

APPENDIX

Additional Information

When Toni Prawl undertook the research for “Historic Architects of Saint Joseph, Missouri” in 1989, she was limited by the resources that were currently available. Her report, which remains a vital text to anyone interested in the architecture and history of St. Joseph, MO, reflects the efforts of a talented researcher. This appendix is made possible by the advent of digital resources such as Newspapers.com, Ancestry.com, and FindAGrave. It is not intended to supplant Prawl’s work but to augment it.

This Appendix follows the order in which Prawl dealt with the architects in her text. On the upper left-hand corner on the first page of each entry are the pages from the Prawl text on which information regarding the architect can be found.

Note: A reader will note that there is no entry in the appendix for the Eckel family. This is because Eckel and his family have been covered in great detail by Prawl in her monograph, “E.J. Eckel (1845-1934): The Education of a Beaux-Arts Architect.” Likewise, there is no entry for Harvey Ellis and George Mann, whose lives and work have been covered extensively elsewhere.

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William Stein Aldrich

Nov. 2, 1865- Dec. 29, 1947



William S. Aldrich was born in Chicago, Illinois. He studied at the American Academy of Fine Arts in Rome and later served as its Director.¹ He came to St. Joseph in 1910. When he first came to town, he was a lodger at Della Butts' house at 306 N. 18th St. Five other people were also renting rooms there. He entered into a partnership with E.J. Eckel. The firm of Eckel and Aldrich outlived E.J. Eckel, continuing with George R. Eckel as a partner.²

When William came to St. Joseph, he brought his wife Bertha May Dennison,³ whom he married on Feb. 21, 1891, in Freeport, Main; and their daughter Eleanor.⁴ Aldrich married

¹ "St. Joseph Architect Was Student in Rome," *St. Joseph News Press*, April 30, 1939.

² "Wm. S. Aldrich, Architect, Dies," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Dec. 30, 1947.

³ (Nov. 23, 1867-Feb. 18, 1917). Born in Haverhill, MA. Died in St. Joseph at 8078 N. 23rd St. of a cerebral hemorrhage. She is buried at Mt. Mora Cemetery.

⁴ (March 4, 1893-1968). Born in Somerville, MA. Married Robert Lenox Criswell on July 7, 1916. They lived in N.J. where he was a physical education instructor.

Lucile Sevier⁵ in September 1919 in Denver.⁶ William and Lucile were active members of St. Joseph society; he was particularly active in the Elks and Rotary Clubs. The couple lived at 2626 Jules St., where he died of pneumonia in 1947. He is buried in Butler, Missouri.

Partial List of Works (Eckel & Aldrich)

News Press Building
Zion Evangelical Church
St. Joseph City Hall, 100 Frederick Ave.
Pony Express Memorial
Central High School
St. James Catholic Church
R.E. Townsend mausoleum, Mt. Mora Cemetery
Infirmary, State Hospital #2
Houston Wyeth Residence
James Potlitzer Residence
Dr. Paul Forgrave Residence
Frazer L. Ford Residence
George Vineyard Residence
John Townsend Smith Residence
V. Painter Home, Cleveland, Ohio
Courthouse, Maysville, MO
High School, Savannah MO
Municipal Building, Columbia MO
Laboratory & School Building, MO School for the Deaf, Fulton, MO
National Biscuit Company Bakery, Los Angeles, CA

⁵ Lucile Sevier (Feb. 7, 1880-April 26, 1959). She married George F. Goerner in 1902. He was a Denver cattleman. She remained in St. Joseph following Aldrich's death, living at the Victorian Court apartments working as an agent for New York Life Insurance.

⁶ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Sept. 27, 1919.



Bertha May Dennison Aldrich



Photograph of Eleanor Aldrich taken in Rome

Joseph H. Bennett

June 4, 1841-Aug. 17, 1909



Joseph Hart Bennett was born in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. He married Mary Brown⁷ on Dec. 20, 1862. They had a daughter, Annie L,⁸ and two sons, C.B. and J.A.. By 1893, he had offices in the Ballinger Building (which he designed). While in St. Joseph he lived at 223 N. 12th St., 116 N. 12th St., 1021 Felix, and 2617 Mitchell where he died. According to his obituary, he had been ill for some time.⁹ He is buried at Mt. Mora.

Partial List of Works:¹⁰

Ballinger Building, 7th and Edmond
Patee Park Baptist Church
Coulter Manufacture Co Building
Parochial Residence at St. Joseph Cathedral
R.T. Davis House, 20th and Faraon
Calvin Wyatt House, 13th and Felix
William Carpenter House
Dr. France's House
Silas McDonald's Residence

⁷ (June 1846-Aug. 13, 1871). She is buried at Old Plattsburgh Cemetery in Clinton County, MO.

⁸ (1864- July 17, 1870). She is buried at Old Plattsburgh Cemetery.

⁹ "Joseph H. Bennett Dead," *St. Joseph News Press*, Aug. 18, 1909

¹⁰ Taken from "J.H. Bennett," *St. Joseph Herald*, July 26, 1893.

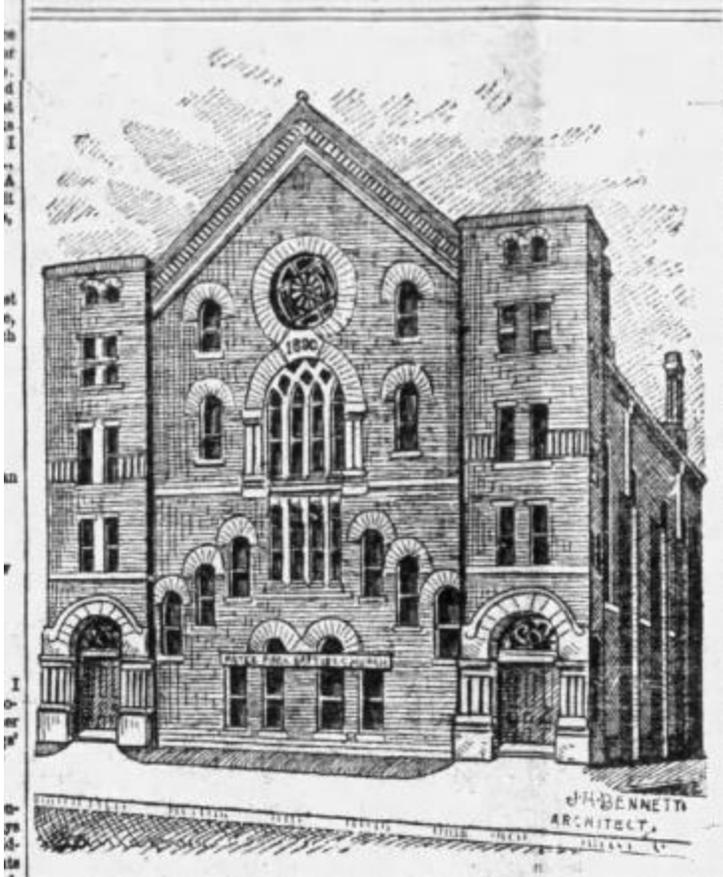
W.R. Beckwith House
Daniel Sheehan House

The Ballinger Building.

This magnificent structure, recently erected at the southwest corner of Seventh and Edmond, presents an imposing appearance from whichever direction it is approached and its erection has aided materially in revolutionizing that part of Edmond street. It was designed by J. H. Bennett, the well-known architect, and erected under his supervision and management. The building is seven stories in height and is built of St. Joseph vetrified and St. Louis pressed brick. It has been designed specially with an eye to the accommodation of those who desire well constructed, well lighted and well ordered office rooms, and is certainly the best arranged office building in the city. It is provided with front and rear staircases, a first-class Hale elevator, water and toilet rooms on every floor, piped for steam heating with the most modern apparatus, also provided in every hallway with fire hose and stand pipes so that any part of the building may be reached instantly with water in case of fire. The store rooms on first floor are large and well arranged, in fact everything throughout the building is ordered in such a manner as to indicate the best workmanship has been used. The design of the exterior is exceedingly attractive, offering an appearance of great solidity with an elegance and lightness that is very pleasing to the eye.

Mr. J. H. Bennett, the architect, deserves great credit for the beauty and utility exhibited in the design of this building. His office can be found on the top floor of the building, easily reached by elevator. Many persons have conceived the idea that Mr. Bennett is a contractor as well as an architect, but this is not the case, as he confines his operations strictly to the work of designing and superintending the erection of buildings. To those who are looking for a good store room or fine office room will do well to examine the Ballinger building.

St. Joseph Gazette, June 29, 1890



Patee Park Baptist Church
St. Joseph Gazette, Feb. 9, 1891

J. H. BENNETT.

Rooms 51 and 53 Ballinger Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

In any department of commercial enterprise the achievement of practical results redounds more forcibly to the credit of a business man than any amount of abstract theorizing. Upon this principle Mr. J. H. Bennett, one of St. Joseph's leading architects, has been enabled, within the few short years he has practiced his profession in this city, to build up such a large and growing patronage.

Some of the very finest structures in St. Joseph are the product of his versatile conception.

For twenty-five years he has made a close study of this important profession and by nature being exceptionally well fitted for it, there is no wonder that his efforts have been so abundantly rewarded.

Designs executed and plans prepared by Mr. Bennett have been approved and accepted in the case of the following buildings located in this city; the responsibility of superintendency also devolving upon him:

The Ballinger building, Seventh and Edmond streets, cost \$65,000.

Patee Park Baptist Church, cost \$15,000.

Coulter Manufacturing Co.'s building, dimensions 40x130 feet, cost \$12,000.

Parochial residence at St. Joseph Cathedral, cost \$12,000.

R. T. Davis' residence, Twentieth and Faraon streets, cost \$30,000.

Calvin Wyatt's residence, Thirteenth and Felix streets, cost \$7,000.

William Carpenter's residence, \$6,000.

Dr. France's residence, \$7,000.

Silas McDonald's residence, \$4,500.

W. R. Beckwith's residence, \$4,000.

Daniel Sheehan's residence, \$7,000.

Numerous other buildings in St. Joseph, whose elegance and attractiveness are a credit to the city, are the result of Mr. Bennett's fertility in this direction, but those mentioned will be readily recognized as admirable creations and sufficient to illustrate the high standard of Mr. Bennett's business.

Three large and commodious office rooms on the fifth floor of the Ballinger building are occupied in the prosecution of this growing enterprise. Assistants are kept constantly at work draughting designs which soon after appear accurately represented in palatial rooms or handsome and substantial commercial buildings.

The accepted design for the Hotel Royal, which has been so much talked about in St. Joseph, and which is now in prospect of erection, was drawn by Mr. Bennett, and all who have been privileged to inspect the unique and masterful piece of workmanship pronounce it far ahead of all other designs submitted.

Mr. Bennett is 52 years of age and a native of Harper's Ferry, W. Va. He came from a family of mechanics on both sides, the better qualities of which are exceptionally well defined in the subject of our sketch, which fact, supplemented by the very best training possible to obtain, has undoubtedly resulted in bringing Mr. Bennett to that degree of advancement in his profession which is commonly designated by the significant word "expert."

St. Joseph Herald, July 26, 1893

Francis R. Boettner

(1837-?)

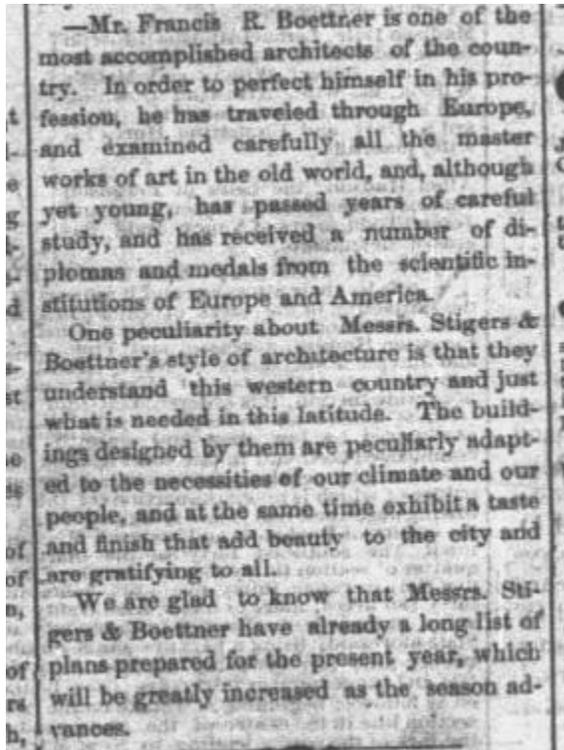
Francis (Franz) R. Boettner was born in Prussia. He was in St. Joseph by 1870; he appears in that record (and the 1880 census as well) as living at 802 Angelique St. From 1887 to 1900 the City Directories list him living and working at 412 Edmond St. In 1882, he designed the Garfield School at 19th and Francis. There was some controversy concerning corruption regarding payments; Boettner alleged that building committee had approved fraudulent charges.¹¹

Partial List of Works

Garfield School, 19th & Francis, demolished

Christ Episcopal Church, 7th and Francis

William M. Wyeth Residence, 11th and Charles



St. Joseph Gazette, Jan. 5, 1873.

¹¹ *St. Joseph Herald*, June 15, 1883.

Walter Boschen

Dec. 30, 1881- June 16, 1959



Walter Boschen was born in New Haven, Connecticut to Diedrich and Hulda VonBuest Boschen. Both Diedrich and Hulda were born in Germany. The story is that his grandfather was a German count; there is no clear evidence to support that other than his mother's use of Von in her name.¹² He trained at the University of Pennsylvania and at the Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris.¹³

Boschen came to St. Joseph to partner with E.J. Eckel in May 1908. That partnership was short-lived. Milton Tootle convinced him not to leave St. Joseph for New York, so that he could complete work on the First Presbyterian Church. He began an independent practice with an office in the Tootle Lemon Bank at 517 Francis. In 1947, the City of St. Joseph expressed a desire to build a war memorial; there were significant federal funds to be had for such a project. Boschen was one of the architects approached to design the memorial. Unfortunately, the project was beset with controversy and never came to fruition.¹⁴

¹² While this can denote nobility, it also may simply mean of or from.

¹³ Frederick W. Slater, "Single Architect Designed Buildings in District Seeking Historic Status," *St. Joseph, News Press*, Oct. 26, 1982.

¹⁴ "War Memorial to Architects," *St. Joseph Gazette*, March 18, 1947; "Architect and Memorial Planners Study Contract," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 9, 1947; "Cost of War Memorial Set at \$995,000," *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 4, 1947; "Back Adequate Memorial Site," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 29, 1947; "Idea of War Memorial is Not Yet

Boschen had an avid interest in automobiles. In 1909 he was the secretary of the newly formed Wells-Farmer Automobile Company.¹⁵

Boschen's personal life was somewhat turbulent. He married his first wife Mary¹⁶ in around 1903; they divorced in November 1919 with her alleging drunkenness and abuse. In court she testified that "Boschen was frequently under the influence of liquor and that he had struck her at various times making black and blue marks on her body. She said that Boschen locked her out of their house last Christmas eve. Her husband addressed her in contemptuous manner at all times."¹⁷ His second wife was Oma Cynthia Kinder Shearer.¹⁸ He married her on July 16, 1921, in Excelsior Springs. The couple had an active social life in St. Joseph and in 1923 they built a unique home in the up-and-coming development at Westminster Place. It was one of the few Spanish-influenced residences in the city.¹⁹ In 1941, they hosted the singer Princess Tsiania Redfeather from Hollywood at their home.²⁰

At the end of his life his family home was at 1114 N. 25th St. Oma died here suddenly on December 17, 1947. He died at the Parkview Nursing Home at 1212 Dewey Ave. of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He is buried at Memorial Park.²¹

His legacy in St. Joseph continues; his firm now known as Ellison-Auxier Architecture, is still in active practice.²²

Partial List of Works:

First Presbyterian Church

Robidoux School

YWCA

Tootle Bank, 6th and Francis

Dead," *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 27, 1948; "Reed Tells of Memorial Plan Status," *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 29, 1948;

¹⁵ "New Automobile Agency," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 18, 1909.

