

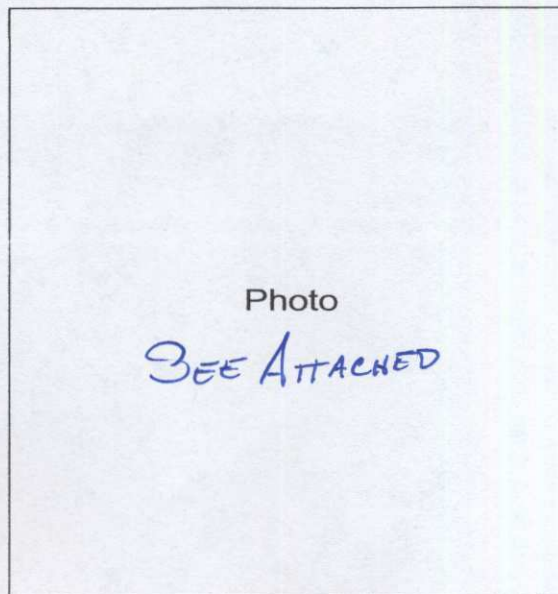
MISSOURI GAR POST RECORDS PROJECT

Post Name Colonel Robert Bailey Number 576 Location Augusta, MO 63332

Brief History

The Post generally met in the "GAR Hall" which was the Koch Lumber & Furniture Store. This building was at 5567 Walnut, Augusta, MO. This building still exists and is currently operated as the Edelweiss Bed & Breakfast. This building also served as the meeting place of the Sons of Veterans, Carl Deus Camp.

The Post consisted of members of the Augusta Harmonie-Verein. Apparently large GAR gatherings were held at the Harmonie-Verein which still exists at the corner of Hackman and Church, Augusta, Mo. 63332. The building with more recent additions is now the home of the Augusta American Legion Post.



Description of Post Records *(do they exist? condition? location of originals? location of copies?)*

According to Anita M. Mallinckrodt, Augusta historian, records other than newspaper accounts do not exist. The original charter in poor condition exists and is preserved at the Augusta Historical Society.

Meeting Facility *(structure still exist? stand alone building or shared-use building? identify specific location)*

Structure still exists although modified. The building was originally shared as a lumber store and meetings most likely held upstairs. 5567 Walnut, Augusta, MO. 63332. On Walnut in between Jackson & Ferry Streets. The Harmonie-Verein, American Legion Post, exists on the northeast corner of Hackman and Church streets.

Additional Information

Additional information gleaned from newspapers is found in the following book:

Mallinckrodt, Anita M. "Augusta's 'Harmony' : The Harmonie-Verein Cultural Society 1856-1922." Mallinckrodt Communications: Augusta, MO. 2005. ISBN: 0-931227-17-8.

References:

Civil War (G.A.R./Grand Army of the Republic) 66, 105, 128, 139, 174, 183, 201
G.A.R. Hall (Post #576), 105, 121,
Memorial Services, 121, 128, 139, 154, 164, 167, 190
Carl Deus Camp (sons/grandsons), 139
Carl Deus Camp Members 139, 183

Augusta MO GAR Hall



Harmonie-Verein



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Augusta, St. Charles Co., MO
Historic Resources of Augusta, MO MPS

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Harmonie Verein

The front-gabled building faces south and is set back about 50 feet from Hackman Road. The original board-and-batten building measures approximately 35 X 95 feet; it is extended on the west side (see Plan) by a circa 1970 12 X 50 feet weatherboarded addition on a concrete foundation. The front 50 feet section of the original building rests on a stone foundation and features fenestration on the east and south elevations of double-hung sash with 6 over 6 lights. The rear 45 feet section rests on a raised concrete block basement which replaced (circa 1940) the original basement material; fenestration is irregular. Multi-paneled double doors are employed on both the primary (south) and rear (north) elevations. Corrugated tin covers the roof. Wood scroll brackets trim the eaves on the front and rear gables and the east elevation.

