Henry Mergelkamp House

4966 Ambs Road (formerly 4980)

16 Thematic Category
constructed c. 1915

17 Date(s) or Period
Vernacular

18 Style or Design
Architect or Engineer

19

20 Contractor or Builder

21 Original Use, if apparent

22 Present Use

23 Ownership

24 Owner's Name & Address, if known
Joseph & Johanna Mergelkamp

25 Open to Public?

26 Local Contact Person or Organization

27 Other Surveys in Which Included

28 No. of Stories

29 Basement?

30 Foundation Material

31 Wall Construction

32 Roof Type & Material

33 No. of Bays

34 Wall Treatment

35 Plan Shape

36 Changes

37 Condition

38 Preservation Underway?

39 Endangered?

40 Visible from Public Road?

41 Distance from and Frontage on Road

42 Further Description of Important Features
Front porch has been rebuilt in bungalow style with a broad front-facing gable. Yellow-brick posts and brick grill supporting railing are made of bricks with smooth ends and striated centers. The gable is clapboarded. The roof is corrugated metal. Windows are one-over-one; those in front are paired. At the rear is a shed-roofed enclosed porch.

43 History and Significance
Henry Mergelkamp was the eldest son of Peter Mergelkamp, who had acquired a tract of about 63 acres on the west side of Kerth Road in 1906 and who died in 1913. Henry must have purchased this site about that time, but the house does not appear in the 1909 atlas. He later gave the east part of the lot to his son Joseph H. Mergelkamp, who built another house there, numbered 4960 Ambs Road. On Henry's death in 1968, Joseph inherited 4966 Ambs Road as well. This property was formerly numbered 4980 Ambs Road.

44 Description of Environment and Outbuildings
A frame shed behind the house has a bell over the front gable. Farther back are a large two-car garage with hinged doors, several smaller sheds, and a barn. All are painted white.

45 Sources of Information
St. Louis County Probate Court, #3687, #40218.

46 Prepared by
E. Hamilton

47 Organization
St. Louis County Parks

48 Date
49 Revision Date(s)
4/89
George Ambs House
4971 Ambs Road

16. Thematic Category
- Vernacular

17. Date(s) or Period
- Constructed c. 1897

18. Style or Design
- Vernacular

19. Architect or Engineer
- William Baumgartner

20. Contractor or Builder
- Ambs

21. Original Use, if apparent
- Residence

22. Present Use
- Residence

23. Ownership
- Public

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known
- David Joe Hunsaker

12936 Topping Estates North 63131

25. Open to Public?
- Yes

27. Other Surveys in Which Included

28. No. of Stories
- 1

29. Basement?
- Yes

30. Foundation Material
- Stone

31. Wall Construction
- Frame

32. Roof Type & Material
- Cross gable

33. No. of Bays
- Front: 3

34. Wall Treatment
- Asbestos siding

35. Plan Shape
- Irregular

36. Changes Addition
- Yes

37. Condition
- Fair

38. Preservation Underway?
- Yes

39. Endangered?
- Yes

40. Visible from Public Road?
- Yes

42. Further Description of Important Features
- Front porch has been rebuilt with concrete deck, turned posts, nearly flat roof with scalloped frieze. Center gable in front has a door, suggesting that the porch roof originally had a balustrade. The front roof also has two gabled dormers. The first floor windows are paired and one-over-one. The Rear wing appears to have been a separate building, now connected by an ell. The rear gable has returns.

43. History and Significance
- This house is related in style to several in the Oakville area built by William Baumgartner in the 1890's. Peter Kerth acquired about 36 acres of Lot 2 of Chouteau's Subdivision of Survey 2992 in 1873. At that time it had no street frontage, so he acquired a right-of-way from George Fuchs for a private road. He sold the property in 1897 to George Ambs, who then lived in the city. Ambs presumably built the house, although it could be earlier. Ambs Road, extended south, along the private road, is named for him.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

45. Sources of Information
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 16, page 366; 21, 99; 90, 457; 193, 354 & 355
- St. Louis County Probate Court, #15483
- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 489, page 266
**HISTORIC INVENTORY**

| 1 No | 28M520094 |
| 2 County | St. Louis |
| 3 Location of Negatives | 32175-21 |
| 4 Present Name(s) | Fred O. Schwartz House |
| 5 Other Name(s) | 12250 Bird Haven |
| 6 Specific Location | 2.93 acres, Lot 7, Sunset Crest |
| 7 City or Town | Concord Township |
| 8 Site Plan with North Arrow | Yes |
| 9 Coordinates | UTM |
| 10 Site | Building X |
| 11 On National Register? | Yes |
| 12 Is II Eligible? | Yes |
| 13 Part of Estab Hist Dist.? | Yes |
| 14 District | Yes |
| 15 Name of Established District | Errata |

**Further Description of Important Features**

The large Period-Style house has a very irregular front (east) elevation and simpler garden front to the west. The main entry is in a projecting bay with a lean-to roof topped by a large gabled brick dormer. The entry itself is framed with stone and has a stone-framed window to one side. Both are under a Tudor label molding. Next to the entry bay is another projecting bay with two full stories under a gable. At the east end is a two-car garage ell with a dormer window and the garage (cont'd).

**History and Significance**

Sunset Crest was platted in 1922 by Emilie and William C. Uhri and Ida Rose, but this lot was not sold until 1931. It was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Fred O. Schwartz, who were still living here as late as 1950.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

This property is entered from the north side. Bird Haven Lane has several other house of comparable period and style. This property has many tall fir and pine trees screening it from the road and adjacent properties.

**Sources of Information**


**Prepared by**

E. Hamilton

**Organization**

St. Louis County Parks

**Date**

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Fred O. Schwartz House
12250 Bird Haven

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doors on the entry side the gable end is decorated with raised brick
diaperwork. The south end of the house has a first-floor bay window. A
one-story north wing has a timber-framed screen porch. Windows are mostly
eight-pane casements with several wider windows on the first floor and the
staircase landing.
**Vonder Haar House**

4403 Butler Hill Road

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**Further Description of Important Features**

The high-pitched roof has two gabled dormers with paired six-over-six windows. A verandah in front has large square posts and concrete base. The front door has sidelights and elliptical fanlight. An addition on the west side has paired windows. The rear wing has a tall brick chimney.

**History and Significance**

This lot was part of the property of Jacob T. Kerth, who died in 1905. A few years later (the records have been destroyed by the Circuit Clerk), his heirs partitioned his property, and this lot of 15 acres was sold to Joseph J. Vonder Haar (also written Vander Haar). He must have built the house, because when he sold the property in 1922, it had "improvements." The buyer that year was Edward F. Rabenhorst.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

The widening of Butler Hill Road has left this house standing above a concrete retaining wall about three feet high. It is topped by an iron balustrade. A frame garage is to the west and behind the house.
BUTLER HILL CENTER
SEE PAGE 276C

ADJ. LOT

REDRAWN
SEE PAGE 276C

SEC. 5 289 T43N R6E
**Further Description of Important Features**

The original part of the building is a large picturesque composition for a rural school. It has a gable over the two-bay entry, which has double doors set in round arches. These and the double windows above are set in a rectangular frontispiece about one brick out from the plane of the wall, with a continuous soldier course above the windows and a slight parapet. The arches are stone framed, and rock-faced broken course stone also forms the base and some quoins of the chimney to the right of the entry.

**History and Significance**

The construction of this school is recorded on its cornerstone, which was carved by Bastel. The Directors of the school district at the time were Fred W. Bender, Ernest S. Nollan, and Herbert E. Eime. The Building Committee was composed of Hy E. Kassa-baum and C. J. Schuetz. This site had formerly been the location of the Washington School.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

The central part of the building is placed at an angle to the intersection of Butler Hill and Kerth Roads.

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4474 Butler Hill Road

**Historic Preservation**

- **Owner's Name & Address:** Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
- **Address:** 892-4408
- **Name of Established District:** Missouri Synod, Missouri District

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**History and Significance (continued)**

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**Description of Environment and Outbuildings (continued)**

The central part of the building is placed at an angle to the intersection of Butler Hill and Kerth Roads.
Butler Hill School
4474 Butler Hill Road

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The chimney is tapered toward the top and has a flaring corbelled top. The ends of the original block have gabled roof additions. The wings to the east and south are post-war construction, with flat roofs and regular ranks of paired multipane windows. The front buildings have slightly sunken first floors which are fully exposed as the ground drops to the rear.
**Diel-Brellinger House**

4748 Butler Hill Road

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**History and Significance**

This house sits on part of a larger site of 39.75 acres in Lot 5 of Auguste Chouteau's subdivision of Survey 2992. It was probably occupied by 1848, when it was sold by Joseph Sale to John or Johannes Diel. At John Diel's death in 1861, the property was inherited by Philip Diel and John Brelinger. They divided the tract in half; in 1866 Philip Diel sold his part to Joseph Gunter or Ginter, who sold it to Brelinger.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

The unpainted barn behind the house is collapsing, and only the front elevation is intact.

