United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name Graves, Alexander and Elizabeth Aull, House

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 2326 Aull Lane [n/a] not for publication

city or town Lexington [n/a] vicinity

state Missouri code MO county Lafayette code 107 zip code 64067

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [X] locally.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]).

Signature of certifying official/Title Claire F. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments [ ]).

Signature of certifying official/Title

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

[ ] entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[ ] removed from the National Register.

[ ] other, explain
See continuation sheet [ ].

Signature of the Keeper Date

[ ] entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet [ ].

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See continuation sheet [ ].

[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[ ] removed from the National Register.

[ ] other, explain
See continuation sheet [ ].
5. Classification

Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
[ X] private | [ X] building(s) | 2 buildings 0 non-contributing |
[ ] public-local | [ ] district | 0 sites 0 non-contributing |
[ ] public-State | [ ] site | 0 structures 0 non-contributing |
[ ] public-Federal | [ ] structure | 0 objects 0 non-contributing |
[ ] object | | 2 total |

Name of related multiple property listing.

Historic Resources of Lexington, Lafayette County, MO, MRA

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure

Current Functions
VACANT/NOT IN USE
WORK IN PROGRESS

7. Description

Architectural Classification
Italianate

Materials
foundation brick
walls brick
roof metal
other wood

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

[X] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

[X] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

[X] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

Property is:

[X] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

[X] B removed from its original location.

[C] a birthplace or grave.

[D] a cemetery.

[X] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

[X] F a commemorative property.

[X] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Periods of Significance

circa 1674

Significant Dates

n/a

Significant Person(s)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

unknown

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

[X] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

[X] previously listed in the National Register

[X] previously determined eligible by the National Register

[X] designated a National Historic Landmark

[X] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

[X] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

[X] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

[X] State Historic Preservation Office

[X] Other State Agency

[X] Federal Agency

[X] Local Government

[X] University

[X] Other:

Name of repository:
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References

A. Zone 15
   Easting 425240
   Northing 4336400

B. Zone
   Easting
   Northing

C. Zone
   Easting
   Northing

D. Zone
   Easting
   Northing

[ ] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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state  Missouri

zip code  64093

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items
(Check with the SHPO or FOP for any additional items)

Property Owner
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FOP)

name __________________________

street & number __________________________ telephone __________________________

city or town __________________________ state __________ zip code __________________________
SUMMARY: The Alexander and Elizabeth Aull Graves House, 2326 Aull Lane, Lexington, Lafayette County, is a two-story brick residence of the Italianate Buildings property type (see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri (Partial Inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties): Associated Property Types: Italianate Buildings"). It was built according to an asymmetrical compound plan as defined by McAlester and McAlester. While such houses typically have cross-hipped or cross-gabled roofs, this example combines a gabled front wing and a low-pitched, hipped rear wing. The more elaborate gabled section has returns and circular windows within semidomed columns. The entire roofline is modillion-enhanced. Other Italianate elements include distinctive tall, narrow windows with prominent segmental crowns; a segmental arched, transomed double-leaf entrance; and a bracketed bay window. Vacant for many years (although a tentative attempt at rehabilitation is under way), the Graves House easily recalls its historic associations and represents a distinctive type within the Lexington Multiple Resource Area. Nearby is a contributing, frame shed roughly contemporary with the house. The buildings occupy a residential tract near the southeast city limit.

NARRATIVE: Overall dimensions of this SSE-oriented house are 29 feet across the primary elevation by 50 feet. This compound-plan house is shaped roughly like a very fat letter "F" with a porch and an enclosed porch in the spaces. Throughout the building, the relatively soft red brick is laid in semicommon bond (paired headers are interspersed with lengthwise bricks at intervals of seven, eight and nine courses). Exterior walls are approximately 14 inches thick. Interior load-bearing walls are approximately 10 inches thick.

Narrow, paired windows in the main elevation and tall, single units on other facades have projecting, segmentally-arched hoods of stuccoed brick. With subtle variations, this type of window enhancement is seen in many Italianate and other transitional Greek Revival residences in Lexington. In this example, a masonry band with an egg-and-dart design is found beneath the projecting hoods. The paired windows are double-hung 1/1s; single units are 2/2s. A one-story bay window on the west contains four double-hung 1/1s. The three front windows have original or very old wooden shutters.

The front porch has distinctive pierced, square wooden supports of a type widely seen on antebellum and immediate postbellum homes in Lexington. In this example, the porch is probably original; if not, it is probably a close approximation of the original porch. The porch roof is flat. The columns rest on a stone slab which is barely above ground level. While not original, a latticed porch on the northwest probably dates from early in the century. A one or two-story porch which originally occupied the space between the wings has been enclosed, decades ago.

