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<td>42 Further Description of Important Features</td>
<td>The roof line descends in front to just above the front door and windows. The door has a window in it and a small flat aluminum hood sheltering it. To the right banked windows on front and side and asbestos siding below suggest a glazed verandah. The upper part of the gable has asbestos shingles. The wing to the rear has a largely exposed basement with a center door, with window and hood similar to the front. The windows have aluminum awnings.</td>
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<td>The little house at 103 Elm appears to have been altered from its historic appearance; perhaps it had a second story at one time, and the 1909 atlas suggests that it once had a south wing. Lots 41 and 48 of Block 12 were purchased from John and Mary Ball in 1851 by Henry Kriete, or Krite, as his name was written later. He and his wife Charlotte sold the lots in 1854 to Maurus or Mauris Raab for $425 (continued)</td>
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<td>44 Description of Environment and Outbuildings</td>
<td>Although the property backs up to commercial activities facing Manchester Road, Elm Avenue is a quiet residential street. The yard is rolling in terrain.</td>
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but two years later, in 1856, Raab sold them for only $150. The name of the buyer on the deed at that time was Christian Slicener, but this was probably Christian Schleusner, whose name is shown in both the 1878 and 1893 atlases. Some incomplete probate records were filed in 1891 for Christian Schleusner, regarding the sale of a farm of 129 acres in the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 45, Range 4, but no town property is shown. The executrix of this estate was Louisa Schleusner, who was Christian's widow. (City marriage records show Christian Schlesner marrying Eliese Emme in 1857; could this be Louisa?) She lived until 1927, and she still owned these two lots at that time, except for the northwest corner that had been sold to Amanda V. Potter. Of Louisa's surviving children, Frieda married John Lucksginer, and they had lived in the house that has been moved to 411 Orchard Avenue. Louise married Adam Seibel of Manchester, and Robert married Lizzie Bopp, who also lived in the 411 Orchard house. Deceased children included Ida DeWein of Ballwin, Mathilda Kessler of Kirkwood, and William Schleusner of Clayton. According to Caverly Wallace, William Schleusner was living at 103 Elm in 1909.

This house was later owned by Florence K. Hunnicutt, a daughter of Charles Buermann, the blacksmith. Since her death, the property has been owned together by her three children.

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On site inspection.

Further Description of Important Features: This building is a gabled frame structure with a gabled porch supported by two posts over the front entry. Windows are 2-over-2 and have been lowered on the side elevation. The roof has a relatively steep pitch and the windows are narrow. There is an attic vent high in the gable. A large addition joins the south side of the building.

History and Significance: Opened in November of 1900, this school served until 1938 when a new school opened. The building cost $1180 and was furnished through three $500 bond issues. It sold for $1025. The structure replaced an earlier frame building at the same site. That building was built in 1855 by the German Society of the Methodist Church. It was used as a church and school with the pastor, Rev. William Koehnecke, the teacher. In 1869 the newly organized Board of Education District 45 bought that building for $900.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings: The grounds slope steeply to the south. The grounds also drop sharply from the end of the school’s walk to the street drainage ditch.

Sources of Information:

On site inspection
### Historic Inventory

**Sophia Brockmann Dower House**

**125 Elm Street, 205 Elm Street**

**1. No.** 23R430245
**2. County** St. Louis
**3. Location of Negatives** 2-14-94-3/12

**4. Present Name(s)** Sophia Brockmann

**5. Other Name(s)**

**6. Specific Location**
- **Lot 7, Block 4**
- **Town of Ballwin**

**7. City or Town** If Rural, Township & Vicinity Ballwin

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

**9. Coordinates**
- **UTM**
- **Lat.**
- **Long.**

**10. Site **
- **Building **

**11. On National Register?** Yes [X]

**12. Is it Eligible?** Yes [X]
**13. Part of Establ. H. Dist.?** Yes [X]
**14. District?** Yes [X]
**15. Nam of Established Dist.**

**16. Thematic Category**

**17. Date(s) or Period**
- **constructed c. 1880**

**18. Style or Design** Vernacular

**19. Architect or Engineer**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Original Use, if apparent**
- **residence**

**22. Present Use**
- **storage**

**23. Ownership**
- **Public [X]**
- **Private [W]**

**24. Owner’s Name & Address, if known**
- **Glennon H. Hellmann**
- **312 Main St., Ballwin 63021**

**25. Open to Public?**
- **Yes [X]**
**26. Local Contact Person or Organization**

**27. Other Surveys in Which Included**

**28. No. of Stories**
- **1**

**29. Basement?** Yes [X]

**30. Foundation Material**
- **stone**

**31. Wall Construction**
- **frame**

**32. Roof Type & Material**
- **shingle, comp.**

**33. No. of Bays**
- **Front 3 Side 2**

**34. Wall Treatment**
- **aluminum siding**

**35. Plan Shape**
- **rectangular**

**36. Changes**
- **Addition [X]**
- **Alteration [W]**
- **Moved [W]**

**37. Condition**
- **Interior**
- **Exterior**

**38. Preservation**
- **Yes [X]**
- **Underway?** No [W]

**39. Endangered?** Yes [X]
- **By What?**

**40. Visible from Public Road?** Yes [X]

**41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 1/01**

**42. Further Description of Important Features**

Very simple house has two 2-over-2 windows with door off-center between them. Gable ends have a window on the south end and a door (with no balcony) on the north. The north side also has a ground-floor entry at the rear. According to the present owner, inside partitions in this house are "wattle and daub" construction.

**43. History and Significance**

Judging by the records, this house seems to have been built as a retirement home for Sophia Brockmann after the death of her husband Henry Brockmann. The primary residence for Brockmann seems to have been on the east side of Elm, on Lot 6, Block 3 of Ballwin. That property, along with Lot 5 to the east of it, had belonged to Ludwig Emme, and a house is shown there in the 1878 county atlas (while Lot 7 is vacant)." (continued)

**44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

The garage immediately north of the house is almost as large as the house. Its north half is a gable-roofed barn, with an attic window now sided over. The south half is shed-roofed, with a garage door in front and a wall of windows like a greenhouse (contd)

**45. Sources of Information**

- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book Y3, p. 527, X6, 413.
- St. Louis County Probate Court, #1784.
- On site inspection.

