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SCOPE

The scope of the Historic Architectural Resources survey as specified in the contract are as follows:

(a) Research State and local archives to determine the architectural styles that were most prominent in the project area.

(b) Locate and identify all typical and atypical architectural structures within the prescribed project limits which represent the various architectural periods that can be associated with settlement and development of the project area. Site information shall be coordinated with the State Historical Survey and Planning Office.

(c) Evaluate all architectural features found.

(d) Map the location and photograph all architectural features.

(e) Make recommendations for preservation and management.

(f) Make recommendations for nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

Eleven percent of the professional time or 30 days actual working time were to have been devoted to this phase of the project as stated in the contract with the Army Corps of Engineers.

This allocation of time was insufficient to conduct the survey, record the data and prepare the manuscript. In the interest of preparing a professional report approximately two times the allocated time was devoted to the project. Where it is considered desirable to integrate all writings of a similar survey a minimum of 90 working days should be allocated to this phase.
METHODOLOGY

Of interest to future readers of this report are the methods used by the team members. It should be kept in mind that this project was one of the earlier ones carried out under the law regulating construction on federal projects. Naturally, there were many questions as to the kinds of reports wanted, the extent to which each investigator should go and guidelines to be followed.

In response to questions concerning the Architectural survey, several examples of the work of previous investigators on other projects were offered. These varied widely in their approach, and none seemed suitable for a predominantly rural area such as the Long Branch Project encompassed.

Because of these vagaries, because the completion deadline was not far off, and because the Corps had already begun clearing activities and farmers were moving or razing their buildings, the decision was made to document the remaining structures as rapidly as possible.

This report should be seen as a careful compilation of such evidences of architectural work as still remained as of May, 1976. Care has been taken to record what was found.

The survey was made largely during the months of May and June of 1976. The procedure followed was this: as soon as the tract maps and appraiser's reports were made available, the team began daily visits to the area. When a site was located and identified, a process of sketching, measuring, and photographing the site buildings was begun. Following a day's activity, the on-the-spot notes were translated into detailed drawings and descriptions that evening, while the memory of the work was still fresh. The photographs were developed, and checked for details a few weeks later, and then matched with the site descriptions.

A number of factors interfered with the procedure. Weather occasionally made it necessary
to avoid certain areas which became impassable. Extensive road grading and bridge building by the Corps of Engineers made certain roads difficult, if not impossible to traverse. The same building process had also changed the appearance of a number of sites by the time the team got there, so that exact measurement of the original area was impossible. Then, too, Corps activities had obliterated a few sites entirely, such as the area close to the dam.

Landowners whose properties had been purchased by the Corps had often taken the opportunity to wreck and salvage from their own buildings, so that the team often found nothing left but foundations and rubble when visiting an original site. This is shown in the drawings and photographs. Finally, an incipient land boom in property adjoining the lake area had made rapid changes in the land use and this, too, caused original sites to be vastly altered by the time the survey team reached them. In a few instances, property purchased by the Corps was still under private use, and not available to the team for extensive survey work.

It is recommended that, in future instances of architectural survey work, the teams start their survey sooner, while the original buildings still stand and are being used. In this way, a much more accurate picture may be obtained.
Each of the sites surveyed (and this includes all sites where there were any structures, or remains of structures) is located on a map which heads that particular section of this report. A further location is found at the top of the site description, expressed in a series of letters and numbers. These are to be read as follows:

First indicator shows the position of the 40 acre area which is the site of the work under consideration. This is 1/16th of the quarter section.

Second indicator shows the quarter of the quarter section in which the tract is located.

Third indicator shows the quarter section.

Fourth indicator is the section number within the area's total map.

Fifth indicator gives the East-West coordinate as a Range number.

Sixth indicator gives the North-South coordinate as a Township Number.

The diagrams below show how this works. On Tract 101, for instance, the formula reads "NW-SW-SW-Sec 1-R15W-Twp 57N". This can be read as: "The Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 1 of Range 15 West and Township 57 North."
A township contains 36 sections. Each section covers an area of 640 acres. A quarter-section is thus 160 acres, considered a large farm in the days before mechanization. A section is a square mile.
ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The sites inspected did not produce any buildings of sufficient architectural interest to warrant inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESERVATION

Only one site contained a structure which, in the opinion of the writer, seemed worthy of preservation for historical reasons. This structure is discussed in Volume III on History.

This structure is reasonably well preserved, and could be restored to its former condition, and used within the park area as a museum or showplace.

At the time of the inspection, considerable vandalism had occurred despite a protective barbed wire fence and warning signs.

CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The culture of a given area is best shown in the daily life of its people -- how they work and live, what they eat and wear, what they read and talk about. It is seen in their living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, barns, and garages.

Because we live in the midst of our own culture, we are often blind to important aspects of it -- things that later generations may value highly. We should, therefore, seek to preserve as many details of our culture as possible so that those who follow after us may be able to study us with as great an insight as possible.

The Long Branch Lake Project covers an area that is agricultural. No towns or villages were included in the area. Hence, the points to be made about management of cultural resources are all oriented toward rural life.

1. Future projects of this type should allow the architectural historian to inspect sites much earlier than was the case at Long Branch. No site was intact at the time of inspection, and many had almost disappeared through dismantling, moving,
and burning of property be the owner. In many cases it was difficult to tell where buildings shown on the appraiser's photographs had been. Had contracts been let earlier, thus enabling the inspection team to do its work earlier, it is likely that a much better record of the culture of the farm population would have been made.

2. If a cultural record is wanted, efforts should be made to select a "typical" farmstead, and (before the moving and dismantling begins) make as complete a record of it as possible. Such a record should not only include a photographic survey, both exterior and interior, but film and sound recording, tangible exhibits, and the like. Perhaps one such farmstead might be preserved intact, just the way people were living in it at the time of the project. We see today many efforts at reconstruction of such sites, with rebuilt houses, museum-like displays of furniture in rooms, and so forth. These are, while interesting, rather contrived and sterile. With a bit of planning, a project such as this could preserve an actual farm just the way people lived on it.

3. Failing this sort of cultural preservation, there might be an effort in collecting such artifacts and other documentation as still exists in the area, and setting up a display at the Long Branch Administration building. There is sufficient room there for a continuous display. Perhaps the Macon County Historical Society could be in charge of the project.

EVALUATION OF SITES

In the opinion of this writer, no site examined is of sufficient architectural interest to warrant its selection as "noteworthy." Only the log cabin on Tract 212-A, as noted earlier, appears worthy of preservation, not as a historic building but as an example of the log cabin type of construction.

All of the sites contained in this report are remarkably similar. In the first place, the land quality throughout the area is much alike, and the standard of living among the inhabitants is uniform. There were no large, prosperous farms, with big houses, for instance.
In the second place, what individual differences in farmsteads there might have been was largely obliterated by the moving and dismantling process that had taken place before the dates of inspection.

**SUMMARY**

Three general observations can be made regarding the architecture found in this survey. First, there was nothing in the region which was surveyed that would be deemed worthy of preservation — no architectural work of great interest, nor even any unusual details of construction or design. However, a remodeled log cabin on Tract 212-A may be considered worthy of preservation for historical intent. (see volume I of historical report)

Second, all of the architecture found in the region was directly geared to farming operations — barns, farm houses, and sheds. In the few instances of commercial structures, these were also directly connected with farming in some way.

