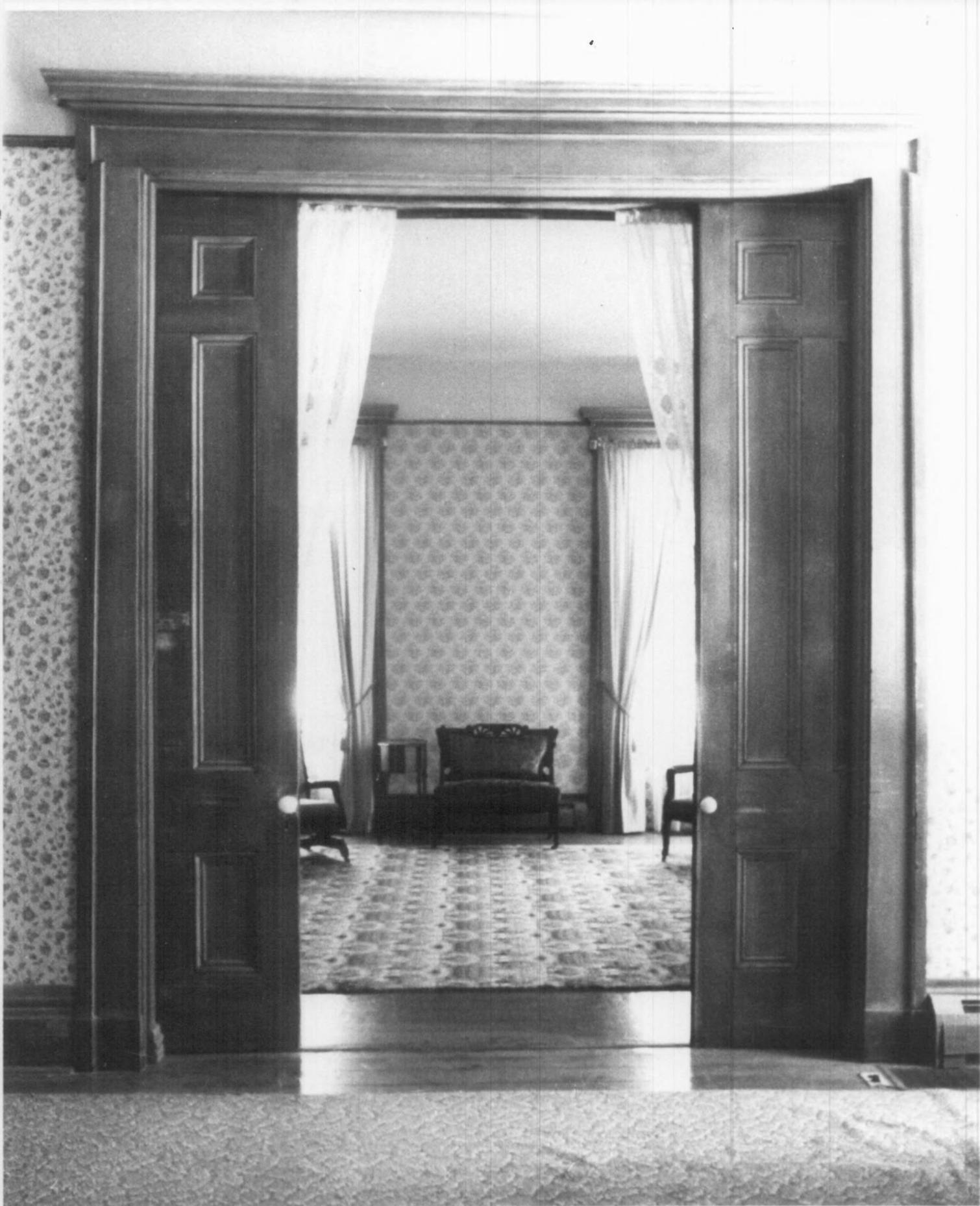
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205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri

Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
July, 1979

Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
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Interior, southwest parlor, marbelized stone  
mantel and chimneypiece.



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #7 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri  
Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
July, 1979  
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301  
View to southwest into formal parlor showing  
Ionic Greek Revival door surround.



