MISSOURI OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION / INVENTORY SURVEY FORM

1. NAME

HISTORIC: Dr. Jacob Geiger Home/Maud Wyeth Painter Residence

AND/OR COMMON: United Missouri Bank

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 2501 Frederick

CITY, TOWN: St. Joseph ___ VICINITY OF

STATE: Mo. CODE: 29 COUNTY: Buchanan CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	X commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	X yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X N/A	___ no	___ military	___ other: ___

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: United Mo. Bank of St. Joseph

STREET & NUMBER: 2501 Frederick

CITY, TOWN: St. Joseph ___ VICINITY OF STATE: Mo.

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Buchanan County Recorders Office
County Courthouse
St. Joseph, Missouri

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Missouri State Historical Survey, 1981.

DETERMINED ELIGIBLE? ___ YES X NO ___ FEDERAL X STATE ___ COUNTY ___ L

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site	
___ good	___ ruins	X altered - addition	___ moved	date ___
___ fair	___ unexposed			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE The Dr. Jacob Geiger Home is a two-and-one-half story residence in an English gothic revival style with a three-story crenelated tower at the southwest corner and a smaller two-story crenelated tower at the southeast corner. The primary (south) facade features an arcaded porch. Windows throughout the house have white granite surrounds, lugsills and entablature window headers. Above the porch there is a four bay bow window with segmental transoms. Gargoyles lean from the pediment of this bow window. The door to the balcony formed by the bow window is in a decorative gabled dormer. There is a small two story tower at the southeast corner. A drive-up addition to the bank has been constructed in a sympathetic manner. (See Photos #34, #35, and #36).

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___prehistoric	___archeology-prehistoric	___community planning	___landscape architecture	___religion
___1400-1499	___archeology-historic	___conservation	___law	x___science (medic
___1500-1599	___agriculture	___economics	___literature	___sculpture
___1600-1699	x___architecture	___education	___military	___social /
___1700-1799	___art	___engineering	___music	humanitarian
___1800-1899	___commerce	___exploration/settlement	___philosophy	___theater
x___1900-	___communications	___industry	___politics/government	___transportation
		___invention		___other (specify)

SPECIFIC DATES 1911 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Eckel & Aldrich/ Band Construction/ Reinert Bros. Masonry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

The Dr. Jacob Geiger Home is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places according to the criteria under definitions B and C, to wit: it is associated with Dr. Jacob Gei a person of prominence in the history of St. Joseph, and it is the work of Eckel and Aldrich, well-known St. Joseph architects, and possesses high artistic values in form and details.

This house was built by Dr. Jacob Geiger in 1911-1912. At that time this was the edge of the cit Geiger, a native of Germany emigrated to St. Joseph in 1858, at the age of 10. After working his way through high school, Geiger studied medicine with Dr. Galen Bishop and then secured an M.D. from the University of Louisville. (see appendix).

Geiger was the anesthesist when Dr. Bishop performed cataract surgery on Joseph Robidoux. In 188 Dr. Geiger was the coronor of Buchanan County and as such performed the autopsy on Jesse James. eminently successful physician and surgeon he was a member of the City Council and the Missouri State Medical Society, also serving as president of both groups. The Geiger Home is significant the area of architecture by virtue of its unusual English gothic revival style, with interesting features such as the two crenelated towers, arcaded porch, stone window surrounds, and ornamental dormers. The residence was designed by Eckel and Aldrich, a prominent St. Joseph firm.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Saint Joseph Landmarks.

St. Joseph, Missouri, Today, 1927.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY * QUADRANGLE NAME St. Joseph North, Mo.-Kan. SCALE 1:24,000

*Less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	15	343280	4404400	B			
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Lot 1, 2, 23, 24, Block 4, Westminster Place.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Historic Preservation

Photo Log:

Name of Property: **Geiger, Dr. Jacob, House – Maud Wyeth Painter House**

City or Vicinity: **St. Joseph**

County: **Buchanan County** State: **MO**

Photographer: **Bonnie Wright**

Date Photographed: **Apr. 1985**

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

1 of 3. View looking NE.
2 of 3. View looking NW, note sympathetic addition.
3 of 3. View looking S toward rear of building.

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