Bandstand

The octagonal bandstand has a diameter of 19 1/2 feet; chamfered posts set on concrete replacement bases support the octagonal roof with wood ceiling. Asphalt shingling covers the roof. A polygonal wood pillar is located in the center of the wood floor which slopes downward from the center.

WALT - I TALKED W/ MIMI STIRITZ, WHO WROTE
THE NOMINATION, & SHE SUGGESTED CALLING
ANITA MALLINCKRODT, THE AUGUSTA HISTORIAN WHOM
SHE CITES AS THE SOURCE OF HER INFO. A QUICK
CHECK SHOWS HER PHONE # AS 636-228-4821.
GOOD LUCK,
KAS E. 420

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The Augusta Harmonie Verein is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A and is significant in the area of ETHNIC HERITAGE:EUROPEAN. The music society which constructed the 1869 clubhouse and 1890 bandstand (Property Type: Institutional Building) was the foremost cultural institution of Augusta's German community. The society gained a county-wide reputation which drew attendance to festivals from numerous other Missouri German towns. See Historic Context, "German American Culture in Augusta, 1833-1944" and subthemes, "Development of Cultural Traditions and Institutions ca.1850-1865"; "Persistence and Decline of Ethnicity ca.1890-1944".

The Harmonie Verein was organized in January 1856 when charter members were forced by Missouri temperance laws to gather in a tent on the frozen Missouri River in order to enjoy wine and song. They resolved to organize a singing society whose purpose was, as stated in the club's constitution, "To cheer up life, through vocal and instrumental music as well as by promoting social intercourse through friendship and congeniality." (1) The following spring of 1856 the Verein celebrated its first Mai-fest, an annual picnic which became one of several musical festivals sponsored each year by the club. In 1866, the Verein purchased the 1.5 acre parcel on Hackman and Church Roads for a picnic ground; there, in 1869, they erected the present dance hall/clubhouse building; the bandstand was constructed in 1890. In addition to choral groups and a band, the Verein also founded a library for members which at one time contained about 3500 volumes largely in the German language. (2)

In the Post-Civil War years, the building also was known as the Grand Army of the Republic Hall because of the strong support given by Harmonie Verein members to the Union cause. By 1920, declining membership together with anti-German sentiment of World War I caused the Verein to enter into a lease agreement with the newly-founded American Legion Post #262, who eventually purchased the property and remain the current owners. (3)

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NOTES

- 1) Carl Wencker, to R.A. Hoffmann, 2 Feb.1906, Missouri Historical Society Archives, St.Louis, MO.
- 2) Carl Wencker to R.A. Hoffmann, 2 Feb.1906.
- 3) Anita M. Mallinckrodt, Historic Augusta: Its Buildings and People, 1820-1900, (Augusta, MO: Augusta Historical Society, 1994), p.60.

9. Major Bibliographical References:

Mallinckrodt, Anita M. Historic Augusta, MO. Augusta, MO: Augusta Historical Society, 1994.

St.Louis, MO. Missouri Historical Society Archives. Carl Wencker to R.A. Hoffmann, 2 February 1906.

(See Section I of the Multiple Property Document, "Historic Resources of Augusta, Missouri", for additional references.)

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description: Boundaries are indicated by the heavy broken line on the map entitled, "Architectural Survey of Augusta," scale 1" = 100'.

Boundary Justification: Boundaries were drawn to include all land historically associated with the property; the area is an unplatted addition to the Town of Augusta.

