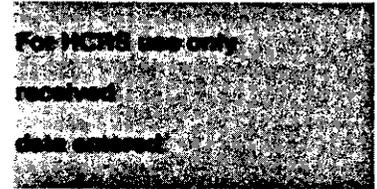


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hotel Statler

and/or common The St. Louis Gateway Hotel

2. Location

street & number 822 Washington Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town St. Louis ___ vicinity of Hon. congressional district #3--Richard Gephardt

state MO code 29 county St. Louis City code 510

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
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4. Owner of Property

name Say-Web-Inc.

street & number 822 Washington Avenue

city, town St. Louis ___ vicinity of state MO 63101

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis City Hall

street & number Tucker Boulevard at Market Street

city, town St. Louis state MO 63103

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1. Architectural Survey of the
title Central Business District, St. Louis has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date October, 1975; revised, April, 1977 ___ federal ___ state ___ county local

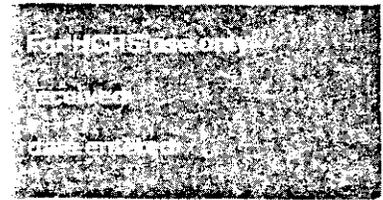
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turning west and continuing along the north side of St. Charles Street approximately 120 feet to a point, turning north and continuing along North Ninth Street approximately 150 feet to the point of beginning.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
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<input checked="" 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

Located at the southeast corner of Ninth Street and Washington Avenue, just two blocks north of the St. Louis Old Post Office, the Gateway Hotel's two story, Ionic colonnade topped by a bracketed cornice is a visual landmark in the skyline of downtown St. Louis. (Photos #1 & #2) At street level the three story, limestone-faced base is distinguished by seven bay arcades of round arch openings on the Washington and St. Charles elevations.¹ (Photo #3) The more sombre Ninth Street elevation is marked by five round arch openings balanced by rectangular windows in each corner bay. In all elevations rectangular windows are embellished with wrought iron balconies; a stone balustrade which wrapped around the building between the mezzanine and "1st floor" has been removed. (Photo #4) Brick panels alternate with limestone blocks at the "1st floor" to complete the base and provide transition to the fourteen story red brick shaft. The stone balustrade at the terra cotta colonnade is intact.

The six hundred room² hotel is of steel frame construction with concrete floors and roof; brick curtain walls are twelve inches thick. Above the mezzanine level, a light well illuminates interior rooms in the double-loaded corridors on Washington and St. Charles.³ (Figure #1) The lobby is entered through vestibules on Washington and St. Charles. (Original canopies have been replaced by stark, utilitarian overhangs.) Acting as an arcade between Washington and St. Charles, the lobby has a vaulted ceiling of molded plaster alive with traditional Classical forms--the Three Graces, winged nikes and grotesques. The vaulted ceiling of the mezzanine overlooking the lobby is supported by marble Corinthian columns and pilasters. (Photo #5) Although generally dingy, most of the public rooms on the ground and mezzanine floors still retain the irreplaceable fine wood and plasterwork finishes of the Statler era.

Upper floors are reached by four public and three service elevators. In addition to a basement kitchen which once served seven thousand meals a day, the two story ballroom at the top of the Statler had its own kitchen and service bar. (Figure #2) The ballroom windows have been painted over and the original chandeliers replaced, but the two story Corinthian piers lining the 43 by 116 foot space are reminders of the opulent settings which once characterized downtown St. Louis nightlife. Hopefully, plans by a joint venture between a St. Louis attorney and a major insurance company to purchase and renovate the Gateway will restore not only the bricks and mortar but the spirit of the St. Louis Statler.

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¹Two of the Washington Avenue openings were fitted at an undetermined date with metal, Art Moderne panels of satyrs.

²Bill Hotze, Director of Sales for Hotel Investments, Inc. which currently operate the Gateway, places the room count at six hundred fifty.

