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JOHN B. WORNALL HOME

6. Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

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Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 21

Historic American Buildings Survey (federal)

1969

John A. Huffman

5701 Central Street

Kansas City, Missouri 64113

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The Wornall House is an "L"-shaped two story brick Greek Revival building, built in 1858. House faces west onto Wornall Road. House and lot, now within Kansas City, were originally part of 1100 acre plantation. Curved carriage drive to front entrance was replaced in 1910 with single street-to-door sidewalk.

West facade of house is symmetrical with large, central two-story portice supported by four giant-order square columns at front of porch, placed two on either side of front door. Under portice, front door surrounded by lights and wrought iron balcony projecting from facade at second floor door. Painted wood columns, pediment, and cornice with wide frieze which extends around house. Windows on facade double hung, six over six light sash, with unusual feature being window frames slightly more narrow at top than at bottom, accentuating vertical proportions of facade. Three fireplace chirmey stacks extend above roof line at north and south sides of main block of house and at center of ell.

Forch on south wall of ell originally an open gallery with exposed access stair to second floor porch. First and second story porches enclosed and stairway reworked in 1910 remodelling, now being restored to original form. Rear or east porch on ell a 1910 replacement of original.

Six rooms on each floor; cellar under kitchen, the east room of ell, with access by trap door in kitchen floor. Central foyer houses wall-supported "U"-plan stairway.

Wormall household possessions include portraits of John B. Wormall and wife Roma and two steel engravings, all by Missouri artist George Caleb Bingham.

Wornall house now being restored by Jackson County Historical Society, John A. Huffman, restoration architect.

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

Wornall House is reputedly oldest surviving residence of historical significance in Kansas City. It is also architecturally important as one of earliest in its area to be built in Greek Revival style, then popular east of Mississippi River.

During the Civil War Kansas-Missouri border conflict (1861), Wornall house used as headquarters of Union Colonel Charles Jennison, Seventh Kansas Cavalry. On August 25, 1863 "General Order Number Eleven" of Union General Thomas Ewing required evacuation of all southern sympathizers. Accordingly, house vacated by Wornall family after John B. Wornall failed to demonstrate Union loyalties. In Battle of Westport (October 23-24, 1863), Wornall house used as hospital and headquarters, first by Confederate then by Union troops. Union offensive to gain control of house still evidenced by shot pock marks on exterior walls. (History and Directory of Cass County, Missouri, Harrisonville, Missouri: Cass County Leader, 1908, pp. 122-128; John Edwards Hicks, "Frontier Cabins Give Way to Gracious Home," Kansas City Times, July 7, 1965, p. 28.)

Wornall house owned and built by John Bristow Wornall, a native of Kentucky and resident of Westport after 18h3. Wornall, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen in Westport community, served as President of National Bank of Kansas City, Moderator of the (Baptist) Blue River Association, and Chairman of Board of Trustees of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. Wornall Road, currently a Kansas City arterial, named for John B. Wornall. (John Edwards Hicks, "Frontier Cabins Give Way to Gracious Home," Kansas City Times, July 7, 1965, p. 28.)

Wornall house architecture attributed to Asa Beebe Cross, renowned Kansas City architect for thirty years, and purported to be his first house in the area. This well-known point of local significance now under question. (see Katherine N. Taggart, Historian of Jackson County Historical Society, "The Research Historian," Skylines: Midwest Architect, October-November, 1967, p. 10.)

House occupied by John B. Wornall descendants until early 1960s when acquired by Jackson County Historical Society for restoration as historic house museum.

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OWNER: ADDRESS: Jackson County Historical Society

217 N. Main, Independence, Mo. 64050

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