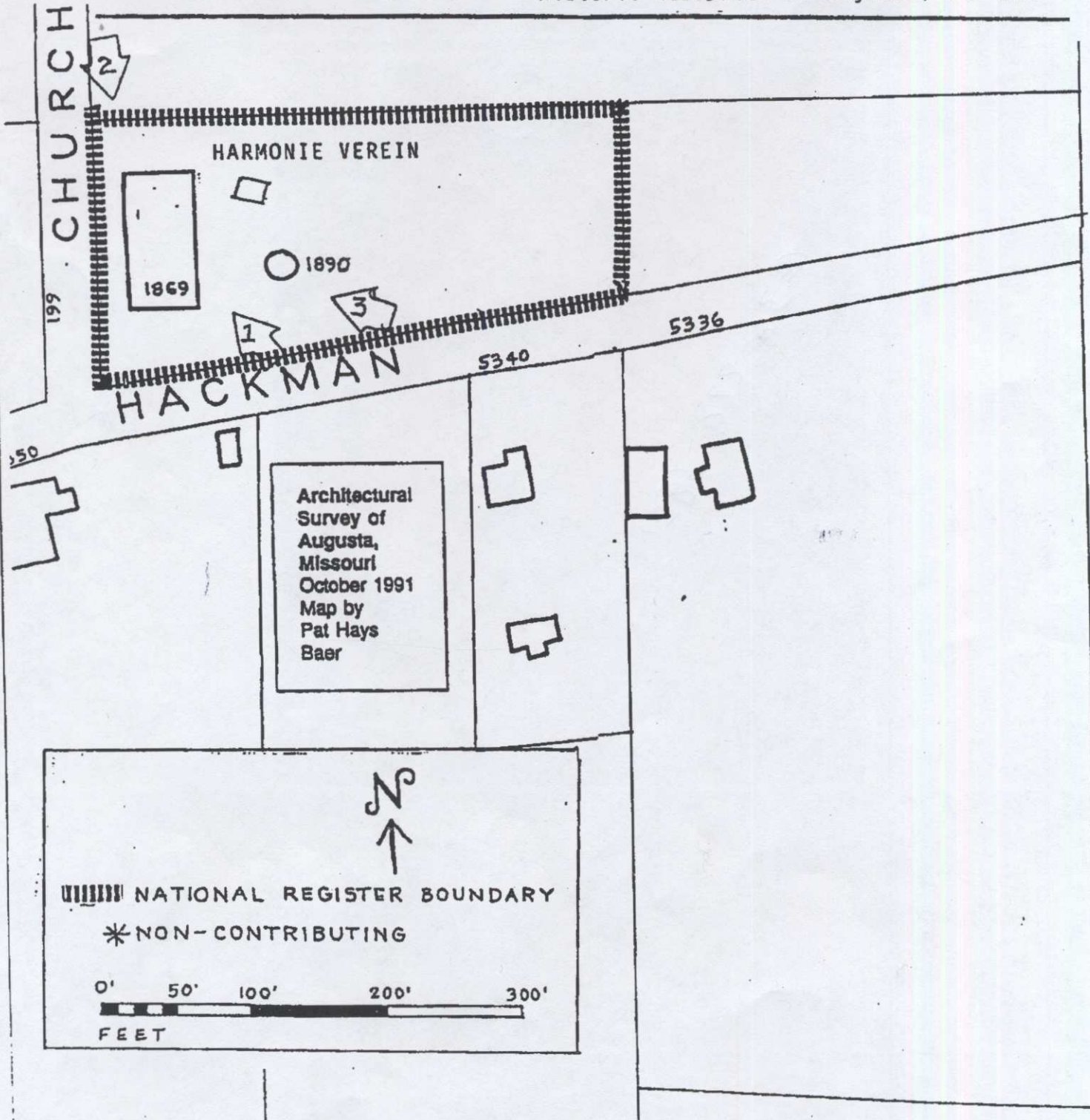
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Architectural
Survey of