**Sources of Information**

St. Louis County Probate Court, #971.
E. Hamilton
St. Louis County Parks
4/89
Diel-Brellinger House
4748 Butler Hill Road

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the next year. John Brellinger also owned some other property in this area but that did not face a road as this did. He died in 1893, leaving a widow, a son and four daughters. Although the present house has some features that appear to be later, its general shape corresponds to other pioneer farmsteads.
### Julia Fuchs House

**4753 Butler Hill Road**

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**Further Description of Important Features**

The shorter side of the house faces the road. The long side has "additional" dormer and a long hip-roofed addition with the primary door in the long side and another door in front. In front are a first-floor bay window and paired gable windows with paneled shutters. Windows are six-over-one.

**History and Significance**

John Brelunger, who owned this land and whose house was across the street at 4748 Butler Hill Road, died in 1893. After his death the property was sold to Frank Diel, Senior, who was a neighbor and probably a relative. In 1908, he transferred this property, 39.75 acres, to his daughter Julia, the wife of Andrew Fuchs, reserving life estate for himself and his wife Julia. This house was not shown in the 1909 atlas, but it was probably built within a year or two by Mr. & Mrs. Fuchs. They sold the property in 1910.

In back is a red-painted barn with horizontal siding.

East of the house is a modern church structure. It is numbered 4748 Butler Hill Road. The church also owns the next house to the west, a modified bungalow at 4761 Butler Hill Road.

**Sources of Information**

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 233, p. 57; 411, 375; 4439, 414; 6147, 341.
Julia Fuchs House
4753 Butler Hill Road

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1917 to William and Emma Toeneboehm of St. Louis.

In 1969 this property was obtained from the heirs of Daniel Wiethop by the Free Methodist Church of North America, a small group based in Canada. They sold it in 1987 to The First Unity Church of St. Louis, located at 3616 Bates, just west of Grand and a few blocks north of Carondelet Park. The Unity Church has been leasing the property to the South County Baptist Church.
**George Kraemer House**

4940 Butler Hill Road

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<td>George Kraemer lived in St. Louis when he died in 1927, but in his will he mentioned the five-acre homestead he had in the county on Jefferson Barracks Route 11; he left it to his third and fourth sons William and John. He had seven children in all, and left George, Junior, his blacksmith tools. Kraemer had acquired this property in 1888 from Frank and Mary Hoffman for $375. The Hoffmans had owned the property for only three years. They had acquired it in 1885 from Casper Meyer, also called Jasper and Meier. contd. Unlimited adjacent to the north.</td>
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<td>The roof of this house has a double slope and front verandah in the French colonial style. The base of the verandah is now concrete, and the balustrade is a modern wood design. Windows are also replacements, mostly one-over-one, and the barn siding is no doubt replacement too. The roof, basement and shape of the house, however, suggest its age.</td>
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**Sources of Information**

- St. Louis County Probate Court, #8042.
- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 536, p. 152.
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 17, p. 418; 27, 220; 37, 562.
43. continued

Meier had acquired the property in 1882 for $300 from John B. Mahr, a resident of St. Louis who had obtained the tract at a sheriff's sale in 1875. None of these early owners is likely to have built the present house, as the value of the property increased so little during that time.
12535 Gravois Road

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**Description of Important Features**

This house has two front doors and two windows under a hipped shed roof. The front porch has square posts with capitals. The base and parapet are rubble stone laid with deeply recessed joints. Above the porch is a gabled dormer with three one-over-one windows. The gable windows are six-over-six, others are two-over-two. The rear porch has the same hipped gable arrangement but older, lower parts, including turned posts, broad pierced brackets, and balustrades.

**History and Significance**

This land was part of the estate of Dr. Jabez Ferris which was subdivided by commissioners William Musick, William Timberlake, and Larkin Williams in 1853. Lot 2 was granted to Lemuel Ferris (transcribed as Samuel Ferris in later documents.) He sold it in 1874 to George Hunckler for $1,850. George Hunckler sold the 63.70 acres in 1892 to George A. Hunckler, who was presumably his son. The price was $700. George A. Hunckler

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

Several outbuildings are behind the house, including a long, low barn and a smaller barn with lean-to, both unpainted barn siding. Near the shed is a brick smokehouse with concrete foundation and gabled roof. One of the barns has a log structure incorporated into it. This may have been an early residence or outbuilding.

**Sources of Information**

- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 60, p. 66; 6568, 559; 8465, 1900.
- St. Louis County Probate Court, estate 13447 and 37214. History of Sunset Hills (1976), p. 53.
Huncker Farm
12535 Gravois Road

42. continued

The rear elevation has a front-facing gable on the east half above the porch, and a saltbox roof on the west half.

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lived until 1938, leaving a widow, Wilhelmenia, and nine children. In addition for farming, Hunckler ran a general store on Gravois Road, and his children continued the business for many years, eventually converting it to a feed store. Of the nine children Henry and Viola lived here. Henry died in 1966, when the property was valued at $73,000. It has just recently been sold out of the family. The store building is inventoried separately.
**HISTORIC INVENTORY**

1. No. 28M420093-part
2. County St. Louis
3. Location of Negatives 33098-25
4. Present Name(s) Hunckler Store
5. Other Name(s)
6. Specific Location Part of 3.45 acres in Survey 3113, Township 45, Range 5, part of Lot 2 of Ferris Subdivision
7. City or Town Sunset Hills
8. Site Plan with North Arrow
9. Coordinates UTM
10. Site Structure Object
11. On National Register? Yes No
12. Is it Eligible? Yes No
13. Part of Estab Hist Dist? Yes No
14. District Yes No
15. Name of Established District

### 16. Thematic Category
- Date(s) or Period: constructed c. 1915
- Style or Design: Craftsman
- Architect or Engineer:
- Contractor or Builder:
- Original Use, if apparent: store and apartment
- Present Use: closed
- Owner's Name & Address, if known: David G. & Rita Ault
- Owner's Name & Address, if public: Private
- Open to Public? Yes No
- Local Contact Person or Organization:
- Other Surveys in Which Included:
- Open to Public?
- Local Contact Person or Organization:
- Other Surveys in Which Included:

### 17. Date(s) or Period
- Date(s) or Period: c. 1915

### 18. Style or Design
- Style or Design: Craftsman
- Architect or Engineer:
- Contractor or Builder:
- Original Use, if apparent: store and apartment
- Present Use: closed
- Owner's Name & Address, if known: David G. & Rita Ault
- Owner's Name & Address, if public: Private
- Open to Public? Yes No
- Local Contact Person or Organization:
- Other Surveys in Which Included:

### 19. Architect or Engineer

### 20. Contractor or Builder

### 21. Original Use, if apparent
- Store and apartment

### 22. Present Use
- Closed

### 23. Ownership
- Public Private

### 24. Owner's Name & Address, if known
- David G. & Rita Ault

### 25. Open to Public?
- Yes No

### 26. Local Contact Person or Organization

### 27. Other Surveys in Which Included

### 28. No. of Stories
- No. of Stories: 2

### 29. Basement?
- Yes No

### 30. Foundation Material
- Foundation Material: concrete

### 31. Wall Construction
- Wall Construction:
- Material: brick

### 32. Roof Type & Material
- Roof Type & Material: gable

### 33. No. of Bays
- No. of Bays: Front 1, Side 3

### 34. Wall Treatment
- Wall Treatment: stretcher bond

### 35. Plan Shape
- Plan Shape: rectangular

### 36. Changes
- Changes: in #2 Original: Addition: Rock Forest Drive 63123

### 37. Condition of Interior
- Condition of Interior: Good

### 38. Preservation Underway?
- Preservation Underway?: No

### 39. Endangered?
- Endangered?: No

### 40. Visible from Public Road?
- Visible from Public Road?: No

### 41. Distance from and Frontage on Road
- Distance from and Frontage on Road: 1/343

### Further Description of Important Features
The building is set into the side of a hill so that the main level in front is the basement in back. It has exposed concrete walls, while the upper floor is all brick. The gables are stuccoed, with brick trim resembling half-timbering. The shaped bargeboard is supported at the ends by shaped brackets. The storefront is sheltered by a steeply pitched shed roof on square posts. To the right of it, off-center to the main bays, is a glazed door leading to the second floor. It has a hood supported by shanen.

### History and Significance
George A. Hunckler bought this property in 1892 from George Hunckler, presumably his father, who had owned it since 1874. He lived here until his death in 1938. From stylistic traits, this store would seem to date from about 1915. It was operated as a general store, with the feed store operation in the building next door. The nine children continued the operation, with Henry and Viola living on the property. Henry died in

### Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Next to this building is a concrete block building with a flat roof. This has been called the feedstore. The family home and farm complex are on the hill above those roadside buildings and are described on another form.

### Sources of Information
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 60, page 66; 6568, 559.
- History of Sunset Hills (1976), p. 53

### Prepared by
- E. Hamilton

### Organization
- St. Louis County Parks

### Date
- 4/89
Hunckler Store
12535 Gravois Road

42. continued

brackets similar to but not identical with those at the gable. The storefront has green marble bulkheads and a continuous transom. Windows on the second floor have three vertical panes over one.