Third, the patterns of building corresponded with the patterns of settlement of the area, with the most structures, and the oldest ones appearing in the lower third of the region, fewer and newer in the middle third, and virtually none at all in the upper third. The farther one got from Macon, the county seat, and from Highway 36, the less there was to see insofar as architecture was concerned.

The structures of greatest interest were the few barns made in the old style, with hand-hewn beams held together with pegs. In each case, these had been already either partially or totally wrecked by the time the survey team found them. Some had been dismantled and their timbers salvaged and removed; others had been burned.

A number of instances were discovered in which newer structures had incorporated the older beams — much as medieval builders made use of the Roman structures as a source of ready cut stone. Thus, one might uncover a hand-hewn, pegged beam under the siding of a house built in the newer balloon frame method.
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ADZE - a hand tool for rough shaping of wood, with a curved chopping blade

BAY - the space between two major supporting piers or posts

BALLOON FRAME - construction with relatively thin, close-set uprights of wood, rather than the earlier, heavy posts and beams set farther apart.

BARREL VAULT - a ceiling consisting of a semi-circular arched vault, so-called because it looks like the inside of a barrel seen from below

BEAM CONSTRUCTION - (post-and-beam) construction with thick uprights in wood, spaced far apart, using triangular bracing for rigidity

BOARD AND BATTEN - a type of siding made by nailing boards onto the side of a structure, and covering the cracks between them with narrow, thin strips called "battens"

CLAPBOARD - a strip of wood, usually thicker on one edge, and used for weatherproofing walls

CYMA RECTA MOLDING - a molding with the upper part concave

DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW - a window in which each half moves up and down

DOVETAIL JOINT - a joint with a notch in one member into which a flaring tenon from the other fits, so as to make a tight interlock

DRIPCAP - a molding used at the top of a window to shed water

GABLE - the familiar triangular portion of the wall at the end of a structure formed by the upper part of the side and the two angles of the roof
GAMBREL ROOF - a roof having two angles or pitches, the upper being closer to horizontal than the latter

KNOB-AND-TUBE WIRING - an obsolete form of wiring in which current is carried by separate wires which, when passed through walls and timbers, are threaded through porcelain tubes with knobs at one end

LATH-AND-PLASTER WALL - an interior wall made by fastening laths, usually diagonally, to the upright wall supports, and plastering over them

MORTISE - a beam end cut so as to fit into a corresponding notch in another beam

POLE CONSTRUCTION - a method of using poles rather than sawn timbers for beams and upright supports in a barn. Usually the poles are fastened together with bolts

POST AND BEAM CONSTRUCTION (see Beam Construction)

QUARTER ROUND MOLDING - a molding made by cutting a rod into quarters lengthwise. Used for making a rounded edge where two boards meet at right angles

RANGE - a means of measuring land by North-South lines which are numbered East and West from the principal meridian of the survey

ROMEX WIRING - a product which has the two or three wires of a circuit enclosed in a heavy, flexible sheath which serves an insulation

ROOT CELLAR - a storage space, usually underground or partially so, for keeping certain vegetables through the winter

SADDLEBAG HOUSE - a house in which two units are separated by a few feet of space but are under the same roof. Usually a symmetrical arrangement, this early style has given its name to any small, simple house of a symmetrical nature containing two units
SHEATHING - the initial covering of boards over the framework of a house or barn. Insulation paper and siding usually go over the sheathing.

STORM CELLAR - a cavelike shelter from tornados and high winds, often used as a root cellar.

TONGUE AND GROOVE - a type of flooring or siding in which a lateral tongue on one board fits into a groove along the edge of the next. Each board has a tongue edge and a groove edge.

TOWNSHIP - a specific area of land in a survey, six miles on each side.

TRACT - a parcel of land purchased by the Corps of Engineers for the Long Branch Project. Tracts are numbered according to the order of their purchase, rather than by location.

TRUSS CONSTRUCTION - a metal or wood framework using triangles for bracing.

VERGES - the gable edges of a roof. Elaborate trim at these points is often called "verge boards" or "barge boards".
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 101
Site Number 23HCl AH Local Name of NumberSite A County Macon

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location: Contour Elev. 870 ft

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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake File No. BC-4-81-88

Owner of Property Sylvester Wieberg, Inc., Macon, Missouri

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME F. Fork of Distance 4000 ft

Chariton River Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site 1.44 Acres

III. Site description

Rolling farmland with small pond, since drained. Borders on a country road, to the East. (See map detail)

Property is possession of Sylvester Wieberg, Inc. and is just off of Corps property.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel in May, 1976. Buildings were delapidated and abandoned (see photos). All structures have since been removed from site.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 12/27/76
Site No. 23-NC-1 AH

Sketch map of location

Section 1 Township 57N Range 15W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes: This property is just off the Corps of Engineers' property but was included in the original survey of tracts thought to be needed.
Tract 101
Site A (See Map No. 2)

This barn was nearly square, and perhaps the most unremarkable barn examined on the Project. Regular in every way, it symbolized the functional, no-nonsense barn of the 30's, when the small farmer was still a major force in the agriculture of the region. It had been wired for electricity early, with knob-and-tube wiring which, in turn, had been replaced by more modern Romex wiring. The siding was plain "barn boards" and the roof was of corrugated metal.
Tract 101
Site A

(See Map No. 2)

Road

Pond

300'

Garage

35'

Barn

150'

18
Facing: Southwest view of the barn and garage
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 101-2

Site Number 23MC2 AH Local Name of Number Site B County Macon
(23MC186 H)

1. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 825

SW-SE-NW Section 12 Township 57N Range 15W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used File No. RC-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME Chariton River Distance 1.1 miles

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 1 acre

III. Site description

Rolling farm and grazing land. Had been used as pasture for some time. Site was reached by a dirt road which, at that point, became an overgrown trace, apparently abandoned for several years.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Leon Karel and Mary Jo Polak, May, 1976. At time of inspection there was a small stock tank on the site, as well as a stock shed. Both were in fair condition. Since then they have been torn down.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/27/76
Site No. 23-M-2 AH

Sketch map of location

Section 12  Township 57N  Range 15W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
The stock shed and a few fences were all that remained at this site. The fields beyond the shed had been allowed to grow up into tall field grass. The stock tank was battered and probably useless. Fences were in good repair, however, indicating that at the time of inspection, some use was still being made of the fields in that vicinity.

Just beyond the site, the road dwindled into a rutted, raw cut through the clay banks. It had originally served the landowner whose house was visited and drawn on this same site, about a mile farther into the fields.
Tract 101-2  SW-SE-NW-Sec 12-R15W-Twp 57N

Stock shed and fence, facing North-northeast
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Site Number: 23MC3  AH Local Name of Number: Tract 102 County: Macon
(23MC187 H)

1. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.): Farmstead

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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Elmer Other Map used: Long Branch Lake
File RC-61-88

Owner of Property: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property: No remains on property

Nearest water: Name: Chariton River Distance: 4500 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream): Right

Size of Site: 5.5 acres

III. Site description

Rolling pasture land, with abandoned farmstead.

Property was purchased from Lee Kindle, Jr.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.)

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, in May, 1976.
Site was badly overgrown by weeds. House and other buildings had been abandoned for several years. (see photographs)

V. This information supplied by: Leon Karel

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Site No. 23-MC-3 AH

Sketch map of location

Section 12 Township 57N Range 15W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
This property was reached by walking across a mile of fields, and was totally overgrown by tall weeds. At the time of inspection, it appeared to have been abandoned for several years. An unused road was discovered off to the left, probably closed when the last inhabitants moved away.