(continued)
Judging from a deed written in 1884, but not filed until 1887, Emme's daughter Louisa was the wife of Christian Schleusner, who probably built 103 Elm Street. The Emme heirs sold Lots 5 and 6 to Henry Brockmann in 1884 and 1887. He had already acquired lot 7 from Christian Schleusner in 1879, as well as the undivided half interest in a well that was located on the west line of Lot 6.

"Heinrich Brockman" is listed in the 1893 county directory as a carpenter. According to probate records, Henry Brockmann died in 1900, leaving a widow, Sophia, sons Henry, Junior, Gustav, and Edward, and daughters Eliza (or Eliese) Talbot and Matilda Conklin. In 1904, Eliza and her husband John Talbot of Shreveport, Louisiana sold their interest in the property to Frederick Boedecker for $750. At the same time, the remaining members of the family sold their interests for another $750, but a provision of the deed states that "Sopfie [sic] Brockmann hereby reserves the right to occupy as a dwelling and a tract of land 30 x 100 on which said dwelling is located during her natural life a small building on the extreme northeast corner of lot no. seven at her death this is to belong to the party of the second part." The 1909 county atlas still shows this lot vacant, but that must be a mistake. This house could have been built any time after the lot's acquisition by Brockman in 1879; perhaps he moved from this house to the larger one across the street.

The Boedeker family retained ownership of Lot 7 until 1958, when Raymond Hostkoetter, who was the nephew and guardian of Josephine Boedecker, sold the property to Glennon H. Hellmann, a florist. At that time, the property had the address 310 Main Street.

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 9, page 353; 37, 200; 38, 224; 158, 458 (two deeds); 4003, 514.
Henry Buermann House

240 Main Street

16. Thematic Category
= 19th Century Residential

17. Date(s) or Period
constructed c. 1865

18. Style or Design
now Colonial Revival

21. Original Use, if apparent
residence

22. Present Use
residence

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known
Paul A. & Mary Frisch

25. Open to Public?
Yes

29. Basement?
Yes

30. Foundation Material
not evident

31. Wall Construction
frame?

32. Roof Type & Material
gable, comp.

33. No. of Bays
Front 3+3 Side 2

34. Wall Treatment
brick veneer

35. Plan Shape
irregular

36. Changes
(Explain) Moved

37. Condition
Interior
Exterior

good

38. Preservation Underway?
No

39. Endangered?
By What?

40. Visible from Public Road?
Yes

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road
104 ft.

42. Further Description of Important Features
Front of house has been refaced in used brick to match long, low 1978 wing to east. Main house has center door with plain surround and 6-over-6 windows with nonfitting shutters. Large shed-roof dormer in back has shingled sides. Modern brick chimney is at east end of main house. Wing has picture window in first bay and double-hung windows in other widely-spaced bays, all with soldier courses on top. Two large garage doors at east end have pedestrian door adjacent.

43. History and Significance
Lots 4, 17 and 18 of Block 2 of Ballwin (three of the four lots on the block) were acquired from John and Mary Ball by Jacob Whitehammer or Weisheimer in 1843. Two years later he and his wife Susannah sold them to John Andrew Dutter. Dutter and his wife Antonette or Anthonetta sold them "with improvements" in 1853 for $350. The buyer was Frederick Bartold of Manchester. He and his wife Margaret (continued)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
The house faces north at the southeast corner of Main Street and Ries Road.

45. Sources of Information

(continued)
kept them for only another two years, then sold them for the strikingly large amount of $1,200 to Louis Bartold. He apparently died about 1863, and in that year, these lots were sold to Henry Buermann. The deed itemizes the prices: $65 for Lot 4, $20.50 for Lot 17, and $21.50 for Lot 18. Since this house is on lot 17, it must not have been built yet. It is shown, however, on Julius Pitzman's 1878 plan of Ballwin, so it must have been built by Buermann.

This Henry Buermann is not to be confused with the Henry Buermann (1866-1938), who was a son of Charles or Carl Buermann. Our Henry died about 1889, when his children divided his real estate among themselves. This part went to Bertha, the wife of Bernhard Pohlmann of Quincy, Illinois. Lots 24 and 33 in Block 8 went to Augusta, the wife of Rudolph Pagenstecher. Lots 21 and 22 in Block 9 went to Rosa, the wife of George Doerr. Son William Buermann and his wife Dorothea (Dorothy) participated in these transactions but did not obtain any property for themselves.

St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book C^3, page 426; S^3, 345; T^6, 173; 232, 437; 285, 123.

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<td>42. Further Description of Important Features</td>
<td>This picturesque house has a partial second story, with two front windows rising above the roofline to become dormers, their shed roofs descending from the roof ridge. The front porch is only slightly inset from the corners of the house. It has a bargeboard curving between the square piers. Also part of the bargeboard is a dentilled frieze, and the triangular porchroof ends are also patterned. A brick-veneer wainscott underlines the front first-floor windows. Windows have dark sash in light surrounds. At the corner is a small &quot;doghouse&quot; basement entry, with asbestos siding and tile veneer base. Its door has strap hinges and (continued)</td>
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<td>43. History and Significance</td>
<td>This house is associated with Carl or Charles Buermann, who was a stonemason and the German-immigrant father of the Charles and Henry Buermann who ran the blacksmith and wagon-making shops on Manchester Road at the turn of the century. This lot is part of Kessler's Addition to Ballwin, which was laid out in 1868. Charles Buermann bought this whole block in 1869 from Kessler for only $150. (continued)</td>
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<td>44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings</td>
<td>The house is at the southwest corner of Main and Fremont. In addition to the main house on the corner, a smaller house is situated at right angles just to the west. It has a saltbox profile to the street. A 2-over-2 window and a glazed door with aluminum hood face the street. An attic room is lighted (continued)</td>
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Charles Buermann House
330 Main Street

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is set below grade, approached by a ramp. The rear wing has a screened porch opening to the east, with a low shed roof and plain frieze. A small brick chimney is centered on the roof.