³Guest rooms above the "1st floor" are considerably more modest.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1917 **Builder/Architect** George W. Post & Sons, New York

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Gateway Hotel, originally the top of the Statler line, is significant as St. Louis' most lavish example of the early development of a now ubiquitous American phenomenon--the "chain" hotel. Considered restrained yet elegant in the aftermath of Victorian eclecticism, the design by George W. Post & Sons of New York (with Mauran, Russell and Crowell of St. Louis, Associates) received an award from the Saint Louis Art League as the best work of architecture completed in the city in 1917. The Statler was sold to the Hilton chain in 1955 then to Towne Realty Co. of Milwaukee in 1966. Although the hotel has been operated in recent years through contracts with transportation companies, both the exterior and interior remain remarkably intact. (See Section 7.)

By the second decade of the twentieth century, St. Louis' highly diversified economic base and regional importance as a trading center led boosters to advertise the city as the "49th State".¹ Excellent rail and water transportation had encouraged extensive distribution and wholesale markets; aggressive retailing had produced enormous department stores and quality specialty shops. Support of the Arts ranged from the St. Louis Symphony to vaudeville. The location in downtown St. Louis selected for the fourth Statler Hotel built in the country was Washington Avenue, the corridor leading to the Eads Bridge. Immediately south on St. Charles was the brand-new Orpheum Theatre.

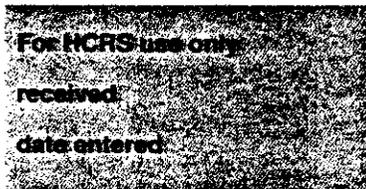
The Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased) gives credit for the development of modern hotel planning to New York architect George W. Post citing the Pontiac in Detroit (1911-12) followed by the Statler in Cleveland.² Fortunately, in 1904, Post had brought his sons William S. and J. Otis into partnership as George W. Post & Sons. After Post's death in 1913, his sons continued the practice. The St. Louis Statler (with Mauran, Russell and Crowell of St. Louis) earned them a juried award from the Saint Louis Art League which read in part:

The purpose of this award is to recognize and to honor the civic spirit, community pride and love of beauty which actuated the Owners who thus employed their means for the advancement of public culture, as well as to reward the Architects who conceived and achieved a work of pre-eminent aesthetic merit for the delight of the citizens of St. Louis.³

Like many older urban centers, downtown St. Louis was hurt first by gradual dispersal of manufacturing and business then sharp post-World War II population loss. With the exception of Laclede's Landing, efforts to revitalize the core area have concentrated on new construction. Plans for new, "world class" hotels are announced with surprising regularity. Few have been constructed and none can approach the quality of the Statler which, if renovated, will be the biggest such project to date in St. Louis.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 45 acres

Quadrangle name Granite City, IL/MO

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the southeast corner of Washington Avenue and North Ninth Street, City Block 171, St. Louis, Missouri, preceeding east along the south side of Washington approximately 130 feet to a point, turning south and continuing along the east side of the building approximately 140 feet to a point,

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

state code county code

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name/title Carolyn Hewes Toft, Executive Director

organization Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Inc. date March 31, 1981

street & number 611 Olive Street, Suite 2187 telephone (314) 421-6474 or 421-1778

city or town St. Louis, state MO 63101

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

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

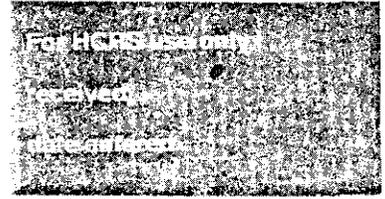
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Chief of Registration

