

(NATIONAL HISTORIC
LANDMARKS)

Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Ste. Genevieve	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 60-04-24-0006	DATE 4/16/69

1. NAME	
COMMON: Louis Bolduc House	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 123 South Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Ste. Genevieve			
STATE Missouri	CODE 63670	COUNTY: Ste. Genevieve	CODE 193

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☐	Yes: ☐
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☒	Restricted ☒
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
No: ☐				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☐	Other (Specify) ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☒	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri			
STREET AND NUMBER: Linden House, Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Ste. Genevieve	STATE: Missouri	CODE 63670	CODE 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Ste. Genevieve	STATE: Missouri	CODE 63670	CODE 24
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .46 acres			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 20006	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent ☒	Good ☐	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered ☒ Unaltered ☐			Moved ☐ Original Site ☒		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Authentically and completely restored French colonial house showing both French Canadian and Caribbean influences. Built ca. 1787 on the site in its present size and form with a later enclosure of part of the galerie for a kitchen. Rectangular structure, 48 x 82 feet overall dimensions including galerie. Construction classified as poteaux-sur-solle or post on a sill. (Vertical oak timbers resting on stone sills form the upright walls.) Interstices filled with clay and hand-chopped straw. Steep hipped roof covers the main block of the house, with the lower pitched roof of the galerie completely surrounding the hipped roof of the house.

Exterior and interior walls covered with whitewash as they were originally.

Main entrance asymmetrically placed on facade, giving access to a broad hallway passing between the two interior rooms to the rear entrance opposite. The northern (smaller) room is the chambre. The larger room is the combination living-dining area, the salle de milieu. A steep stairway connects the central hallway with the large attic-storage space under the roof. In this attic the Norman truss and all roof and floor rafters are exposed. Restoration includes handmade lights in the casement windows and authentic period furnishings throughout, most of which were purchased in Quebec, Canada.

A number of Ste. Genevieve structures originally constructed at the old Ste. Genevieve site on the flood plain of the Mississippi River southeast of the present town, were moved totally or in part to the new site after the great flood of 1785. Evidence of reuse of timbers in the Bolduc house indicates that it may have been one of the structures from the original settlement.

Originally the kitchen was located in the yard behind the house on a portion of the property that was sold in 1815. The northwest corner of the galerie was enclosed to house a new kitchen about the time of the property sale. The restored kitchen is within the galerie.

About 1846 the house was Americanized by Joseph N. Amoureux, a merchant. In later years the house suffered neglect. The generous space of the interior rooms was subdivided. Advanced deterioration had set in by 1949 when the Colonial Dames acquired the house.

The restoration includes the surrounding yard, much reduced from its original size, outbuildings (smokehouse and well house) and the re-planting of the garden copying designs published in La Nouvelle Maison Rustique of 1755, known to have been familiar to colonial builders. The property is enclosed by an approximately 7' high palisade of cedar posts.

House and grounds were restored in 1956-1957.

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(Continuation Sheet)

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(Number all entries)

LOUIS BOLDUC HOUSE

6. Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue (state)

1963

State Historical Society of Missouri

Corner, Hitt and Lowry streets

Columbia, Missouri 65201

Code: 24

- Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1968

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 24



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐ArchitectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☒

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This house is primarily significant as a superb example of a once-prevalent building method in French Colonial America and as a cultural document of life in the French colonial era in the upper and lower "Louisiana Country".

No historic persons or events of outstanding nature are known to have been associated with the house. (Dr. Ernest A. Connally in interview with Walter E. Orthwein in newspaper article, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, May 4, 1958, p. 1 F.)

Louis Bolduc (1734-1815) a prosperous farmer and miner, was an early owner of the house.

The building was one of the first fully researched and executed restoration projects in Missouri. It was the first French colonial house in the Mississippi Valley to be restored to its original form. As there was no extant original or restored example to serve as a guideline, the restoration work was the result of scrupulous research. The building was thoroughly inspected to provide clues which might determine the proper course of restoration.

The restoration (1956-1957) was supervised by Dr. Ernest A. Connally, then associate professor of architecture at the University of Illinois, presently Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Washington D.C.; and Mr. Charles Van Ravenswaay, then director of the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, presently director of the Henry Francis DuPont Winterthur Museum, at Wilmington, Delaware; and Mr. Charles Nagel, then director of the City Art Museum, St. Louis, presently director of the National Portrait Gallery, Washington D.C.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Connally, Ernest A., U.S. National Park Service, "The Bolduc House, Ste. Genevieve," paper read before the annual meeting, Society of Architectural Historians, St. Louis, Missouri, January, 1968. Abstract published in the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians October, 1968, vol. XXVII, No. 3, p. 220.