43. continued

The house was already standing by 1878, when Julius Pitzman published his county atlas. He calls Buermann "Carl," as does the 1893 atlas. Charles died in 1905, leaving a widow, Caroline, five married daughters, and three sons, Julius, Charles, and Henry.

The inventory taken at that time gives an unusual insight into the way of life. The complete contents of the house are listed as a bureau, a table, 6 chairs, rocker, bedstead, 4 feather beds, 3 feather pillows and bolster, heating stove, lounge, shotgun wardrobe, trunk, kitchen safe and all utensils, stove and pipe, coal oil stove, 2 lamps, kitchen table, brass kettle and rest, rakes, hoes and spades, and post hole digger.

Henry Buermann's children George and Lizzie lived for many years at 336 Main Street, on the lot next to this one; it was finally sold out of the family in 1986. This lot apparently left the family at an earlier date. It was sold in 1965 by Roy B. and Florence M. Tingler to the present owners.
### Clare-Koch House

**14816 Manchester Road**

- **No. of Stories:** 1
- **Basement:** Yes ✔
- **Foundation Material:** stone ✔
- **Wall Construction:** frame ✔
- **Roof Type & Material:** high hip, gable, comp ✔
- **No. of Bays:** 2
- **Rear:** irr. 3
- **Wall Treatment:** aluminum siding ✔
- **Plan Shape:** Irregular ✔
- **Changes:** Addition ✔
- **Condition:** Exterior fair ✔
- **Preservation Underway:** Yes ✔
- **Endangered:** Yes ✔
- **Visible from Public Road:** Yes ✔
- **Distance from and Frontage on Road:** 151 ft.

#### Description of Important Features

The house is now entered from the south side, where a tall porch shelters two doors with transoms. Four thin pipe posts support a low hipped roof tucked under the house's cornice. A tall dormer on this side has a hipped roof. Above the former front entry on the north side is a second dormer, but this one has a barrel roof matching the round-headed window, which has radiating muntins and is flanked by pilasters. The north entry is approached through a shed-roof addition. The porch has Tuscan pilasters. The north entry is approached through a low-hipped one-bay porch, now partly enclosed and extended by a shed-roof addition. The porch has Tuscan half-columns. To the west is a short gabled wing. A longer gabled wing (continued)

#### History and Significance

This land was part of a larger tract, including the adjacent city lots, that was acquired late in 1873 by Marie Matilde Villmer Grube from another member of her family. She was the recent window of Carl Theodor Grube, who had died that February. According to Caverly Wallace, her house faced Ries Road. She sold this tract, originally one and a half acres, in 1901 to Montrose M. Clare for $500. (continued)

#### Description of Environment and Outbuildings

This house was designed to face Manchester Road but is now considerably below grade. It formerly was numbered 214 Manchester.
Clare-Koch House
14816 Manchester Road

42. continued

extends to the east, and another to the north. These have angled corners with
scalloped brackets supporting the overhanging gable corners. The house seems to
have had several layers of siding.

43. continued

Clare and his wife Paula apparently built the house, which appears clearly outlined in
the 1909 county atlas. By 1906, however, the Clares had moved to Carroll County,
Arkansas. They sold this Ballwin property to Otto W. Koch for $4,000, a figure
reflecting the substantial improvements they had made. Koch is listed in the 1917
county directory as a physician.

In 1961, the house, by then converted to commercial uses, became the city hall of
Ballwin, which had incorporated in 1950. The government moved to the new city hall
at Vlasis Park in 1970. Caverly Wallace's 1979 book illustrates the building occupied
by Lafayette TV and H & R Block. It is currently used by a religious organization.

45. continued

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 124, page 434; 3838, 158; 4741, 62; 8933,
541.

Salem United Methodist Church of Ballwin

14825 Manchester Road
311 Manchester Road

28. No. of Stories

Yes \( \times \)

29. Basement?

Yes \( \times \)

No \( \times \)

30. Foundation Material

Stone footing

31. Wall Construction

Brick

32. Roof Type & Material

High gable/composition

33. No. of Bays

Front 3 Side 4

34. Wall Treatment

Common bond

35. Plan Shape

Rectangle

36. Changes

Addition\( \times \)

Moved \( \times \)

37. Condition

Interior\( \times \)

Exterior\( \times \)

38. Preservation

Yes \( \times \)

Underway? \( \times \)

No \( \times \)

39. Endangered?

Yes \( \times \)

By What? \( \times \)

No \( \times \)

40. Visible from Public Road?

Yes \( \times \)

No \( \times \)

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road

42. Further Description of Important Features

The date of construction of the church is given in a stone panel set into the front wall above the center bay. An inscription cut into it reads: "Methodist 1870. Episcopal Church." The steeple and spire appear to retain their original form but the steeple has 4' x 8' wood panels covering it. The spire is octagonal and rests on a square, pyramidal base. The bell is rung by hand. Both the roof of the church and the spire are covered with composition shingles, large and diamond-shaped (continued).

43. History and Significance

Ballwin was platted by John Ball in 1837, who then set aside a full block for the Methodist Episcopal Church and a school house, and an adjoining tract for a cemetery. Ball came to this area in the late 1790's and became converted to Methodism in 1809. Ball became a "class leader" of the first backwoodsmen and settlers, holding classes in his cabin between the times when a circuit-riding preacher would come. By 1827, Ball (continued)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

A parking lot is on the west side of the property. The church faces Manchester Road, a busy commercial thoroughfare in a rapidly developing area, although a few older structures survive.

Sources of Information


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Organization

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Revision Dates

(continued)
Salem United Methodist Church of Ballwin
311 Manchester Road

6. continued

57 and 58, Block 15, Ballwin subdivision.

42. continued

Windows on the upper level of the facade, opening into the choir loft, have semicircular heads and the lights have been cut to that shape. The openings on the main floor have segmentally-arched heads, as does the door. All of the material used to fill the doorway is of recent vintage: a double door with diamond-shaped lights and a skylight of Florentine glass.

The brick arches over the upper windows project beyond the surface of the wall and run between brick quoins at each corner and brick pilasters which divide the facade into three distinct bays.