¹⁶ Mary Elizabeth (1881-?) Born in Pennsylvania.

¹⁷ "Divorce is Granted to Wife of Walter Boschen," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Nov. 6, 1919.

¹⁸ July 27, 1888-Dec. 17, 1947. Born in St. Joseph to Hibbert and Martha Ann Pottorff Kinder. She completed 2 years of high school. She married Charles Shearer in about 1910. She divorced him in 1920. The divorce notice in the *Catholic Tribune*, Sept. 4, 1920 makes for interesting reading: her goal is to obtain a divorce "on the grounds of indignities such as to render her condition in life as his wife intolerable, in this, to-wit: that the defendant was cross, cruel and abusive to said plaintiff and on numerous occasions cursed and swore at said plaintiff and called plaintiff vile and indecent names, too indecent to mention in said petition, and continually kept company with other women of disreputable character and refused to stope associating with them, and was convicted of white slavery in Little Rock, Arkansas, on said Nov. 6, 1914, and although an able-bodied man, refused to support said plaintiff."

¹⁹ "New Home is Unique," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 27, 1923.

²⁰ She was said to be an Indian Princess, the great-granddaughter of Tecumseh. It was said that she was the inspiration for the song "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water." "Princess a Visitor," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 9, 1941.

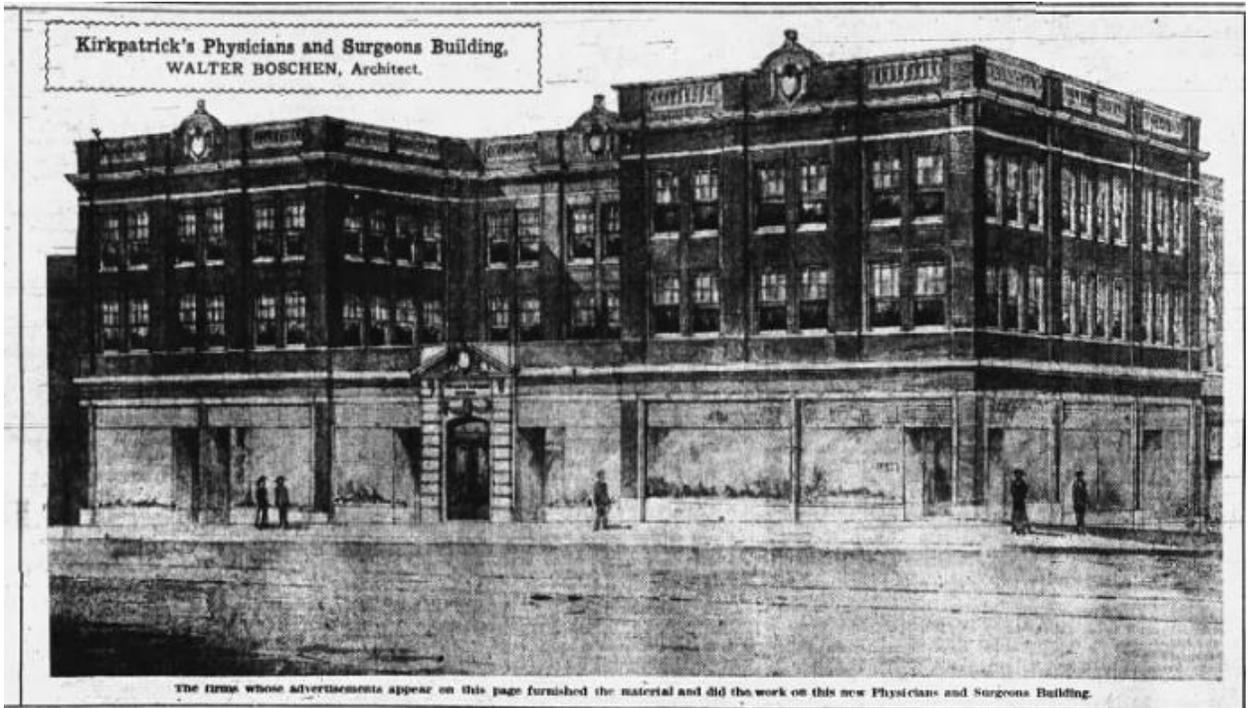
²¹ "Death Takes Architect Walter Boschen at Age 78," *St. Joseph News Press*, June 16, 1959.

²² Jennifer Hall, "Ellison-Auxier Architecture Celebrates 100 Years," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 11, 2018.

Heddens Building
 Rock Island Building,²³ 6th and Edmond
 France Residence, Union St. between 25th and 26th
 Townsend, Wyatt, and Wall Building
 Wheeler-Motter Dry Goods building
 Huston Wyeth Residence, Frederick Ave.
 E.H. Zimmerman Residence, Westminster Place
 Amons Riley Residence, Westminster Place
 Huffman Memorial Methodist Church, 28th and Renick
 Kirkpatrick Building,²⁴ Francis St.
 Neely School addition
 Improvements to the Interior of Tootle-Lemon National Bank
 First Christian Church, 10th and Faraon
 Robert Orr Home, Frederick Ave. and Noyes Blvd.
 Methodist Episcopal Hospital
 G.W. Chase & Son Candy Factory, 5th and Sylvania
 St. Joseph Country Club
 Walter Boschen Home, Westminster Place
 Gymnasium at Northwest Missouri State Teachers' College, Maryville
 New Century Apartments, 25th and Union
 Storefronts, 809-815 Frederick Ave.
 Daniel J. Patton Home, 1029 N. Noyes
 Foster-Hall Tire Company, 19th and Calhoun
 Administration House, Rosecrans Airport
 Hotel Robidoux, exterior renovations, 1931
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Tootle Opera House, remodel, 1933
 St. Francis Hotel, interior remodel, 1934
 Dormitory Buildings, State Hospital #2, Frederick Ave.
 City Market renovation, 1938
 Library at Northwest Missouri State Teachers' College, Maryville
 Noyes School
 Sears, Roebuck and Company Store, 5th and Felix
 Blair School
 Edison School Addition
 Rost Medical Building, 10th and Faraon
 Hosea School

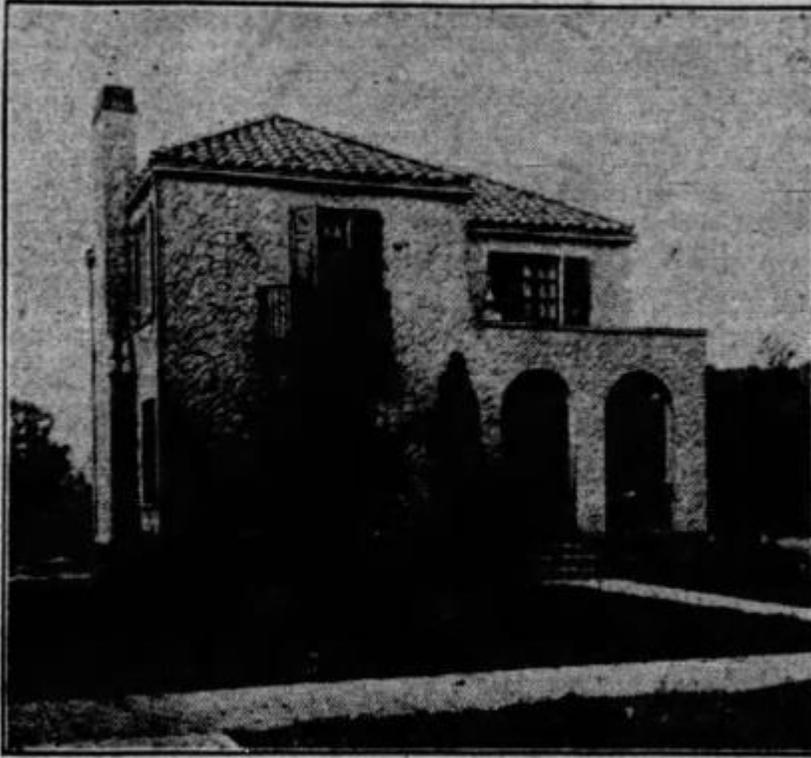
²³ "Walter Boschen has completed plans for a white marble front for that portion of the Rock Island building at Sixth and Edmond Streets occupied by the Empire Trust company." *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 30, 1910.

²⁴ "Work on the remodeling the Mosley livery barn property for W.F. Kirkpatrick will start soon on plans made by Boschen. The building is to be converted into three store rooms on the first floor and a dance hall on the second floor." "Building Sketches Nearing Completion," *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 5, 1913.



St. Joseph Gazette, May 14, 1916

WALTER BOSCHEN'S NEW HOME



—News-Press Photograph.
Residence of St. Joseph architect, in Westminster Place, one of the prettiest in that splendid district.

St. Joseph News Press, Oct. 27, 1923.

TOOTLE BUILDING EXTERIOR NOW MODERN

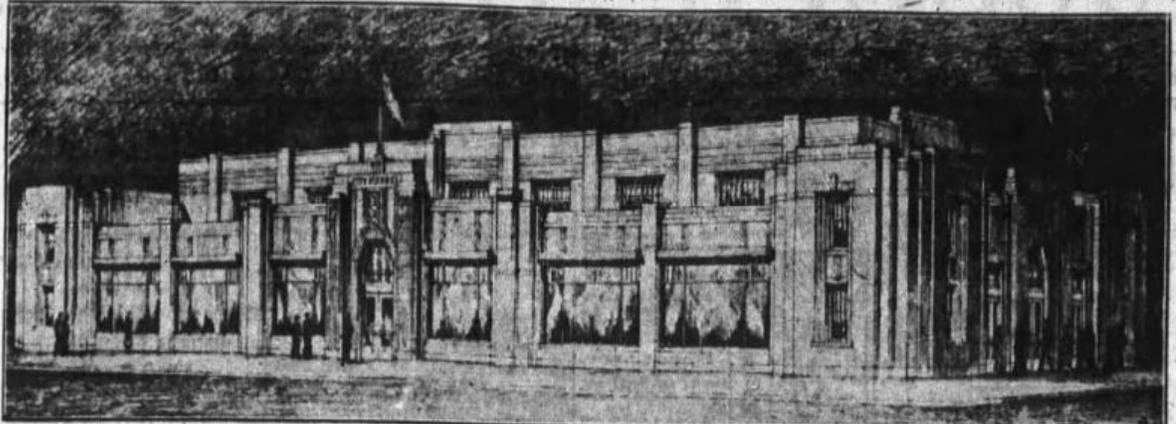


—News-Press Staff Photograph.

With the completion of the remodeling project this week the Tootle Theater building at Fifth and Francis streets presents a vastly different appearance from the structure before the exterior was modernized. The historic old building now takes its place with the modern and new business buildings in the city. The construction work was done by the Lehr Construction Company. Walter Boschen was in charge of the architectural work.

St. Joseph News Press, June 17, 1933.

Beautiful New City Market Building Proposed for St. Joseph.



Well lighted and gracefully designed, the new structure portrayed here is planned to replace the old unsightly city hall market in the city of St. Joseph's proposal to vote bonds of \$42,000 Aug 9 to supplement a \$34,000 federal government PWA contribution. The new building design was drawn by Walter Boschen, St. Joseph architect. It presents a spacious interior for display of marketed products and affords the public ample shopping aisles.

St. Joseph News Press, Aug. 7, 1938.

Otto Brunner

January 17, 1896- July 7, 1974

Otto Brunner was born on January 17, 1896, in Portsmouth, Ohio. He joined the firm of Eckel and Aldrich in St. Joseph in 1914 as a draughtsman. He remained with the firm and its successor for the rest of his life. When William Aldrich died in 1940, Otto became a junior partner at the firm.²⁵

Otto married Wilma Hawley and they had one son, William A. (June 10, 1930-Dec. 25,2014) who was a professional engineer and architect.²⁶ Otto served in World War I. The Brunners were active and productive members of the St. Joseph community. The family were members of First Baptist Church and Otto was active with the Masons and the American Legion.²⁷ Wilma was a member of the St. Joseph Garden Club and a volunteer at Heartland Hospital.²⁸

In December 1960, following George R. Eckel's death; the firm Eckel and Aldrich became Brunner and Brunner, Architects and Engineers. The new firm was a partnership between Otto and his son William.²⁹ This firm undertook several municipal projects, including designing a new parking lot for downtown St. Joseph in 1961.³⁰ During the 1960s, the firm did extensive work for the St. Joseph School Districts; perhaps most notably, remodeling the former Christian Brothers High School into Bode Middle School.

Partial List of Works:

Addition to Central High School
High School, Oregon, MO
Joseph Robidoux Middle School
St. Joseph Animal Shelter
Addition to Hyde School
Addition to Skaith School
Remodeling Bode Middle School
News Press Building
St. Joseph City Hall
American Angus Association Building
First Trust Bank
Midwest Federal Savings

²⁵ "Architect Firm is Purchased by William Brunner," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 28, 1972.

²⁶ "Brunner Certified as Registered Architect," *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 12, 1966.

²⁷ "Rites Tomorrow for Otto Brunner, Well Known Architect," *St. Joseph News Press*, July 8, 1974.

²⁸ "Wilma Brunner," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Sept. 16, 1987.

²⁹ "Brunner, Brunner Are Successors to Eckel and Aldrich," *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 11, 1960.

³⁰ "Parking Plans to Council," *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 25, 1961; "Parking Lot Design Approved by Council," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 18, 1961.

Moila Temple
Wire Rope Corp of America, Inc. Headquarters
Harrison County Nursing Home, Bethany, MO
Sunset Nursing Home, Maysville, MO

Rudolph Frederick Heim



R. F. HEIM,
Architect.

January 30, 1873- April 28, 1957

Rudolph Heim was born on January 30, 1873, in Germany. By age 14 he was an orphan³¹ and he emigrated to the United States, in 1888, coming to St. Joseph to live with his uncle and aunt, Fred and Pauline Genson at 1701 20th St.³² Heim was naturalized in February 1895 at the Buchanan County Circuit Court. He was able to attend college, studying architecture in the United States and in Europe. He went to work for E.J. Eckel in 1897. In 1900, he was living and working in Atchison, KS.

On June 26, 1901, he and Helen Lula Haefeli were married in St. Joseph.³³ Helen was the daughter of Swiss immigrant Wernhard Haefeli and Catherine Ozenberger. The Heims had four children: Corrine, William, Margaret,³⁴ and Theodore. The family made their home at 1111 Ashland Avenue.³⁵ William died in 1914 at age nine of a perforated appendix. He is buried at Ashland cemetery.

Rudolph entered into partnership with J.H. Felt, with whom he worked at Eckel's firm, in 1902. This was short-lived and he opened an independent practice the next year. He entered into a partnership with Ben Trunk in 1906. In addition to working together in the Eckel firm, they had a

³¹ Prawl states, based on information from Chris L. Rutt, *History of Buchanan County and the City of St. Joseph*, (1904), that Heim convinced his parents to allow him to come to the United States.

³² "Rudolph Heim, St. Joseph Architect, Dies in Germany," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 25, 1957.

³³ "Heim-Haefeli," *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 30, 1901.

³⁴ Became a public school teacher.