Augusta,
Missouri
October 1991
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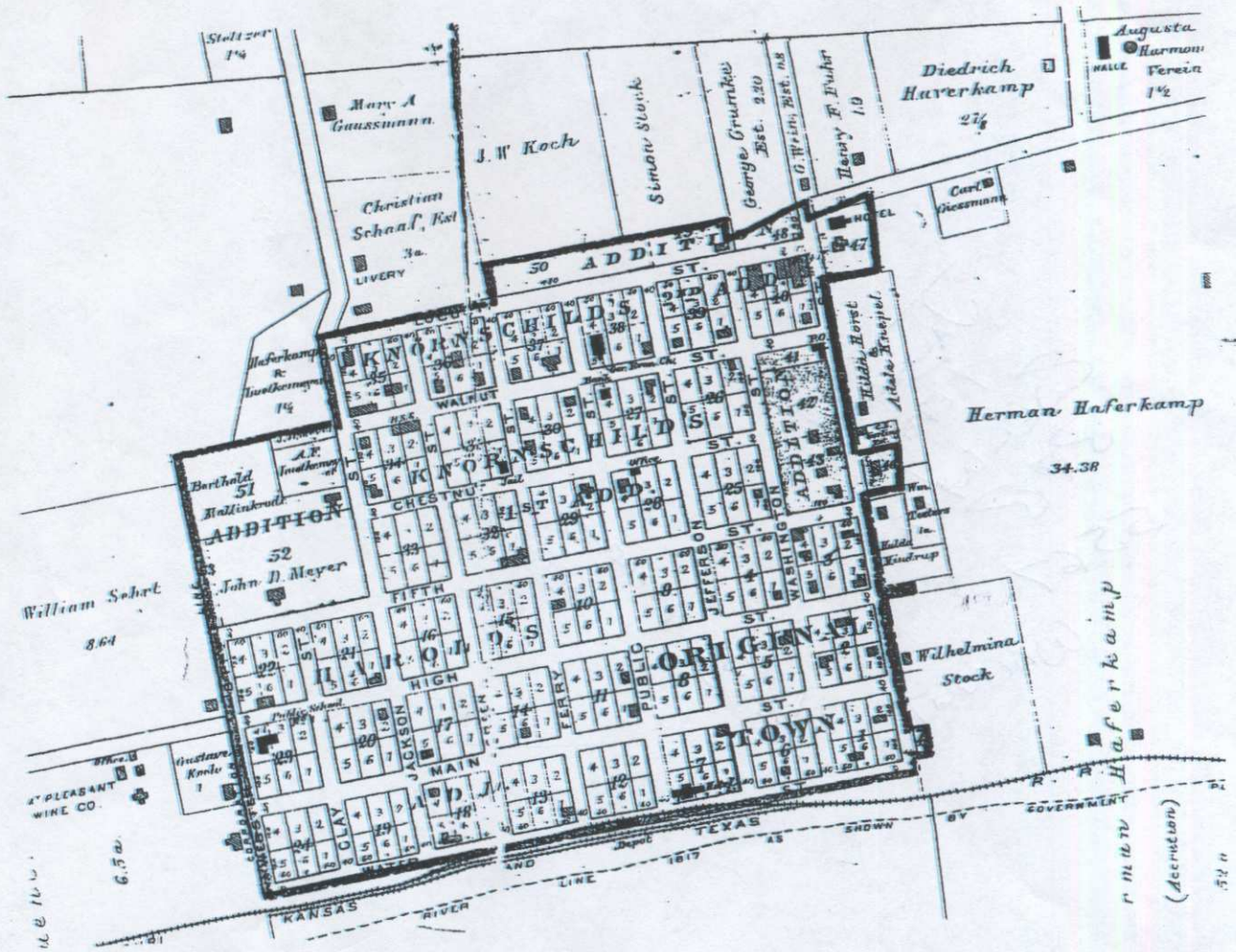