Brick quoins also appear at the rear of the structure. With three brick pilasters, they define the four bays on each side of the church. The uppermost bricks of each quoin and pilaster are corbeled to simulate a capital. Each bay contains a window with a semicircular head, 9-over-9 lights, and five-light heads. All of the glass is clear.

Another opening may have originally existed on the facade since there is a circle created by bricks within the gable. The center of that circle is now filled with brick that is of a slightly different color than the remainder of the wall. The original wall no longer exists. It was removed during the mid-1960's when the sanctuary was enlarged. A frame addition was erected then as part of a major expansion which also included the construction of the present brick office and nursery wing at the rear of the sanctuary. That marked the second building program undertaken by the congregation during the past thirty years, the first having in the 1950's produced a brick recreation hall to the northeast of the church. The work done in the 1960's caused the recreation hall to be joined to the rest of the complex. Until then, it was a free-standing building. Some additions have gable roofs. The frame extension from the sanctuary is covered with clapboards. A large new addition beneath a gable roof has been built to the west, attached to the northwest corner.

Anchor plates for reinforcing rods are visible in several places on the exterior of the old section of the church. Those include the corners at the front of the structure and the spaces immediately above the three northerly windows on each side.

The interior shows signs of extensive remodeling but also a variety of original features. The choir loft above the lobby at the south side of the sanctuary has a balustrade with turned balusters. Panels suspended from tracks in the ceiling can be used to close off the loft.
Salem United Methodist Church of Ballwin
311 Manchester Road

42. continued

There are now fourteen pews on each side of the center aisle. The twelve that are closest to the altar are lighter in color and they are well-crafted reproductions of the earlier carpentry on the sixteen remaining pews. The reproductions were created when the sanctuary underwent enlargement in the 1960's. The work done then created the whole of the space now used for the altar and pulpit. Windows with designs in vitrified colors are set into the wall behind the altar.

The original location of the rear wall of the sanctuary is still made apparent by a line created at the point where the old plaster joins the new.

There is no basement under the original building and its walls rest on a stone footing or water table. The combination nursery and office addition does have a basement from which there is access to a crawl-space beneath the older section of the church.

43. continued

was providing space for services in his carding mill in Manchester. The founding of the congregation came in 1847. In 1855 a small white frame building (some say a log cabin) was erected for a church. The burial ground was marked out at this time. The present brick building was constructed in 1870 for $4,500, and has been in continuous use since then. The main sanctuary exterior remains in its original form, although the interior has been remodeled more than once. An educational wing was added in 1951 and, in about 1958, the sanctuary was enlarged with the addition of a new altar and choir area and several new pews. Shutters to fit the round-headed windows are shown in some early photos, but only hinges remain.

45. continued

Interview with Oliver Blinnes, June 1981.

On site inspection.

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Jan. '92
SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1870
BALLIVIN, MO.
Ruppel-McKinnon Hardware Store

14834 Manchester Road

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42. Further Description of Important Features: The siding is rectangular sheets of metal embossed to look like brick. The same material is found on the Lyceum (now City Hall) in Manchester, dated 1894, but this use must be closer to 1930. The building, which is depicted in its original condition in Caverly Wallace, p. 30, was remodeled at that time to create an apartment upstairs. At present, the two-story front porch has a low shed roof, turned posts and iron balustrades on the second floor and plain posts on the first floor. The west corner post is set back from the corner with a brace, for some reason. The first floor front elevation is faced with brick. It has a door at the east end (continued).

43. History and Significance: This building goes back well into the nineteenth century, but its present appearance seems to date from the late 1920s, when it was a hardware store run by Minnie Ruppel. Lots 42 and 47 in Block 12 of the town of Ballwin were purchased from John and Mary Ball in 1851 by Frederick Schelp. The 1878 atlas shows this property with a building on it already. Caverly Wallace reports that Schelp came to Ballwin (continued).

44. Sources of Information:
- Walter Scharf, History of St. Louis City and County (1883), p. 1902.
- On site inspection.

45. Prepared by Esley Hamilton

46. Organization St. Louis County Parks

47. Date 49. Revision Date(s) 6/94
and a center door flanked by two picture windows. The second floor has paired double-hung windows on the sides and a five-part window in front, with a porch door at the far west end. To the rear, the building has a complex series of additions. First is a partial two-story addition with shed roof. It is continued another two bays as a one-story addition of rock-face concrete block. On top of this is a deck, partly shaded by a flat roof. The right half of the back has one-story additions ending in a modern store-front with glass double doors and a large display window sheltered by a long aluminum awning.

43. continued

from Holzhausen, Germany in 1847 (Scharf says 1849) and organized a factory to make wagons and agricultural implements. He built a second building in 1854 after a fire and a third in 1873. By the time Scharf wrote in 1883, the business had nine full-time employees and had added the manufacture of light carriages to its operations. That activity was probably in the next block west of this one.

Schelp sold all of lots 42 and 47 in 1889 to H. W. Karrenbrock for $3,000. That price also included two lots in the next block (the site of 107 Elm). Karrenbrock sold the east part of his Manchester Road frontage, 67 by 135 feet, to Henry Buermann in 1893. The 1893 and 1896 county directories list Karrenbrock as a dealer in farm implements. At the end of 1898, Karrenbrock sold the remaining part of his property to Casper Woerther for $1,400.

Casper Woerther was born in 1848 in St. Louis County. According to an affidavit filed in 1923 by his cousin Charles Rauscher, Casper was the grandson of George Philip Woerther (also known as Walter), who died in 1841 or 42 owning a farm of about 140 acres in Section 5, Township 45 Range 5. Philip had three daughters and three or four sons. The eldest son, Casper's father John Casper Woerther, died before 1855, according to Rauscher, when Casper would have been only 7; Thomas says Casper was "not yet twelve." He trained as a blacksmith under Fred Schelp and purchased Schelp's blacksmith business in 1887. The 1896 county directory lists the firm as Worther and Luckesinger, blacksmiths and wagonmakers. The wagonmaker of the firm was John Luckesinger, who bought Woerther's house (now 411 Orchard) in 1898. In that year, Woerther and his eldest son Henry F. Woerther (born 1877) purchased Karrenbrock's farm implement business and expanded it into a general hardware store under the name Casper Woerther & Son. They also sold McCormick and John Deere farm machinery.