³⁵ This is the Dr. D.L. Humfreville residence, designed by Trunk and Heim in 1909

family connection. Heim's sister-in-law Ida Haefeli was married to Ben's brother John. Ben was present at Rudolph's wedding to Helen in 1901. The firm submitted plans for the Patee Market House in 1906. It was estimated that the completed structure would cost \$36,400. The *Catholic Tribune* noted, "At present only \$8,500 is available for building purposes and enough of the central part of the building will be erected to cover that amount."³⁶ The firm was very busy, doing work for the St. Joseph School District, designing a \$35,000 addition to the Ensworth Medical College,³⁷ designing the residence for the nuns at the Sacred Heart Convent,³⁸ as well as many residences. Trunk and Heim dissolved in 1911 and Heim continued in solo practice until 1934.

As a solo architect, Heim was involved in the building of a new county workhouse in 1914.³⁹ In 1923, he built a large 3-story apartment building on land that he owned on the north side of Frederick Avenue, close to his home.⁴⁰

In addition to being a well-respected architect in the city, Heim was known for his knowledge and passion for chickens.⁴¹ He was also an inventor, receiving a patent for a fruit jar holder and lid tightener.⁴²

Helen Heim died on April 12, 1930, of hypertension.⁴³ The following year, Rudolph married Herta, a German citizen, while on a visit to Germany. They returned to St. Joseph to live and Herta was naturalized by 1940. The couple spent a great deal of time in Germany during the period of the pre-war Nazi regime. Rudolph wrote several articles that appeared in the St. Joseph press describing the situation in Germany under Hitler in quite positive terms.⁴⁴ The headline of one reads: "Rudolph Heim, Overseas, Describes Land of Nazis: Germany is Happy, Prosperous Country. . ."⁴⁵ When World War II broke out, Rudolph and Herta had trouble getting out of Germany. They moved to Santa Barbara, CA in 1950 to seek treatments for his heart condition. Rudolph died in Baden Baden, Germany on April 28, 1957, and he is buried there.⁴⁶

Partial List of Works:

Patee Market House

McKinley School, St. Joseph

Residence at Sacred Heart Convent

Schminke Bungalow, Felix St.

³⁶ *Catholic Tribune*, Oct. 6, 1906.

³⁷ "Accept Plans," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 11, 1907.

³⁸ "Sacred Heart Convent," *Catholic Tribune*, May 2, 1908.

³⁹ "Action Urged on City Workhouse," *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 10, 1914.

⁴⁰ "\$6,000 Permit Issued," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 1, 1923.

⁴¹ "May Land State Show Here Yet," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Dec. 15, 1914; "Poultry Association Plans for the Year," *St. Joseph Gazette*, March 29, 1915.

⁴² "Architect Rudolph Heim is Inventor on the Side," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 14, 1945.

⁴³ "Mrs. Helen Heim Died," *St. Joseph News Press*, April 12, 1930.

⁴⁴ "Rudolph Heim Describes Experience in Berlin," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 23, 1938.

⁴⁵ Rudolph Heim, "Rudolph Heim, Overseas, Describes Land of Nazis," *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 31, 1937.

⁴⁶ "Rudolph Heim, St. Joseph Architect, Dies in Germany," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 25, 1957.

A.L. Bartlett residence, Lovers Lane
Royal Theater, Edmond St.
Dr. D.L. Humfreville residence, 1111 Ashland Ave.
Mrs. John L. Leonard flats, 28th and Mitchell Ave.
J.O. Brady flats, Ridenbaugh and 12th Sts.
Hillcrest Apartments, 2709 Frederick Ave.
Duplex, 622 Bon Ton

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BEN W. TRUNK,
R. F. HEIM.

St. Joseph News Press, May 4, 1906.



A Handsome Residence

The residence of Dr. D. L. Humfreville, on the east side of Ashland avenue, represents one of the newest types of residences built in the city, as in the past most all residences have been constructed of either brick or frame and would not permit of much variety in design, as is found in other cities.

This residence is faced with a colored plaster preparation for the first story, porch piers, chimneys, etc., and the second story is frame covered with stained shingles; the roof is also covered with stained shingles. The exterior finish is stained and all in harmonious shades, making a pleasing effect with its gables, dormers, etc.

The front porch and terraces have cement floors and the rear porch and balcony are screened, making a fine outdoor sleeping room on the second floor.

The entrance to the house is made into a large, well proportioned reception hall in which is a fine open stair case to the second floor. To right and on the south side of the house is the large living room with beamed ceiling and specially designed mantel piece, seat, casement, windows, etc. The dining room is to the north of the entrance and is connected with the kitchen through butler's pantry. The dining room has a paneled wainscoat and plate rail, beautiful special designs art glass in windows, etc.

The second story is divided into well lighted and ventilated sleeping rooms, provided with tiled bath rooms, having best of sanitary fixtures. The heating is accomplished by means of a hot water heating plant. An automatic water heater provides hot water for the toilet fixtures at all times.

To be fully appreciated this residence should be seen, but the accompanying cut will give a good idea. Trunk & Heim, architects.

St. Joseph Gazette, Sept. 7, 1909. This later became the Heim family home.

Rudolph Heim, Overseas, Describes Land of Nazis

*Germany Is Happy, Prosperous Country, Writes
St. Joseph Citizen From His Berlin Home—
Observations Disprove Stories of Famine,
Horse Flesh and Weeds Diet and Discontent of
People—Cites Ovation Given Hitler as Evidence
of His Popularity.*

By RUDOLPH F. HEIM.

St. Joseph News Press, Jan. 31, 1937.

[James] Everett Johns



April 25, 1895- Sept. 30, 1967

James Everett Johns was born in Brookfield, MO on April 25, 1895, to Isaac and Susanna Johns. He grew up in St. Joseph and was a graduate of Central High School. In his senior year, he apprenticed in Rudolph Meier's architectural office. He then graduated from George Washington University in Washington D.C. He served as a draftsman in the Bureau of Yards and Docks in Washington during the First World War. Following the war he returned to St. Joseph, joining Walter Boschen's firm before opening his own practice in 1928.⁴⁷

In 1937, Johns was chosen as the architect for the remodeling of the Buchanan County Courthouse. The cost of the project caused some controversy when the builder, A.L. Lehr stated that the remodeling would cost more than the building of the new high school. "J. Everett Johns, architect, who drew the remodeling plans, agreed with Mr. Lehr and was of the opinion that the cubic space of the courthouse was greater than that of the school building. He declared the courthouse would be more decorative..."⁴⁸

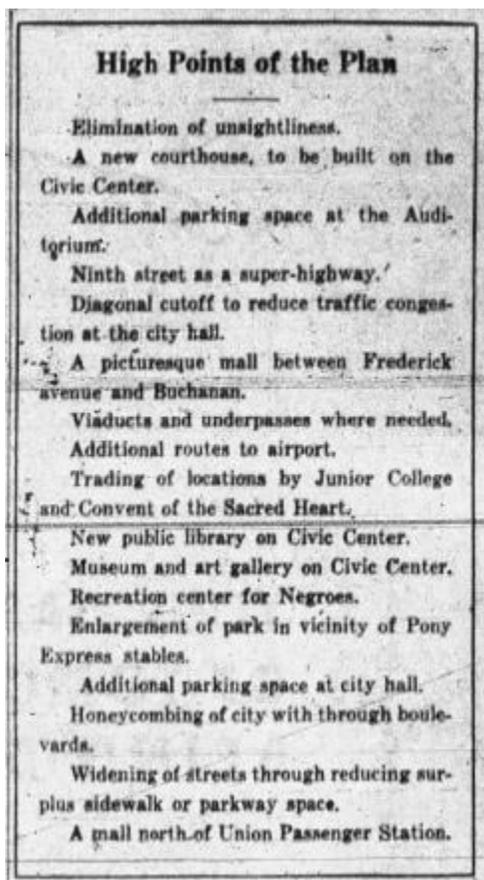
Everett was a popular local figure. Johns never married, instead he shared his home at 1102 Corby Street with his mother. In 1940, under the headline, "It's Leap Year! Four-Year, Clearance Sale of Prospective Husbands," the *St. Joseph News Press* highlighted eligible bachelors in the city. Johns was one of those featured. Under his photo was the caption: "Here ladies, is Architect

⁴⁷ "J. Everett Johns, Long a Prominent Architect, Dies," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 1, 1967.

⁴⁸ "Architect Makes Reply to Inquiry Over Courthouse," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 1, 1937; "Bar Association to Discuss Courthouse Proposal Today," *St. Joseph Gazette*, March 13, 1937.

Everett Johns, known to his intimates as Duke Johns. Where he got that name Duke we'll never tell. He had it when we first met him back in the dancing days before our rheumatism made us act our age."⁴⁹ In March 1940 he described the modern trends in architecture to a reporter for the *News Press*.⁵⁰ Following World War II, he was part of the team tasked with designing a war memorial.⁵¹ In 1951, he helped Harry Block realize his vision for the Block Memorial Boy Scout Training Center at Camp Geiger.⁵²

On July 25, 1943, the *St. Joseph News Press* published his plan for St. Joseph as part of its centennial edition. For those of us who advocate for preservation, parts of his plan are a bit cringe-worthy – he suggested demolishing the Buchanan County courthouse in order to have additional parking. Indeed, perhaps one can trace the city's fixation on parking to Mr. Johns; his plan called for the demolition of several areas of historic architecture in order to accommodate additional parking. He did put a great deal of thought and planning into improving the traffic patterns of the city.⁵³



⁴⁹ "It's Leap Year! Four-Year, Clearance Sale of Prospective Husbands," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 28, 1940.

⁵⁰ "Latest Styles in Homes Described by Everett Johns," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 3, 1940.

⁵¹ "Johns Claims a Full Role as Architect," *St. Joseph News Press*, April 14, 1947.

⁵² "Block Memorial Building for Addition to Boy Scouts Camp," *St. Joseph News Press*, July 8, 1951.

⁵³ "Here's How an Architect Envisions St. Joseph," *St. Joseph News Press*, July 25, 1943.

Johns' civic service extended beyond the confines of St. Joseph. He traveled to Jefferson City in 1939 to attend a meeting of both the Kansas City and St. Louis chapters of the American Institute of Architects with the aim of creating a state association.⁵⁴ He was a founding member of the state architects and engineers board in 1941; he was reappointed to that board in 1964.⁵⁵ In 1946, the governor appointed him to the state hospital advisory board; he was reappointed in 1949.⁵⁶ In 1957, he advocated for demolishing the historic Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City: "We ought to build a new residence for the governor, one that is modern and more liveable. I think a much nicer location could be found than the place where it is now." He stated that the site of the mansion could serve better as a parking lot.⁵⁷

Everett Johns died at St. Joseph's Hospital of heart disease on Sept. 30, 1967, and is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery. In his will he left substantial bequests to Sisters Hospital, St. Joseph Cathedral, and the Noyes Home.⁵⁸ He was eulogized by the *News Press*: "Everett Johns left more than buildings as his monuments. Enduring as long as a man who knew him continues to exist will be the memory of Everett Johns as a fine citizen. He was a helpful man to all who needed aid, and a great and loyal friend. He was a man who did not forget those who in any way had aided or helped him – and he lived his life trying to make it up to them, to prove that their trust and aid was fully justified."⁵⁹

Partial List of Works:

Fairfax Airport Terminal, Kansas City
Buchanan County Courthouse
Stadium, 27th and Edmond St.
Central Police Station
Everett School, annex
Buildings at State Hospital #2
Thompson-Brumm-Knepper Clinic, 9th and Edmond
Block Memorial Building, Camp Geiger
Gerber Products Warehouse, Main and Jules
Fire Station No. 6, 18th and Felix St.
New Sisters Hospital

⁵⁴ "May Form State Group," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 28, 1939.

⁵⁵ "Johns Is Renamed by Gov. Dalton," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 28, 1964.

⁵⁶ "Is Renamed to Board," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 17, 1949.

⁵⁷ Edwin R. McDonald, "Architect Favors Razing Mansion to Make Parking Lot," *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 22, 1957.

⁵⁸ "Everett Johns Leaves \$25,000 to Hospital Sisters," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 4, 1967.

⁵⁹ "Everett Johns," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 3, 1967.



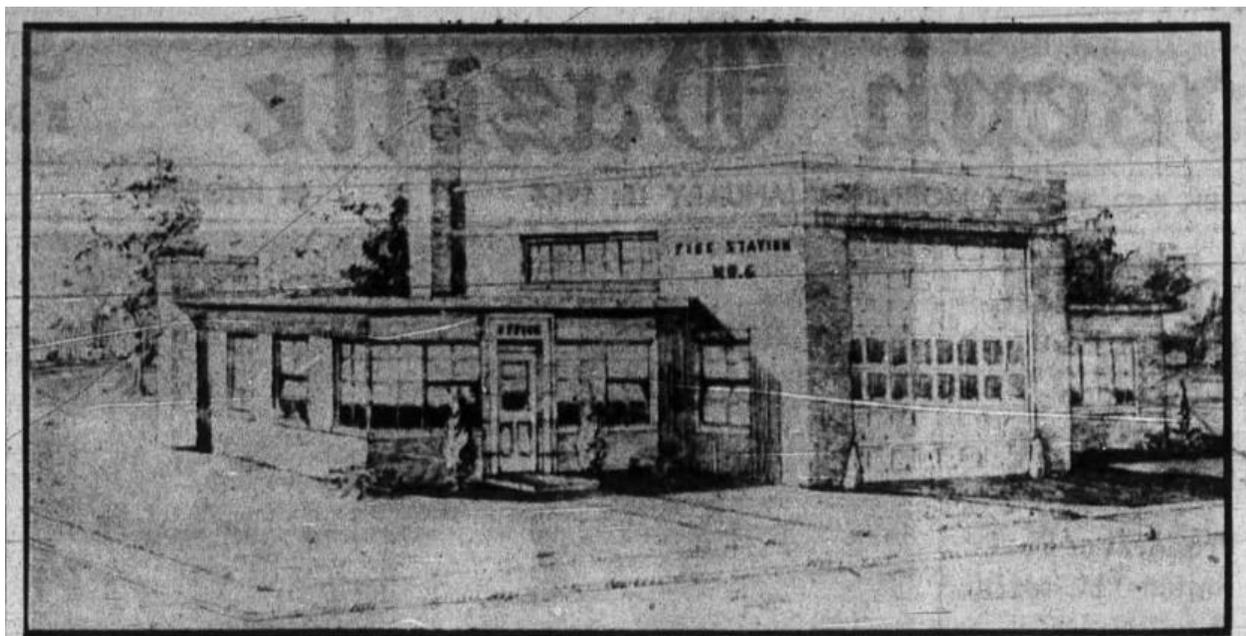
Johns' Plan for Civic Center Park, St. Joseph, *St. Joseph News Press*, July 25, 1943



St. Joseph News Press, Feb. 28, 1964.



St. Joseph News Press, July 8, 1951



St. Joseph Gazette, Jan. 15, 1954

In Respect
to the Memory of
J. Everett Johns
The
Everett Johns Architectural Office
Will Be Closed
Tuesday, October 3, 1967

St. Joseph News Press, Oct. 2, 1967

Frank Kaucher

Aug. 10, 1856- Nov. 28, 1919

Frank Kaucher is one of those cases where the term “architect” doesn’t mean exactly what we thought it means. Kaucher was born on Aug. 10, 1856, in Germantown, Ohio. His parents were Jacob and Dorthea Kaucher, and Frank was the youngest of their children. Jacob was a millwright,⁶⁰ and it must certainly have been at his father’s side that Frank learned the skill. He came to St. Joseph in about 1884; returning briefly to his hometown to marry Ida McCranor and bring her back to St. Joseph. The couple had three children: a daughter, Elizabeth;⁶¹ and two sons, Walter and Harold.