43. continued

1966, but the property remained in the family until 1988. This building is a good example of an early-twentieth-century rural store.
42 Further Description of Important Features
Siding is in two tones, darker below the first-floor windows. The second-floor windows are smaller, as the second floor lacks full height. The front porch of one bay has a hipped roof and wrought-iron posts and railings. A shed-roof addition is on the south side of the house.

43 History and Significance
Survey 2022 was part of the vast land holdings of John Mullanphy (1758-1833), the Irish emigrant who became St. Louis's first millionaire. His property was divided at his death among his seven daughters and one son Bryan. This part of Survey 2022 went to Bryan, who was mayor of St. Louis in 1847. He died in 1851, leaving one third of his estate to form a fund for the relief of indigent emigrants on their way.

44 Description of Environment and Outbuildings
George Philip Dauernheim Farm
6098 Hageman Road

43. continued

to settle in the west. This fund is still administered by the City of St. Louis. This land was held by the Mullanphy Emigrant Relief Association until after 1893, when 102 acres were sold to George Philip Dauernheim. Charles T. Dauernheim, who was George's older brother, bought a farm in Lot 7 of the Mullanphy tract at the same time, and that house is at 5816 Wells Road. Both were sons of Christian Dauernheim, who died in 1887. George Dauernheim died in 1934 leaving a widow and eight children. The 29 acres with four-room frame house and frame barn were valued at $3,000.
**John Adam Johner House**

**6160 Hageman Road**

**Specific Location**
- 2.35 acres, pt. Lot 1, Hageman SD in Survey 902, Township 43, Range 6

**City or Town**
- Il Rural, Township & Vicinity Concord Township

**Coordinates**
- UTM Lat Long

**Structure**
- Building

**Ownership**
- Public: Yes, Private: No

**Present Name(s)**
- John Adam Johner House

**Date(s) or Period**
- constructed c. 1895

**Thematic Category**
- 15

**Building Material**
- Foundation Material: Stone

**Building Condition**
- Roof: Asphalt, Poor condition

**Historic Significance**
- This property is located in Survey 902, which was subdivided into seven lots by Frederick Hagemann between 1852 and 1879. Lot 1, of which this is a part, was acquired by Henry Hagemann by 1870, by Henry and Philip Diel by 1878, and by John Adam Johner by 1893, according to atlases of those years, although deeds have not been located. Johner had previously acquired another part of this property. Hagemann road was not extended to this property. It is located in the north end of Survey 902. Hagemann road was not extended to this property. It is located in the north end of Survey 902.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**
- The yard has several lawn ornaments including a stone windmill.

**Sources of Information**

**Prepared by**
- E. Hamilton

**Organization**
- St. Louis County Parks

**Date**
- 4/89
through here until after 1893, so the house may not have been built until after then.

In 1903 Johner divided his land between Mary and Fritz Kraemer and Katharin and John Adam Wagner. These may have been his daughters. In both cases the transfers were conditional on payment of $100 per year for the remainder of Johner's life. In the case of the Kraemers, who acquired the 28.68 acres including this house, Johner also withheld "one acre on the north side of the house." This may have encompassed a smaller retirement home for Johner.
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<td>Philipp Westermann bought this property in 1871. It was 56.93 acres, Lot 3 of Frederick Hagemann's private subdivision of Survey 902. A house is indicated in the 1878 County Atlas. Westermann lived until 1917, leaving a wife, three sons, and four daughters.</td>
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WALEY, FRED O. & VIOLA G.
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7.79 Ac.
This house has partial second story, given adequate headroom by two front "additional" dormers and gable ends. The front door is sheltered by a gabled hood supported on triangular brackets. Windows vary: some are two-over-two, some are three-over-one. The rear ell has shed roofed first-floor glazed porch, while the back of the main house has a shed-roofed porch with square posts.

The Boli tract included three long narrow Spanish land grants extending northeast from the Meramec River, Surveys 457, 1197 and 1933. It was subdivided after 1862 into large squares of about 40 acres, and Edward Weidlich acquired Lot 1 in 1866 from Levi Ashby and others. Weidlich died in 1886, leaving six children, only one of whom, August, had reached the age of 21. He specified that the children were to share in the estate, but

The house is at the corner of Mentz Hill Road. The back yard, which slopes away from the house is surrounded by a chain-link fence.
that the real estate was to remain undivided until the youngest, Frank or Franz, had come of age. That occurred about 1900, and the 1909 Atlas shows Lot 1 divided into parts A, B, and C. This house does not appear in the 1878 Atlas so presumably was built about the time of the partition, although it could be earlier. This part was inherited by the fifth child (3rd son) Edward.
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Leo M. Phelan House
10822 Kennerly Road

42. continued

angled roof creating a low second story on the west side. Part of the roof on west side descends to a first-floor clapboarded gable, which has a pointed door in it. Brick parts of house have a corbelled cornice, and a large, broad corbelled chimney stands at the south end of the main house. Most windows are double-hung, four-over-four and eight-over-eight, but some appear to be six- or nine-pane casements. A shed-roofed porch runs along the west side of the main block and ties into the west wing. It has metal posts.
Further Description of Important Features
A very irregular and picturesque house which has roofs of broken slope of the kind usually associated with verandahs, but here they are also over bay windows facing the street. The front has two clapboard hipped dormers with awnings. Gables in front, at ends and on the rear wing are clapboarded. The front gable steps down on two levels; dovecots are designed into both gables. The front elevation is connected to a secondary cottage (contd)

History and Significance
Sunset Crest was laid out in 1922 and this lot was sold immediately to Elizabeth M. Pernoud. She was the wife of Dr. Flavius G. Pernoud, who taught medicine at Washington University and St. Louis University. They no doubt intended to build here but eventually bought 3615 Utah Place on the city's south side. They sold this property to Sydney Polson at the beginning of 1929, and he immediately took out two mortgages, one for (contd)

Description of Environment and Outbuildings
Kennerly Road swings northeast in front of this house creating an extra roadway. Part of the property has a stone wall matching the main house. At one corner of the front yard is a circular stone well with shake-shingle roof. The back yard is terraced. Opening onto Bird Haven Lane on the south side of the property are two

Sources of Information
St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 554, p. 290; 947, 632; 963, 430 & 432; Plat Book 14, p. 71.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "Dr. F. G. Pernoud Sr. Dies of Heart Ailment," June 9, 1952.
"Fair Haven"
10830 Kennerly Road
also called Kennerly Manor Drive

42. continued

by a roofed stone wall, which has two oval windows with radiating voussoirs. The rear elevation is L-shaped, and a segmental-arched verandah lines the inner angle. One end of the verandah is latticed. The ell has an end bay window, a long glazed porch facing west, and a long shed-roof dormer above. This wing has a large stone chimney at its north end.

43. continued

$1,000, the other for $5,000. No doubt the house was built at that time.

44. continued

supporting buildings. A concrete-block barn with gambrel roof has an inscription over the paneled door saying "Fair Haven Stable." The door is blocked by a picket fence, and other similar fences frame the building. Nearby is a frame building with shake roof; it has an outside staircase leading to a platform on the roof.
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### Historic Inventory

**Nicholas Esser House**

**5320 Kerth Road**

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#### Details

- **Thematic Category**: Art Deco/Streamline Moderne
- **Architect or Engineer**: Marshall & Louise Mueller
- **Original Use**: Public
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- **Ownership**: Public
- **Foundation Material**: Prob. concrete
- **Wall Construction**: Brick
- **Roof Type & Material**: Flat
- **No. of Bays**: Front
- **Wall Treatment**: Stretcher bond
- **Plan Shape**: Irregular
- **Condition**: Exterior: good
- **Open to Public?**: Yes
- **Visitable from Public Road?**: Yes
- **Foundation Material**: Matertal
- **Condition**: Interior: 50%
- **History and Significance**: Ferbet Acres was platted in 1947 by Louis and Hilda Ferbet, and Lot 1 was sold the same year to Nicholas A. and Dorothy A. Esser. They sold the property, then numbered Box 788 Kerth Road, in 1955 to Marshall F. Mueller.

#### Further Description of Important Features

The back of the house has a semi-circular sunroom. The front is composed of three parts: a taller central block, a lower entry wing connected by a curved wall to the center, and a still lower garage wing flush with the center. All have corbelled parapets. The front wall of the garage wing is lighted by glass blocks arranged in two groups, each with three staggered rows of five. The curving entry wall has a series of two-block windows descending stairstep fashion. The entry is (cont.)

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Nicholas Esser House
5320 Kerth Road

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a simple three-paneled door. Above it and the window next to it is a curving shelf or hood with a metal fascia. Windows in the main block are partly glass block and have been shaded by aluminum awnings. The outer corner of this wing also curves. The garage wing is extended by a low wall joined to the garage by a curving junction.
### Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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**Further Description of Important Features**

Alterations to this house include doors and windows, which are now sliding double panels. A hip-roofed porch around the front and south sides of the house has thin unpainted wood deck supports and posts, exposed rafters and front steps. The right-hand bay is a one-story projection with a low gabled roof. A large shed-roofed carport is on the north side of the house.