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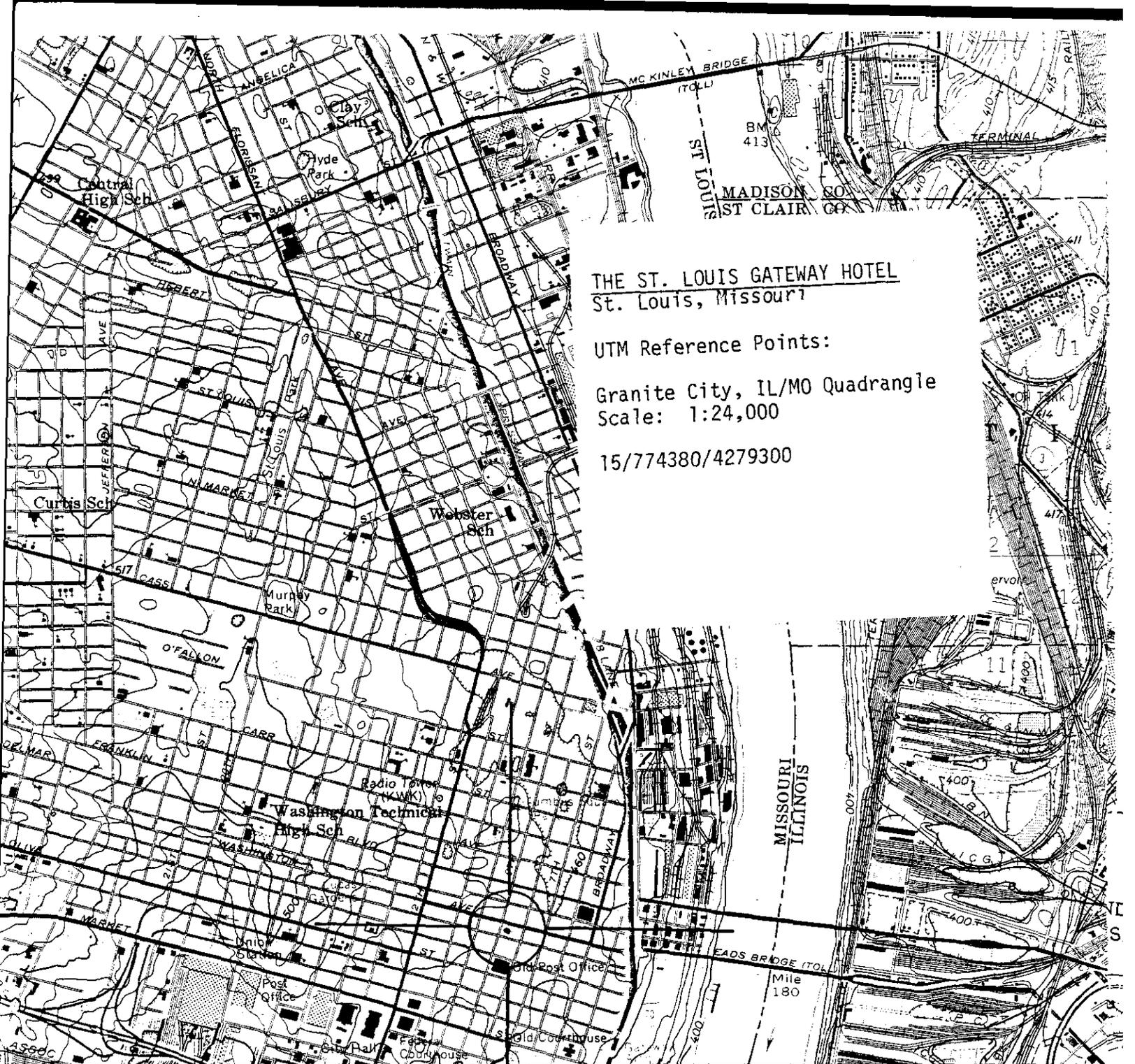
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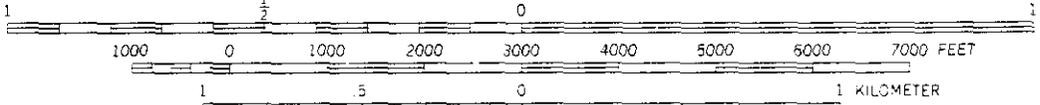