Kaucher set up business as a millwright next to the family home in the 2200 block of Frederick Avenue by 1888. Over the years he was variously listed in the City Directories as millwright, architect, contractor, and carpenter. The term architect referred to his business of designing grain elevators. In 1900, Frank and Walter were in Galveston, TX, working on a stockyards project when the great hurricane hit.⁶² By 1916, his sons had joined him in the business, now Frank Kaucher and Son. Walter was a contractor and Harold a draftsman. In November 1919, Frank was in Clinton, Iowa overseeing the construction of a grain elevator there. He suddenly took ill and died.⁶³ He is buried in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Both Walter and Harold served in World War I.⁶⁴ They rejoined their father’s business when they returned. Elizabeth graduated from Central High School and then attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.⁶⁵ She returned to St. Joseph, where she went to work for the St. Joseph School District as office secretary to the principal of Central High School. There she met William H. Livers,⁶⁶ who was teaching in the history department at the school. They married in 1915 and remained in St. Joseph, where he eventually became first Assistant Superintendent and then Superintendent of the school district before leaving in 1923 to take a position at North Carolina State College, Greensboro.⁶⁷ Sometime before 1919, Ida left St. Joseph to move to Denver, ostensibly for her health.⁶⁸

Because of the nature of the structures designed by Frank Kaucher, no listing of his work exists.

⁶⁰ U.S. federal census, 1870.

⁶¹ (1888-1980)

⁶² “Walter D. Kaucher Dies in California,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 20, 1977.

⁶³ “Death of Frank Kaucher,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 29, 1919.

⁶⁴ *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 17, 1918.

⁶⁵ “Elizabeth Livers,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 24, 1980

⁶⁶ (1877-1951). He is buried in Ionia, KS.

⁶⁷ “Livers to Greensboro, N.C.,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 2, 1923.

⁶⁸ She died in Los Angeles, where both sons were living, in 1952. “Mrs. Frank Kaucher Dies at Los Angeles,” *St. Joseph News Press*, July 6, 1952.

FRANK KAUCHER,
ST. JOSEPH, MO.
410 GER. AM. BANK BLDG.

THE FRANK KAUCHER SYSTEM OF GRAIN ELEVATORS

The cut given herewith shows different sizes of the Frank Kaucher System of grain elevators. Any intermediate size may be taken from the plans of these elevators by slight deviations therefrom. The office of this mill and grain elevator architect is room 410 German-American Bank building, St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Kaucher builds complete elevators of any capacity under one contract, and during the last four years he has built and equipped forty-two elevators in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

Mr. Kaucher was born and raised in Ohio. He has followed the trade of a millwright from early boyhood, and although still a young man, he has gained practical experience rarely possessed by men in this line. His earliest work was done in 1865, at which time the turbine water wheel was in its infancy, so he can converse about how things in his line were done in early days, and of his first work on an overshot water wheel, making the old style trundle-head wooden gearing.

The past eighteen years Mr. Kaucher has been engaged constantly at mill and elevator work. He located at St. Joseph seven years ago and started into business on his own responsibility. By his mechanical ingenuity and untiring energy he has built up a good business. He is acknowledged by men of ability to be one of the best organizers of labor to be found. No man in his employ is ever idle, but each one is always busy, doing his work in the easiest, most economical and mechanical way possible.

Mr. Kaucher is not an amateur rushing into notice for the mere sake of securing business, but has some of the most accurate and neatest detail drawing of his own design and execution in his office to be found in his line. His list of customers, which can be had upon application to him, includes some of the most prominent firms in the country. His reputation as a contractor is worthy of consideration by all who desire the services of one in his line.

St. Joseph News Press, Dec. 26, 1898

[John Henry] H. McMachen

July 24, 1818 – Nov. 23, 1899

John Henry McMachen was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He came to St. Joseph in about 1856.⁶⁹ He was married to Christina C. Shutz (1824-1907).⁷⁰ Both seem to have been married before and between them they had five children.⁷¹ Three sons: John Robert,⁷² Harry E.⁷³ and Samuel D.⁷⁴ all were living in St. Joseph at the time of their mother's death.⁷⁵ The family lived at 124 N. 19th St., according to St. Joseph building permit records, a bath room was installed in the home in 1888 at the cost of \$100. He died at the home of a lingering illness, and he is buried at Mt. Mora. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, who attended his funeral in his honor.⁷⁶

Not a great deal is known about his architectural practice in the city. He was a partner in the firm of McMachen and Cole. The death notice in the *St. Joseph Herald* refers to him as a “contractor and builder.”⁷⁷

⁶⁹ “Death of an Old Resident,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 23, 1899.

⁷⁰ Her obituary is a wonderful example of the florid language of the time: “The death of Mrs. Christina C. McMachen last Monday, May 27, has removed from our community one of the most precious possessions, a saintly character. She was hidden from the public by the feebleness incident to her great age; but, like the violet, unseen, the fragrance of her ripeness for heaven blessed everyone who knew her.” *St. Joseph News Press*, May 30, 1907.

⁷¹ *St. Joseph News Press*, May 30, 1907. One son, Benjamin, died in infancy and is buried with his parents at Mt. Mora.

⁷² (Feb. 20, 1848-March 28, 1926) Born in Frederick, Maryland; to John and his first wife Mary E. Murray. Worked as a painter. Married to Lillie. He was living at 2219 Jules at the time of his death of lobar pneumonia. He is buried at Mt. Mora. [information taken from his death certificate.]

⁷³ (Feb. 10, 1861- Jan. 6, 1940).

⁷⁴ (Dec. 28, 1853-April 29, 1921). Born in Baltimore, Maryland; to John and Christina. Worked as a painter. Married to Josephine. He was living at 2711 Delaware when he died of nephritis. He is buried at Mt. Mora. [information taken from his death certificate.]

⁷⁵ “M'Machen Will Filed,” *St. Joseph News Press*, June 5, 1907.

⁷⁶ “Obituary, McMachen,” *St. Joseph Herald*, Nov. 25, 1899.

⁷⁷ *St. Joseph Herald*, Nov. 24, 1899.

E.D. Mason

c.1833- Dec. 19, 1874

E.D. Mason is one of those figures to whom the term “architect” was rather loosely applied. He was a civil engineer, responsible for one of the largest bridge projects in St. Joseph history.

Mason was born in New York and went to work as an engineer for the Toledo, Wabash, and Western Railroad. The 1860 census shows him living in Toledo working as a civil engineer. His promising career with the railroad was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil War. He volunteered, and in recognition of his service he was referred to as Colonel Mason for the rest of his life. When the war ended, he went to work as an engineer for bridge projects. He engineered the bridge that spanned the Mississippi River between Hannibal, MO and Quincy, Illinois.⁷⁸

The St. Joseph Bridge Building Company was formed for the purpose of building a railroad bridge across the Missouri River and appointed E.D. Mason as Chief Engineer, for a fee of \$5,000.⁷⁹ Mason completed the preliminary survey on March 4, 1871.⁸⁰ The city of St. Joseph pledged \$500,000 toward the project. On May 20, 1873, the first locomotive ceremonially crossed the bridge; Mason was a part of the welcoming party. The locomotive crossed from the west end of the bridge. It later made a return trip. One of the passengers on the way back was Mason’s daughter Hattie; a distinction which made her the first woman to cross the river on wheels. “By four o’clock cars loaded with stock from Kansas, and cars loaded with coal and merchandise from Kansas, and cars loaded with coal and merchandise from Missouri, were actually disputing the right of way over the bridge, and the bloodless war will continue for a thousand years before one stone in the massive piers crumbles, or a single chord in the superstructure yields to any weight that will be brought to bear on it.”⁸¹

When the St. Joseph project was complete, Col. Mason and his family returned to Toledo. He contracted a lingering illness, and his health became so bad by December 1874, his daughter returned from Vassar College. “She arrived in time to unite with her mother in smoothing the dying pillow, receive the last embraces and follow the loved and honored to the tomb.”⁸²

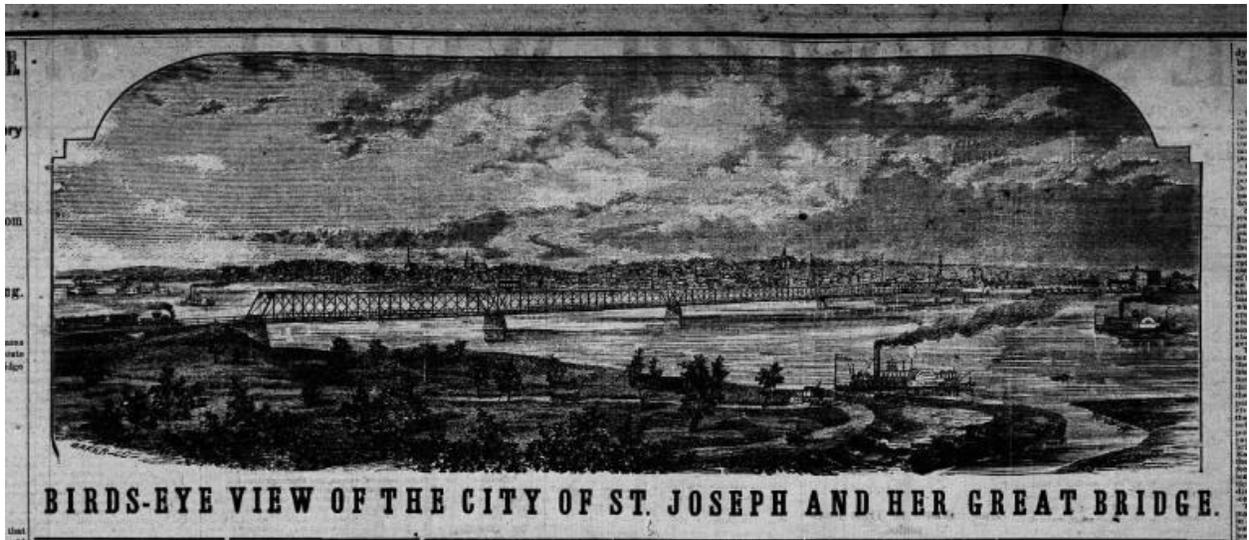
⁷⁸ “Obituary,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, Dec. 20, 1874.

⁷⁹ “Bridge Company,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, Feb. 14, 1872.

⁸⁰ “St. Joseph Bridge,” *St. Joseph Standard*, May 29, 1873.

⁸¹ “Our Great Bridge,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 21, 1873.

⁸² “Obituary,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, Dec. 20, 1874.



St. Joseph Gazette, Dec. 16, 1873.

Patrick F. Meagher

1830-April 29, 1906

Patrick F. Meagher was born in Ireland⁸³ in 1830. He was married to Delia⁸⁴ and they had three sons: James D.⁸⁵, David N.,⁸⁶ and John F. and two daughters: Emma and Rosalie. All of the children were born in Kansas between about 1859 and 1870. There are few indications that the family came with him to St. Joseph.

He is in St. Joseph by 1869, when the *Gazette* notes he is preparing plans for the Gen. R.C. Bradshaw Residence. The article continues, "By the way, an impression prevails that Mr. Meagher came to St. Joseph only to prepare the plans for the new Cathedral. This is a mistake. He has located permanently in our midst and will attend promptly to the execution of plans for every description of buildings."⁸⁷ The construction of the Cathedral of St. Joseph was his first high profile undertaking in the city. In 1873, his plans for the Buchanan County Courthouse were chosen.⁸⁸

The 1870 census has him living in St. Joseph with James Meagher (b. 1820 in Ireland, likely his brother), a carpenter. His occupation is listed as architect with a personal estate valued at \$300 and real estate valued at \$15,000.

By 1876, he is practicing in St. Louis, with an office at 522 Olive. His daughter Rosalie married Lyndon Arnold Smith Jr. on Oct. 28, 1883, and Emma married Henry T. Johnson on Aug. 21, 1885. In 1891 he sued J.R. Bell for payment due for the plans for an addition to Bell's home.⁸⁹ His firm, P.F. Meagher & Son drew up the plans for six homes on the north side of Forest Park Blvd, "They are to be two stories and attic high, slate roof, buff brick, with terra cotta trimmings. The finishings are to be of hardwood."⁹⁰

He died in St. Louis on April 29, 1906, and is buried at Calvary Cemetery.

⁸³ A death certificate of James Francis Meagher, son of John Meagher gives place of birth for John as Cashill County, Tipperary, Ireland. It seems likely that there is a family connection

⁸⁴ Born about 1841 in Ireland, died in 1905.

⁸⁵ (Aug. 30, 1857-Jan. 9, 1928). Born in Leavenworth County, MO. He was draughtsman. Died and is buried in St. Louis

⁸⁶ (d. Feb. 11, 1931). Died in Kansas City. His wife Marie is the informant on his death certificate, but she knew virtually nothing about him: not his date of birth or the names of his parents. He had five daughters He died of myocardial failure at his home at 4742 Roanoke Parkway and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

⁸⁷ "New Residence," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 29, 1869.

⁸⁸ "That Bond," *St. Joseph Daily Morning Herald*, March 29, 1873.

⁸⁹ "Local Litigation," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, May 23, 1891.

⁹⁰ "Six Elegant Residences," *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, Sept. 14, 1895.

Partial List of Works

Cathedral of St. Joseph

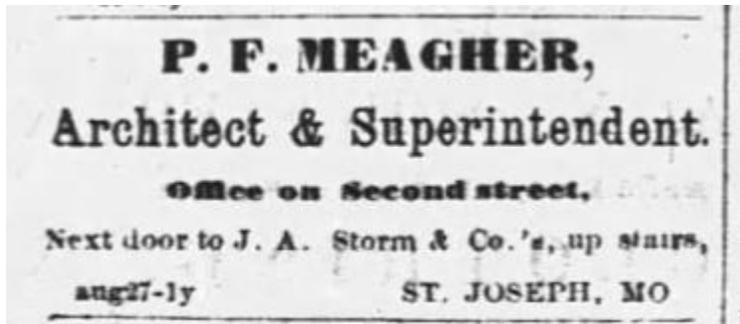
Buchanan County Courthouse

Corby Chapel

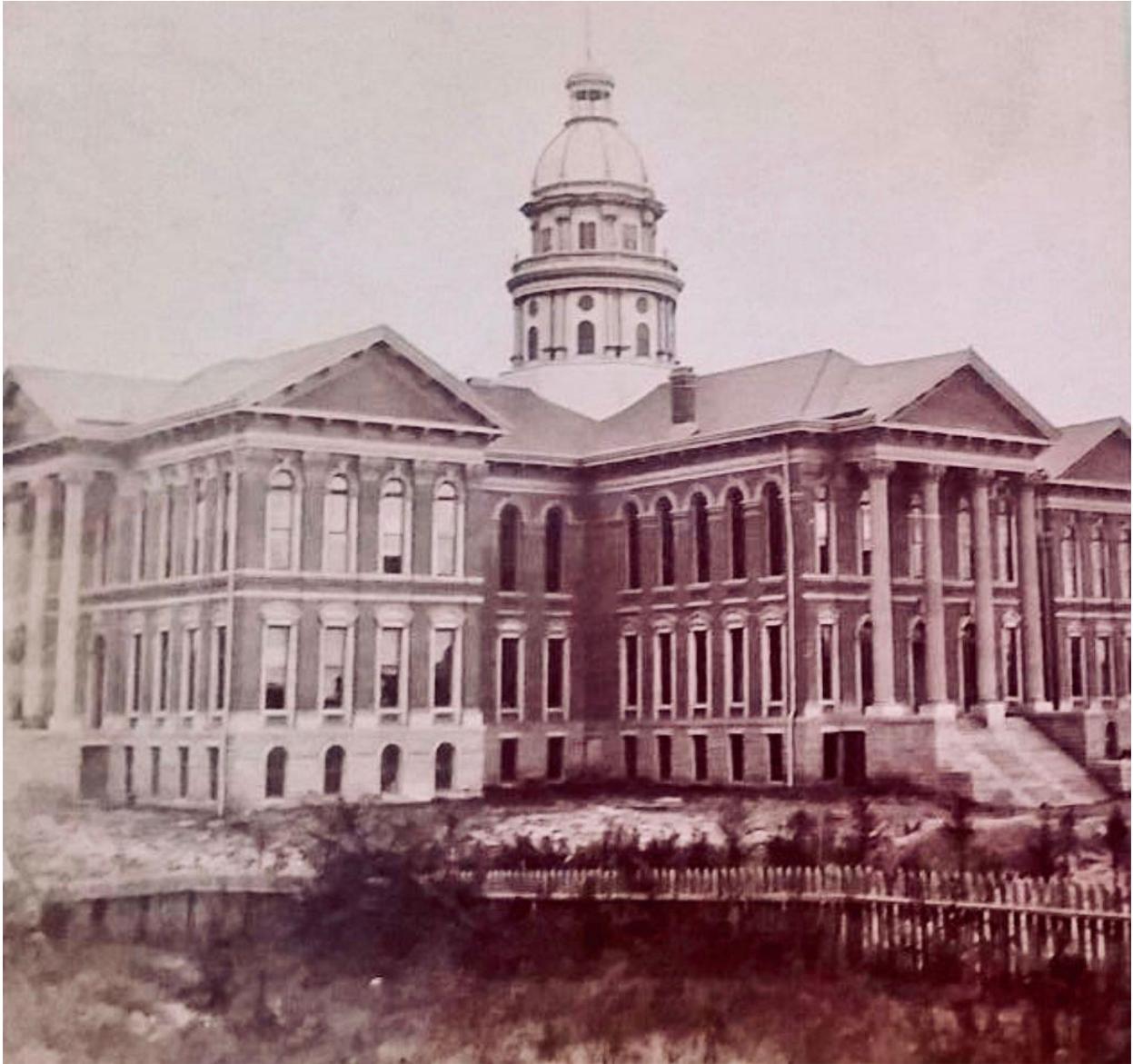
R.C. Bradshaw Residence

P.L. McLaughlin Home, 10th and Sylvania

John Meagher Home, 9th St.