### History and Significance

This house sits on part of Survey 1341, which was granted to Jacob Wickerham (not Wickersham) and divided among his children after his death in 1823. This was Lot 1. About the time of the Civil War, Lot 1 was acquired by Louis Hardigan, and it was sold in 1874 by Auguste Hardigan to Andrew Eiler. Eiler had a house here by 1878, but the present house appears from the clipped gable to date from the ownership of Julius A.

### Description of Environment and Outbuildings

This house sits far back from the road on the side of a slope which largely exposes the basement on the south side under the porch.

### Sources of Information

- St. Louis and St. Louis County Probate Records (1985), p. 26
- County Atlases
- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 483, page 464
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 58, page 594;
  - Plat Book 104, page 27; Plat Book 171, page 33
- St. Louis County Probate Court, case 4757

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### Organization

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### Date

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Eiler-Bender House
6009 Kerth Road

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Bender, who acquired the property in 1891. Eiler was then living in the city. Bender sold half the original 70 acres before his death in 1917, when the remainder was valued at $5,500. Bender was married twice. By his first wife, Anna Maria, he had a son Edward. His second wife Minnie inherited the house for life, but she agreed with the other heirs to sell the property. It was subdivided in 1962 as Pierce Acres and again in 1977 as Sienna Hills.
This house has been drastically altered by replacement of clapboards on front elevations with diagonal unpainted boards and batten siding. Many windows have also been changed to fixed panes. The east wing has a long verandah converted into a gallery with a glass roof, the southwest porch, an older addition, now has siding running the opposite direction from the adjacent walls; it also has a shallow oriel window and sliding glass doors. (contd)

Andreas Fuchs bought this property from Henry C. Wright in 1880. Included in the sale was 204 acres in Section 8 and an adjacent 31 acres in Survey 1341. Fuchs also owned about 80 acres nearby, as well as property in Jefferson County and a lot on Menard in the Soulard neighborhood inherited from Michael Fuchs, probably his father. In his will, Andreas divided his property among his six surviving sons, mentioning that

This street formerly crossed the present right-of-way of I-55 to connect with Ronalene Drive and Hawkins-Fuchs Road. This part was called Fuchs Road. The sloping yard has a large garage at its west end.
The rear west wing retains the older siding and double-hung windows, with non-working shutters.

three other children had died. His own dwelling was on another part of the main farm, and that was left to his sons Mike and John. His fifth son, William inherited the 89 acres in the southeast quarter of Section 8 when Andreas died in 1891, and presumably he built this house about that time. The will specifies that a 30 foot road is to be left open from the corn crib east to Hawkins-Fuchs Road; that corresponds to this road and Ronalene Drive on the east side of present Interstate 55.
Further Description of Important Features: Windows in this house are mostly two-over-two. The front door is sheltered by a one-bay gable-roofed porch on a concrete base. The porch has two Tuscan columns, and the front gable has stick patterning. A large shed-roof wing at the rear has projecting rafters.

History and Significance: Daniel Hewitt bought this property in the mid-nineteenth century. In 1866 he transferred it to his wife Caroline for her separate use, a common business practice at the time. After Daniel's death, Caroline sold the property to her sons John and Charles, selling John the northern part in 1886 and Charles the remaining 100 acres including this site in 1892. She died in 1899. Charles J. Hewitt sold this land and some adjacent tracts to Louis Stockstrom in 1895. In 1899 Stockstrom and his neighbors John M.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings: One small outbuilding near the road has had log construction underneath the red siding.

Sources of Information:
- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 318, page 305
- St. Louis County Probate Court, #1636, #17750
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 28, page 468; 54, 410; 83, 14 and 15; 89, 455; 111, 571; 331, 331.

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Date: 4/89
Revision Date(s):
Dieterle and Joseph Griesedieck made an agreement regarding the private road, now Maple Drive, that led through their property from Rott Road. The map accompanying that agreement shows this house as well as a second house that was demolished for construction of Arthur Stockstrom's house in 1950. At this remove, it is difficult to say which was the primary house on the farm or whether this house was used by a tenant or a member of the family. Also, given the long tenure of the Hewitt family on the property, the date of the house is open to speculation.
BUILDINGS

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**Specific Location:** 10.01 acres in the SW ¼ of Section 23, Township 44, Range 5 E

**City or Town**: Sunset Hills

**Site Plan with North Arrow**: [Diagram]

**Sign. Person**: Griesedieck, Joseph

**Thematic Category**: [Categories listed]

**Date(s) or Period constructed**: c. 1892

**Style or Design**: Queen Anne

**Architect or Engineer**: [Name]

**Contractor or Builder**: [Name]

**Original Use, if apparent residence**: [Address]

**Present Use**: retreat house

**Owner's Name & Address, if known**: Servants of the Paraclete

**Open to Public?**: Yes

**Local Contact Person or Organization**: St. Michael's Institute 965-0860

**Other Surveys in Which Included**: [List]

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**: The remaining ten acres were once part of a much larger estate, now mostly owned by development companies and probably subject to redevelopment in the next few years. The property is a narrow ridge descending both east and west, and it is thickly wooded, primarily with oaks. The most important building on the site is the [Building]

**Sources of Information**: Missouri Historical Society, Necrology Scrapbook 19, p.118

**Prepared by**: E. Hamilton

**Organization**: St. Louis County Parks

**Date**: 4/89

**Revision Date(s)**: [List]
"Rock Alva," Joseph Griesedieck House
St. Michael's Institute
13270 Maple Drive

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entry steps around to the south side of the building. The front entry has narrow sidelights, a paneled door, and a simple hood supported by plain brackets.

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In 1921 he acquired the Falstaff name and symbols and in 1933, when Prohibition was repealed, he incorporated the Falstaff Brewing Company. He died in 1938 after a fall here at his house. His only child, Alvin F. Griesedieck (1894-1961) inherited this property and the leadership of the company. His primary residence was 19 Squires Lane in Huntleigh Village, and he also had a winter home in Naples, Florida. He had eight children, and this property was inherited by his youngest son Edmund (called Edward in some sources), a Jesuit. He deeded this property in 1977 to the Servants of the Paraclete.

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former carriage house, a rock-faced stone building with a large battlemented tower. The tower has three stories with round-headed windows above a basket-arched carriage opening, now glazed. A similar opening is in the two-story south wing, next to a round-headed door. Second-story windows are flat-topped. This part has a stepped parapet and a rear wing. The cornice has a dentilled effect made of square rock-faced stones.
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### Description of Features

The entrance elevation of this house is a curving stone wall broken only by the doorway. Stone steps walled by glass lead through an area of plant boxes to the main house, which has a stone base, vertical wood siding, large expanses of glass including louvered windows, and a shed roof. Kitchen windows are screened by vertical panels, and there is also a large screened terrace room. The sun deck has a raised platform around the edge.

### History and Significance

This house is one of the masterworks of Haris Armstrong (1899-1973), the dean of modern architecture in St. Louis. Armstrong's career as a modernist had begun in 1935 with the Shanley Medical Building in Clayton and the houses for Carl and Gerti Cori in Glendale, both listed in the National Register. Beginning with the Evarts Graham house in 1940, Armstrong had been experimenting with large expanses of stonework contrasting with

### Environment and Outbuildings

Magnificent site has long frontage overlooking Meramec River from bluff about 100 feet high. Ground east of house slopes more gently to a large pond. East of main house is a large brick garage with two car doors. Four hip-roofed dormers light living quarters upstairs. Garage is a remnant of circa 1910 house that preceded

### Sources of Information

St. Louis County Probate Court, 15774, 17750, 37977
House and Home, April 1956, pp. 142-143.
House Beautiful, Nov. 1954.

Continued
Arthur Stockstrom House
13290 Maple Drive

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glass and wood. Other examples are the Semple, Evens, and Sachs houses in Ladue, but this house is probably the best realization of this interest. This land had been acquired in 1895 by Louis Stockstrom, Arthur Stockstrom's father and one of the founders of the American Stove Company. Louis lived at 3263 Hawthorne Boulevard in Compton Heights but kept a country house here as well. It is called "Eyere" in the 1909 Atlas but "The Eyrie" on Gladys Stockstrom's stationery. Louis Stockstrom died in 1945, Arthur, who had built a Chateauesque house at 6475 Wydown Blvd. in 1922, became president of the company in 1938. He commissioned Armstrong to design a new company headquarters at 1641 South Kingshighway in 1947, a building which was acclaimed in its time. The older house on this site was wrecked to make way for this one, but the garage was retained. Arthur Stockstrom retired in 1956 and died in 1966. The interiors of the house were designed by Eleanor McMillen, Mrs. Stockstrom's sister.

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this one on the site. The grounds were landscaped by Thomas D. Church, an outstanding name in the field.

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Harris Armstrong Archives, Washington University.
**Historic Inventory**

**Historic Property:** Henry Kissel House

**Address:** 4505 Mattis Road

**Historic Category:** Vernacular

**Date(s) of Period Constructed:** c. 1885

**Primary Use:** Residence

**Owner:** Lolita V. May

**Preservation:** Yes

**Endangered:** Yes

**Registration:** Yes

**Eligible:** Yes

**Survey Date:** 4/89

**Sources of Information:**
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 28, p. 283; 563, 24; 1558, 86; Plat Book 182, p. 40.

