United States Department of the Interior  
National Park 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 The Ferguson, Charles W., House  
and/or common The Lockwood Group  

2. Location  

street & number 15 and 17 West Lockwood Avenue  
city, town Webster Groves vicinity of #3 Hon. Richard Gephardt  

city, town Webster Groves vicinity of Webster Groves state Missouri 63119  

3. Classification  

Category  

Ownership  

Status  

Present Use  

X district  

public  

occupied  

agriculture  

X building(s)  

private  

unoccupied  

commercial  

X structure  

both  

work in progress  

educational  

X site  

Public Acquisition  

entertainment  

government  

X object  

Accessible  

Industrial  

museum  

X N/A  

in process  

X yes: restricted  

park  

presented  

x yes: unrestricted  

private residence  

Public Acquisition  

no  

religious  

X being considered  

no  

scientific  

Accessible  

transportation  

X N/A  

....  

other:  

x N/A  

4. Owner of Property  

name Seventeen West Lockwood Partnership  
street & number 17 West Lockwood  
city, town Webster Groves vicinity of Webster Groves state Missouri 63119  

5. Location of Legal Description  

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds  
street & number 7900 Forsyth  
city, town Clayton state Missouri 63105  

6. Representation in Existing Surveys  

title Historic Buildings in St. Louis County  
has this property been determined eligible? yes X no  
date 1983  

Published: St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation  
depository for survey records 41 South Central Avenue  

city, town Clayton, state Missouri 63105
7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Ferguson House is located on the north side of Lockwood Avenue, the main commercial thoroughfare through Webster Groves. It is near the east end of the old Gore Avenue-Lockwood business district, rows of two-story brick retail shops from the first two decades of the twentieth century. The house sits back from the sidewalk on a slight rise with a front lawn and attractive landscaping. On the corner of its east side is a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company office in a two-story, Classical Revival, brick building and on its west another fine old mansion has been turned into a mortuary. A large, stone Gothic Revival, Presbyterian Church, west of the mortuary, completes an impressive row of non-residential buildings.

The Ferguson House is a large, 2 1/2 story, frame, Colonial Revival, detached dwelling with a rubble foundation. It was originally, thirty-eight feet square but later additions have made its shape irregular. A large gable roof across the front has two gable dormers on the front and a hip roof covers the major portion of the house behind the gable. There is a small cross gable on the west and on the back side of the hip roof. The original front of the house is three bays. The front door with sidelights and transom is in the center bay and above it a Palladian window opens onto a small balcony. The bays on either side are double windows. A monumental, two-story, semi-circular portico, with a balustrade on top, projects in front of the center bay. It is supported by Tuscan columns and two-story pilasters. There is a broad frieze under the eaves. Pilasters run up the corners of the house. A two-story addition with a shed roof projects from the west half of the back and one-story with a shed roof projects the same distance on the east half of the back. A two-story sunroom addition with a flat roof was added to the west side in 1922. A one-story chapel with a flat, balustrade roof was added to the east side in 1937. The east and rear walls of the chapel are brick and it has a Palladian entrance on the front sheltered by a shallow pediment supported by Tuscan columns. The chapel windows are leaded, colored glass. A porte cochere projects from the rear of the east side of the chapel.

The building is presently used as offices by The Lockwood Group, a full service real estate company. Inside, the original floor plan has been restored to take advantage of the homelike atmosphere. The large offices have fireplaces. Sliding pocket doors have been restored. The Victorian staircase was closed off as a private entrance to a second story apartment and it has been reopened into the center hall. An original stained glass window with an iris pattern was saved when the staircase was opened and its design was copied for a second stained glass window.
Footnotes:

1. City of Webster Groves Plat Book Number 1: p. 145. Department of Public Works. Webster Groves City Hall.

2. Webster Groves Building Permit #1781. Department of Public Works. Webster Groves City Hall.

3. Webster Groves Building Permit #5794. Department of Public Works. Webster Groves City Hall.

4. Conversation with Joseph Shepard, Chief Executive Officer of The Lockwood Group.
8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ferguson House has local significance under Criterion C, embodying characteristics of a distinctive style of architecture, the Colonial Revival. When it was built in 1888, Charles W. Ferguson's house on Lockwood Avenue, the main thoroughfare of Webster Groves, was one of the grandest houses in the community. The architect is unknown, but he created a splendid example of Colonial Revival architecture, inspired by post-Centennial zeal in America. The Colonial Revival characteristics are unmistakable; rigid symmetry, axial entrance, geometric proportions, dormers, a Palladian window, corner pilasters, and the exaggeration evident in the monumental columns of the central semi-circular portico. The Ferguson House is important as the finest example of Colonial Revival architecture in Webster Groves. The Ferguson House is also important as the last fine residence to retain its integrity of the many which used to line Lockwood Avenue. In the 1920's, when Webster's early zoning ordinance determined that Lockwood was to be one of the few commercial streets in Webster, the other large houses were torn down or moved to make room for commercial buildings. It is fortunate that later users of this house were sympathetic to its distinctive qualities.