St. Joseph Gazette, Dec. 1, 1869.



Buchanan County Courthouse

Rudolph Meier & Meier Family



Alfred Meier (June 26, 1850- May 7, 1916)

Rudolph Meier (Feb. 22, 1883- April 26, 1953)

Eugene Meier (1890-Oct. 24, 1969)

The Meir family's work in St. Joseph as architects began with **Alfred Meier**, a Swiss immigrant. He was born in Lucerne, coming to the United States in 1868 at the age of 18 with his parents. They came directly to St. Joseph. He married Caroline Wilberger in 1871. In his obituary Alfred is described as "well known throughout Middle West as Architect." He divided his practice between St. Joseph and Atchison. He was president of the St. Joseph German-American Alliance.⁹¹ In 1908 he was named to the board of public works for the city.⁹²

Alfred and Caroline had fifteen children, twelve of whom were still living in 1911. The family had more than its fair share of tragedy. In 1912, their daughter Bertha, who was married to saloon keeper Franz Bauer, committed suicide with a firearm.⁹³ In 1927 Alfred Jr.⁹⁴ died at State Hospital #2 of Delirium Tremens brought on by alcoholism. He practiced with his son Rudolph who took over the practice when Alfred retired.⁹⁵

⁹¹ "Alfred Meier is Dead: Prominent German-American," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 8, 1916.

⁹² "Alfred Meier Named as Member B.P.W.," *St. Joseph News Press*, April 23, 1908.

⁹³ Her death certificate lists cause of death as "gun shot wound (suicide)" with a contributing cause as melancholia; "Mrs. Bauer A Suicide," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 18, 1912.

⁹⁴ (Oct. 14, 1881-April 15, 1945)

⁹⁵ "Alfred Meier is Dead: Prominent German-American," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 8, 1916; "Alfred Meier, Late of the B.P.W., Dead," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 8, 1916.

Rudolph Meier was born in Atchison, KS. In 1905, he sold Higgin Metal Frame Window Screens from his office at the Ballinger Building.⁹⁶ He joined his father's architectural practice and took it over when Alfred retired.⁹⁷ In 1909, E. Grey Powell (see below) went to work for Meier.⁹⁸

The city of St. Joseph engaged him to make needed improvements to City Hall and the Central Police Station in 1909.⁹⁹ That same year the federal government engaged him to build the weather observatory on Robidoux Hill.¹⁰⁰ 1909 was a good period for Meier; he was awarded the contract to remodel Union Station as well as the contract to design the Washington Park branch of the public library.¹⁰¹ He is most noted for the design of the grand Adath Joseph Temple in 1909. The impressive structure cost approximately \$40,000.¹⁰² He remodeled the Buffalo Saloon, owned by his brother-in-law Franz Bauer in August 1909. "It will be transformed into a rathskeller of the old German style and will be the only building of the kind in St. Joseph. The new front will be of art glass and the interior will be in panels with beamed ceiling."¹⁰³ In summer of 1910, he designed the new Scottish Rite headquarters at 6th and Robidoux. "The new temple is of Grecian style of architecture, of buff brick and buff Bedford stone, with stone columns rising in front three stories, the height of the building. The structure will have a frontage of sixty feet on Robidoux street and a depth of 100 feet. . . The first floor will contain a large lobby, banquet room and reading rooms..."¹⁰⁴ In 1915, he designed the impressive Noyes Hospital at 24th and Frederick.¹⁰⁵ Four years later he designed the expansion of the Western Tablet Co. factory.¹⁰⁶

In 1913, Rudolph had Webb Seimens (see below), who worked for him, draw up plans for his home at 2701 Francis St. This impressive structure was described as embracing some of Meier's favorite design concepts including rathskeller in the basement, a "Dutch" dining room, and a shower in the bathroom.¹⁰⁷

Rudolph was a popular figure in St. Joseph. In 1915, the *Catholic Tribune* wrote of him: he "is an architect of through training, united with ability and love for his work. He has a host of friends both in social and business circles of St. Joseph and vicinity. Mr. Meier is a man of prominence in building circles of St. Joseph. . . [He] is a practical friend of this paper, a friend of

⁹⁶ "Now is the Time to Figure for Screens," *Catholic Tribune*, Jan. 28, 1905.

⁹⁷ *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 8, 1910.

⁹⁸ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 24, 1909.

⁹⁹ "Finds City Hall is Need of New Roof," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Jan. 23, 1909; "Notice to Contractors," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Feb. 1, 1909.

¹⁰⁰ "Government Orders Observatory Plans," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 19, 1909.

¹⁰¹ *St. Joseph News Press*, March 22, 1909; Washington Park was built with funds donated by Andrew Carnegie. "Plans for a Library," *St. Joseph News Press*, June 4, 1909.

¹⁰² *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 17, 1909; Schutte, Kim. "Temple Adath Joseph." Clio: Your Guide to History. November 16, 2022. Accessed November 28, 2023. <https://theclio.com/entry/159138>

¹⁰³ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 31, 1909.

¹⁰⁴ *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 12, 1910.

¹⁰⁵ "Handsome Homes Being Erected," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 19, 1915.

¹⁰⁶ "Western Tablet Co. to Expend \$300,000," *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 5, 1919.

¹⁰⁷ "Will Have a Pretty Home," *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 24, 1913.

our people, and a St. Joseph Booster in every sense of the word.”¹⁰⁸ He moved to Los Angeles in 1921. He died in Los Angeles.¹⁰⁹

Eugene Meier was also born in Atchison. He graduated from the school of architecture at Kansas State University. During World War II he worked converting private buildings to government use. He is mentioned as early as 1921 as a part of Rudolph’s firm, and he continued with the practice following the Second World War.¹¹⁰ In 1927 he designed the Hillyard Chemical plant.¹¹¹

Eugene married Minnie O’Brien and the couple had two daughters Bertha (Betty) and Mary. The family which lived at 1040 Noyes Blvd. was well known in St. Joseph social circles. Both daughters attended the University of Missouri, Columbia. Minnie died on Sept. 19, 1962, of breast cancer. He died in Omaha, where he moved in 1963 following the death of his wife.¹¹²

Partial List of Works

Alfred

Block Brothers Store
Shaare Sholem Synagogue
Horigan Chapel, Mt. Olivet Cemetery
Courthouse, Savannah, MO
Mount St. Scholastica Academy
Post Office, Atchison, KS
St. Benedict’s Monastery, Atchison, KS

Rudolph

Adath Joseph Temple, 102 N. 17th St.
Fruit Growers Association Headquarters, Wathena, KS
Weather Observatory, 5th and Isadore
Harry Overbeck Home, 25th and Mulberry
Weigel Bungalow, Ashland Ave and Folsom St.
Westheimer laundry building, Frederick Ave and 11st St.
Amazonia Public School, addition
Washington Park Library, 1821 N. 3rd St.
Hugo Grebel Home, 25th and Faraon
Everett School
Feltenstein Office Building, Edmond St.
Samuel Hassenbusch Theater, King Ave.

¹⁰⁸ “Rudolph Meier, Architect,” *Catholic Tribune*, June 19, 1915.

¹⁰⁹ “Former Architect Here is Dead,” *St. Joseph News Press*, May 7, 1953;

¹¹⁰ “Meiers Long in Architect Line in St. Joseph,” *St. Joseph News Press*, May 30, 1954.

¹¹¹ “New Hillyard Chemical Plant to Replace Landmarks,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 10, 1927.

¹¹² “Eugene R. Meier, Architect, Dies,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 24, 1969.

Mrs. R. Herwig Bungalow, Henry St. between 11th and 12th Sts.
Adolph Goerman Duplex, 313-15 S. 12th St.
Home Telephone exchange building, South St. Joseph
Henry Veraguth and W.H. Hunt Houses, St. Joseph Ave.
Isaac Curd Store, S. 5th St.
L.H. Stubbs Bungalow, 25th and Mulberry
Fred J. Walter Home, Kug Park Place
Nathan Murphy flats, Isadore between 12th and 13th
Garber Place, remodel, 8th between Felix and Edmond
Bansbach Building, 9th and Frederick
R.M. McKnight residence, 14th and Felix
Ferdinand Westheimer Duplex, 9th St. between Church and Isadore
Douglas Candy Factory addition, 2nd and Charles
Pavilion, Bartlett Park
Scottish Rite Building, 6th and Robidoux
Shaffer Building, N. 8th St.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish house
Eagles' Lodge clubhouse, Atchison, KS
Noyes Hospital, 24th and Frederick
Dormitory, State Teachers' College, Maryville, MO

Eugene

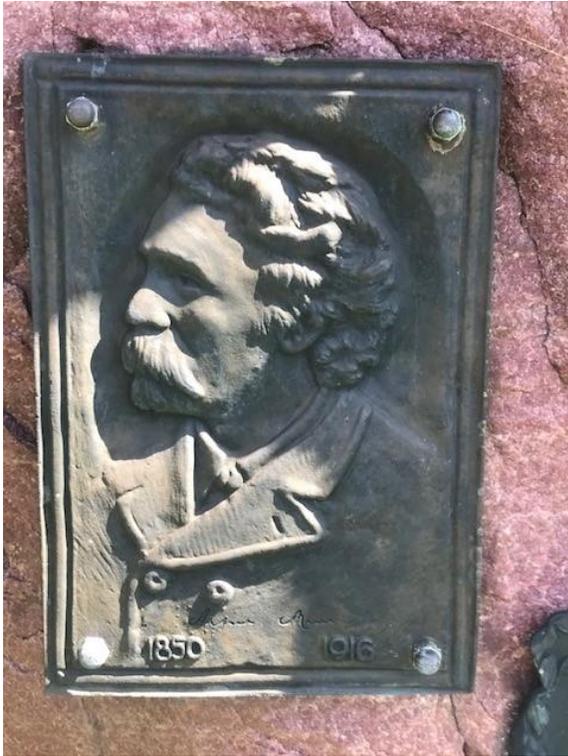
Dormitory, State Teachers' College, Maryville, MO
Louis Freed apartment houses, 26th and Mitchell
Memorial Hall, Independence, KS
Memorial Hall, Atchison, KS
Webster School
R.R. Wall Jr. Home
Walter Hillyard Home
Duplex, 210 N. Noyes Blvd.
Contagious and Communicable Disease Hospital, S. 11th St.
Dr. F. Gregg Thompson residence, Country Club Place



St. Joseph News Press, April 23, 1908



Meir family grave at Ashland Cemetery



Alfred Meir (1850-1916)



A Very Attractive Home

Cost, exclusive of plumbing and heating, about \$6,500.

The above is from a photograph of the beautiful home of Hugo Grebel, corner Twenty-fifth and Faraon streets; its frontage is on Faraon and faces south. An elegant veranda stretches across the entire front, with an entrance to a large reception hall from which a grand staircase leads to the second floor, also a large arch opening on either side, one to the east gives entrance to the living room and one to the west to the dining room. To the rear of this room and extending part of the way across the rear of the house is a screened tea porch which makes a cozy resting place during the hot weather.

Both the living and dining rooms have large, attractive mantels. The entrance to the dining room from the kitchen which is directly to the rear is through a butler's pantry which makes it very convenient.

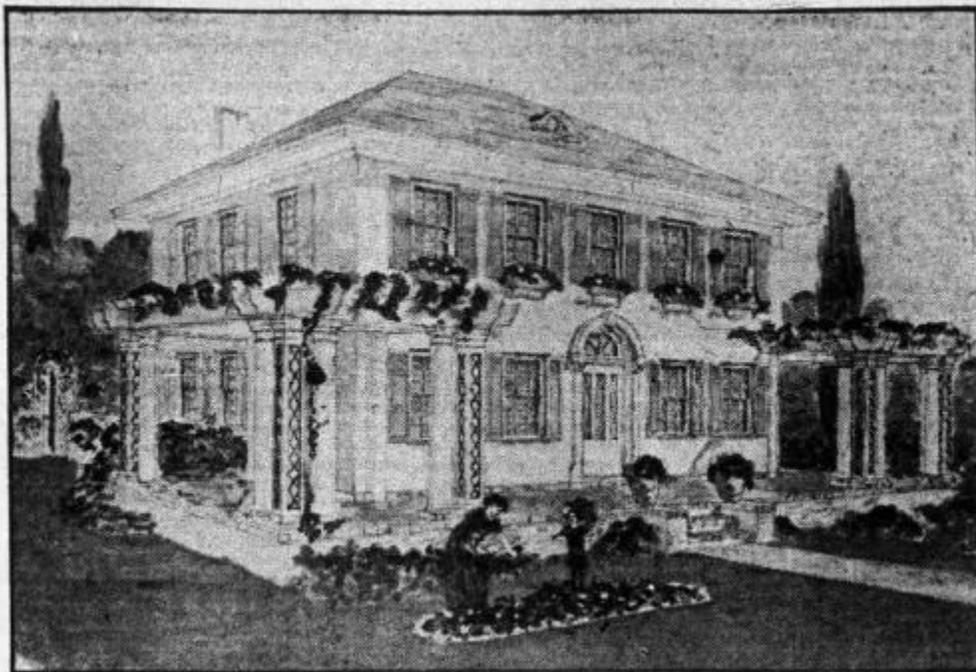
The first floor outside is veneered with red brick, the second is built of stained shingles, the house throughout inside is finished in cypress. There is a combination stair case leading to the second floor with entrance both from the front and rear. A hall runs the entire length of the second floor from north to south with a large bay window at the front end. From this hall a door leads to each of the four bed rooms and bath room.