**History and Significance:**
This house was built by Henry Kissel on Lot 7 of the subdivision of Valentine Bollman's estate, which he acquired from Bollman's widow Magdalena and other heirs in 1883. Henry Kissel entered into a life tenancy with his four children in 1922. He died in 1931 two months before his son John. The remaining children, Frank, Katherine and Elizabeth, sold the property in 1938 to William and Christine Kochner.

**Further Description of Important Features:**
The main three-bay part of this house has a center gable over double doors. The front porch has paired posts and segmental-arched frieze. The roof of the porch has X-pattern wooden balustrade. Windows are one-over-one with non-functional shutters. The east wing has a lower gable roof.

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**Description of Environment and Outbuildings:**

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**Photo:**

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**Prepared by:**
E. Hamilton

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**Organization:**
St. Louis County Parks
### M. Meyer House

**Address:**
4608 Mattis Road

**Dates or Periods:**
- Constructed c. 1905

**Thematic Category:**
- Queen Anne

**Architect or Engineer:**
- David M. & Melba J. Genthon

**Ownership:**
- private

**Open to Public?**
- No

**Local Contact Person or Organization:**
- David M. & Melba J. Genthon

**Condition:**
- Exterior: Good

**Preservation Underway?**
- No

**Endangered?**
- No

**Visible from Public Road?**
- Yes

**Distance from and Frontage on Road:**
- 1/152

**Further Description of Important Features:**
The front of this house is L-shaped, with a two-bay, hip-roofed porch in the angle. The porch has turned balusters and posts with scrolled brackets. The windows are one-over-one, those in front have nonfunctioning shutters. The front door has a transom. The basement entry is outside in the north yard. A lean-to addition at the rear seems to be an enclosed porch.

**History and Significance:**
This property was part of the property of Valentine Meyer since the 1870's. Meyer had owned other property adjacent since the 1860's. He died in 1904 leaving four daughters and a son. He may also have left grandchildren by children who had died earlier. The 1909 Atlas shows the property divided among these heirs, with this part belonging to one of the daughters, Nannie or Mary.

**Sources of Information:**
- St. Louis County Probate Court, #2311
- E. Hamilton

**Prepared by:**
- St. Louis County Parks

**Date:**
- 4/89
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**4757 Mattis Road**

16. **Thematic Category**
   - Vernacular Queen Anne

17. **Date(s) or Period**
   - Constructed 1860's & 1903

18. **Style or Design**
   - Queen Anne

19. **Architect or Engineer**

20. **Contractor or Builder**

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

22. **Present Use**
   - Residence

23. **Owner(s)**
   - Sylvester & Ethel Scherrer

24. **Owner's Name & Address, if known**

25. **Public?**
   - Yes

26. **Local Contact Person or Organization**

27. **Other Surveys in Which Included**

28. **No. of Stories**
   - 2

29. **Basement?**
   - Yes

30. **Foundation Material**
   - Concrete-faced

31. **Wall Construction**
   - Frame

32. **Roof Type & Material**
   - Cross gable, metal

33. **No. of Bays**
   - Front: 3

35. **Plan Shape**
   - Irregular

36. **Changes**
   - Altered

37. **Condition**
   - Interior good

38. **Preservation Underway?**
   - Yes

39. **Endangered?**
   - Yes

40. **Visible from Public Road?**
   - Yes

41. **Distance from and frontage on Road**
   - 146'

**Further Description of Important Features**

Cross gable roof has cornice returns. Second floor is less than full-height, and second-floor windows rise into the gables. Windows are one-over-one and have nonfunctional shutters. Doors with transoms open from both sides of the corner front porch, which has a hipped roof and one plain post. Rear corners of the house have one-story sections which may be additions.

**History and Significance**

John Philip Wagner bought this property from Herman and Margaret Von Talge in 1859. A house was shown on the site in the 1878 atlas. This house has certain features, such as the one-over-one windows the porch posts, and the exposed basement, which suggest a later date, but portions of the house could date back to the 1860's. Wagner sold the property for $1500 in 1903 to Julius Kretz, a resident of St. Louis, who probably reconstructed the house in its present form.

The property is situated at the northeast corner of Cedar Lane. A more modern one-story house stands behind and to the west of the older one. The widening of Mattis Road has left this house very close to the road.

**Sources of Information**

- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 147, p. 152.

**Prepared by**

E. Hamilton

**Organization**

St. Louis County Parks

**Date**

4/89
This house would be symmetrical if two windows to the left of the door were matched on the right side instead of a group of three windows. Windows are three-over-one and have nonworking shutters. The front door has transom and sidelights obscured by aluminum awning. A screened porch is under a lean-to porch in the rear.

This property was part of a tract of 159 acres acquired by Henry Crecelius in the 1860's. The northeast part, 40.87 acres, was sold in 1893 to August P. Crecelius for $2,860.90. In contrast, another 45-acres was sold at the same time for $5,622.50, so this must have been a less developed part of the farm. Crecelius sold the same acreage in 1905 for $4,000 to August Juengel.

Several barns are southeast of the house, including an unusual one of vermiculated concrete block with gambrel roof.

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 68, p. 451; 172, 205.
**Historic Inventory**

**Dr. Wallace Sappington House**

5116 Mattis Road

**16. Thematic Category**
- Queen Anne

**17. Date(s) or Period**
- Construction c. 1893

**18. Style or Design**
- Queen Anne

**19. Architect or Engineer**
- D. J. Ruhl

**20. Contractor or Builder**
- D. J. Ruhl

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

**22. Present Use**
- Residence

**23. Owner's Name & Address, if known**
- Ronald E. & Retta J. Ruehl

**24. Ownership**
- Public

**25. Open to Public?**
- No

**26. Local Contact Person or Organization**
- J. E. Ruehl

**27. Other Surveys in Which Included**
- Yes

**History and Significance**

Worthington Drive was originally part of Tesson Ferry Road, which jogged onto a short section of Mattis Road at this point. The 1909 Atlas shows a pond just east of this house on what was then a 3.55-acre site. The site was part of a larger tract of 159.75 acres acquired in the 1860's by Henry Creecelius. He sold the three acres at the corner of Mattis and Tesson Ferry Roads in 1892 and added another half acre the following year.

**45. Sources of Information**
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 59, p. 153; 68, 450; 175, 582.
Dr. Wallace Sappington House
5116 Mattis Road

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addition or extension under a shed roof. At the front corner is a small
verandah leading to a secondary entrance. A dormer above has two windows
and a steeply sloping shed roof. A similar dormer with one window is over
the front door.

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year. The buyer was Dr. Wallace Sappington, who probably built this house
at that time. He sold the property in 1906 for $5,000 to George Larson.
Dr. Sappington, who died in 1921, was the second son of Thomas Jefferson
Sappington (died 1897). Thomas Jefferson Sappington was the son of John
Sappington, Junior, the sixth son of the pioneer John Sappington who came
to St. Louis County from Maryland in 1804.
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42. Further Description of Important Features
The center bay has a broad gabled "additional" dormer. The front porch roof has been replaced by an aluminum awning with old turned posts. Windows are two-over-two. There is a brick chimney on the west side. The rear wing is one story.

43. History and Significance
Survey 1341 was divided by the heirs of Jacob Wickersham (not Wickersham) who died in 1823. In 1862 this part was owned by Alfred Hardigan, who sold it before 1870 to Peter Porta. Porta owned the property at least until 1909. According to Joseph Porta, Peter's great-grandson, he was born in France. The large house is said to have been built in the 1890's, although Porta had occupied the land for two decades before that.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings
A large group of red-painted outbuildings includes one at right angles to the house used as an antique shop. Closer to the house is a large octagonal gazebo.

45. Sources of Information
St. Louis Genealogical Society, Probate Records 1804-1849
Interview, Joseph Porta, 4515 Mathis Road

46. Prepared by E. Hamilton
47. Organization St. Louis County Parks
48. Date 4/89
49. Revision Date(s)
This lot is part of a larger tract acquired by Peter Porta between 1862 and 1870. Porta, who was a native of France, built the large homestead house at 4610 Meramec Bottom Road about 1890, according to his great-grandson Joseph Porta. This house, which is not indicated on the 1909 county atlas, was probably built a few years later by John Porta, Junior, Peter's grandson and Joseph's father. It is the last portion of the larger site still owned by the original family.

A red barn is located east of the house. A three-bay garage is directly behind the house, and there are other small outbuildings.
Further Description of Important Features

The house has a one-story frame back porch. The front porch has five short columns on pedestals, turned balusters and chevron-patterned latticework underneath. Windows are one-over-one. Part of the siding has been removed from or was never applied to the front wall around the door. Upstairs windows on the north side have been covered over except for the small diamond-shaped windows in the center. Two brick chimneys rise on either side of the peak of the roof. The outside basement entrance is in the north yard.

History and Significance

Henry Philip Kraemer acquired a tract of about 40 acres here in 1847 from Valentine and Margareth Dorst. He died in 1887, leaving 4 sons and two daughters. He left the south half of his land to his son Frank and the north half to his daughter Katherine, the wife of Joachim Kempf. They probably built this house shortly thereafter, and they still owned it in 1909.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings

This house is the last old building in a rapidly developing commercial area created by the rerouting of Tesson Ferry Road. The house is on the corner of Towne South Road.