Only about a third of the house framing and roof was in evidence. Perhaps the rest had been salvaged. What remained indicated that the dwelling had been roofed and sided with tar paper.

A collapsed root cellar completed the findings.
Tract 102 SW-SW-NW-Sec 12-Twp 57N-R15W

Remains of cow barn, facing north

Interior of stable, center wall section collapsing
Remains of stable, facing west
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 105
Site Number 23MC4 AH
Local Name of Number Site A County Macon

(23MC185 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 870

SE-SE-NE Section 7 Township 57N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer
Other Map used Long Branch Lake

File No RC-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME: CHARITON RIVER Distance 1250 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site One-half acre

III. Site description
Rolling farmland, overlooking river valley. Borders on a
country road.

Property was purchased from Glenn W. Garvin

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel. May, 1976
At time of inspection, the house was partially torn down, the barn
in a partially wrecked condition, and other buildings equally wrecked.
Condition shown in photos.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO. 63501

Date 11/27/76
Site No. 21-MC-4

Sketch map of location

Section 7  Township 57N  Range 14W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
The house on Tract 105 A had been partially dismantled, and some of its lumber retrieved by the owner. What remained at the time of inspection showed the typical balloon frame construction, with lath and plaster walls.

Evidences of age were shown in the several layers of wallpaper, the newer shingle siding over the older structure, and the re-roofing on the porch.

One porch column of the type commonly found in houses of the 1920s remained as sole evidence of any stylistic pretensions. It was impossible to guess what the roof line might have been but tradition would favor the simple gable roof for houses of this type.

As for the other structures on this site, the tool shed, privy, and chicken house, these were simple, unremarkable buildings with nothing about them to distinguish them from many similar examples shown in this report.
The barn on Tract 105 presented an interesting outline, with its asymmetrical lean-to sections flanking the central area. Largely in a falling-down condition, the barn retained enough of its original shape to reconstruct its appearance as above.
Remains of house, facing North-northwest

Remains of house, facing Southwest
Remains of house, showing collapsed porch roof

Orientation to two silos on Tract 119, facing Northwest
Tract 105 SE-SE-NE-Sec 7-RL4W-Twp 57N

Barn, facing Northwest

Front of barn, with stock chute
Barn front, showing cattle chute, types of siding

Interior of barn, showing pole-type construction
Interior of barn, loft area. Pole construction, using native timber, mill sawn
Tipped-over outhouse. Rotate picture counterclockwise for corrected view

Chickenhouse, viewer facing Southwest
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
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Tract 114
Site Number 23MC5 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC182 H) Homestead

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.)

II. Location:
   Contour Elev. c. 850
   SE-SE-SE Section 7 Township 57N Range 14W
   U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake File No RC-4-B1-BB
   Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
   Location of remains on property No remains on property
   Nearest water: Name Chariton River Distance 1750 ft.
   Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left
   Size of Site one-quarter acre

III. Site description
   On the crest of a ridge overlooking the valley. Rolling land, thickly wooded except for the clearing where the house
   had once stood. This site is on a road being heavily settled by people
   from nearby Macon, in a new real estate development.

   The property was purchased from Roland L. Smith

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
   of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel in May,
   1976. At the time of inspection there remained only a house foundation
   and a capped well (see diagram).

V. This information supplied by
   Leon Karel

   ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, Mo. 63501

   Date 11/27/76
Sketch map of location

Section 7   Township 57N   Range 14W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 114
Site A (See Map No. 2)

Originally occupied by a three bedroom home, the lot area now has only a foundation where the house once stood. Close to it is a capped well.

Other sheds which had been on the property, as shown in appraiser's photos, had been moved off, leaving no trace of exactly where they had been.

A curving drive led into thick woods, and is now impassable beyond the area where the house stood.

Note: The Appraiser's sketch of the house plan shows the building which stood here to have been 75' in length. A part of this was porch, and another part garage. Apparently these sections were added on, and did not have a solid foundation.
### Site Survey Information

**Tract 115**

**Site Number**: 23MC6

**Local Name of Number**: Site A

**County**: Macon

**Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.)**: Commercial

#### II. Location:

- **Contour Elev.**: C. 860
- **SE-NE-SE Section**: 7
- **Township**: 57N
- **Range**: 14W

**U.S.G.S. Quadrangle**: Elmer
**Other Map used**: Long Branch Lake
**File No**: RC-4-81-88

**Owner of Property**: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Location of remains on property**: No remains on property

**Nearest water**: Chariton River
**Distance**: 1800 ft.

**Size of Site**: One and a quarter acres

#### III. Site Description

- Site had contained a cast concrete office structure, one story, as well as signs that various outbuildings had stood on the site.

- The property was purchased from Clarence J. Replogle.

#### IV. Condition of Site

- Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.

- At time of inspection, only the concrete house shell was left. Nothing else was visible.

#### V. Information supplied by

- **Leon Karel**

- **Address**: NMSU, Kirksville, MO. 63501

- **Date**: 11/27/76
Sketch map of location

Section 7  Township 57N  Range 14W

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Notes:
Tract 115 contained the poured cement foundation and walls of what had been an office building of some sort. There were indistinct evidences of a gravel drive, places where various structures, perhaps mobile units, had been located.

The north side of the cement structure was set into the hillside, with about two feet of it above ground. The south side was open from floor to selling height.

Appraiser's photos of the site showed several mobile homes and a barn or shed. Foundations for these were not visible.
Dotted line areas as shown above were places on the site where, because of different color of the vegetation, or slight depressions in the ground, one might guess that some sort of structure might have stood. In each case, however, nothing tangible remained of the supposed structure, and the indicated shapes on this drawing are only approximations.
South side of concrete structure, showing walk-out basement
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 117
Site Number 23MC7 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC194 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 865
SE-NE-NE Section 7 Township 57N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake File No RC-4 81-88
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Near city nearest water: NAME Chariton River Distance 3000 ft

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site One-fifth acre

III. Site description
Site lay at the crest of a ridge overlooking the valley below.
Rolling grazing land. Access road immediately to the east, and the proposed lake to the west.
The property was purchased from C.D. Flemming.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.
Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel. At time of inspection, in May of 1976, only a concrete slab and part of a barn foundation was found.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel
NMSU, Kirksville, MO. 63501

Date 11/29/76
Site No. 23-MC-7

Sketch map of location

Section 7  Township 57N  Range 16W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Site A, Tract 117, was bare of buildings but appraiser's photos showed an attractive layout -- white board fences, white painted cattle barn, garage, and mobile home set beneath large trees.

Of all this, nothing remained at the time of inspection but the concrete slab and part of the barn foundation.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 118

Site Number 23MC8 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC195 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
   Contour Elev. C. 850
   NE-SE-SE Section 6 Township 57N Range 14W
   U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
   M13E RC-4-81-88
   Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property
   East Fork of
   Nearest water: NAME Chariton River Distance 3,200 ft.
   Right or left bank of stream looking downstream Left
   Size of Site 3 acres

III. Site description
   On the crest of a ridge, overlooking the valley. Heavily overgrown with brush. Suitable for timber and grazing land.