Casper Woerther's probate records have not survived, but apparently he left this property not to Henry but to his younger children Dan and Laura. He died about 1922, and they sold this property in 1923 to Otto H. and Minnie Thorburg.
Thorburg sold off the east fifty feet of the frontage in 1925 to Albert Bakemeier and the next year sold this part (by quit-claim deed) to Augusta Ruppel. She immediately sold it by warranty to Minnie E. Ruppel. The relationship of the two women is not known.

According to Wallace, Minnie remodeled and enlarged the building, which previously had only one room on each floor. A photo (Wallace, page 30) shows that the building in its original form differed from the present one in almost every particular except the hipped roof. By 1928, Minnie is reported living here as well as running the hardware store. She married William A. McKinnon in 1932, and by 1934, the business was being listed as the Ballwin Hardware Store. The McKinnons operated the store for more than thirty years. Bill McKinnon, as he was called, died in 1967, and in 1977 the property was sold to the present owners.

45. continued


St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book D6, page 231.

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 40, page 399; 67, 73; 101, 16; 130, 339; 587, 301; 596, 219; 815, 255 & 256; 7003, 1869.
Prosperous merchants of a burgeoning era, the Woerthers ran a hardware store that included selling buggies, surreys and wagons, plus John Deere plows and McCormick harvesting machines. Seated with an unidentified boy in the newfangled truck on the right of the picture is Gilbert Woerther. His brother Henry leans on the front of the truck, and patriarch Casper Woerther stands in the center under the sign with another son, Daniel, at his right. The man at left is unidentified. The site of this business is now occupied by Tri-City Auto Parts.

Woerther Hardware Store

Where Tri-City Auto Parts now stands on Manchester Road there stood in the early part of this century the largest hardware and implement store in St. Louis County.

Casper Woerther at age 50 and his son, Henry, then 21, bought a store owned by H. W. Karrenbroch in 1898 and built it into a large business that later was the agency for John Deere plows and McCormick harvesting machines. If you needed a new stove or a graniteware pan, Woerther’s had the best selection.

In those days buying a new buggy or surrey, even a wagon, was a major purchase, and many people went to Casper Woerther & Son to select the family’s transportation vehicle.

Casper Woerther, born in St. Louis County April 30, 1848, was one of four sons and a daughter of his German-born father, who also was named Casper. (Undoubtedly he had a mother as well, but we have no mention of who she was.) At 11, the younger Casper was orphaned. He went to work learning to be a blacksmith under the direction of Fred Schelp, the owner of the first shop in Ballwin, according to a history
of St. Louis County. He bought Schelp's interests when he was 39 years old and ran it until the year he bought the hardware store.

In 1875, Casper Woerther had married Miss Elizabeth Schultz from St. Charles County. Her father had also immigrated to this area from Germany. In addition to Henry, their children were Casper, Laura, Daniel, Meta, Viola and Gilbert.

Henry married Isabella N. Heiss, daughter of George C. Heiss of Ballwin in June, 1900. (One source spells this name Hayes.) Daniel, too, eight years younger than Henry, worked in their father's store. At this writing, Daniel's son, Daniel Gilbert Woerther, lives in Ballwin at 115 Elm Street. His livelihood came from two other Ballwin businesses — the Schrader Funeral Home and his Uncle Henry's insurance business which the present day Daniel took over when Henry died.

**McKinnon Hardware**

Bill and "Slim" McKinnon ran the former Woerther Hardware Store as a partnership for over three decades, and Mrs. McKinnon had managed it starting in 1925. She and William "Bill" McKinnon were married January 27, 1932, at Sulphur Spring Hill Church and were Ballwin merchants until about 1965.

Mrs. McKinnon lives now on New Ballwin Road only about three-quarters of a mile from where she was born, the daughter of Wilhelmina Neuberg Karl Ruppel and George Ruppel.

During the years of their store, Mrs. McKinnon says they did not work eight hours a day. They worked from early Monday morning until late Saturday night. She recalls some hard times but remembers that both of them enjoyed the work and that their customers were their friends.

The store, which changed hands again recently, now houses Tri-City Auto Parts. Originally, it was small with one room on the first floor and one room upstairs. After remodeling, there were living quarters upstairs heated by a "Quick Meal" range which also served for cooking. The downstairs was heated by a pot belly stove. In the early days light came from kerosene lamps and water from a well in the back yard.

Bill McKinnon died in 1967. He had enjoyed sports, especially hunting, fishing and baseball and had been a faithful supporter of the Ballwin baseball club. Charter member and first president of the Ballwin Rotary Club, he also served as president of the Missouri Retail Hardware Association during 1960 and 1961.

Bill McKinnon's parents were Joseph and Barbara McKinnon. His mother was struck by lightning before Bill was four years old. His sister, Martha, and her husband, Christ Walka, took him to raise. The Walka family moved to Ries Road in Ballwin when Bill was 16.

One of the McKinnons' interests was their church where they worked to see the new building and educational wing built after the church building they were married in was razed. Mrs. McKinnon is a member of the Rotary Ann Club and the Tuesday Contemporary Club.

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Ballwin Hardware Store's owner talks with customer Mat Richard in this 1929 picture. Don't miss the electric light at the top of the photo. — an ultra-modern Edison Mazda light with a filament of carbonized bamboo shoots.
Zeinert House

14900 Manchester Road

16. Thematic Category
- Vernacular

17. Date(s) or Period
- Constructed c. 1870

18. Style or Design
- Vernacular

19. Architect or Engineer
- Unknown

20. Contractor or Builder
- Unknown

21. Original Use, if apparent
- Residence

22. Present Use
- Restaurant

23. Ownership
- Public

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known
- Betty L. Quaethem

25. Open to Public?
- Yes

26. Local Contact Person or Organization
- Betty L. Quaethem

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
- None

28. No. of Stories
- 2

29. Basement?
- Yes

30. Foundation Material
- Stone

31. Wall Construction
- Frame

32. Roof Type & Material
- Gable, Composition

33. No. of Bays
- Front: 5, Side: 1

34. Wall Treatment
- Vinyl (?) siding

35. Plan Shape
- Irregular

36. Changes
- Addition
- Alteration
- Moved

37. Condition
- Interior: Good
- Exterior: Good

38. Preservation Underway?
- No

39. Endangered?
- Yes

40. Visible from Public Road?
- Yes

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road
- 104

42. Further Description of Important Features
This building has a two-story veranda across the front, partly enclosed on the ground floor to create a vestibule. Siding in front is vertical, with battens of contrasting color. Vernandah has posts only at corners but modern partially enclosed balustrade. Entry is from side of vestibule. Side of building has irregularly placed windows, including one toward rear of first floor, 2 off-center on the second floor, and one centered under roof ridge. A one-story shed-roof addition runs along the back of the building, and a second addition partially extends that. They are both on concrete block foundations and are covered with the same siding.