The whole basement is excavated and utilized with laundry room, furnace room and cellar. The house is equipped with a combination water heater giving hot running water throughout.

Through the courtesy of Rudolph Meier, the architect, Ballinger building, the above description was furnished.

St. Joseph Gazette, July 13, 1909.

RUDOLPH MEIER'S HANDSOME NEW HOME



Drawing of splendid residence building at Twenty-seventh and Francis streets, embracing pet ideas of the builder.

St. Joseph News Press, Sept. 24, 1913.

FRONT ELEVATION OF THE NEW NOYES HOSPITAL



—Rudolph Meier, Architect.

As the new public hospital at Twenty-fourth street and Frederick avenue will appear when the walls are up.

Designed by Rudolph Meier. *St. Joseph News Press*, July 6, 1915.

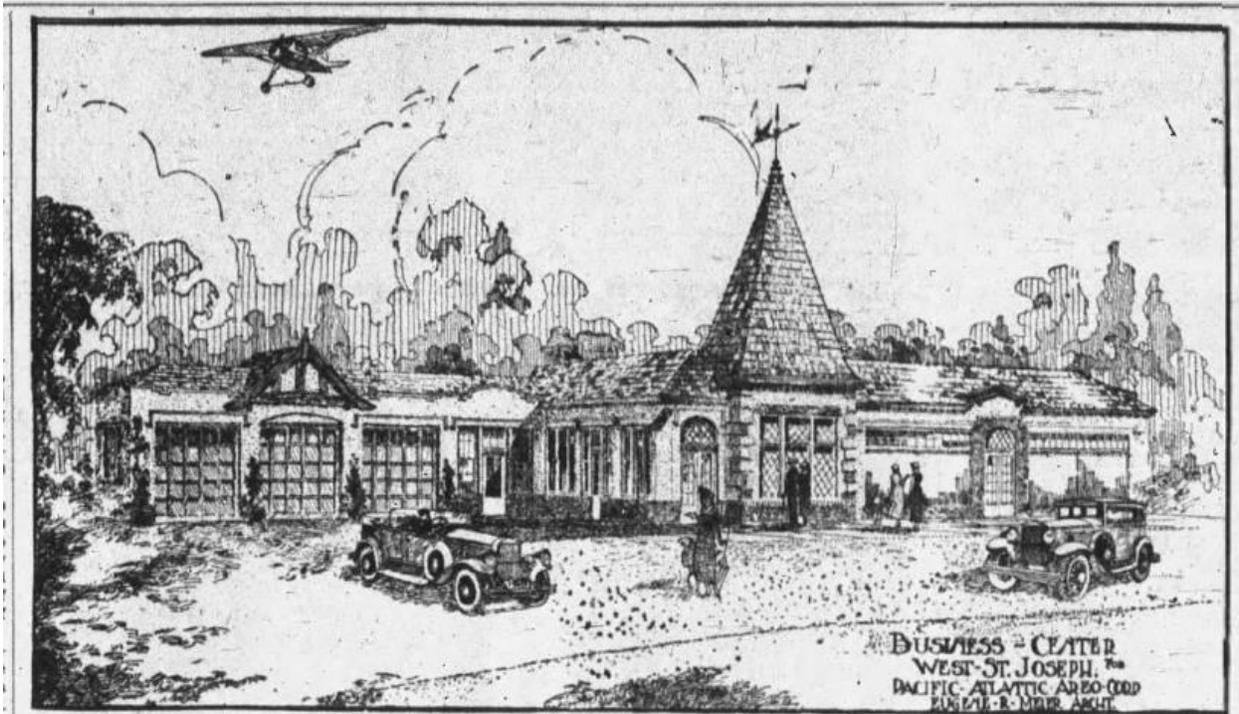
HANDSOME NEW DUPLEX AT NOYES BOULEVARD AND JULE STREET



—News-Press Photograph.

Original ideas for beautifying building and grounds are embodied in new residence for two families erected by Eugene Meier, the architect.

St. Joseph News Press, Nov. 15, 1924



Here is shown the architect's conception of the building which is to be the first unit of a combined aviation and community center directly across the Missouri River west from St. Joseph. The design for this structure, described in an accompanying article, was completed last week by Eugene R. Meier, St. Joseph architect, and the company sponsoring the enterprise states that bids will be received soon and construction probably started this fall. The building sketched here is to house a general store and market, a restaurant and an automobile service station, as the nucleus of a community and business center which it is proposed to develop later. According to plans, adjacent tracts will provide sites in the future for an airport and for airplane manufacturing and general aviation activities. The Pacific-Atlantic Aero Corporation, now being formed by E. W. Martin, is the firm planning to back the enterprise.

St. Joseph Gazette, Sept. 28, 1930.

Walter Angelo Powell



January 7, 1829 - May 21, 1911

Walter Angelo Powell was born in Baltimore, Maryland on January 7, 1829. Based Rutt's *History of Buchanan County*, Prawl states that his grandparents emigrated from Wales; however, as of this writing there is no evidence to support that contention. Certainly, Powell is a Welsh name, but it is unclear when the family came to the United States. Walter's father, Samuel Robinson Powell¹¹³ was born in New Jersey. The 1850 census indicates that he held one enslaved person. The same census lists his occupation as carpenter. Walter married Regina Gillmyer on April 14, 1857,¹¹⁴ but sadly she died less than a year later on January 7, 1858. Later that year he married Regina's younger sister, Cecilia.¹¹⁵ They had eight children, six of whom

¹¹³ (1805-Feb. 24, 1879).

¹¹⁴ *The Baltimore Sun*, April 16, 1857.

¹¹⁵ Cecilia Gillmyer (Nov. 9, 1835-June 10, 1910). Born in Hagerstown, Maryland.

lived to adulthood: Flora,¹¹⁶ Anna,¹¹⁷ Cecilia,¹¹⁸ William,¹¹⁹ Katherine,¹²⁰ Mary,¹²¹ Lawrence,¹²² and Edmond.¹²³

As a young man, he went to New York to study architecture with Minard Lafevre.¹²⁴ Lafevre was an architect and author who popularized the use of mouldings in architecture. In 1846, he returned to Baltimore and went to work with Baltimore's first native-born professionally trained architect, Robert Carey Long Jr.¹²⁵ This was good training for Powell as Carey Long "excelled in all the prevalent styles of the day, the Greek and Gothic revivals, the Egyptian, and finally the Italianate."¹²⁶ This association did not last long, in late 1848 Carey Long announced his intention to move to New York. Before the move was complete he died of cholera on July 5, 1849 in Morristown, New Jersey.¹²⁷ Again, based on Rutt, Prawl states that Powell and Long formed a partnership, Long and Powell, in Baltimore. However, a newspapers.com search does not produce any listings for "Long and Powell;" nor does Powell appear in the Baltimore newspapers for that period. Long's biography by the Baltimore Architecture Foundation makes no mention of any partnership, or association, with Powell. Powell moved to Washington D.C. to work with the engineer and architect, Robert Mills.¹²⁸ He found Washington professionally disappointing and returned to Baltimore. Advertisements in the *Baltimore Sun*, indicate that he was in practice with at least one brother in the city in 1859. By 1861, he had chosen to move west in pursuit of more opportunity and was established in Cincinnati by 1861.

¹¹⁶ Flora Powell (May 12, 1860-March 7, 1934). [Note the overlap in Flora and Anna's birth dates – both are taken from their birth certificates, but they can't both be correct.] Born in Baltimore, Maryland. Never married, worked as a practical nurse. Buried at Mt. Olivet.

¹¹⁷ Anna Elizabeth "Nannie" Powell Bohn (Sept. 24, 1860-Nov. 11, 1932) Born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Married Herbert Bohn in 1890. Died of aortic regurgitation at home at 416 N. 16th St. and is buried at Mt. Olivet.

¹¹⁸ Cecilia "Lillie" Powell Tenley (1861-) Married William H. Tenley on March 29, 1888.

¹¹⁹ William Charles Powell (Oct. 12, 1863- March 7, 1931). Born in Baltimore, Maryland. Married Grace Theresa Burvenich (1867-1914) in 1885. After her death he moved to Portland, Oregon and married Orene Ranaford. Died in Portland, Oregon. He was cremated and buried at Mt. Mora.

¹²⁰ Katherine May Powell (Oct. 27, 1868-Oct. 18, 1871). Born in Hagerstown, Maryland. Died in St. Joseph.

¹²¹ Mary J. Powell Norris Walters (Dec. 4, 1871- Feb. 28, 1946). Born in St. Joseph. Her first husband was a photographer. Walter Morris, whom she married in 1899. He died in 1924 of prostate cancer. She then married Elmer Walters. She died in a house fire at 1711 Edmond St.

¹²² Lawrence Powell (1875-1883)

¹²³ Edmond Gray Powell (May 21, 1877-March 20, 1929). Born in St. Joseph. Became an architect. More on him on the following pages.

¹²⁴ Minard Lafevre (Aug. 10, 1798-Sept. 26, 1854). Born near Morristown, NJ, Lafevre began his career as a carpenter in about 1820. He was a self-trained architect. Rev. Day Kellogg Lee, *Christian Ambassador*, Jan. 13, 1855.

¹²⁵ Robert Carey Long Jr. (Feb. 5, 1810-July 5, 1849). Born in Baltimore to Robert Carey Long Sr., known as Baltimore's first native-born architect (he began as a carpenter and taught himself architecture).

¹²⁶ Baltimore Architecture Foundation, <https://aiabaltimore.org/baltimore-architecture-foundation/resources/architect-biographies/robert-cary-long-jr/>

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¹²⁸ Robert Mills (Aug. 12, 1781-March 3, 1855). Born in Charleston, SC, Mills left in 1800 to work with James Hoban on the President's House in Washington. There he met Thomas Jefferson who introduced him to European theories of architecture. https://heald.nga.gov/mediawiki/index.php/Robert_Mills

Powell and his family moved to St. Joseph by Spring 1868, where they appear on the 1870 census. Newspaper records indicate that he had a busy practice, doing a fair amount of work in surrounding small towns such as Wathena, KS, Stuartsville, and Kidder. Despite his success here, Powell does appear to have kept an eye out for bigger opportunities. In September 1897, he was one of 32 applicants for the position of Supervising Architect of the Government at Washington, D.C.¹²⁹ He did not secure the position. In 1900, the St. Joseph School Board held a contest to design the new public library; Powell came in third, behind E.J. Eckel and Felt & Carr.

Walter's wife, Cecilia died at the family home, 416 N. 16th St., on June 10, 1910. Less than a year later he died of chronic nephritis on May 21, 1911, and is buried at Mt. Olivet next to Cecilia.

Partial List of Works

Howard Bank, Baltimore, MD
Baptist Church, Wathena, KS
Charles Kearney Home, Wathena, KS
M. Walton Home, Wathena, KS
School, Wathena, KS
Thayer College, Kidder, MO
Methodist Church, Stuartsville
Louis Miller Store, Albany, MO
Cunningham Home, Albany, MO
Dr. P.A. Dent Home, Maysville, MO
J.H. Biggs Store, Hamburg, IA
Pacific Hotel, 3rd & Francis Sts.
Pinger and Colhoun, 3 store buildings, 3rd St. between Edmond and Felix
Osborn School
G.W. Chase Factory
Tootle Opera House
George Hax House
Edward W. Hamilton Residence, 1876, 1423 Francis
Charles H. Schultz Residence, 1867
Lyman Forgrave House, 1896 (close to Wyeth Tootle Mansion)
Mt. Mora Entrance
Shireman Residence, 120 S. 15th

¹²⁹ "Trying for a Place," *St. Joseph Herald*, Sept. 11, 1897.

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American Israelite (Cincinnati), January 18, 1861.

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St. Joseph Morning Herald, April 8, 1868.

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Large hall.....	\$18,000
Store	6,800
Two stores (improvements).....	2,000
Three stores.....	15,600
One large dwelling.....	12,000
Cottage.....	1,500
Two tenement houses.....	3,000
One church.....	18,000
Dwelling	8,500
One school house.....	5,000

St. Joseph Weekly Gazette, Jan. 6, 1870.

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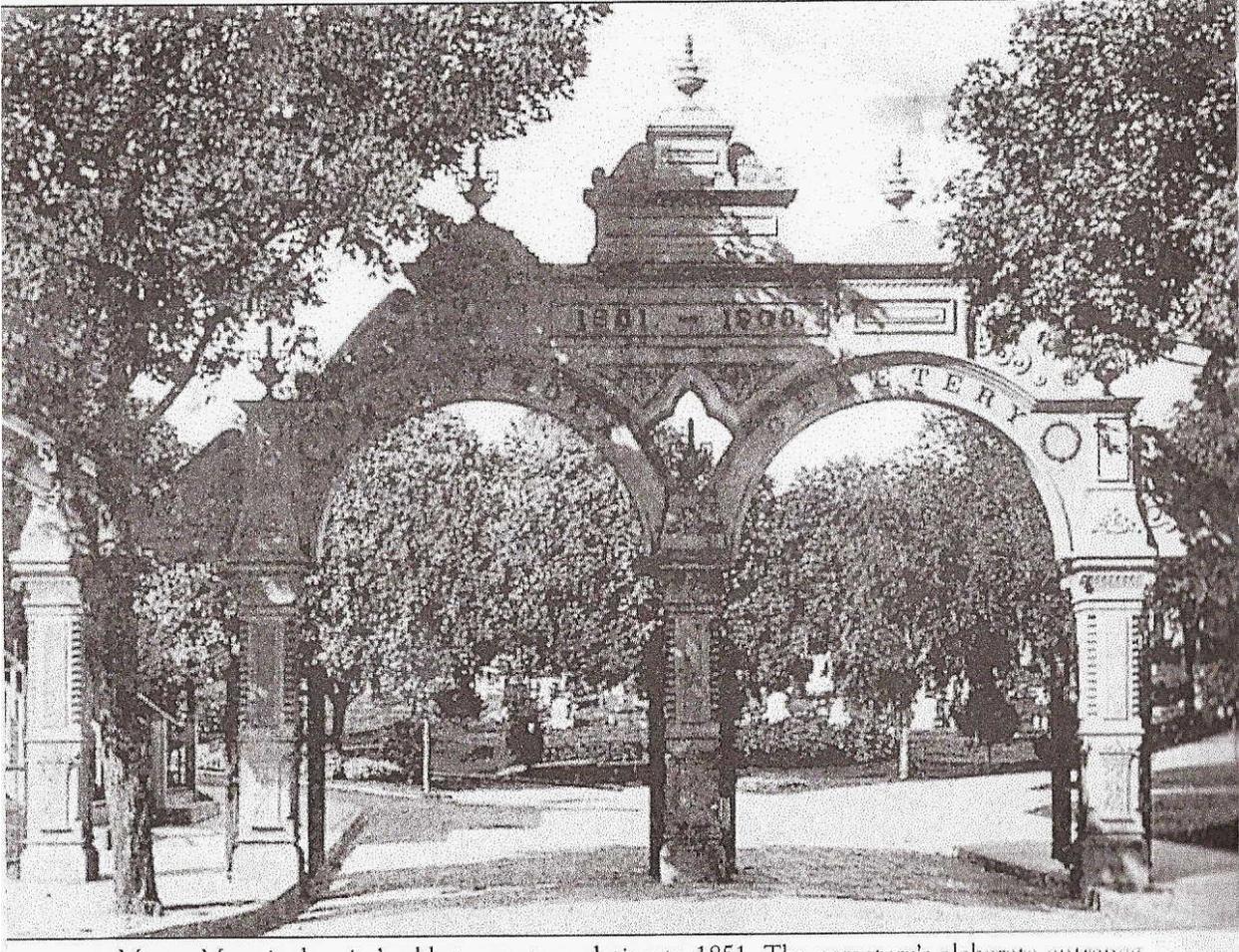
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St. Joseph Herald, June 14, 1883.