   The property was purchased from Louis K. Winkler.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.
   Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.
   At time of inspection, only scattered trash and a few rotted timbers remained to suggest that there had once been a farmstead there.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

   Ck. Address MMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

   Date 11/29/76
Site No. 23-MC-8

Sketch map of location

Section 6, Township 57N, Range 14W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 118 contained nothing but scattered trash and a few reminders of previous occupation. The few foundation stones suggested a barn, together with some of the heavier, rotted timbers nearby. Around the foundation area were found numerous shells containing punched holes, indicating that there may have been a button industry on the site at some earlier time. Or perhaps the owner had purchased the shell fragments for surfacing purposes. It was evident that the lot had been vacated for a long time. A heavy growth of brush and small trees had nearly obliterated all evidences of former occupation.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 119

Site Number 23MC9 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC196 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:

Contour Elev. c. 780

SE-NW-SW Section 6 Township 57N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake

File No RC-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: Name: Chariton River Distance: 1000 ft

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site 2 acres

III. Site description

Rolling farmland, which had been cultivated recently. Lay along the river bottom.

The property was purchased from East Fork Ranch, Inc.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976 At that time, the barn was in the process of being torn down for its salvageable timbers, and the house had been abandoned for some years. (See photos)

V. This information supplied by Léon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/29/76
Site No. 23-MC-9 AM

Sketch map of location

Section 6 Township 57N Range 14W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 119
Site A
(See Map No. 2)

N

Road

House

Root Cellar

Barn

Cement Foundation

Scattered Stones

Rubble from Shed

Well

Capped

Drive
Tract 119
Site A

THE HOUSE

(See Map No. 2)

Chimney

Chimney
The house was a wooden, L-shaped balloon frame house with narrow clapboard siding and a wood-shingled gable roof. The pitch of the roof was 45 degrees. Each section of the "L" had its own chimney, made of red brick, and set rather toward the center of the house instead of in the middle of the "L" arm. The eaves were of the plain, projecting type, forming simple verges at the gable ends. Common, double-hung windows (most of which were damaged or boarded over) were simply trimmed but topped by a dripcap using cyma recta molding.

The house had not been painted in many decades. It had certainly been abandoned for several years, and much damage had occurred in that time. Boards had been ripped off, exposing details of the builder's technique. Several features are worth reporting.

The corners of the house were trimmed by using 1x4 boards vertically, set with their inner edges touching. The space which this left was filled with quarter-round. Inside, diagonal lathing had been used to hold the plaster walls. No evidence of insulation was found.

The house rested on 6x6, hand-hewn timbers which had been simply mortised at the ends, and nailed together with square nails. This resulted in some splitting. These timbers rested on slabs of field stone piled up with little or no masonry work done to fit them properly, and no cement to hold the stones in place. Evidences of earlier foundations to the south and west of the house suggest that it may have been moved to its present site.

A small root cellar and/or storm cellar was found at the rear. Evidences of shelving indicate that it served both purposes. It was made of cement and field stone, with cement steps leading down into it.
Tract 119  SE&NE-NE-SW-Sec 6-R14W-Twp 57N

North side of house

Detail of Southwest corner of house, showing field stone corner support, hand-hewn beams
Tract 119

House and drive, seen from road

View of house from Southeast side. Note feeder trough
Detail of structure on west side of house

Root cellar, facing Northwest
The Barn was a wooden, shingled structure, with a plain gambrel roof and a simple peak cover for the haymow door. It had board-and-batten siding. A lean-to shed (probably a stable) was attached to the south side, running from one end of the barn to the other.

The interior of the barn had the usual hay-storage facilities overhead, with a rail conveyor for the hay fork. The whole structure had partially collapsed, but enough of the structural features were there to show how the barn had looked and functioned.

Earlier photos show it to be in an upright position but with the roof sagging. This was, in part, caused by the custom of bracing the gambrel angle with a long spar, as shown at the left. The resultant triangle is so flat as to offer little rigidity, so that the roof tends to sag under the weight of snow, and with age.

The barn was supported by a beam frame, members of which had been mortised and secured by pegging, though most of the smaller joints were nailed. The wood was of native oak, some adzed but most sawed.

The barn was supported on foundations made of field stone and concrete in various combinations. At the corners, supporting piers of field stones were cemented together for rigidity. Along the lateral foundations, the poured cement footings were augmented by field stones inserted into the cement. Lighter interior foundation stones, running the length of the barn, indicated that it had been a three-bay structure.
Tract 119  SE&NE-NE-SW-Sec 6-R-14W-Twp 57N

Collapsed barn roof, facing Southwest

Collapsed barn roof, facing East
Tract 119    SE&NE-NE-SW-Sec 6-R14W-Twp 57N

Capped well and remains of metal earth-scaper

Collapsed barn roof, facing South
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 119
Site Number 23MC10 AH Local Name of Number-Site 2 County Macon
(23MC202 H)
I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
   Contour Elev. c. 820

   NW-SE   Section 31    Township 50N    Range 14W

   U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer    Other Map used Long Branch Lake
   File No RC-4 B1-B8

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Location of remains on property No remains on property
Nearest water: NAME Long Branch Creek Distance 2000 ft
Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left
Size of Site 1.6 acres

III. Site description

   Site was not on any road but set in woodland adjacent to farmland.
   Somewhat rolling hills leveling out into the river bottom.

   The property was purchased from East Fork Ranch, INC.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
   of inspector.)
   Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.
   Condition at time of inspection shown in photos. Barn had been
   partially dismantled for lumber, and house was wrecked, as was the
   hog house.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel
   Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

   Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Site B was located off the main road about a half mile. At the time of inspection, it was thoroughly overgrown by tall weeds. No evidence of a road to the site was found.
The barn was a timber beam construction, with mortised and pegged beams of hand-hewn oak. Adze marks were visible on the larger timbers, and several pegged joints were observed. The shed and stalls at the rear were a later addition, and made use of timbers from some other structure, also of pegged and mortised beam construction.

When observed, the barn was still upright and sturdy but many of the side boards and battens had been stripped off, preparatory to dismantling. The barn roof was shingled but that of the shed addition to the rear was partially covered with corrugated metal roofing. The foundations rested on field stones.
The west section of the barn, viewer facing North

Detail of barn foundation. Note hole for wooden peg
The house was a two story, balloon frame wood construction house facing south, to which had been added two rooms, at different times. The main body of the house faced south, and presented a symmetrical appearance, with a window flanking the door on each side, and above these, a smaller, square window on the second story. The house had been sided with narrow clapboarding, with wooden shingles on the roof. A simple gable, with 45 degree angles, gave the house a simple yet dignified appearance. Set on a small rise, surrounded by large hickory trees, the location was excellent. However, no road to the house was apparent. The house had long since been abandoned, and perhaps the road had overgrown and disappeared.

A barn and a hoghouse occupied nearby tracts. Both barn and house made use of simple mortising in the main timbers, as illustrated at the right. Beams were of hand-hewn oak, and rested on field stone foundations.
The house, viewer facing East

East end of the hog house
The hog house was nearly collapsed at the time of the survey. A strong wind appeared to have blown the roof to the north some six feet, crushing the supporting timbers and making the interior impassable.

The building had rested on a base foundation of poured concrete, on top of which cement block had been set to a height of four rows. The gambrel roof was covered with a layer of tar paper on top of which asphalt shingles had been laid. The south side presented a uniform row of square windows, while the north side was broken by a gambrel roofed extension set slightly to the right of center. It was impossible to tell what purpose this section of the hog house had played. The whole structure was apparently newer than the two other buildings (house and barn) on this section of the tract.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 119

Site Number 23MC11 AH Local Name of Number Site C County Macon
(23MC197 H)

1. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

11. Location:

Contour Elev. c.840

NE-NE-SW Section 6 Township 57N Range 14W
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
File RC-4 81-88
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: Name Long Branch Creek Distance 1500 ft
Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site 3.6 acres

III. Site description

Crest of a ridge, overlooking river valley and rolling farmland.