Charles W. Ferguson was vice president of the Collier White Lead Company and one of Webster's "early commuters." In 1920, the Webster Groves YWCA purchased the mansion and ran a tea room on the first floor and rented rooms to women on the second floor. The tea room could not support the facility, and it closed its doors after one year. The next year Laura Parker bought the building for her undertaking establishment and converted the second floor into an apartment for herself and her daughter. In 1913, her husband's livery and undertaking company on North Gore had burned to the ground; Will Parker died shortly thereafter. Laura Parker had rebuilt the business herself, dropping the livery. The undertaking business flourished here under Mrs. Parker and succeeding owners until shortly before it was purchased by the present owner.
Footnotes:

1 St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 41, p. 48.

2 The Colonial Revival style is defined, under varying names:

3 The St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation has been conducting a survey of Webster Groves which has so far produced over 500 historic inventory forms. This work is currently being supplemented by the Webster Groves Historic Preservation Commission, with over 300 additional buildings inventoried.

4 Zoning Ordinance of Webster Groves, #3100; November 5, 1923.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(SEE ATTACHED)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: 1 acre

Quadrangle name: "Webster Groves, Mo.-Ill."

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

UTM References:

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Zone  Easting  Northing  Zone  Easting  Northing
A  1 5  7 3 0  1 8 0  B  Zone  Easting  Northing
C  E  G
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Verbal boundary description and justification:

Part of Lot 2 of Webster Groves, as described...(see attached).

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Ann Morris

organization: Webster Groves Historical Society

street & number: Webster Groves City Hall

location: 4 E. Lockwood

telephone: (314) 962-3526

city or town: Webster Groves

state: Missouri

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national: ___  state: ___  local: X

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: John Karel, Director and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

title: Officer, Division of Parks & Historic Preservation

date: 7/26/84

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date: 

Keeper of the National Register: 

Attest: 

Chief of Registration: 


(Major Bibliographical References)

1. The Kate Moody Collection located in the Library of the Missouri Historical Society, Lindell Blvd.

2. "Obituary of Charles W. Ferguson"; Necrology Scrapbooks located in the library of the Missouri Historical Society, Lindell Blvd.


4. Webster Groves Building Permit #1781; Department of Public Works, Webster Groves City Hall, 4 E. Lockwood.

Part of Lot 2 of WEBSTER GROVES, and described as: Beginning at a point in the North line of Lockwood Avenue, distant 115 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Lot 2 in the center of Elm Avenue, thence West along the North line of Lockwood Avenue, 136 feet, thence North and parallel with the West line of said Lot 2, 261.21 feet, more or less, to the South line of Moody Avenue, thence East along the South line of Moody Avenue, 136 feet and thence South 261.21 feet, more or less, to beginning: EXCEPTING THEREFROM Part of Lot 2 of John C. Marshall's Original Subdivision of "Webster Groves" in the City of Webster Groves, Missouri, more particularly described as: Beginning at a point in the North line of Lockwood Avenue, 60 feet wide, distant 234.00 feet West of the East line of said Lot 2, being also the center line of Elm Avenue, 40 feet wide (measured along the North line of Lockwood Avenue); thence Westwardly along the North line of Lockwood Avenue, a distance of 17.00 feet to a point; thence Northwardly along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 2, a distance of 261.34 feet to a point in the South line of Moody Avenue, 40 feet wide; thence Eastwardly along the South line of Moody Avenue, a distance of 2.75 feet to a point; thence Southwardly along a line parallel with the West line of said Lot 2, a distance of 97.50 feet to a point; thence Eastwardly at right angles with the last described line, a distance of 14.25 feet to a point; thence Southwardly along a line parallel with the West line of Lot 2, a distance of 164.00 feet to the point of beginning.
2. Jim Denny, Chief, Survey & Registration
   and State Contact Person
   Department of Natural Resources
   P.O. Box 176
   Jefferson City

   June 24, 1984
   (314) 751-4096
   Missouri 65102
CHARLES W. FERGUSON HOUSE
Webster Groves, St. Louis County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5'
"Webster Groves, Mo.-Ill." Quadrangle (1954-rev. 1974)
Scale: 1:24,000

UTM References:
15/730180/4274720
Photo Log:

Name of Property: Ferguson, The Charles W., House

City or Vicinity: Webster Groves

County: St. Louis County

State: MO

Photographer: Ann Morris

Date Photographed: June 1984

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

1 of 4. Main façade.
2 of 4. Rear façade.
3 of 4. No description
4 of 4. No description