43. History and Significance
This building, large for Ballwin, is currently used as a restaurant but was originally the home of Charles B. Zeinert, a physician. He purchased two lots here in 1870 from Louis and Emma Kessler, who had laid out this addition to Ballwin two years earlier. The house is indicated on a map of Ballwin found in Julius Pitzman's 1878 county atlas. Zeinert died in 1901, leaving a widow, the former (continued)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Lot slopes downward from Manchester Road. It is almost all paved except for small areas in front of house and along road. A large sign in front of restaurant is topped by a cut-out of a carriage and horse. This property formerly had the address of 336 Manchester Road.

45. Sources of Information
- St. Louis County Probate Court, #1920.
- St. Louis City Marriage Licenses.
- On site inspection.

46. Prepared by
- Esley Hamilton

47. Organization
- St. Louis County Parks

48. Date
- 6/94
Margaret or Margarethe Meyer, whom he had married in 1866. They had three daughters and a son, Oliver B. Zeinert. Oliver, who was 16 in 1901, also became a physician. He lived at 7246 Pershing in University City and died in 1964, leaving a widow, the former Emma Wilson, but no children. Daughter Emily Zeinert is listed here in 1909 as a seamstress.

The 1901 inventory of the estate describes "a two-story frame dwelling house and outbuildings occupied by the deceased and his family at the time of his death as his homestead." It had two parlors, a dining room and kitchen on the main floor and four bedrooms upstairs.

St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 397, page 529.
**411 Orchard Avenue**

**Description of Important Features**

The front door is flanked by full-length sidelights. It is sheltered by a hip-roofed porch with bracketed piers and returns and a wood balustrade. Side windows are 1-over-1 and have planter boxes. Window above porch is 6-over-6. All three have nonfunctional shutters. The front gable has returns. A two-bay rear wing extends north from the west side of the house. It has a slight roof skirt between floors. Comparison of the present house with a picture of it before its move suggests that the first-floor windows have been shortened.

**History and Significance**

This house has been moved to the present site from a location one block south of here on Manchester Road, just east of Holloway Road. That location was originally part of a larger tract owned by Mary J. Eickermann. She subdivided it in 1891 and created Orchard Avenue at that time. The original half-acre site of this house, however, had already been sold in 1887 to August Krueger for $250. (continued)

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

This house sits near the top of a rise on a well-shaded lot. A front gable, two-car garage is set back from the house on the east side.

**Sources of Information**

St. Louis County Probate Court, #2202, #11659, #26127, Refusal #3938.
St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Marriage Records. On site inspection. (continued)
Krueger-Schleusner House
411 Orchard Avenue

43. continued

Krueger and his wife Sophia sold the property in 1894 for $2,375, so the property must have been substantially improved during that time, probably including construction of this house.

The buyer was Casper Woerther, born in 1848, the son of a native of Germany. He opened a blacksmith shop in 1887 on the south side of Manchester Road and about a dozen years later took over the farm implement store at 14834 Manchester.

About that time, Casper and his wife Elizabeth sold this house for $2,400 to John Lucksinger. He was a wagonmaker who had been working in Ballwin at least since 1893. The 1896 county directory lists him as a partner of Woerther, "Worther and Lucksinger, blacksmiths and wagonmakers." Lucksinger died in 1904, leaving a wife Frieda and an infant daughter Elsie. One of the witnesses to his 1903 will was Henry F. Woerther, the son of Casper and Elizabeth. Frieda lived until 1935 and was buried in the cemetery of St. John's Evangelical Church, Manchester, where Elsie had previously been laid to rest. Frieda was one of six children. Her sister Louise married Adam W. Seibel of Manchester; their house is still standing at 14322 (formerly 918) Manchester Road.

Frieda's brother Robert Schleusner married Elizabeth (called "Lizzie") Bopp in 1891. The Schleusners bought this house from Frieda for $2,500 in 1913. They moved here from a farm farther west on Manchester Road. Robert died in 1945 and Lizzie in 1955. Lizzie directed her executors to sell the homestead, which was described as a frame house with outbuildings valued at $5,160. The Schleusners were members of Salem Methodist Church and were buried in its cemetery.

This house is very similar in appearance to 251 Ries Road and to a whole group of South County houses including 7103, 7149, and 7233 Christopher Road, 2600 Erb Road, and 7980 Fine Road, also 4533 Green Park Road in the Concord area. The contractor William Baumgartner built several of these houses in the 1890s, but presumably others were capable of similar designs.

45. continued

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Plate Book 4, page 16; Record Book 35, page 604; 72, 162; 116, 247; 310, 344.

Watchman–Advocate, History of St. Louis County (1920), p. 103.


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Esley Hamilton
July 1994
Reinke

Dietrich Reinke immigrated from Germany to St. Louis County in 1848. He worked as a "hand" in Black Jack until the next year when he bought 40 acres in Bonhomme Township to begin his own farming career.

He and his wife, the former Louise Kleinsorge, had nine children, one of which was Henry, born in December 1851. Henry Reinke participated in many areas of the early times of the Ballwin community. When Henry was 22, his father bought a larger place, 140 acres, also in Bonhomme Township, and part of which is to be the New Ballwin Park on New Ballwin Road. The road leading to their place was and still is called Reinke Road.

In 1874, Henry and Miss Minnie Niebruegge of St. Louis County, were married. Their children were Henry, Clara (who married John Bopp of Ballwin), Minnie and John.