The property was purchased from East Fork Ranch, Inc.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976. At time of inspection, all buildings were either torn down or badly in disrepair.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address MMSU, Kirksville, MO. 63501

Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
The largest collection of buildings in one vicinity on Tract 119 was situated at the "Two Silos" landmark.

Of the nine structures shown in the appraiser's report, only the two silos and three small, dilapidated sheds remained at the time of inspection.

The sketch at the left shows the general disposition of these, as well as those foundations, wells, and other landmarks that could be observed.
Tract 119 NW & SW - NE - NW - Sec 6 - R14W - Twp 57N

View of silos facing North

View of feedlot, facing Northwest
Facing west, two silos and shed in background.
Shed rubble in foreground
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 119
Site Number 23MC12 AH Local Name of Number Site D County Macon
(23MC206 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 850 ft.

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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
File No RC-4 81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME Long Branch Cr. Distance 1250 ft.

Right or left bank of stream looking downstream Right

Size of Site 1/10 acre

III. Site description

This site was located in a densely wooded area at the end of Bee Trace Road.
The property was purchased from East Fork Ranch, Inc.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May 1976.

At time of inspection, the buildings had been abandoned for some time and were badly in disrepair.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address MWSU, Kirksville, MO. 63501

Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
This site was located slightly beyond the point at which the southern end of the Bee Trace Road became impossible for driving. Beyond it, the road disappeared into fields and woods, though traces remained from place to place.

The site was densely overgrown by weeds and brush, with heavy timber indicating that no one had lived there in some time.

The house had a central chimney of brick which had been cemented over, possibly to strengthen crumbling mortar and prevent fire.

The ruins of the southernmost shed contained a partial basement, indicating the possibility that it had been the earlier house on the site, converted into storage when the newer one was built.

Dimensions and scale of this drawing are approximations.

The house was of balloon frame construction, with lath-and-plaster interior walls. The outside was covered with common house siding (see photos).
Tract 119  NW-NE-SW-Sec 30-R14W-Twp 58N

House, viewer facing Northwest

House, viewer facing North
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 119
Site Number 23MC13 AH Local Name of Number Site E County Macon
(23MC207 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmhouse

II. Location:
Contour Elev. C. 860 ft.

SM-NE-NW Section 30 Township 58N Range 14 W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File No RC-4 81-88
Location of remains on property No remains on property
Nearest water: NAME Long Branch Creek Distance 1250 ft.
Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream Right)
Size of Site 1200 square ft.

III. Site description
The house was completely surrounded by thick undergrowth.
It was located a few yards away from Bee Trace Rd.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
This house had been long abandoned and was partially dismantled. An
open cistern lay at the northeast corner of the house.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel
Ck. ___________________________ Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

__________________________ Date 11/30/76

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Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
This house was not listed among the acquisitions of the Corps of Engineers, nor was it shown on any map. It lay a few yards west of the Bee Trace Road, in what was probably the far northern end of Tract 119. The house was completely surrounded by thick undergrowth, and had long been abandoned. Part of the floor at the northwest corner of the house had been ripped up, exposing the supporting concrete posts beneath.

An open cistern lay at the northeast corner of the house. Approximately 100 feet to the southwest lay the remains of what appeared to be a shed four feet square.

The house had been covered with imitation brick asphalt shingles, and the roof covering was of asphalt shingles as well.
Details of chimney in house attic

Details of house foundation

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Tract 119  SW-NE-SW-Sec 30-R14W-Twp 5S

Details of well
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 119
Site Number 23MC14 AH Local Name of Number Site F County Macon
(23MC201 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location: Contour Elev. c. 780 ft.

| NW-SE-SE | Section 36 | Township 59N | Range 14W |

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used File No. RC-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

East Fork of Nearest water: NAME Chariton River Distance 750 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream Right

Size of Site 14 acres

III. Site description

The site was located in a wooded area and was accessible only by foot. Stones remained where a bridge had formerly linked the site to the road.

The property was purchased from East Fork Ranch, Inc.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May 1976.

At time of inspection all that could be found at the site were a few cement slabs, part of a wall, and a low foundation.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/30/76
Site No. 23-MC-14 AH

Sketch map of location

Section 36  Township 59N  Range 14W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 119
Site F

(See Map No. 2)

Although early maps showed several buildings at this site, upon inspection all that could be found were a few cement slabs, part of a low wall, and a foundation.

A shallow depression near the road indicated the presence at one time of a driveway into the farmyard. A few fieldstones at this site may have served as a bridge foundation for crossing the ditch.

A small pond, nearly dried out and filled with cattails completed the list of remaining clues as to the original layout of the site.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 120
Site Number 23MC15 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC192 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location: Contour Elev. 780 ft
NE-NE-NE Section 1 Township 57N Range 15W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake File No.
RC-4-81-68

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: Name Chariton River Distance 150 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site 3 and 3/4 acres

III. Site description
Rolling farmland adjacent to river bottom.
The property was purchased from John Amidel.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.
At time of inspection, a few outbuildings were still standing but the house had been removed. A large barn (see photos) was largely wrecked.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/30/76

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Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 120
Site A
(See Map No. 2)

Chariton Fork

Road

24' Lane

20'

Foundation

172'

26'

44' Foundation

41'

28'

41' Shed

12'

14' Shed

50'

78'

Chicken House

50'

18'

Partial stream

34' Cesspool and

drainage channel

56'

Barn

SFork ite

A

(See map No. 2)
The Barn, situated across the fields and over a small stream which only ran in wet weather, had several unusual features about it. The lower structure was made of stone, cut and fit with precision. The upper structure was of wood, and had fallen in badly. One could, however, distinguish several constructional details.

The roof had been shingled with the type of wood shingles used extensively in the 20s and 30s. The sides of the upper floor were covered with sheathing laid horizontally.

The two end windows and the four side windows were laid in the stone so that their inner area was larger than the outer. This allows more sunlight to enter, the slanting rays not being cut off at so great an angle by the inner corners of the window.

A second detail worthy of noting was the use of a masonry angle to support the upright wood beams at the sides of the large door. Here, the stone and cement were laid so as to create a sort of beveled angle into which the post could be set. This served the double purpose of protecting the wood to some degree, and providing a softer surface for incoming animals and wagons to rub against.

The barn also featured a ramp at the rear, and a cesspool-cistern at the front.
Tract 120  NE-NE-NE-Sec 1-R15W-Twp 57N

North side of wood and stone barn, seen from across gully

Rear view of barn, looking north
Tract 120  NE-NE-NE-Sec 1-R15W-Twp 57N

Chicken house

Interior of Chicken House
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 124
Site Number 23MC16 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC193 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. 880 ft.

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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake File No RC-4-BI-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

East Fork of Nearest water: NAME Charlton River Distance 2000 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 2 acres

III. Site description
Rolling farmland, pasture.

The property was purchased from Frank Williams.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.
Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976

At time of inspection, house was partially torn down, and outbuildings in delapidated condition. Barn had been partially dismantled for the timber in it.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address MHSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
The house on tract 124 was a small frame house which had undergone several addition and modifications over the years.

It was in a bad state of repair, with the windows torn out, all fixtures removed, and much of the flooring taken up.

This revealed an interesting support structure; the house was originally set upon stones, on which 6x8 timbers (evidently from a barn or other large structure) were set. Above these, logs flattened on two sides had been set...and on these, in turn, the sub-flooring was nailed.