FIG. 2

Augusta Harmonic Verein (added 1995 - **Building** - #94001554)

Also known as **American Legion Post 262; Grand Army of the Republic Hall**

Jct. of Hackman and Church Rds., Augusta, MO

Historic Significance: Event

Area of Significance: European

Period of Significance: 1850-1874, 1875-1899, 1900-1924

Owner: **Private**

Historic Function: Recreation And Culture, Social

Historic Sub-function: Clubhouse, Music Facility

Current Function: Social

Current Sub-function: Clubhouse

FROM HISTORIC REGISTER NOMINATION

The Verein's club house and dance hall was constructed in 1869 on grounds at the northeast edge of town...

In the spring of 1861 thirty members of the Harmonic Verein enlisted following President Lincoln's call for volunteers. These men were among the troops who took Camp Jackson in St. Louis, an action which some credit with holding Missouri in the Union. Three members fell in the battles of Wilson's Creek and at Pea Ridge... Moreover, massive enlistment from Augusta in the militia kept the county free of guerilla war, a rampant and destructive force in many other counties. The Augusta area escaped battle incidents, although there is report of General Sterling Price's Confederate troops passing through, causing townspeople to take cover and hide. A German company of militia led by Capt. Maupin of Washington, Missouri was stationed at Augusta in the fall of 1864. (In 1906, the Sons of Union Veterans was organized in Augusta.)

In 1890, the Harmonic Verein erected a new bandstand on their grounds at the edge of town. In the early 20th century the society promoted railroad excursions to attend their music festivals.

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ST. CHARLES POST #S 544 & 554, AUGUSTA POST #576, ST. PETERS POST #408

NAME		POST #	YEAR DEATH	
			REPORTED	
ADAMS	A.E.	554	1908	
BROWN	Edward	554	1914	
BRUER	Chas	554	1899	
BRUNS	William J.	554	1922	
BUSCHMANN	Edward	554	1909	
CARTER	Jos.	544	1916	
DAMMER	H.G.C.	554	1910	
DAUGHERTY	William	554	1897	
DEUS	Charles	576	1905	
DEWEY	Clinton A.	554	1911	
DIEKMAN	Ernst	576	1923	
DOHN	Mathias	408	1891	
DRAIMAN	Bernard	554	1922	
EVERS	Hermann	408	1899	
FASSETT	Henry	544	1906	
FISCHER	William	554	1917	
FLUESMEYER	Henry	576	1929	
FOLA	Oscar	544	1908	
FORD	William C.	554	1909	
FROST	Daniel	544	1914	
GERLEMAN	Henry	576	1912	
GOODRICH	G.M.	544	1898	age 49
GOSSON	Gust	408	1895	
GRABLE	Sigmund	554	1916	
GRAY	Conrad	554	1899	
GRIFFIN	W.P.	554	1934	
GRUENEWALD	George	554	1934	
GULEMAN	Charles	576	1925	
HACK	Phillip	408	1897	
HACKMAN	J.F.	408	1894	age 51
HAELTMAYER	Henry	554	1927	
HARRIS (Clair)	Clare (Harr	544	1895	age 75
HENDERSON	Robert	544	1908	
HUEFFMEYER	Henry	576	1925	
HUTCHINSON	S.	544	1910	
JOERLING	F.W.	576	1914	
JOHANNA	Chas. G.	408	1897	
KLIPPEL	Phillip	554	1925	
KOCH	Gustav	576	1917	
KOCH	William	576	1926	
KOHLHOFF	George	554	1929	
KORTE	Joseph	554	1915	
MACHENS	H.E.	554	1899	
MALLINCKRODT	Adolph	576	1906	
MERSCH	John	554	1908	
MEYER	Casper	576	1930	
MEYER	William H.	554	1915	
MITCHELL	William	554	1924	
MITTLER	Carl	576	1920	

MOERLER	Henry	554	1898 age 69
MUELLER	Rodolph	576	1913
MUHM	Gustav	576	1913
NELSON	Tom	544	1907 age 65
NIEDERHELMANN	Fritz	554	1914
NOTLEBAUM	Henry	554	1912
PALLAIDY	John	544	1925
POWELL	Allen	544	1904 age 70
RANDOLPH	Elijah	554	1909
RINDERER	Justus	576	1907 age 71
RINGE	Louis	554	1922
ROTH	Theobald	554	1920
SCHMIDT	Henry	408	1891 age 47
SCHRODER	John	554	1899
SEEBERGER	Peter	554	1902
STEIN	Adam	554	1910
STILLMEYER	William	554	1900 age 61
STRAHMANN	Gustaz	408	1891 age 48
TUEPKER	Frederick	554	1914
VOSBERG	Theodore	576	1912
VOULCHAN	C.	408	1893
WALKER	A.	554	1901
WALLENBROCH	H.H.	554	1910
WASHINGTON	Bird	544	1919
WENTZ	George E.	554	1918
WIEDAY	Henry	554	1930
WRIGHT	Andrew	544	1919