Orthwein, Walter E., newspaper article, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, May 4, 1958, p. 1 F.

State Historical Society of Missouri's Historic Sites Files, ref. Ste. Genevieve County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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No UTM

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		<u>M. Patricia Holmes, Research Architectural Historian</u>	
ORGANIZATION	<u>State Historical Survey and Planning Office</u>	DATE	<u>March 28, 1969</u>
<u>Missouri State Park Board</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
<u>P.O. Box 176</u>			
<u>1201 Jefferson Building</u>			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
<u>Jefferson City</u>	<u>Missouri</u>	<u>65101</u>	<u>24</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Joseph Jaeger, Jr.

Title Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer

Date

4/3/69

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

APR 16 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Smutsky
Keeper of The National Register

Date

April 16, '69



Bolduc House, Ste. Genevieve, STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY MISSOURI Sept. 5, 1966
exposed by Mary P. (McCue) Holmes personal collection
View from southeast

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 69-04-24-0006
Title: Bolduc (Louis) House
Loc. Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri
123 South Main St., Ste. Genevieve

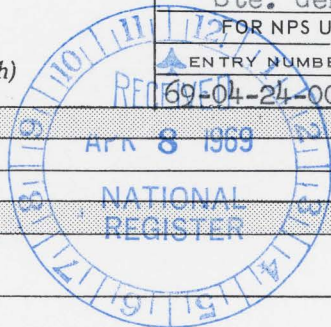
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: MP Holmes, State Historical Survey, Missouri State Park Board			
DATE OF PHOTO: September 5, 1966			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Missouri State Park Board, P.O. Box 176			
1204 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Looking northwest, view includes southeast corner of the building. Entrance gateway and facade to right, endwall at left.			

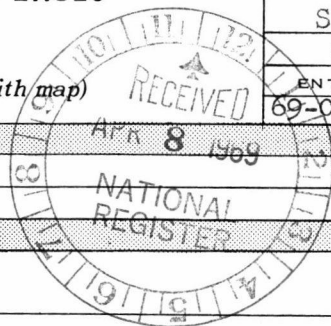
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

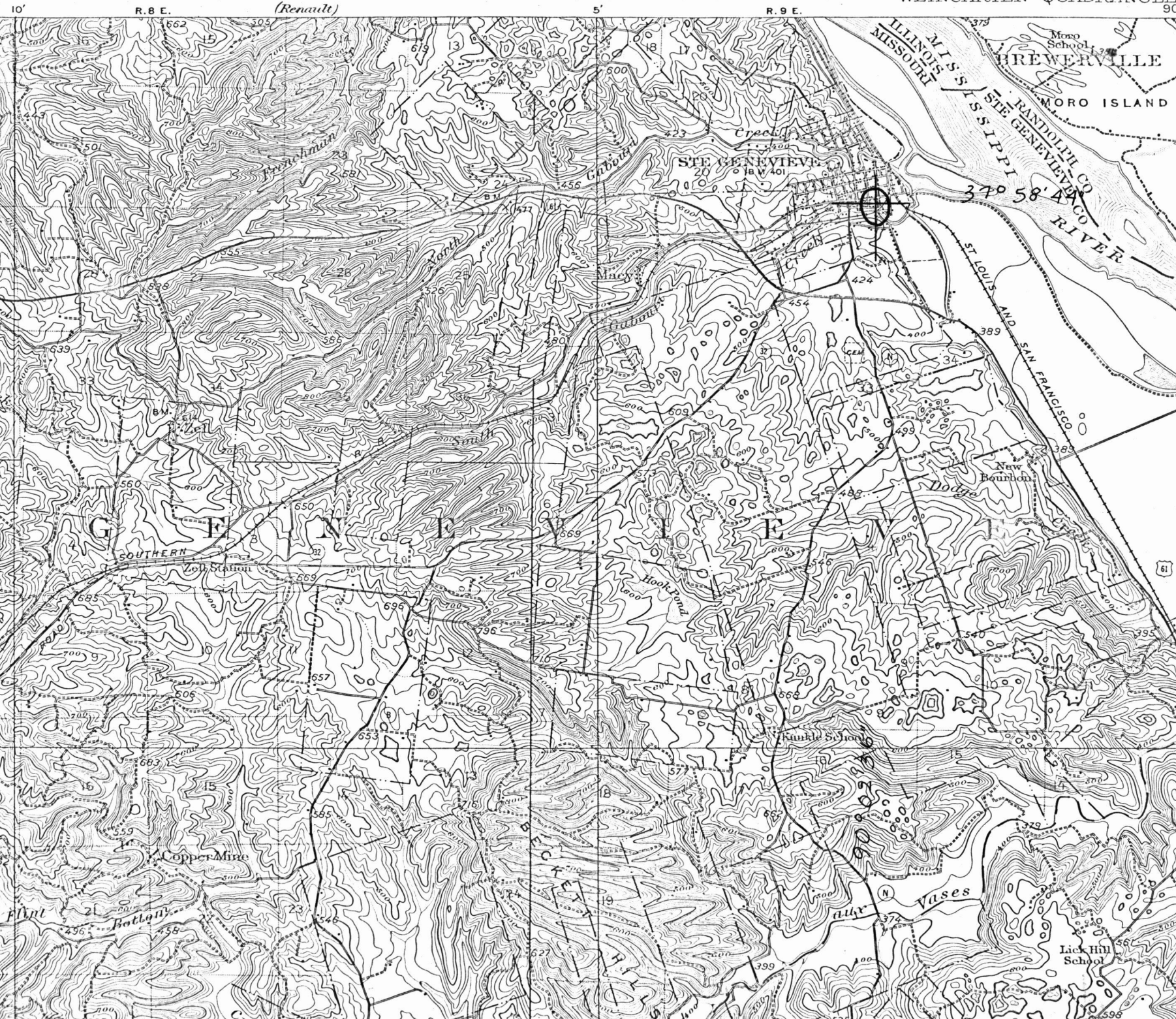
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle Weingarten			
SCALE:			
1:62,500			
DATE:			
1907			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