Sources of Information

St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 04, pp. 43 & 44.
St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 37, p. 280; 39, 45.
### Historic Inventory

**William Schuetz House**

**13271 Tesson Ferry Road**

**City or Town** Concord Township

**Site Plan with North Arrow**

**Coordinates** UTM

**No.** 31L4300040

**Name of Established District**

**Specific Location** 10 acres; part of Lot 6 of John Mullanphy Estate in Survey 2022

**County** St. Louis

**Location of Negatives** 32175-4

**Historic Significance**

T. G. Hardgrave is the name on the mailbox. Survey 2022 was one of the numerous holdings of John Mullanphy, who died in 1833, called St. Louis's first millionaire. This part was inherited by his daughter Mary, the wife of General William S. Harney. After her death, Harney and the three children sold Lot 6, 107.68 acres, in 1881 to John Schuetz for $3146.40. Schuetz died later in the decade, and the tract was divided between two sons.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

The widening of Tesson Ferry Road has created a concrete retaining wall at the front of the property. A large open storage shed is behind the house.

**Sources of Information**

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 21, page 9

St. Louis County Probate Court, #3063
They built houses from the same plan but mirror images of each other, this one and 5739 Wells Road. William Schuetz, who lived here, died in 1909.
### Historic Inventory

**No.** 26N220076  
**County:** St. Louis  
**Location of Negatives:** 32458-32  
**Specific Location:** 37.11 acres in W ½ of NE ¼ Section 23, Township 44 Range 5  
**City or Town:** Sunset Hills  
**Site Plan with North Arrow:**  
**Coordinates:**  

#### 6. Specific Location

This is also called 9261 Rott Road. The main part of the house is L-shaped with a front porch on the east side of the south wing. It has three bays downstairs, two bays upstairs, with a shed roof on slender posts. At present there is no stairway leading to this porch. The north wing has two additions extending from it in different directions, one attached to the north side, one parallel to the west front. The windows have flat surrounds and are one-over-one. Roofing of the main part of the house is south and west of the house. These buildings are nearly derelict.

#### 16. Thematic Category

- **Thematic Category:** Vernacular

#### 26. Local Contact Person or Organization

- **Name:** E. Hamilton
- **Address:** P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

#### 37. Condition

- **Type:** Exterior
- **Rating:** Good

#### 38. Endangered?

- **Yes:** Yes

#### 39. By What?

- **Redevelopment:** Yes

#### 40. Visible from Public Road?

- **Yes:** Yes

#### 41. Distance From and Frontage on Road

- **Distance:** 9261 Rott Road

#### 42. Further Description of Important Features

This property was sold on December 24, 1857, by Jonah Sappington to John Steinegger. Jonah was probably the grandson of Zephaniah Sappington (1782-1857) mentioned in Zephaniah's will earlier that same year as the son of his deceased son Jonah. Zephaniah Sappington's house at 11145 Gravois Road was demolished in 1988. The core of this house may date back to the Sappington period. After John Steinegger died on April 18, 1877, his

#### 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

A large assortment of farm buildings is south and west of the house. These buildings are nearly derelict.

#### 45. Sources of Information

- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds Book 6148, p. 66.
- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 196, p. 199.
- St. Louis City Probate Court, estate 12682.
- St. Louis County Probate Court, estate 11641.
- The History of Sunset Hills (1976), p. 54.
the house is large squares laid diagonally.

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his executor, Charles Ehrmann, reported "there is a one-story log house, stable and barn" located on this tract. Steinegger was divorced and had no children. He left this property to his sister Emilie, the wife of Philipp Maag. The house must have taken on its present appearance during her ownership. Her husband died before 1893, when the county directory reports "Mrs. Emelia Maag" a farmer in Sappington. She still owned the property in 1909 but sold it before her death in 1935. She was survived by her daughter Emilie Becker, a granddaughter Emilie Kolbe Korn, and five grandsons, sons of her deceased son Philip.

In this century the property was apparently part of the larger farm of Albert Beim. Alice Beim Moore and her son Alwal Moore ran a hog farm, which later evolved into an egg brokerage firm known as Moore Quality Farms. Alice Moore deeded this property to Moore Quality Farms in 1967.
Ferdinand Bender Farm

9947 Schuessler Road

Thematic Category

16. Constructed c. 1881

17. Vernacular

18. Architect or Engineer

19. Contractor or Builder

20. Original Use, if apparent

21. Present Use

22. Residence

23. Ownership

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known

Terry Rupp et al

Open to Public?

25. Yes

26. Local Contact Person or Organization

27. Other Surveys in Which Included

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road /193'

Further Description of Important Features

This house has glazed double doors sheltered by a flat porch roof forming a balcony for the door in the gabled "additional" dormer above it. The square posts of the porch are set in a base of small rocks laid in rubble masonry. Windows are two-over-two and have unhinged shutters. The cornice is supported on brackets. The foundation, where visible, is cut stone. The basement door is in the yard on the west side of the house.

History and Significance

Survey 3111 was bounded on the southeast by Tesson Ferry Road and on the northeast by Kennerly Road. Schuessler Road cuts diagonally through the south part of it. It was divided by Kennerly heirs in 1853 into 5 strips. Lot 2 was assigned to Elizabeth M. Kennerly, who became the wife of Horace M. Parker. She died in November 1881, but she had sold the 61.83 acres in March to Ferdinand Bender. Sometime before 1893 Bender either died or transferred title to the property to his wife Katherine, who still owned it in 1900.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings

The back yard has a large complex of farm buildings and a small log cabin, which may have been a summer kitchen. It is v-notched and has a corrugated metal roof and vertical wood gables. The west side has a screened porch with rock posts and lower walls. Two large barns are set at an oblique angle. They have vertical board siding.

Sources of Information

St. Louis County Probate Court, case 221
St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 06, page 103
St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 12, page 491
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**Further Description of Important Features**

The house appears to have had two front doors, but one has been covered over. The front porch has a hipped roof and corner posts. Windows are two-over-two, including at the gable ends. The back slope of the roof breaks to a lower angle.

**History and Significance**

This property was part of a tract of 54 acres in Survey 51 owned by W. C. Richardson in the 1862 and 1870 atlases and sold between then and 1878 to George Ploesser. The house, not depicted in the 1878 atlas, must have been built a few years later. George Ploesser died in 1904 leaving two sons and two daughters. He specified that the farm was to go to his son George, Junior. George, Junior, was able to acquire several more pieces of property.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

This house sits very near the road at the outside edge of a bend. The front yard has wire fencing.

**Sources of Information**

St. Louis County Probate Court, 2196, 10687.
George Ploesser Homestead
10351 Schuessler Road

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of land in the vicinity totalling about 38 acres. He died in 1933, leaving his property equally to his four children. The eldest was George H. Ploesser, whose son George O. is the current owner of the property.
Office of Historic Preservation, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

HISTORIC INVENTORY

1 No 28K320072
2 County St. Louis
3 Location of Negatives 32177-0

4 Present Name(s) St. John's Evangelical Church

5 Other Name(s)

6 Specific Location
11333 St. John's Church Road

6 acres in Survey 34, Township 43, Range 6

7 City or Town Concord Township
If Rural, Township & Vicinity Rural

8 Site Plan with North Arrow

9 Coordinates

UTM

10 Site

Building 11

Structure 12

Object

11 On National Register? Yes

12 Is It Eligible? Yes

13 Part of Estab?

Yes

14. District

Yes

15 Name of Established District

St. John's Evangelical

Reformed Church of Mehlville

16 Thematic Category

17 Date(s) or Period constructed 1922

18. Style or Design Late Gothic Revival

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

Edward Erbbruegger

21. Original Use, if apparent church

22 Present Use church

23 Ownership Public

24 Owner's Name & Address, if known

St. John's Evangelical

and Reformed Church of Mehlville

25 Open to Public? Yes XX

26. Local Contact Person or Organization

27 Other Surveys in Which Included

28. No of Stories 2

29. Basement? Yes XX

30. Foundation Material stone

31. Wall Construction brick

32. Roof Type & Material gable, tile

33. No. of Bays Side 6

34. Wall Treatment stretcher bond

35. Plan Shape irregular

36 Changes Addition XX

(Explain Altered in #42) Moved

37. Condition Interior good

Exterior good

38. Preservation Underway? No

39. Endangered? Yes XX

By What?

40. Visible from Public Road? Yes XX

41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 350'

42 Further Description of Important Features

The church is given cruciform roof-line by gables on either side. The front doors are sheltered by a
one-story porch of three unequal arches, with buttresses and a battlemented parapet. This front is flanked by unequal towers. The
one to the right or north is larger, ascending to a third floor belfry. It has paired openings on each face with ogee tracery over
horizontal louvers. The corner buttresses and the center piers (contd)

43 History and Significance

St. John's Evangelical Church is one of the oldest German churches in
Missouri. It was formed in 1838 at the same time as Zion
Evangelical Church (now Parkway United Church of Christ, a county historic site) by Holy Ghost Church in St. Louis (which
is now located at 4916 Mardel). On October 15, 1840, the Evangelical Church Association of
the West was organized in the parsonage of St. John's Church under the leadership of

44 Description of Environment and Outbuildings

The address was formerly Sappington Barracks Road. The
intersection with Lindbergh Boulevard has been blocked, requiring access by means of
Southtown Square.