They were members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Ellisville. The older Henry was on the school board and owned stock in the Ballwin Mutual Telephone Company.

Dietrich, the family's founder in this country, lived to nearly four score and ten years. He died at his son's home in Ballwin in 1910, and was buried at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Ellisville.
This is a very good example of the Queen Anne style, especially for a farmhouse. Its left front bay projects forward under a front gable that is decorated with courses of shingles of varying shapes. Second floor has paired windows here (and on south side) below which are spandrel panels with diagonal boards, probably imitating half-timbering. First floor of this wing has angled corners with arched braces supporting second-floor corners. A simple shed-roof porch crosses remaining bays of front. It has plain posts and railings, probably replacements. Front (continued)

This house has been moved but it is still located on part of its historic tract. It was originally the center of a farm totalling 171.73 acres. It was acquired in 1881 by Eberhard Jacob Fischbeck from three Duvall families: Henry N. and Alicia; William B. and America; and Silas P. and Adelaide, presumably the children of the previous owner. Fischbeck paid a total of $9,528. (continued)

This property is located one lot west of Old Ballwin Road. Fish Pot Creek flows through the north edge of the property, from west to east. The modern brick church building is immediately in front of the house, and a bridge connects the back of the church with the porch of the house. The front of the church (continued)

Sources of Information
St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 12, page 516; 16, 186.
St. Louis County Probate Court, #883, #6126.
On site inspection.
Fischbeck House
601 Parker Drive

42. continued

windows are 2-over-2. On the south side a shingled cross gable is centered between bays. Roofing is old-fashioned composition squares laid diamond-wise. A lower wing extends to the north behind the main front of the house. Chimneys are red brick.

43. continued

When he died ten years later, the property was described as the homestead with dwelling or mansion house, with plowland or cultivated portion farmed by William Fischbeck in return for half of all crops produced. Eberhard appears to have been unusually prosperous for a farmer in this area, since he also owned property in downtown St. Louis, including a building at 2826 Market Street and lots on Chouteau Avenue, on one of which was a house in which his daughter Frances Poertner lived.

William Fischbeck, whose name was actually Frederick William Fischbeck, eventually acquired this farm, and he was still living there when he died in 1922. At that time the property was valued at $21,450. He left a widow, Annie, a son Edward J., and a daughter, Charlotte Lochhaas.

The style of the house suggests that it was built in the 1890s or possibly a little later. It is unusually stylish for a farmhouse in this area.

44. continued

has a multipane window, now closed, with a large cross superimposed on it. The church building has a concrete foundation and a low gable roof.
**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

Ries Road was the original right-of-way of Manchester Road when the town of Ballwin was laid out in 1837. The house east of this one is also 19th century and has been similarly altered. A frame garage northeast of the house has a concrete-block foundation, and nearby is a smaller frame shed.

**Further Description of Important Features**

A log structure once abutted this house to the west but was torn down by the present owners. An enclosed porch at the rear has a shed roof and concrete foundation. Its windows are one-over-one. Others are two-over-two except the east end and rear of the second floor which are six-over-six. The second-floor windows form gabled additional dormers front and back and rise into the gable area at the ends. The front elevation has two windows flanking two glazed doors, which open onto a shed-roof porch. This elevation is not quite:

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**Sources of Information**

- Plat of Ballwin, City Recorder's Plat Book 1, vol. 2, p. 72
- St. Louis Recorder of Deeds, Books G, page 421; M, 365; X3 139; Y6, 154; 228, 110
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Books 16, page 330; 28, 354; 52, 589; 68, 187; 462, 140

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**Organization**

St. Louis Co Parks

**Date**

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42. continued

symmetrical. The porch balustrade is modern wrought iron.

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built the original log part of the house. In 1860 they bought the property back from Schuster, selling it again for $465 in 1877, and they may have built the surviving frame portion during this second period of ownership. Subsequent purchasers were H.W. Dreyer (1877), George and Catherine Collier (1884), Alois Kempf (1890), and Henry Klingemeier (1893). The present owners bought the property from Harry Stiermann in 1919.
George Bernges or Benges bought this land and an equal amount to the east in 1870, paying $50. At his death in 1889 he had "two small houses with no income" here, of which this is one. Only one house is shown in the 1878 Pitzman Atlas, and the tall proportions of the windows suggest that this may have been built in the 1880's. Probably both houses were occupied by Bernges' family. In his will he divided the property in half, giving the east...

Description of Environment and Outbuildings

Ries Road makes a west turn directly in front of this house; the east-west portion was the original right-of-way of Manchester Road. Most nearby houses were built after World War II, but the house immediately to the west is even older than this one. A concrete-block garage sits northeast of the house.

Sources of Information

St. Louis County Probate Court, cases 000698 and 001586
151 Ries Road
George Bernges House

42. continued

... into the NE angle thus formed. The foundation is covered with concrete stucco. The house has a small brick center chimney, but the front door is off center and is paired with a window to balance the second floor window above.

43. continued

... part to a grandson, William Bernges, and this part to a granddaughter Dory Strauch. No further record of her has yet been found. The 1909 Atlas shows this lot owned by "Westerman."
The front of the house appears to have been the north one, where the front stoop has been replaced by a modern terraced planter of railroad ties. The front door has a small gabled hood supported by plain brackets. Window to right of door has been replaced by large bay window with hipped roof and 6-over-1 windows. Other windows are also 6-over-1, with non-fitting shutters on the north facade. The present entrance is via a flat-roofed one-story west wing. It has paired windows on the sides and flanking a glazed door, above which is a hood like the front one. West gable has paired windows. (continued)

This house was acquired in 1901 by George Hartman, Sr., from William and Minnie Mewes. The Mewes farm, assembled in the 1870s and 1880s, extended west from Ries Road (then called Oak Street Road) to Old Ballwin Road. It had been surveyed into smaller lots in 1892 but apparently not sold off at that time. The Mewes family kept the west part of their farm in 1901, and the 1909 county atlas (continued)

The house is situated at the top of a rise far back from Ries Road at the end of a private lane. The lot is wedge-shaped, with the point to the road. Ries was originally called Oak Street Road. The lot has many old trees.
George Hartman House
251 Ries Road

42. continued

An exterior basement entrance is at the end of the south wing, which has a slender brick chimney at the center. The northeast corner has a broader chimney inside.