Mt. Mora Cemetery, original entrance, dating to 1881. The cemetery's alhambra entrance

Original entrance to Mt. Mora Cemetery

Edmond Grey Powell



May 21, 1877- March 20, 1929

Edmond Grey Powell was the youngest child of Walter Angelo Powell, and the only one in the family to follow in his father's footsteps. He was born and educated in St. Joseph in the Catholic Schools. His professional training came from his father and time spent working in most of the architectural firms in the city. He served as building inspector and draftsman for the City of St. Joseph between 1912 and 1914. In 1924, he was hired by Dr. W.J. McGill to design a row of six bungalows on the south side of Messanie St. between 25th and 26th Streets. The houses were to be of Italian, English, California, and Spanish influence.¹³⁰ These houses, 2422-2514 Messanie are all still extant. In the late 1920s he became the superintendent of construction for the monastery at Conception, MO.

¹³⁰ "Row of Pretty Bungalows," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 24, 1924.

Edmond married Mary A. McGinnis¹³¹ in 1905 and had three children, Edmund Grey,¹³² Cecelia,¹³³ and Margaret.¹³⁴

Edmond Grey Powell was a life-long resident of St. Joseph, the son of a prominent architect, and by many accounts a prominent architect in his own right. Despite that, he remains an enigmatic figure. In her brief survey of Edmond Gray Powell's career in St. Joseph Prawl states, "If the date of Powell's death were discovered, more data about his work could be gained from an obituary printed in a local newspaper." Frustratingly, that is not the case. The summary of his career: "Edmund Powell studied his profession under the tutorship of his father. He was educated in local parochial schools and Christian Brothers College. Before establishing an office of his own he had been in the employ of most of the leading architectural firms of St. Joseph. . . In his work he specialized in school and church construction, although he had designed many beautiful residences in St. Joseph."¹³⁵

Powell died at his home at 1122 Powell St. of heart disease. He is buried at Mt. Olivet.

Partial List of Works

2422-2514 Messanie St.

Renovation of Sacred Heart Convent

Spring Garden School

Immaculate Conception School, 10th and Messanie

Conception Abbey



St. Joseph News Press, May 24, 1924.

¹³¹ Mary Agnes McGinnis Powell (Sept. 22, 1881- May 2, 1968). Born in Canada. Died in a nursing home of cerebral thrombosis and is buried at Mt. Olivet.

¹³² Edmund G. Powell Jr. (April 16, 1906- Jan. 17, 1937). Never married. Worked as a bakery salesman. Died of cancer at the family home at 1122 Powell and is buried at Mt. Olivet

¹³³ Cecilia Marie Powell Burns (1910-1996). Born in St. Joseph. Graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Married James P. Burns.

¹³⁴ Margaret Powell Brown (Dec. 14, 1916- Oct. 9, 2002) Born in St. Joseph. Married Clifford Brown in 1942. Died in Tacoma, WA.

¹³⁵ "Grey Powell Dead," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 25, 1929.

Lewis S. Stigers

February 27, 1817 – November 6, 1904

Lewis Smell Stigers, born in Pennsylvania, came to St. Joseph in 1844 and set up a business as a carpenter. He married Harriet Gooding in Illinois in 1840. The couple had five children: Mary,¹³⁶ Robert G.,¹³⁷ Oren,¹³⁸ Warren,¹³⁹ and Laura.¹⁴⁰ His family appears on the 1860 census, he is working as a Master Carpenter with real estate holdings valued at \$8,500 and personal estate of \$500. The Stigers family resided in St. Joseph during the Civil War and there are indications that their sympathies were with the Confederacy.¹⁴¹ According to the 1870 census, the family was living in Easton and Lewis is listed as working as a farmer. By 1880, Lewis – a widower¹⁴² – is living at 213 Patee with his daughter Mary. In 1887, having remarried,¹⁴³ Lewis built the lovely Queen Ann home at 1023 Church Street at a cost of \$4,500.

His firm of Stigers and Boettner was very active in the 1870s. Julius V. Eckel, brother of architect E.J. Eckel was a silent partner in the firm.¹⁴⁴ Perhaps the most prominent of the firm's projects was the building of the new City Hall and Market House.¹⁴⁵ In the early 1880s, Stigers joined with A. Knell¹⁴⁶ creating Stigers and Knell with offices at 618 Felix. This firm dissolved

¹³⁶ Mary E. Stigers Browne (Sept. 24, 1841-Nov. 16, 1904). Born in Centerville, IL. Married Joseph S. Browne on April 7, 1863 in St. Joseph. They had 5 children, 4 of whom lived to adulthood. Her daughter Hattie married St. Joseph merchant John Brittain.

¹³⁷ Robert Gooding Stigers (March 16, 1848-March 12, 1923). Born in MO. Worked in the leather business. Moved to Kansas City, MO where he died of pneumonia brought on by influenza.

¹³⁸ Oren Stigers (June 1860-). Married to Quantrell Sallee (Feb. 7, 1867-March 3, 1955) on May 17, 1888. They had two sons, Warren Curley, born in 1889; and William born in 1892 (It seems that William died young as he is not listed in his mother's obit). In the 1900 census the family lives at 1207 N. 25th St. He is working as a saddler. He is not listed in the 1902 City Directory. It is unclear when he died; his wife's obituary refers to her as a widow; she died in St. Joseph.

¹³⁹ Warren Curley Stigers (d. Oct. 1966). Born in St. Joseph. Married Anna Dorsel. Their son Warren Calvin (Feb. 20, 1913-May 20, 1926) died of septicemia from an injury to his right knee when practicing for a track meet. Buried at Mt. Olivet. Worked for the Union Pacific RR. Moved to Omaha in 1936, moved to Canoga Park, CA in 1950s.

¹⁴⁰ Died as an infant.

¹⁴¹ An article in the *St. Joseph Morning Herald* on May 29, 1864, "Important Discovery of Concealed Powder," told the story of gun powder being concealed in the city by southern sympathizers including Stigers, was described as "always had the reputation of being a bitter secessionist, although a Pennsylvanian by birth." In 1888, his son Oren married Quantrell Sallee – whose name makes it clear where her family's sympathies lay.

¹⁴² Harriet died on May 25, 1874. *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 26, 1874.

¹⁴³ His second wife was Bettie Wilson McCrown. "Death of Two of St. Joseph's Old Residents," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 7, 1907.

¹⁴⁴ "Julius Eckel Dead," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Dec. 7, 1876.

¹⁴⁵ "The City Hall," *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 28, 1874.

¹⁴⁶ It is likely the A. Knell was Albert Knell (July 8, 1856-Jan. 6, 1930), who in the 1887 St. Louis City Directory is listed as an architect on St. Ferdinand Ave. He was born in Canada to Swiss immigrants. He was the grandson of Daniel Bernoulli, a renowned Swiss mathematician and physicist. When he was 7 years old, he left Canada to study in Europe. He attended the Stuttgart Institute of Architecture, graduating with honors. He

in about 1884.¹⁴⁷ Stigers appears to have retired at about that time. Lewis died on November 6, 1904 at his home at 1023 Church St and he is buried at Mt. Mora.¹⁴⁸

Partial List of Works

Walnut Grove Church
Walker Reed House
Henry Krug building, North St. Joseph
A. Hamburger storerooms, 8th St.
Hamilton building, corner of 5th and Felix
Saxton and Russell building
Odd Fellows' Hall, addition
Capt. T.D. Hastings residence
Missouri Coal and Mining Company buildings
City Hall and Market House
State Hospital #2, addition
Court House, Peoria, IL
Buchanan County Court House (first)
John France House, S. 6th St.
H.C. Fisher business house, Market Square
J.W. Boyd House, Robidoux St.
Dancing Academy, 8th and Edmond
Charles Mitchell house, 6th and Robidoux
M. Williams House, 7th St.
Midgely House, Francis St.
J.H. Robinson store house, 4th St.
Dr. Bishop's Academy of Medicine, Jules St.
A. Klos store rooms, Felix St.
C. Frenger store room, Edmond St.
C. Frenger residence, 14th St.
Connet Brothers residence, south of St. Joseph
C.L. Miller house, east side of St. Joseph
Lewis Stigers House, 13th and Charles
Lewis Stigers House, 1023 Church
German Evangelical Church and parsonage
Patee House Hotel

moved to St. Louis in 1884, entering into a partnership with a Mr. Isaacs, and subsequently opened his own practice in 1892. Married to Kate Katzung He has several mentions in the St. Joseph newspapers for his musical interests. He died of prostate cancer in St. Louis. "Well-Known St. Louisian," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Jan. 25, 1896.

¹⁴⁷ The last listing in the St. Joseph newspapers of the firm, and indeed of Stigers as an architect, was in the *St. Joseph Gazette* on May 7, 1884: "Mr. Stigers, of Stigers & Knell, presented the plans of two buildings, one of which was more expensive than the board desired to invest in."

¹⁴⁸ "Death of Two of St. Joseph's Old Residents," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 7, 1904.

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AT SARTON'S NEW BUILDING,
FIFTH STREET,
Between Polk and Francis Streets.
ARE now prepared to make Designs and
Drawings for Buildings of every Descrip-
tion.

St. Joseph Herald, May 21, 1870



St. Joseph Gazette, June 28, 1874.



St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jan. 25, 1896

Ben W. Trunk



Dec. 2, 1872-May 12, 1918

Benjamin William Trunk was born in Weston, Missouri on December 2, 1872. He was the youngest child of Michael¹⁴⁹ and Mary Engle¹⁵⁰ Trunk. Soon after Ben's birth, the family moved to St. Joseph; the 1880 census shows them living on Main Street and Michael is making a living as a master carpenter. Creativity appears to have been a family characteristic: Michael was a carpenter, oldest son John Henry became an interior decorator, second son August George was a highly skilled watchmaker, and Ben became an architect. Additionally, they were a musical family. John Henry played bassoon in the Winkler orchestra. In April 1894, the three Trunk brothers were part of a string quartet that "furnished excellent music for those that indulged in dancing" at a surprise party for a friend. In 1903, at a cotillion hosted by local dance master E.A. Prinz, "the opening two-step, which was played for the first time last night was written by Mr. Ben Trunk..."¹⁵¹

In 1896, Ben won third prize in the Pauline Hall Sketch Contest and in 1903, he was among the exhibitors for the semi-annual exhibition by the Brush and Pencil Club. "Ben Trunk has several landscapes, but perhaps his best work is not in the more ambitious ones, but I a little

¹⁴⁹ Michael Trunk (March 4, 1840-Dec. 12, 1913). Born in Winterhausen, Landkreis, Wurzburg, Bavaria. Before his marriage, but while living in Weston, he served in the Civil War. Died at 731 N 24th St. of emphysema and diabetes. Buried at Ashland.

¹⁵⁰ Mary Engle Trunk (1844-June 7, 1902). Born in Alabama. Married Michael in 1866.

¹⁵¹ "End to J. Henry Trunk," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 24, 1928; "Surprise Party Tendered Ernst Wetteroth," *St. Joseph Herald*, April 8, 1894; "Des Quarante Cotillion," *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 10, 1903.

watercolor of a wood-path called ‘Spring.’ It is an exquisite little thing, full of atmosphere and feeling.”¹⁵² It is likely this ability that secured him a position with Eckel and Mann by the time he was 16 years old. He remained with Eckel until 1904. In the first years of the 20th century, he undertook a few unique projects. In 1902, he designed a highly ornate entry portal for the St. Joseph Elks’ August Antics fair grounds at 7th and Charles Streets: “It is designed by Ben Trunk and is of the Gothic style of architecture, occupying the entire width of the street and being fifty feet wide by twenty-five feet high.”¹⁵³ [see illustration below] In 1903, he designed the house that was to be gifted to Jack Ring, a local hero known for saving people from drowning in the Missouri River.¹⁵⁴

In 1904, Ben left the Eckel firm to open his own firm which opened its doors on September 1. William Gordon, who would later become Trunk’s partner, left Eckel to work for Trunk. On January 29, 1905, the *St. Joseph News Press* reported that “A visit to the architectural offices of Benj. W. Trunk and an examination of his work will prove that a large number of the most beautiful and valuable public and private buildings of St. Joseph are the product of his brain and hands.”¹⁵⁵ This marked the beginning of what appears to have been a very successful practice that lasted until his death in 1918.

In 1905, Trunk secured the commission to design a substantial country home for St. Joseph businessman, J.J. Tootle.¹⁵⁶ After about two years of solo practice, Ben joined with Rudolph Frederick Heim¹⁵⁷ creating Trunk and Heim in 1907. Trunk and Heim designed several school buildings as well as other large-scale structures such as Ensworth Medical College and Hospital and Patee Market.¹⁵⁸ They also designed most of the homes in Montrose Place, on Francis Street between 25th and 26th Streets. The October 19, 1909, *Gazette* described it: “Montrose Place can well lay claim to being one of the most beautiful of St. Joseph’s residence locations by reason of its beauty and by the number and quality of its well kept residences and lawns. These residences were built by the owners who occupy them, and are well planned to suit the individual requirements of the occupants.”¹⁵⁹ It is possible to get a good idea of the scale of work undertaken by the firm as its period of activity coincides with the period during which the *St. Joseph Gazette* published bi-weekly updates on local building projects. This firm continued until 1911, when Heim left to open a solo practice. William Gordon then became his partner, creating Trunk and Gordon,¹⁶⁰ lasting until 1917,¹⁶¹ when it was dissolved, likely due to Ben Trunk’s failing health.

¹⁵² “Prizes Awarded,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 20, 1896; “Brush and Pencil Club,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 25, 1903.

¹⁵³ “A Hint of the Magnificence of the Portal to Elks Antics,” *St. Joseph News Press*, July 20, 1902.

¹⁵⁴ “House that Ring Wants,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 8, 1903; “Jack Ring’s House,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 3, 1906.

¹⁵⁵ “Benj. W. Trunk, Archt’t,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 29, 1905.

¹⁵⁶ “Contract is Let for Fine Country Home,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, April 18, 1905.

¹⁵⁷ See above for more information on Heim.

¹⁵⁸ “Accept Plans,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 11, 1907; *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 25, 1909.

¹⁵⁹ “A Neat Two Story Residence,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, Oct. 19, 1909.

¹⁶⁰ *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 12, 1911.

¹⁶¹ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 9, 1917.

In 1909, Trunk embarked on one of his more fanciful projects. He was president of the White City Amusement Company. This was a group of local folks who were intent on building an amusement park in St. Joseph.¹⁶²

Ben Trunk never married and he lived with members of his family his entire life. He was active in musical/dance circles and in the Elks. Apparently, he had a fondness for automobiles as he ordered a Stanley Steam Car in 1909 and was a member of the Automobile Club.¹⁶³ This love of driving had fatal consequences in 1911, when a car driven by Ben frightened a horse driven by Horace Roberts causing it to bolt throwing the entire Roberts family from the buggy. Grace Roberts, 5 years old, was killed.¹⁶⁴ The next year he was sued by Silas G. Berry for \$20,000 in damages alleging that Trunk's driving frightened his horse causing him injury.¹⁶⁵ He died on May 12, 1918;¹⁶⁶ his death certificate lists the cause of death as "progressive paralytic dementia," which is a likely indication that the real cause of death was advanced syphilis.¹⁶⁷ Ben Trunk appears to have been a larger-than-life character who worked and played equally hard, sometimes with devastating consequences. The impact that his work had on the built environment of St. Joseph has been largely unrecognized.