Inside, first floor enframements consist of tiered moldings. Second floor enframements are plain boards with pediment-shaped architraves. Pilaster

mantels with breakfront shelves are present on both levels. The curving main staircase has a turned newel post and balusters. A narrow, boxed staircase links the kitchen with an upstairs rear bedroom, presumably used by servants. Interior doors contain pairs of vertical panels. The first floor area where a porch was enclosed between the wings is a bathroom.

The only outbuilding is a frame, 10 feet by 13 feet storage building with a board-and-batten exterior and a gable roof. This building, roughly contemporary with the house and apparently associated with it during the period of significance, is counted as contributing.

Although tentative rehabilitation is under way, the appearance of the Graves House remains substantially unchanged (except for deterioration) from when it was erected circa 1874. When serviceable, original materials are being retained and replacement materials will not significantly change the appearance of the building, according to the owner. Consequently the building’s historic character is and should remain intact.

The Graves House is #578 in the Lexington MRA.
Graves, Alexander and Elizabeth Aull House
Lafayette County, Missouri

A - Shed
B - Graves-Aull House

Site Boundary

SITE PLAN
(Not to Scale)
Graves, Alexander and Elizabeth Aull, House
Lafayette County, Missouri

First Floor Plan

- 11' x 12' Kitchen (K)
- 15' x 15' Dining Room (DINING ROOM)
- 15' x 15' Living Room (LIVING ROOM)
- 15' x 16' Parlor (PARKOR)
- 17' Width
- 50' Length
- 29' Width
SUMMARY: The Alexander and Elizabeth Aull Graves House, 2326 Aull Lane, Lexington, Lafayette County, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE. Built circa 1874, the Graves House exemplifies the Italianate Buildings property type (see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri (Partial Inventory: Historic and Architectural Properties): Associated Property Types: Italianate Buildings"). The house's paired, elongated windows with rounded, projecting hoods and roofline enhanced by modillions and pedimented gables is representative of residential Italianate architecture in Lexington. Its credentials within the Lexington vocabulary are further established by a portico with distinctive, cut-out wooden supports of a locally prevalent type. A storage building east of the Graves House is a contributing resource.

NARRATIVE: John Aull, prominent Lexington businessman and banker, commissioned this house for his daughter, Elizabeth, when she married Alexander Graves, an attorney, in 1874. Graves, a native of Jefferson County, Mississippi, later was elected to Congress. The property is located on Aull Lane, named in honor of the prominent Aull family. Mrs. Elizabeth Aull Graves was a relative of Miss Elizabeth Aull who founded the Elizabeth Aull Female Seminary which opened in Lexington shortly before the Civil War. Although the architect of the Graves House is undetermined, the building has been conditionally attributed to local architect/carpenter John E. Cheatham because of distinctive brick archivolts which are reminiscent of, although different from, those on his family home.

9. Major Bibliographic References

*History of Lafayette County, Missouri.* St. Louis: National Historical Company, 1881.

Missouri Historic Inventory Survey Form No. 578, "Alexander Graves House." Historic Lexington Survey, August 1981. Copy in Missouri Cultural Resources Inventory, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO.


[For additional bibliographic information, see "Historic Resources of Lexington, Missouri" (amended) cover document.]

10. Geographical Data

**Verbal Boundary Justification:** The east 275 feet of Lot 11, Lexington Land Company Subdivision, City of Lexington, Lafayette County.

**Boundary Justification:** The boundary of the nominated property includes that portion of the city lot which retains integrity. Additional acreage originally associated with the resource has been subdivided into residential lots.
The following information is the same for all photographs:
Graves, Alexander and Elizabeth Aull, House
2326 Aull Lane, Lexington, Lafayette County, MO
Photographer: Roger Maserang
Negative location: Missouri Cultural Resource Inventory
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

#1: View from southeast
   March 1991
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#2: View from east
   March 1991
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#3: View from northwest
   March 1991
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#4: Detail of window in south elevation
   March 1991
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#5: Bay window, north elevation
   March 1991
   5 of 10

#6: Entrance from hall stair, facing southeast
   May 1991
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#7: View of hall and stair, facing north
   May 1991
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#8: Living room, facing southwest
   May 1991
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#9: Upstairs landing, facing southeast
   May 1991
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#10: Upstairs south bedroom
    May 1991
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EXTRA PHOTOS