43. continued

shows their house near its northwest corner, facing Old Ballwin Road.

Hartman still owned this land when he died in 1925, leaving a widow, Christina Hartman, and five children; one, Lydia Mewes of Sedalia, had apparently married one of the neighbors.

This house is similar to the house now at 411 Orchard, with its compact proportions and center gable. That house was apparently built in the early 1890s, but the data available for this house does not support so early a date.
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- **17. Date(s) or Period**
  - Constructed c. 1900
- **18. Style or Design**
  - Vernacular
- **19. Architect or Engineer**
  - Not evident
- **20. Contractor or Builder**
  - Paulding Properties, Inc.
- **21. Original Use, if apparent**
  - Residential
- **22. Present Use**
  - Residential

**23. Ownership**
- **24. Owner's Name & Address.**
  - Paulding Properties, Inc.
  - 4000 Chesterfield Cntr., St. 640
- **25. Open to Public?**
  - Yes

**26. Local Contact Person or Organization**
- **27. Other Surveys in Which Included**
- **28. No. of Stories**
  - 1
- **29. Basement?**
  - No
- **30. Foundation Material**
  - Course rubble
- **31. Wall Construction**
  - Frame
- **32. Roof Type & Material**
  - Gable, comp.
- **33. No. of Bays**
  - Front: 3 Side: 1
- **34. Wall Treatment**
  - Clapboard
- **35. Plan Shape**
  - L-shape
- **36. Changes**
  - (Explain in #42)
- **37. Condition**
  - Interior: Good
  - Exterior: Good
- **38. Preservation Underway?**
  - No
- **39. Endangered?**
  - No
- **40. Visible from Public Road?**
  - Yes
- **41. Distance from and Frontage on Road**
  - 104 ft

**42. Further Description of Important Features**
- This simple house has 1-over-1 windows with nonfunctional shutters. Off-center front door has small gabled roof on slender posts sheltering entrance platform. Wing extends back on west side of house. Small brick chimney is at west end of front wing.

**43. History and Significance**
- This street was called Third Street until recently. The history of this property, but not of the house, goes back to 1873, when Marie Matilde Villmer Grube purchased this lot from John H. Edward Villmer, possibly her brother. She paid $800 for this lot, Number 52, along with Lots 51, 53, 54 and parts of 67 and 68, as well as an adjacent acre and a half where 14816 Manchester Road was later built. (continued)

**44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings**
- Yard has white picket fence, which increases period look of property. To east of house is large shed, 20x12 with closed porch.

**45. Sources of Information**
- St. Louis City Probate Court (Grube).
- St. Louis City Marriages Records.
- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 488, p. 91.
- (continued)

**46. Prepared by**
- Esley Hamilton

**47. Organization**
- St. Louis County Parks

**48. Date**
- 6/94

**49. Revision Date(s)**
- 6/94
The 1878 atlas shows her house on Lot 54, at the northeast corner of Oak (now Ries) and 3rd. Mrs. Grube was also called Mary M. Grube; her husband, Carl or Charles Theodore Grube was a German immigrant who had died earlier in 1873. They had married in 1857.

Mary Grube started selling off her property in 1894. She sold lot 52 in 1896 to William H. Hain for $150. Hain and his wife Fennie or Fannie, borrowed $100 at that time, another $60 a year later, and $200 in 1900. They sold the property in 1901 to August Hahn for $350, with "improvements," according to the deed. Although this is still a low amount, it may reflect the presence of this small house, which can thus be dated to about 1900. A house appears on this lot in the 1909 county atlas, but it appears to have a southeast wing that the present house lacks. August Hahn is listed in the 1909 county directory as a laborer living on Oak Street Road in Ballwin. He died the following year, leaving this lot, but no personal property, to his widow Christina Hahn.

Christina filed August Hahn's will with the county recorder in 1920 and sold this property the following year to Daniel Niere for $5. In that deed she is described as single and unmarried. County marriage records, however, show that she (or someone of the same name) married Louis Ettig in 1912. He had recently lost his wife, Louise, and had a daughter, Olive S. Ettig, age 11. Olive had a half interest in a tract in Blocks 3 and 5 of Bartold's West Addition to Manchester, including a dwelling house. Louis sold this for $1,500 in 1912 and was later accused of squandering the proceeds. In 1919, he deposited $700 in the Bank of Manchester for her, and D. C. Taylor, a prominent citizen of Manchester, who had also witnessed August Hahn's will, replaced him as guardian. No Ettig is shown, however, in county directories of the period.

Daniel L. Niere sold this property the same day he bought it to Christina Niere, who is listed in directories of the period as the widow of Charles Niere. Daniel, who later lived in Chesterfield, married Stella M. B. Niere that same September.

In county directories in the years following, Christina (sometimes written Christine) is sometimes listed on Ries Road, sometimes on 3rd, sometimes omitted. In 1936, she is living with Henry J. Orth and his wife Elizabeth. The Orths operated a restaurant on the north side of Manchester Road near Ries Road. Christina finally sold this property on July 16, 1951 to John P. and Gertrude A. Streiff. The county probate court has records for a Christina Niere who died two days later, July 18, 1951, while resident at the Manchester Rest Home in Rock Hill. She left two children, Tillie M. Kopp of St. Louis and Emile J. Niere of Chesterfield.

John P. and Gertrude A. Streiff lived on Manchester Road in Ballwin. They transferred this property to their son Ralph A. Streiff and his wife Vera. In the 1953 county directory, Vera's
residence was listed as one half block east of Ries Road and one block south of Manchester Road, but Ralph's was listed as simply the south side of Manchester Road. They borrowed $3,500 against this property in 1954 but sold it a few months later to Virgil S. Paulding, Senior, and his wife Stella L. Paulding.

In 1990, after Stella Paulding's death, her son Virgil S. Paulding, Jr., transferred the ownership of this property to Paulding Properties, Inc.

On site inspection.