45 Sources of Information

Mrs. Terry L. Rupp, church historian
Clarissa Starke Davidson, "Our Sacred Heritage," 125th Anniversary
(St. John's, 1963).

46 Prepared by E. Hamilton

47 Organization St. Louis County Parks

48 Date 4/89

49 Revision Date(s)
St. John's Evangelical Church
11333 St. John's Church Road

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are topped by tiered stone pinnacles. These are also featured on the lower south tower, which has shorter but similar upper windows. The large window over the main entry has perpendicular tracery. Above the window is a terra-cotta inscription, "St. John's Evangelical Church, AD 1922," and above that is a lowered lancet opening set under a terra-cotta lintel that creates a cross pattern. A secondary entrance is on the north side of the tower base. Church histories record that the furniture for the sanctuary was provided by Maintowoc Church Furniture Company of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Stained glass is by the Jacoby Art Glass Company.

A three-bay wing extends south from the south transept. It has paired windows and a double door under wide pointed arches and three-pane toplights. The basement is high, permitting good-sized windows. Stone-capped buttresses frame the bays. Behind this wing is the education building added in 1956, a plain brick modern structure. On the north side is the newer education building with gymnasium, built in 1971. It too is a brick block, with tall stone framed window bays framed by buttresses, each with stone cap and attached downlight. The main entry is a three-bay link, stone-faced, with a canopy or marquee over the doors. A lower entry of two doors opens from the east side of the northwest wing.

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Reverend Edward Louis Nollau. This was the origin of the Evangelical Synod, which merged with the Reformed Church in 1934 and the Congregational Church in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ. Nollau was one of the outstanding leaders of the early church, a founder of a hospital, an orphanage and a home for the aged. The first church was a frame structure, built at the corner of the cemetery in 1839. It was replaced in 1868 by a brick structure in the early Romanesque Revival style, with an attractive belltower.

Worship was entirely in German until 1912, when an English service was authorized for one evening service a month. The old building was removed early in 1922, and the current one dedicated on December 24 that year. The chancel was enlarged in 1938 with a rose window and a marble altar. The Educational Building was completed in 1956. A newer education building with gymnasium was added in 1971.
This very altered house has newer aluminum siding partly covering older asbestos siding. The older L-shaped house has newer shed-roofed addition in the angle. This addition moves primary entry to the basement. The door has a small corrugated-metal-roofed porch in front. Some new windows are sliding, others are double-hung. The old stone foundation reveals the original age of the house.

Gottfried Westhaus or Westhause acquired the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 4, just under 40 acres, from Phillip Kleinschmidt in 1864. Some buildings may already have been done on the property at that time. Westhaus lived until 1906 and left the homestead to the second of his three sons, John Henry Westhaus, provided that the latter paid $1,000 to the elder son August Jacob Westhaus.

The old house is perched on the side of a steep hill behind a garage and a more modern house. A sign at the entry to the complex says "das Weber Haus."

St. Louis County Probate Court, #2510
St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book 283, page 238
The main part of this house still looks exactly like the brochures for Lustron Houses. It has an all-steel structure with steel porcelain-plated panels for walls, roof, ceiling, and cabinets. The wall panels are two-feet square, dove-gray. The entry at the west end of the house opens onto a partial verandah with one corner post. The west front window is set forward about a foot. Brochures show hinged aluminum windows, but this house has conventional double-hung windows. A large garage.

Lustron houses were the idea of Carl Standlund, a Swedish-born engineer who opened a factory in Columbus, Ohio, in 1947 to make prefabricated houses of steel plates finished in vitreous enamel. The plant closed in 1950, having produced fewer than 2,000 houses at a cost in U.S. subsidies of $37.5 million. Modern Housing Corp. was the Lustron dealer in St. Louis; it was owned by Charles W. and William O. DeWitt, brothers who owned the St. Louis Browns baseball team. They sold 97 houses in Missouri, about a
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and intervening room have been added to the east end of this house. They
have aluminum siding and a conventional gable roof with composition
roofing.

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a quarter of which are in the St. Louis area. The houses came in a
package of 3300 loose parts which could be assembled in a week or so.
This land was subdivided as the Mohr Tract in 1948 by Justina M. Mohr and
this lot was purchased by Francis J. Hummel and his wife.
This land was part of the large farm of John Hermann Von Talge, which he acquired in 1843 and later. He died in 1863 and in 1876 his heirs sued for a division of the property. This part went to Frederick, apparently the youngest child, and he lived here until his death in 1927. This house is said to have been built about 1890. Frederick Von Talge, called Fred, Senior, in later life, died in 1927 leaving sons Fred H. and daughter Mary M. Von Talge.

The barn behind the house has asphalt siding and large side doors. The trees are pollarded, an unusual technique in this region.
Fred Von Talge House
4812 Theiss Road

43. continued

Carry Simon. Fred H., who lived until 1964, inherited this property. His second son Charles H. and wife Mary began living here in 1938. Charles recently died, but Mary still lives here. Von Talge Road is near here.
FREDERICK(S) HOMESTEAD

House

13126 West Watson Road

Sunset Hills

St. Louis County, Missouri

20.70 acres in SEC Section 23, Township 44, Range 5

The house sits on the side of a hill with a considerable portion of the foundation exposed. Both long sides of the house have additions so that there is no longer a formal front elevation. The north side has a saltbox addition, the east portion of which has a row of four square windows, perhaps an enclosed porch. A one-story shed-roof addition on the south side is two bays wide and one bay deep. Windows vary in size. Most are 6-over-6, but one window on the west side is 2-over-2, probably the original.

The east half of the southeast quarter of Section 23 was granted by the U.S. government to William A. Head before 1838. In 1857 his widow Jemima sold the south half of that 80 acres to John E. J. Fredericks. The property has remained in the family ever since, although the final "s" has been dropped from the name. John Fredericks died in the 1870's, and in 1883 his son Martin (named for Martin Rott) acquired the property from the estate and in 1883 his son Martin (named for Martin Rott) acquired the property from the estate.

Further Description of Important Features

The property has a long frontage on West Watson Road. The farm complex includes a large barn northeast of the house and three smaller red-painted vertical board structures east and southeast of the house.

Sources of Information

St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 22, p. 126; 7041, 364 and seq.

History and Significance

The property has a long frontage on West Watson Road. The farm complex includes a large barn northeast of the house and three smaller red-painted vertical board structures east and southeast of the house.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings

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Frederick(s) Homestead
13126 West Watson Road

42. continued

form for the house. Brian Kolde reports that the stone foundation is over
two feet thick in parts and that one of the first floor rooms is log.

43. continued

his three brothers and sister Helen Ossing. Martin died in 1925 leaving a
widow, sons Henry J. and Valentine (d. 1945), and seven daughters, two of
whom had married into neighboring families: Caroline Heutel and Minnie
Weber. Henry J. Frederick (without the s) eventually acquired most of the
homestead. In 1978 he entered into a trust agreement with his son Henry
E. for the ultimate benefit of his grandchildren. The log core of his
house could go back to William and Jemima Head, who no doubt homesteaded
here in the 1830's. The second floor is said to have been added about
1900.
**Further Description of Important Features**

This house has two doors sheltered by a three-bay porch with spindle frieze and ornamental brackets. The porch has a shed roof with center gable. The outer bays have gabled "additional" dormers.

**History and Significance**

This property is part of an early subdivision of Survey 3116, which had originally been granted to Gabriel Cerre. It was acquired between 1870 and 1878 by John Schultz and appears to have passed to his son Frank, who is listed as a Sappington farmer in the 1893 county directory. The property has been acquired by a development company.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

This house stands at the top of a rise on the edge of the Meramec River Valley. Several abandoned farm buildings are behind the main house. Tall cedars line the drive and partly hide the house.
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**Specific Location**: 1.98 acres in SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 44, Range 5

**City or Town**: Sunset Hills

**Site Plan with North Arrow**: Weber Hill Road

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**Further Description of Important Features**

The main house has a front gable with a window over a hip-roofed porch. To the left is a one-bay shed-roof wing, and a similar wing is at the rear of the house. Windows are two-over-two. The porch has turned posts and a frame at the entry suggesting that it was once screened. The house is threatened by construction of a new house behind it.

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**History and Significance**

The chain of title of this tract has been traced back to 1831, when it was part of the estate of William A. Mead. The forty acres sold by his executor Robert Forsyth to Louis G. Picot. He and his wife Margaret sold it in 1865 for $500 to Roswell M. Field. Field had been the attorney for Dred Scott in 1853, and he was the father of writer Eugene Field. He held this property only a year, selling it in 1866 to (continued)

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**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

To the east of the house is a two-car gable-roofed garage with asbestos siding. Behind this is a contemporary house with vertical siding and a flat roof.