(Ballwin)



Ste. Genevieve County
Louis Bolduc House
123 South Main Street
Ste. Genevieve, Missouri

T.38 N.

SAINT MARYS 4.6 MI.
PERRYVILLE 18 MI.

T.37 N.

Weingarten Quadrangle
15 minute
1907

T M
4 3/4°

National Geographic Magazine

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

February 25, 1970

Mr. Joseph Watterson
Chief, Division of Historical
Architecture
Office of Archeology and Historical
Preservation
National Park Service
801 - 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watterson:

I am enclosing identification prints and information forms on the four pictures of Ste. Genevieve about which I called you.

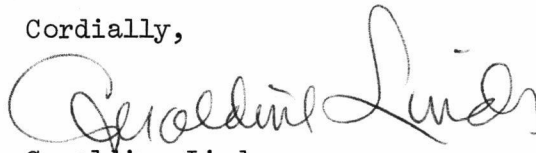
We would be so grateful if you could add any information that might prove helpful to our legend writer.

If this is indeed the Bolduc house, have changes been made since 1967, the date of Gregory Franzwa's book, The Story of Old Ste. Genevieve? I'm thinking especially of the fence, which is different from the picket type shown on page 101; and the boxwood garden (page 103) which seems to have disappeared in our photo.

Since these will be used in our book on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to point up the French Colonial way of life, whatever is shown that might have been in existence at that time (1803) would be especially pertinent.

Thanks so much for your assistance--and that of Dr. Connally.

Cordially,


Geraldine Linder

GL:st

Enclosures

To: Dr. Connally

FOLLOW-UP SLIP

Date 2/27/70

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Ernest:

I've answered this query as well as I can, but it must go to our Bolduc House expert!

Please check my comments, correct, and add to. If you can comment on the furnishings, it might add interest.

Please note some comments.
You might suggest to Miss Linder that Dr. Payne would probably like to know of my association with Bolduc House and continued interest in it. If I can help further I'd be glad to.
Also please advise Betty, Shelly, Frances on N.Y.'s plans on Lewis & Clark. The home of Lewis & Clark volume coming up soon. Also I believe Bolduc House is included in Landmark recommendations now before Senate.

NOT TO BE FILED

Signature

[Signature] Joe Watterson

To Miss Linder:

It is indeed the Louis Bolduc House at Ste. Geneviève.

To our knowledge, no changes have been made since 1967. *none*

Your photograph shows the rear of the house. (Photographs showing a picket, ~~or sapling~~, type fence show the street front.) A channel fence separates the yard from the garden, which combines ornamentals, including box, and vegetables. ~~The boxwood garden --- ?~~ herbs, and an orchard. The reconstituted garden, on a necessarily reduced scale, contains only plant material mentioned in early nineteenth C. French accts of Ste G.