At some remodeling stage, the older flooring had had tongue-and-groove oak flooring strips laid over it. Most of these had been taken up, preparatory to dismantling the structure.

Plaster walls of the old style, laid over horizontal laths, had had several coats of both paint and wallpaper applied in the past.

The house had been covered with white asbestos shingles, over the original sheathing boards. There was a small root cellar behind and to the east, with cement steps and shelving.

A number of the buildings which had stood on this tract had been removed. Of the eleven listed on the appraiser's report, only the house, root cellar, and the remains of three sheds were visible. These are shown in the accompanying photographs. None showed any distinctive architectural features. The barn was of the pole construction type, that is, made using poles rather than square sawn beams for the framework. It was a three-bay structure, measuring 40'6" wide and 30' deep. The central corn section was flanked by two equal side sheds, their roofs pitched at a lower angle than that of the main barn. The pole structure had been fastened with spikes, rather than bolts, and the barn foundation was made up of field stones laid in horizontal courses with a cement binder.
Tract 124  SW-SE-NW-Sec 1-R1SW-Twp 57N

House, viewer facing East-southeast

Chicken House, viewer facing East-northeast
Tract 124 SW-SE-NW-Sec 1-R15W-Twp 57N

Barn, viewer facing Northeast

Detail of barn, roofing and rafters
Harness hook found in barn, made from forked stick
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 126
Site Number 23MC17 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC200 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. 860 ft.
SE-SE NW Section 36 Township S4N Range 15W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: Name Charlton River Distance 2250 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 1/10th acre

III. Site description
House and yard across road from barn. A few old trees in the vicinity. Located on the crest of a ridge. Rolling farmland.

The property was purchased from Paul E.F. Beishoff.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976. At time of inspection, house had been removed, and only a few pieces of concrete slab remained. Property overgrown with weeds.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO. 63501

Date 11/30/76

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Site No. 23-ME-17AM

Sketch map of location

Section 36 Township 58N Range 15W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Country Road

Site No. 17

East Fork of Chariton River

Notes:
Tract 126
Sites A and B  (See Map No. 2)
This house had been situated across the road north of the barn shown on Tract 126.

Appraisers' photos showed it to be a two bedroom house with an enclosed porch at the front. Examination of the foundation showed that this had been added to the original gable roofed house. The porch roof came off the gable side at a lesser angle, making for added head space, and a more interesting roofline.

Two bedrooms opened off the porch, and behind these were the living room on the left and the kitchen on the right. The latter had two doors, one to the rear of the house, and the other to the right.

A small attic room, 12' wide, with a window at either end, completed the living space.

Only the foundation was evident at the time of inspection.
Remains of house foundation

Remains of shed walls, showing dovetail joint
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 126

Site Number 23MC18 AH  Local Name of Number  Site B  County Macon
(23MC199 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location: Contour Elev. 870 ft.

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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer  Other Map used Long Branch Lake

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property  No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME  CHARITON RIVER  Distance 2250 ft

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 1/2 acre

III. Site description

Barn and yard lay across road from house at the crest of a ridge.
Rolling farmland.

The property was purchased from Paul E.F. Beshoff.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector. Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, barn was partially wrecked but still standing.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
Also listed on the appraiser’s report for Tract 126 was a barn stated as having “no value.” This structure was 30’ deep by 50’ wide, and presented an interesting facade. The vertical siding of rough-sawn native lumber was applied in three “layers” giving the barn an interesting texture and variation.

A lean-to shed on the right was well balanced by a flatter, but wider shed on the left. A corrugated metal roof topped the building.

For a slight variation in building technique, the battens were on the inside of the barn rather than in their customary position on the outside.

The barn was built with two bays, and a central aisle between them. Its slanting sides and crib-like construction indicated that this aisle was used for feeding stock from either side. None of the stock pens or stalls appeared in the structure at the time of inspection, however.
Tract 126  NE-NE-SW-Sec 36-R15W-Twp 58N

Barn, viewer facing Northeast

Detail of rafters in barn
Barn: detail of stall partitions

Barn timber showing protruding pegs
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 133
Site Number 23MC19 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC198 H)

1. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location: Contour Elev. c. 660 ft.

SE-SE-SE Section 6 Township 57N Range 14W
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
File No. RC-4-81-88
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property
East Fork of Nearest water: Name Chariton River Distance 3000 ft.
Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream Left
Size of Site 1/4 acre

III. Site description
Adjacent to Long Branch Road, at the crest of the ridge, overlooking
the valley. Rolling farmland.
The property was purchased from Donald R. Bonuchi.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
of inspector.
Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.
At time of inspection, only a house foundation of poured concrete
was evident on the site. The house itself had been moved.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address MMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
This site was marked by the remains of a poured cement foundation and nothing else. Although photos on the appraiser's report indicated a barn nearby, no trace of it could be found.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 203

Site Number 23MCZ0 AN Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MCZ04 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.)_Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 780 ft.

MN-WF-NF Section 25 Township 58N Range 15W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Riner Other Map used Long Branch Lake
File No. RC-4-B1-68

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property_No remains on property

East Fork of

Nearest water: NAME Chariton River Distance 500 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site A acres

III. Site description
Rolling farmland overlooking river valley.

The property was purchased from Willard A. Wallen.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karol, May, 1976.
At time of inspection, site contained only foundations of buildings.
Rubble indicated burning. Hoghouse was in good condition; root
cellar intact though unused.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karol

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Date 11/30/76
Sketch map of location

Section 25  Township  58N  Range  15W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
At the time of inspection, Tract 203-A contained only one intact building, the hoghouse. The house had been removed, and all others were burned, with the exception of the smokehouse, which had been overturned and partially demolished. Even so, a number of interesting details came to light during the inspection.

What was termed the "chickenhouse" on the appraiser's report, apparently had been last used for two other purposes. Among the ashes on its north side were a number of items which indicated that it had been used as a garage -- sparkplugs, motor oil cans, and the like. In the main section of that same structure, there were found many bits and pieces of harness, as well as bolts, nuts, screws, and other small parts. Evidently a part of that structure had been used for a shop and repair facility of some sort.

The barn ruins gave evidence of that building's construction. Five longitudinal cement foundation strips indicate that the building had been supported on transverse beams, running east and west. Many large square nails suggest that this had been an old structure. The farthest south of its four bays had additional floor supports of poured concrete posts, indicating that perhaps this area had held the heaviest farm machinery.

No large concrete gate posts stood on either side of the lane that ran towards the back of the property. The east post had a slot incised into its inner surface, and the west post had one "L" bolt set into the concrete, and another held onto the bottom of the post by an iron band. At one time, there must have been a gate of considerable pretension there but no trace of it was found on the tract.

One might speculate that the "old rock and tree area" had been the site of the original house, and that the gate posts had marked the edge of the farmyard. Later, the owner built a new house farther to the north.

On the following pages, details of the various buildings, and their photographs are shown.
TYPES OF SIDING

The siding example on the left, below, was found covering the hoghouse. The one on the right, less frequently seen in this area, was found on the granary. In the bottom photograph on the following page, both types are shown. Both make for exceptionally tight coverings for farm buildings. When properly fit, the tongue-and-groove, and the overlap joint are effective in keeping rodents out.
Tract 203  NW-NE-NE-Sec 25-R15W-Twp 58N

Entrance to the storm cellar

Detail of siding used on granary
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 211
Site Number 23MC21 AH Local Name of Number  Site A County Macon
(23MC212 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:

Contour Elevation: C. 860

W-NW Section 19 Township 58N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property: No remains on property

Nearest water: Name: Chariton River Distance: 1000 ft

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream): Left

Size of Site: 8 acres

III. Site description

Rolling pasture land extending at right angles to ridge, on a
smaller ridge running E-W. Heavy timber at east edge of site.