WATSON, SAMUEL STEWARD HOUSE #8 of 9  
205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri  
Photographer: Dr. John Moore  
July, 1979  
Neg. Loc.: Dahl, 205 S. Duchesne Dr., St.  
Charles, MO. 63301  
View to west of cast iron stove in kitchen.

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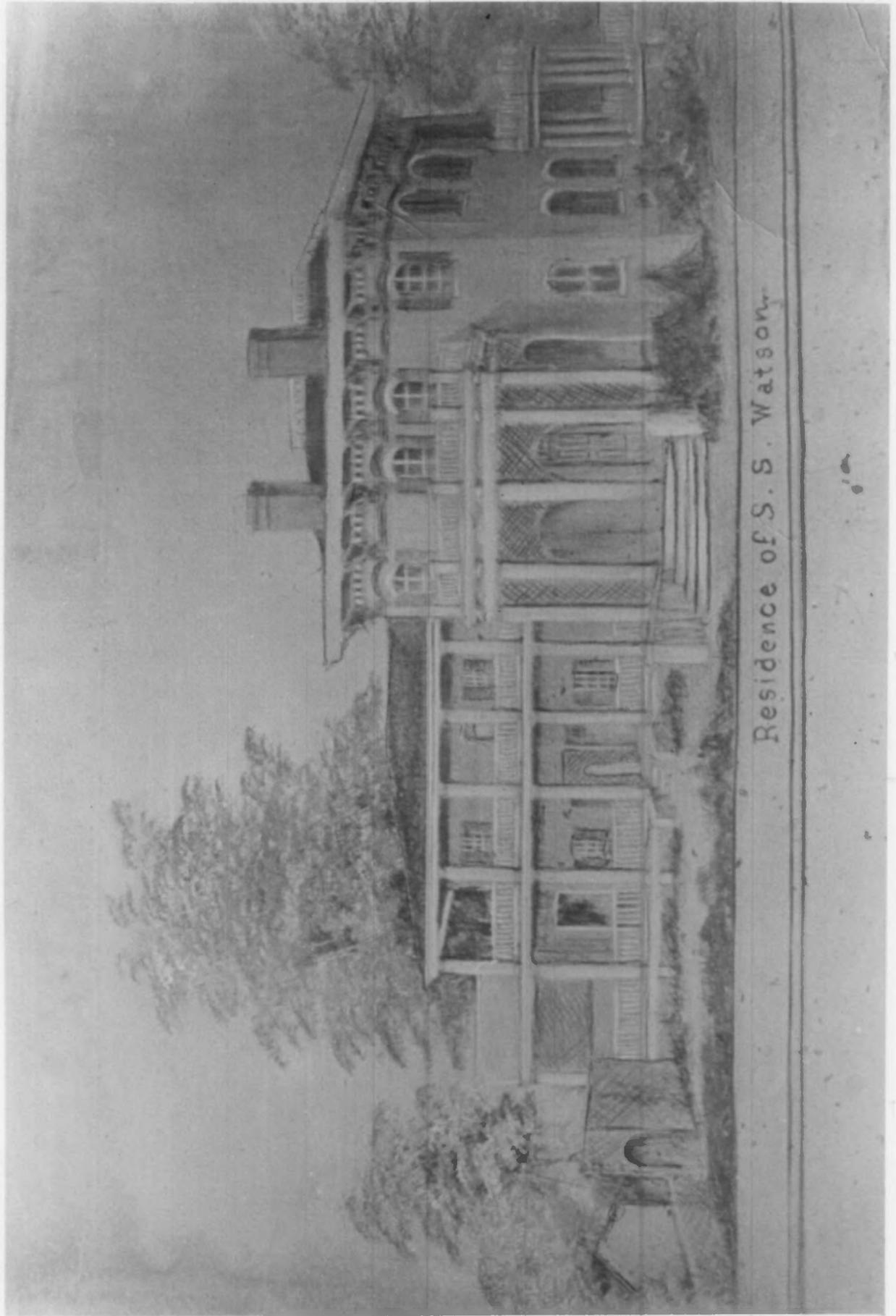
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205 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, St. Charles  
County, Missouri

Photographer: Noelle Soren  
November, 1980  
Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176,  
Jefferson City, MO. 65101

Photo of copy of tintype in possession of  
owners. View is to northwest of the  
southeast side of the house.



Residence of S. S. Watson

EXTRA  
PHOTOS