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**Sources of Information**

- St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, Book D6, p. 91, 312, 292; 318, 176; 351, 434; 428, 325.
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 69, p. 296; 90, 107; 91, 557.
- St. Louis County Probate Court, estate 4240.
Herman Schiffmann for $500. Two years later Schiffmann sold the property to his father John for $5. Included in the sale were several lots in the City of Carondelet. At that time both Schiffmanns lived in St. Louis. John and his wife Matilda took out a mortgage on the property in 1871, and after their deaths the property was foreclosed. It was purchased in 1893 by Emilie Uhri and Ida Rose from the sheriff. In 1896 Emilie Uhri and her husband William sold it to Wendelin Heutel for $1,200. An error made in the legal description of the property in 1868 was not corrected until 1897, which suggests that the property was not owner-occupied during that time. Probably, therefore, the present house dates from the period of Heutel's occupancy. When he died in 1915, he left the "homestead farm of 40 acres on Weber Hill Road" to his wife Johanna and then to his three oldest sons, but he specified that the house should go to the second son Benedick (not Benjamin). Among the other sons, John had a brick company in Affton, and Peter founded the Sunset Auto Company, the neighborhood of which was sometimes called Heutelville. This house had only two rooms originally.
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| 7. Basement? | Yes |
| 8. Foundation Material | Concrete |
| 9. Wall Construction | Frame |
| 10. Roof Type & Material | Gable, asphalt |
| 11. No. of Bays | Front 3, Side 2 |
| 12. Wall Treatment | Clapboard |
| 13. Plan Shape | Rectangular |

| 14. Thematic Category | Bungalow |
| 15. Date(s) or Period | Constructed c. 1930 |
| 16. Style or Design | Bungalow |
| 17. Architect or Engineer | 
| 18. Contractor or Builder | 
| 19. Original Use, if apparent | Residence |
| 20. Present Use | Residence |
| 21. Ownership | Public |
| 22. Owner's Name & Address | Edward J. & Patricia T. Conboy |
| 23. Condition Interior | Good |
| 24. Condition Exterior | Good |
| 25. Visible from Road | Yes |
| 26. Endangered? | Yes |
| 27. History and Significance | The present lot was part of a tract of 41 acres owned in the 19th century by Henzel Sleisner, who died in 1896. It was inherited by his son Henzel, Jr. who sold it in 1912 to Louis R. and Katharine L. Kimker. Little is known about the Kimkers, but in 1930 Albert H. and Amanda Kimker sold this tract of 1.8576 acres to Arthur H. Fromm. It is possible that the Kimkers built this house, or it may have been constructed |
| 28. Sources of Information | St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 292, page 382; 1051, 375; 7123, 1169 |
| 29. St. Louis County Probate Court, #1075 |

42. Further Description of Important Features The roof breaks to a lower angle in both front and back for full-width verandahs. The front door is off-center but the front steps are centered. The porch has large posts and close-placed balusters. Windows have four vertical panes over one, some paired, and some windows have non-fitting shutters. Large gabled dormer in front has two windows; walls are covered with large diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. A metal smokestack rises near the southeast corner of the house.

43. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

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St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 292, page 382; 1051, 375; 7123, 1169
St. Louis County Probate Court, #1075

46. Prepared by E. Hamilton
47. Organization St. Louis County Parks
48. Date 4/89
49. Revision Date(s)
Arthur H. Fromm House
12820 Weber Hill Road

43. continued

by Fromm, although 1930 is a comparatively late date for a bungalow of this quality. Fromm died in 1977, and the next year his widow Lucille sold the property to the present owners.
### F. Schuetz House

**Location:** 5739 Wells Road

#### History and Significance

This lot lies in Survey 2022 which was one of a vast number of properties acquired by John Mullanphy, St. Louis's first millionaire. At his death in 1833, it was divided among his heirs, and this part went to his daughter Mary, who married William S. Harney. Harney and their three children sold it in 1881 to John Schuetz, who apparently died about 1890. The tract was then divided between two sons, who built nearly identical structures.

#### Further Description of Important Features

The detailing of the porch is close to that of 13271 Tesson Ferry Road nearby. It has turned posts with scalloped brackets and a simple spindle frieze. The base is now concrete. The hip-roofed porch is in the angle of the house. Windows are one-over-one and have non-working shutters. A newer shed-roofed screen porch has been built on the side of the house with a concrete foundation.

#### Sources of Information

- St. Louis County Probate Court, #3063
- St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 21, page 9
F. Schuetz House
5739 Wells Road

43. continued

houses on mirror plans, this one and 13271 Tesson Ferry Road. The other house was built for William Schuetz, but the name of this builder has not been identified. It was apparently not Frederick Schuetz, who lived a short distance north of here on Tesson Ferry Road and died in 1896.
### Description of Environment and Outbuildings

Several unpainted sheds and barns are located at the rear of the property.

### History and Significance

Survey 2022 was part of the vast land holdings of John Mullanphy (1758-1833), the Irish emigrant who became St. Louis's first millionaire. His property was divided at his death among his seven daughters and one son Bryan. This part of Survey 2022 went to Bryan, who was mayor of St. Louis in 1847. He died in 1851, leaving one third of his estate to form a fund for the relief of indigent emigrants on their way to America.

### Further Description of Important Features

The front porch appears to be an addition. It has a very wide front gable and thick end posts. The front door is off-center. Windows are two-over-two; some on the side have aluminum awnings. The second floor is not full height, and the front windows are square.

### Outbuildings

Several unpainted sheds and barns are located at the rear of the property.
to settle in the west. This fund is still administered by the City of St. Louis. This land was held by the Mullanphy Emigrant Relief Association until after 1893, when it was sold to Charles Theodore Dauernheim. George Philip Dauernheim, who was Charles's younger brother, bought the property in Lot 4 from the same seller at the same time, and his house stands at 6098 Hageman Road. Both sons were sons of Christian Dauernham, who died in 1887. Charles Theodore Daurnheim died in 1932, leaving this "home place," which by then had a dwelling, barn, and other outbuildings, to his daughter Lillie. It was valued at $4,500.
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23. Ownership | Public
24. Owner's Name & Address, if known | Richard A. & Joyce Fowler
25. Open to Public? | Yes
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28. No. of Stories | 2
29. Basement? | Yes
30. Foundation Material | stone
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32. Roof Type & Material | saltbox
33. No. of Bays | Side 3
34. Wall Treatment | clapboard
35. Plan Shape | rectangular
36. Changes | Addition
38. Preservation Underway? | No
40. Visible from Public Road? | Yes
41. Distance from and Frontage on Road | 472'

Further Description of Important Features:
The entry has a one-bay porch with high pitched roof, square corner posts, and bracketed returns. Windows are one-over-one and have nonfunctional slat shutters. The front door has sidelights and toplights. The gable ends have triangular vents. The rear bay may be an addition, its roof lacks overhang and its windows are lower.

History and Significance:
This property is part of Survey 2022, which was divided by the children of John Mullanphy after his death in 1833. This was in Lot 3, inherited by Jane Chambers. Jane probably gave it to her second daughter Margaret Fitzsimon Chambers after the death of the latter's husband Commodore William Smith in 1873. She sold it about 1881 to Joseph P. Whyte, a resident of the city, and Whyte sold it to George Studer and Philip Kempf.

Sources of Information:
St. Louis County Probate Court #4893
St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Book 20, p. 546; 21, 49; 90, 457; 160, 222; Plat Book 149, p. 79.
Harriet Hardaway, "The Descendants of John Mullanphy" (1940), pp. 16-17

Prepared by
E. Hamilton

Organization
St. Louis County Parks
Date 4/89
Revision Date(s)
43. continued

in 1883. Studer and Kempf divided the property, Studer taking the northern 51.68 acres. In 1904 George Studer, Jr., and his wife Louisa sold this tract to William and Christina Zelch for $5,000. William Zelch died in 1918 and Christina in 1931, leaving seven children.
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Becht-Koeninger Farm
5956 Wells Road

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Becht, Lizzie, the wife of Frederick Fink, and Margaret, the wife of Otto H. Morschel. They defaulted on the loan in 1903, and the property was purchased by Frank Koeninger for $3,100. He was the son of John Koeninger, who had owned the adjacent 25 acres in Survey 993 and who died in 1897. From the 1878 and 1909 Atlases, it is not fully clear if the present buildings are in the same location as the Becht homestead, but if so, they may date from the 1870's. Another possibility is that they were added early in this century by Koeninger.
**Henry Crecelius House**

12536 Worthington Drive

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**History and Significance**

Prior to 1893, this property was part of a larger tract of 159 acres owned by Henry Crecelius, one of a large family who lived in South County. In that year Crecelius sold off most of this property, reserving a 2½-acre tract facing Tesson Ferry Road, as this part of Worthington Drive was then called. It is probable that he built this house for himself at that time, although it may date from his earlier ownership of the

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**

A second building sits south of and at right angles to this one. It has asphalt siding and one-over-one windows. Both buildings are far back from the road.
larger 159-acre site, which he had acquired in the 1860's. Crecelius sold the property in 1901 to Louis Bender.