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Floor Plans of Ground & 2nd
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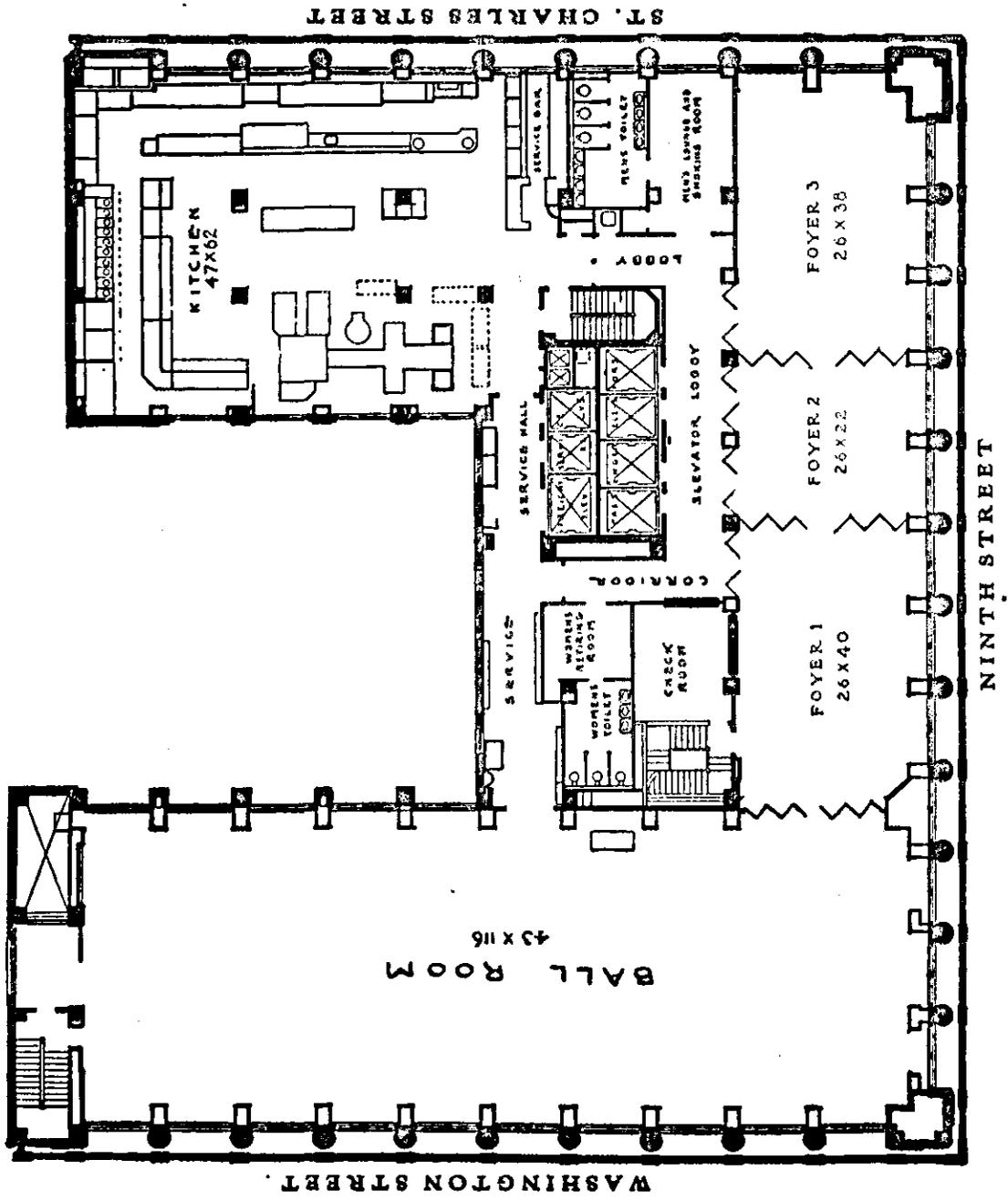
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Floor Plan for
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Ballroom Floor
THE St. Louis Gateway HOTEL



WASHINGTON STREET

ST. CHARLES STREET

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St. Louis, Missouri

#1 of 5 View of southern
elevation

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Date: November, 1980
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Camera facing north.



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#2 of 5 View of northwest
corner of Gateway Hotel

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#5 of 5 Interior view of lobby

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