The property was purchased from Francis Swallow.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976

At time of inspection, only stork cellar was relatively intact. (see
photo) All other structures had been demolished.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

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Date 11/30/76
Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
The farm site at Tract 211-A proved one of the most attractive locations for a farm in that area. The house, shed, and barn were situated on top of a ridge which ran in an easterly direction for some distance. At the far end of it was the foundation of a long abandoned barn, some 500 feet to the east. Grass-free areas beyond it show where portable sheds stood.

The storm cellar lay slightly lower than the house, with a sharp drop just to the southeast of it. This cellar was the best preserved of the buildings. The cement barrel-vaulted roof was fronted by a native oak entryway (see accompanying photo) still in good repair. Evidences of shelving were found inside, though the interior was choked with debris.

Centrally located in the farmstead, the storm cellar stood as the sole survivor of the land-clearing process taking place all over the lake property at the time of inspection.
Exterior of storm cellar

Interior of storm cellar
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 211

Site Number: 23MC22 AH Local Name of Number Site B County Macon
(23MC211 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 860

NW-SE-NW Section 19 Township 58N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME Long Branch Creek Distance 2100 ft.
Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream Right

Size of Site 1/10 acre

III. Site description
Adjacent to Bee Trace Road, on the crest of the ridge, with heavy timber surrounding site.
The property was purchased from Francis Swallow.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, site was overgrown with weeds, and oven had been smashed badly, with only a few bricks in position (see photo).

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 12/2/76
Site No. 23-WC-2 AN

Sketch map of location

Section 10 Township 15S Range 14W

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New Axtell Road

Site No. 22

Bee Trace Road

Long Branch Creek

Notes:
What appeared to be a brick oven was situated on Tract 252-A, not far south of the New Axtell Road. It lay in an open field to the west of the Bee Trace Road. The oven was in a partially dismantled state, with several firebricks lying nearby. A number of ordinary building bricks with the name "Missouri" stamped on them were lying about.

The oven itself was made of these two types of brick, cement, and some iron. One piece of iron was curved downward at the center, pierced with two small holes, and cemented across the front end of the oven. The other appeared to have been a door, and was lying inside the oven. An ash pile completed the identifiable objects on the site.

According to natives of the area, this was the site of a molasses "firing" oven.
Tract 211 NW-SE-NW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Brick kiln for "molasses firing"

Kiln viewed from rear
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 212
Site Number 23MC23 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 860
NW-NE-SW Section 19 Township 58N Range 14W
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
File No. RC-4-81-88
Location of remains on property House sits 75 ft. from road, in center
E. Fork of the site
Nearest water: Name Chariton R. Distance 1500 ft.
Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left
Size of Site 3.4 acres

III. Site description
Rolling farmland extending into river bottom.
Adjacent to Bree Trace Road

The property was purchased from Billy J. Lea

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.)
Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.
At time of inspection, house was standing with barbed wire fence around it but had been vandalized somewhat inside. (See photos).

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel
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Date 11/30/76
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The house on Tract 212-A is a re-modeled log cabin (see details in photos). All that is left standing on this tract at the time of inspection is the house (somewhat vandalized) and the privy. Other structures have been moved off.

The schematic shown here is an approximation of the layout as reconstructed from the appraisers' photos.
Tract 212 NW-NE-SW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Upstairs room of log cabin house.
Vandalized condition at time of survey

Detail of walls and floor, second floor
Tract 212  NW-NE-SW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Log cabin house, viewer facing Southwest

Log cabin house, viewer facing North
Tract 212 NW-NE-SW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Log cabin house, viewer facing Northeast

Log cabin, viewer facing West
The house on Tract 212 provides an interesting study in changing needs for home owners, and the means of satisfying these needs.

To the original two-story log structure (itself "modernized") was added the one-story kitchen-pantry section.

Later, the owners moved a large mobile home onto the lot, and attached that to the house.

At the present time, this last addition has been removed, and the remaining structure is fenced in by barbed wire and warning signs. At the time of inspection, the house had been broken into, and evidences of a drinking party were seen, together with minor vandalism, such as writing on walls, and the like.
The walls of the cabin were made of hand hewn timbers 8" x 10". The irregular spaces between were filled with plaster originally, and then covered over with cement.

Outside corners were made by notching the logs so that they would interlock. This made for increased stability.

The lateral distance between logs in the walls varied from 1¼ inches to 4 inches because of the variations in log sizes.

The only logs that were sawed laterally, so as to form a uniform edge, were those in the topmost course of the wall, where the rafters rested. An uneven log at this point would have caused an uneven roof line.
Tract 212  NW-NE-SW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Privy

Interior of privy
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 214
Site Number 23MC24 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC170 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:

   Contour Elev. c. 850 ft.

   NW-SE-SW Section 19 Township 58N Range 14 W

   U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
   File No. RC-4-81-88

   Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

   Location of remains on property No remains on property

   East Fork of Nearest water: Name Chariton River Distance 1600 ft.

   Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

   Size of Site 3/4ths acre

III. Site description

   Wooded area along crest of ridge running N-S.

The property was purchased from Virgil Lee Foster.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
   of inspector.

   Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
   At time of inspection, buildings were in poor condition, house
   had been abandoned for several years.

   Site was overgrown with weeds

V. This information supplied by

   Leon Karel

   Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

   Date 11/30/76

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Site No. 23-WC-24 AN

Sketch map of location

Section 10 Township 50N Range 14W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
The three buildings on this tract were in a delapidated state, and had obviously been abandoned for a year or more. The house had asphalt shingle siding, and an asphalt shingle roof. The house was of the "saddlebag" style, though the rear was not symmetrical. It had double-hung windows, all of them broken out, lath-and-plaster interior walls, a brick chimney, and tongue-and-groove flooring. All windows were 24"x60" in size.
Tract 212  NW-NE-SW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Log cabin house, detail of wall, first floor

Treehouse found on log cabin property, opposite house
Rear view of house, with brooder house

House, viewer facing East-northeast.
Note symmetry.
Tract 214  NW-SE-SW-Sec 19-R14W-Twp 58N

Calf shed
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 218

Site Number 23MC25 AH  Local Name of Number Site A  County Macon
(23MC216 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:

Contour Elev. 840 ft.

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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake

File No. RC-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME Long Branch Creek Distance 650 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site ¼ acre

III. Site description

Site lay along crest of ridge overlooking rolling river bottom to the east.

The property was purchased from Orland Ordell Walter.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976.

At time of inspection, site was being used by the Corps of Engineers Contractor as a working base. (See photo).

V. This information supplied by

Leon Karel

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Date 11/30/76
Sketch map of location

Section 19 Township 5SM Range 14W

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Notes:
When inspected, the tract was being used by the Corps of Engineers Contractor as a base. Their trailer sat inside the house foundation, and a cooking facility occupied the area just west of the barn foundation. The fresh grading on the road made it difficult to ascertain anything about the north edge of the tract.

The area marked "garage" was burned over but contained remnants of oil cans, spark plugs, and the like.

The barn area had several cement-filled nail kegs, evidently used for part of the interior floor support system.