It is likely that the majority of the furnishings shown within the house are the type that would have been in existence in 1803. (although some pieces are fake survivals and date later than 1803, they are still the correct style and type.)

I would suggest you get a copy of the new National Register of Historic Places, 1969. It can be obtained for \$5.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, ~~Box~~ Catalog No. I 29.76:1969.

Doug Langwa got his information on the Bolduc House from me. *My material has not yet been published.*

The Bolduc-Le Maillet House of 1821/24, situated next door has also been restored, in 1967, according to my research and restoration plans. The work was largely carried out after I came to Washington. *etc*

Photo 239-F26

(Ernest -- This much be the kitchen, for the fireplace is so equipped, and it is in the corner, whereas the photos show both chimneys of the main house centered on the ridge. Also, the ceiling is unplastered.)

Comments, please!

This is the kitchen. It was ~~made~~ built by simply enclosing the northwest corner of the galerie with stone, including the chimney, in the early 1820's. ~~Thus the ceiling and floor are original~~ The galerie ceiling and this ceiling in the kitchen were installed at that time.

The ~~front~~ back of the fireplace contains a stone arch (filled with stone) obviously meant for an iron bread oven of a type we know from Canada ~~but~~ (Quebec) but were unable to replace.

In 1803 the detached kitchen (reconstruction based on ^{c1820} photo of a surviving type in St Louis, now gone) was still in use, and the galerie was completely open all around the house - no galerie ceiling at that time. Otherwise the house was about as we see it today.

HB-7mo. Louis Bolduc House

March 5, 1970

H30-HHA

Miss Geraldine Linder
Special Publications Division
National Geographic Magazine
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Miss Linder:

This is indeed the Louis Bolduc House at Ste. Geneviève; no changes have been made to it since 1967. Your photograph shows the rear of the house. (Photographs showing a picket type fence show the street front.) A channel fence separates the yard from the garden, which combines ornamentals, including box, and vegetables, herbs, and an orchard. The reconstituted garden, on a necessarily reduced scale, contains only plant materials mentioned in early 19th-century travellers' accounts of Ste. Geneviève. The furnishings shown in the house are the type that would have been in existence in 1803 -- although some pieces are folk survivals and date later, they are still the closest style and type.

The Chief of this Office, Dr. Ernest Allen Connally, did the research and supervised the restoration of the Bolduc House in 1956-57. Mr. Franzwa got his information on the house from Dr. Connally, whose material has not yet been published. The Bolduc-Le Meilleur House next door was also restored (1967) from Dr. Connally's research and restoration plans, but the work was largely carried out after he came to Washington. Dr. Payne would doubtless be interested to learn of Dr. Connally's association with the Bolduc House and his continued interest in it. He would be glad to furnish any further information. Incidentally, the Louis Bolduc House is among those approved by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments, for eligibility for National Historic Landmark status now awaiting Secretary Hickel's approval.

I have filled in information on your caption sheets attached to the photographs. I hope all is clear and satisfactory. If there is anything further we can do, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Joseph Watterson

Joseph Watterson, FAIA
Chief, Division of Historic Architecture

Enclosures

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HHA

JWatterson:lr 3/5/70

cc:
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APR 21 1969

Mr. Joseph Jaeger, Jr.
Director, Missouri State Park Board
P.O. Box 176
1204 Jefferson Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

We wish to inform you that the properties indicated on the enclosed forms have been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry L. Rogers

Jerry L. Rogers
Assistant Keeper of the
National Register

cc:
Regional Director, Midwest Region-w/c encl.
T-w/c encl.

HR

JEdwards:je

First Missouri State Capitol Buildings
King's Hill Archaeological Site
Lilac Hill
Renner Village Archaeological Site
Louis Bolduc House
Maramec Iron Works District

BASIC RESEARCH UNIT IN HR

BOLDUC, LOUIS, HOUSE

(Resource Name)

69000305

(Reference Number[s])

26 FEB 1986

(Date form completed)

Ste. Genevieve

(County)

MISSOURI

(State)

Henderson, R

(Completed by)

STATUS:

1. MISSING _____ 2. REMOVED/ _____ 3. NHL X 4. TR _____ 5. MRA _____ 6. OVER- _____ 7. NPS - _____ 8. DOE - _____ 9. RESTRICTED _____
DEMOLISHED SIZED UNDOCUMENTED OWNER OBJECTION

EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder (); Nomination (); Map(s) (); Photos ()
Available on: Microfiche (X); Optical Disk (X)

2. _____
(Cause for removal)

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15 APR 1970
(Date Designated)

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(TR or MRA Name)

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