The openings set into the barn foundation (see drawing below) may have served as access to crawl space below the floor, or to assist in removal of waste.
Remains of foundations on site. Trailer used by Army Corps of Engineers. Viewer facing Southeast.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 249
Site Number 23HC26 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23HC258 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Bridge

II. Location:
   Contour Elev. 800 ft.
   NW-NE-NE Section 12 Township 58N Range 16W
   U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map Used Long Branch Lake
   Property Owner U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
   Location of remains on property Spans stream
   Nearest water: Name Long Branch Creek Distance
   Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream)

III. Site description

Old iron truss bridge over stream; heavy woods, country road.
The property was purchased from Billy Blomberg.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.
Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, bridge was in fair condition, loose planking, rusty.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel
   Ch. Address NMSU, Kirksville, Mo 63501
   Date 11/30/76

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Site No. 23-MC-26 AH

Sketch map of location

Section 12  Township 58N  Range 15W

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 249
Site A

NW-NE-NE Sec 12-R15W-Twp 58N (See Map No. 3)

The metal bridge at this site was a single span, truss construction crossing the East Fork of the Chariton River.

It had a plank floor, with the boards laid at right angles to the flow of traffic.

The planking was of native lumber, machine sawed, in irregular lengths.

The bridge was in a good state of preservation.
Secondary road bridge, iron frame construction

Closer view of bridge
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 251

Site Number 23MC27 AH Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC214 B)

1. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Schoolhouse

II. Location: Contour Elev. C. 870 ft.

W-NE-NE Section 19 Township 59N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME Long Branch Creek Distance 2,600 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 1/10 acre

III. Site description

Adjacent to Axtell Road and Bee Trace Road, on the crest of a ridge.
Rolling pastureland and timber.

The property was purchased from Lea Foley.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, Axtell Road was being regraded and widened,
and the original boundary lines were obliterated on two sides (N, E).
Only a few charred timbers and the original cement foundation
remained.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 11/30/76
Site No. 23-MC-27 AN

Sketch map of location

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:

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Because of the extensive grading being carried out on the New Axtell Road, it was difficult to determine exact measurements at this site. However, it is likely that this was the site of the New Fairview School.

From the evidence remaining at the time of the inspection, there was no way of determining the construction of the building, other than that it made use of wood timbers and rested on a cement foundation. Bee Trace Road was subsequently widened, and two months after the site was inspected not a trace of the building remained.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 251
Site Number 23HC28 AH Local Name of Number Site B County Macon
(23HC215 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location: Contour Elev. C, 870 ft.

NN-NE-NW Section 19 Township 58N Range 14W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
File No. rc-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: NAME: Chariton River Distance 1200 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Left

Size of Site 3/4 acre

III. Site description
Rolling farmland at crest of ridge overlooking valley. Some timber adjacent.

The property as purchased from Lea Foley.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, all buildings had been demolished, with only a concrete slab remaining.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ck. Address HNSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 12/2/76
Sketch map of location

Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.

Notes:
Tract 251, Site B, was evidently the site of a small farmstead. The nine-by-twelve concrete slab, however, would have been too small for a house, and so must have been under only part of the house. There was no way to determine where the other section of the house had been.

The root cellar was made of cement. The covering was missing giving it the effect of a cement-lined trench with steps leading down into it.

The appraiser's photos showed a large doghouse, the roof of which was found behind the larger slab.
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 253

Site Number 23MC22 AH  Local Name of Number Site A County Macon
(23MC218 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:

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III. Site description

Adjacent to Axtell Road, just west of the East Fork of the Chariton River, the land is rolling farmland.

The property belongs to Ben Morris Norton, and lies just off of Corps property.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, the house was in poor condition, being used as hay storage, windows out, and so on. A few small sheds on the property were still standing.

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 12/2/76
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New Axtell Road

Site No. 29

East Fork of the Chariton River

East Fork

Notes:
The house was covered with asphalt shingles which had been laid over the original clapboard siding. It was built on a foundation of native lumber (8x8 beams) set on stone piers.

At the time of inspection, the house was filled with hay for the most part, making it difficult to see flooring and lower details.

The "rubble" area yielded some interesting bits of iron -- harness buckles, straps, hames, and the like.

A cellar extended under the back porch area, with a small trapdoor into the kitchen.

The largest of the small sheds appeared to have been used as a smokehouse at one time.
Tract 253 NE-NE-NW-Sec 24-R15W-Twp 58N

House front and porch

House, viewer facing Northwest
Detail of the chimney structure.

Interior of house, used for storage of hay.
Larger shed, possibly used as smokehouse
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Tract 253
Site Number 23NC30 AH Local Name of Number Site B County Macon
(23MC208 H)

I. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 800 ft.

NE-5E-NE Section 24 Township 50N Range 15W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map Used Long Branch Lake
File No. RC-4-81-08

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

East Fork of Nearest water: Name Chariton River Distance c. 250 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 1/10th acre

III. Site description
River bottom farmland with a few small trees

The property was purchased from Ben Morris Norton

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address
of inspector.

Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976
At time of inspection, barn was in partially dismantled stage (see
photos).

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

Ch. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 12/2/76
Site No. 23-MC-30 AN

Sketch map of location

Section 24    Township 58N    Range 15W

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Notes:

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The barn on Tract 253 was of modern construction, using all native lumber. A poured cement foundation supported the structure, which was held together by bolts and nails.

On both sides of the barn, there were numerous large stones piled against the foundation, probably to keep hogs from rooting and wallowing there, and thus damaging the foundation boards.

A corrugated metal roof covered the barn.
Tract 253  NE-SE-NE-Sec 24-R15W-Twp 58N

Large barn, viewer facing Northeast

Barn front, viewer facing North
Tract 253 NE-SE-NE-Sec 24-R15W-Twp 58N

Detail of rafters.

View of pulley device in hay mow
HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURE SURVEY OF MISSOURI
SURVEY SHEET

Tract 253
Site Number 23MC31 AH Local Name of Number Site C County Macon (23MC209 H)

1. Type of site (farmstead, commercial, etc.) Farmstead

II. Location:
Contour Elev. c. 820 ft

NE-SW-NE Section 24 Township 58N Range 15W

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Elmer Other Map used Long Branch Lake
File No. RC-4-81-88

Owner of Property U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Location of remains on property No remains on property

Nearest water: Name Chariton River Distance 750 ft.

Right or left bank of stream (looking downstream) Right

Size of Site 1/10 acre

III. Site Description
Grassing land, not far from timber (to the west), overlooking the river bottom.

The property was purchased from Ben Morris Norton.

IV. Condition of Site. (If inspected, by whom, when, what was found, address of inspector.
Inspected by Mary Jo Polak and Leon Karel, May, 1976

At time of inspection, shed was falling in, with no evidence of having been used for several years (see photo)

V. This information supplied by Leon Karel

CK. Address NMSU, Kirksville, MO 63501

Date 12/2/76

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Indicate the chief topographical features, such as streams. Also indicate houses and roads. Indicate the site location by enclosing the site area with dotted line and placing the site symbol within the enclosed area.
This site was located on the crest of a ridge, in grazing land completely away from any road or trail. It consisted of a single structure, a log shed or barn.

The whole structure was in a state of collapse but details of the log framing were visible (see photographs). The log ends were notched in the simple fashion of crude, temporary shelters, and siding of native sawn lumber was applied vertically over the logs for additional stability and weather protection. There was no evidence of chinking in the logs.
Tract 253  NE-SW-NE-Sec 24-R.15W-Twp 58N

Collapsed barn

Barn corner, with notched log construction
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