Partial List of Works

Entry portal for 1902 Elks' Antics, temporary structure at 7th and Charles
Jack Ring House
J.J. Tootle House, 1912 Clay
Electric Light Plant
McKinley School Addition
Hall School Addition
Benton High School
Ensworth Medical College and Hospital Addition
Residence at Sacred Heart Convent
C.A. Kessler Home, 25th and Mulberry
Louis Smith Home
W.F. Kirkpatrick Residence, 25th and Colhoun
Dr. Fitzgerald Flats, 21st and Felix

¹⁶² "Plans Perfected for an Amusement Park," *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 25, 1909.

¹⁶³ *St. Joseph News Press*, May 15, 1909; "New Automobile Agency," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 18, 1909.

¹⁶⁴ The inquest into the accident became heated. Ben's brother August, who was in the car with him at the time of the accident, testified that the father of the girl appeared to be disinterested in the fate of his daughter. A characterization that the father took objection to. The parents sued Trunk both for their own injuries and for the death of Grace. In two separate cases they were awarded \$3,000 for each. "Girl's Injuries Fatal," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 20, 1911; "Thrown from Buggy, Little Girl Dies," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 21, 1911; "Bitterness Marks Coroner's Inquest," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 22, 1911; "Given \$3,000 Damages," *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 7, 1913; "Damage Suit to Jury," *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 5, 1914.

¹⁶⁵ Berry was awarded \$6,000 for his injuries. "For \$20,000 Damages," *St. Joseph News Press*, Aug. 2, 1912; "Farmer Gets Judgement," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 13, 1913.

¹⁶⁶ "Ben W. Trunk Dead," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 13, 1918; "Ben Trunk is Dead," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 13, 1918.

¹⁶⁷ Insight provided by Marina Trifan, Genealogy Librarian, St. Joseph Public Libraries.

Patee Market House
 Leo J. Muchenberger home, 630 N. 23rd
 C.S. Lucas Home, 2506 Francis
 H.M. Hansen Home, 20th and Clay
 John D. McNeely store building, 6th and Locust
 Dr. L.A. Todd Residence, Francis between 25th and 26th
 John P. Strong Home, 26th and Francis
 W.C. Powell Home, 26th and Francis
 August Quentin Home, 28th and Frederick
 Home Telephone Buildings, 9th and Frederick & 10th and Jules
 Royal Theater, Edmond between 6th and 7th Streets
 Bertha Weinman Home, 25th and Francis
 R. Meierhoffer Flats, N. 24th St. between Calhoun and Jones
 A. Wendover Flats, N. 24th St.
 J.O. Brady Flats, Ridenbaugh between 11th and 12th
 Albert L. Bartlett Residence, Lovers' Lane
 Dr. D.L. Humfreville Residence, Ashland Ave.
 Mrs. J.L. Leonard Duplex, 28th and Mitchell
 Fitzgerald Flats, 20th and Felix
 Fred Ebersold Country Home, northwest of the city on Ashland
 Isadore Weinman home, 25th and Francis
 Bassar and Moskau Store Building, 2112 St. Joseph Ave
 G.C. Schatz Double Flats, Main and Isabelle
 G.C. Cobun Home, 26th and Felix
 F.B. Griffin Home, 20th and Duncan
 Joseph Morton Country Home
 C.O. Carpenter Home, 20th just north of Duncan
 Joseph N. Karnes Home, Sherman Ave. near 29th St.
 Hughes Building (Jenkins Music Co), remodel
 Elks' Club Building extension
 C.A. Cook Home, 27th and Mitchell
 George Cochburn Home, 25th and Francis
 Rollaway Rink remodel into a Movie Theater
 Newman Theater, 6th and Jules¹⁶⁸
 E.W. Davis Home, Fillmore, MO
 R.V. Nicholas Home, 26th and Francis
 Hugh Craig Cottage, Wathena, KS
 R.D. Diencke Store, Jules between 21st and 22nd
 Field Hospital Corps Armory, former Everett School
 Majestic Theater, Edmond near 8th
 City Hospital

¹⁶⁸ This was not built, on Dec. 14, 1910, Trunk and Heim filed suit against Frank L. Newman for architects' fees of \$913.25. *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 15, 1910.

Public School, Mt. Ayr, IA
Church, King City, MO
Oscar Voss Home, Felix near 25th St.
St. Francis Hotel
Public School, Mound City, MO
Public School, Kirksville, MO
High School, Kellerton, IA
Bliss School
High School, Holstein, IA
St. Joseph's Church, Wathena, KS
High School, Red Oak, IA
High School, Benton, IA



St. Joseph News Press, July 20, 1902

BENJ. W. TRUNK, ARCH'T.

A visit to the architectural offices of Benj. W. Trunk and an examination of his work will prove that a large number of the most beautiful and valuable public and private buildings of St. Joseph are the product of his brain and hands. Mr. Trunk has had sixteen years' experience in leading local offices and opened his independent offices September 1, 1904. Mr. William Gordon is his chief assistant. Since September the designing of a goodly number of private residences, a church, business structures and the city lighting plant plans have come to them, and the future prospects are favorable.

St. Joseph News Press, Jan. 29, 1905

BEN W. TRUNK

R. F. HEIM

WILLIAM GORDON

Trunk & Heim

ARCHITECTS

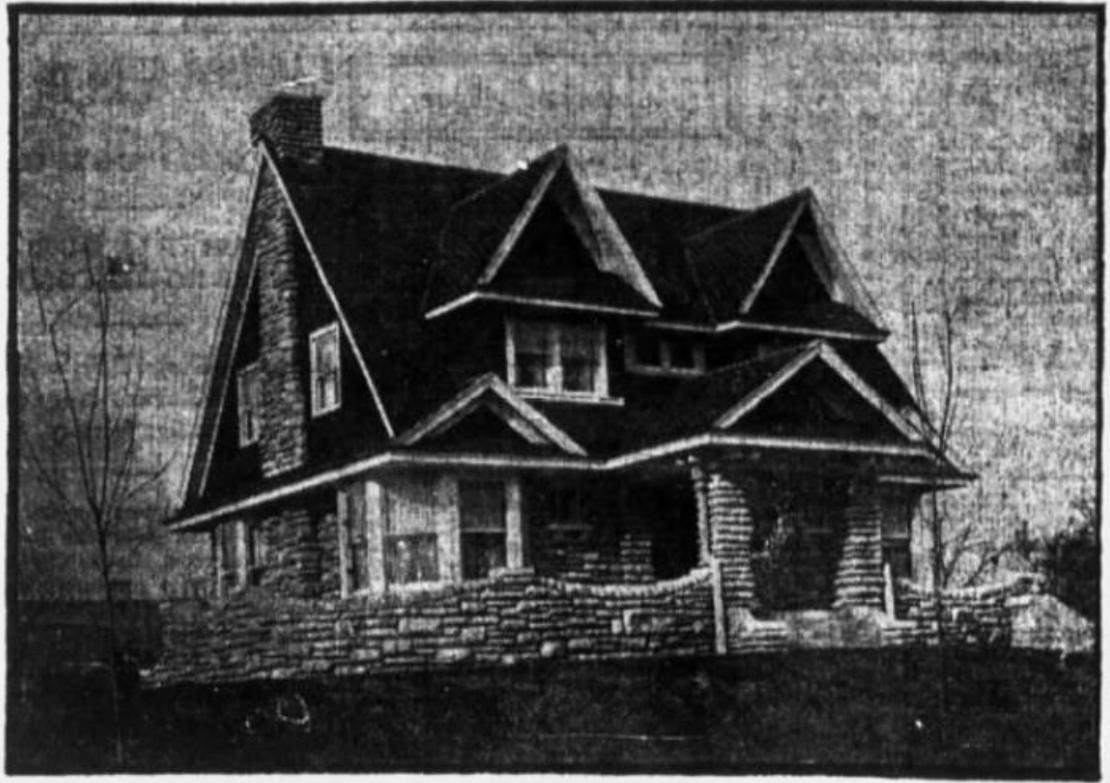
Suite 417-418 Hughes Bldg.

Old Phone 137

TO enable us to handle our rapidly increasing business, we have consolidated our offices, and will continue our business under the firm name of Trunk & Heim, Architects. We will occupy elegantly fitted up offices on the fourth floor of the Hughes building, where we will be glad to welcome present and prospective clients.

BEN W. TRUNK,
R. F. HEIM.

St. Joseph News Press, May 4, 1906.



Residence of Leo J. Muchenberger, 630 North Twenty-third street.

St. Joseph Gazette, June 1, 1909



Residence of Mr. W. C. Powell

26th and Francis. *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 18, 1909



A Handsome Residence

The residence of Dr. D. L. Humfreville, on the east side of Ashland avenue, represents one of the newest types of residences built in the city, as in the past most all residences have been constructed of either brick or frame and would not permit of much variety in design, as is found in other cities.

This residence is faced with a colored plaster preparation for the first story, porch piers, chimneys, etc., and the second story is frame covered with stained shingles; the roof is also covered with stained shingles. The exterior finish is stained and all in harmonious shades, making a pleasing effect with its gables, dormers, etc.

The front porch and terraces have cement floors and the rear porch and balcony are screened, making a fine outdoor sleeping room on the second floor.

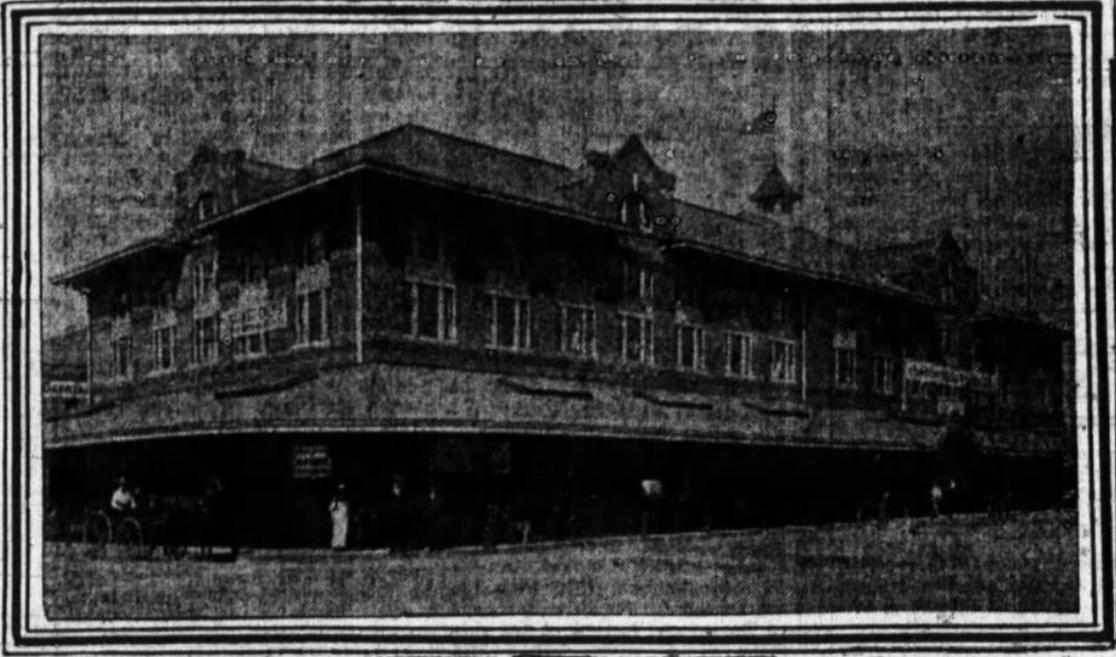
The entrance to the house is made into a large, well proportioned reception hall in which is a fine open stair case to the second floor. To right and on the south side of the house is the large living room with beamed ceiling and specially designed mantel piece, seat, casement, windows, etc. The dining room is to the north of the entrance and is connected with the kitchen through butler's pantry. The dining room has a paneled wainscoat and plate rail, beautiful special designs art glass in windows, etc.

The second story is divided into well lighted and ventilated sleeping rooms, provided with tiled bath rooms, having best of sanitary fixtures. The heating is accomplished by means of a hot water heating plant. An automatic water heater provides hot water for the toilet fixtures at all times.

To be fully appreciated this residence should be seen, but the accompanying cut will give a good idea. Trunk & Heim, architects.

St. Joseph Gazette, Sept. 7, 1909

HANDSOME NEW \$50,000 PATEE MARKET HOUSE



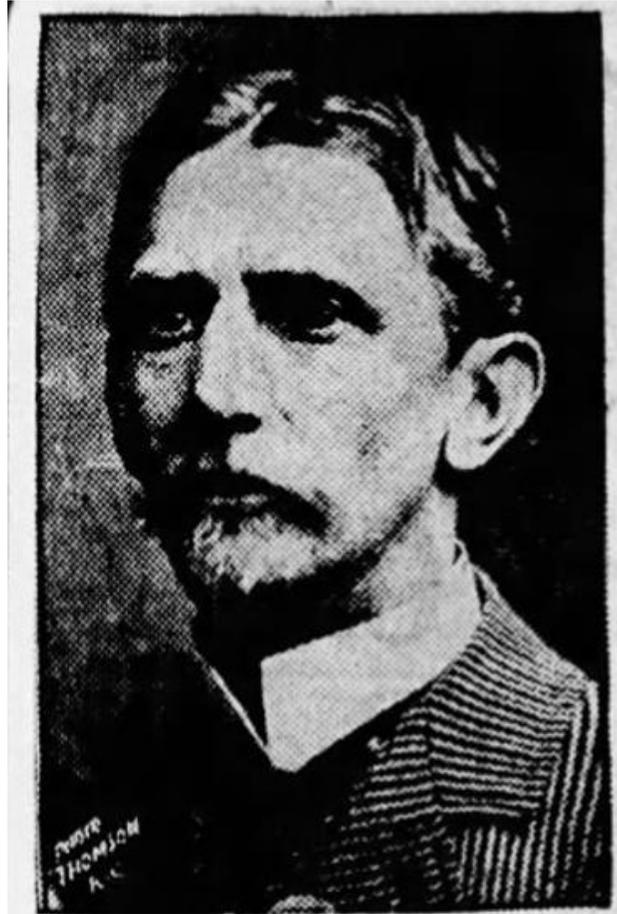
The above picture shows the handsome new Patee Market in its completed form. It is one of the city's finest new public buildings and is one of the very finest, most sanitary and up-to-date market houses in the country. Trunk & Helm were the architects who designed the building.

St. Joseph Gazette, March 26, 1910



Catholic Tribune, June 24, 1916.

John Van Brunt



June 18, 1854 – March 5, 1924

John Van Brunt was born in Englewood, New Jersey. He moved to Kansas City, Missouri to join his brothers' (Adriance and Henry) architectural firm. In January 1892 he and his wife Hope Casey Van Brunt moved to St. Joseph, and he joined E.J. Eckel's firm as a partner.¹⁶⁹ It is not clear where the family lived while here, nor is it clear what projects Van Brunt worked on. In August 1892, the dissolution of the partnership was announced.¹⁷⁰

Van Brunt returned to Kansas City and continued working with his brothers. The 1900 and 1910 census records show him sharing a home with his wife's father and siblings. By 1920 the family divided their time between the orchard that was operated by John Van Brunt Jr., near Belton, MO, and Kansas City.¹⁷¹ He died of broncho pneumonia at his home at 3631 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City and is buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery in Independence.

¹⁶⁹ *St. Joseph Herald*, January 24, 1892.

¹⁷⁰ *St. Joseph Herald*, Aug. 21, 1892.

¹⁷¹ 1920 federal census; "Funeral of John Van Brunt," *Kansas City Star*, March 6, 1924.

His obituary in the *Kansas City Star* provides a good summary of his career: “Mr. Van Brunt, a factor in the development of Kansas City, was known among architects as a designer of unusual artistic ability. He designed virtually all of the Paseo pergola and fountain work from Eighth to Eighteenth streets. The gateway and shelter houses at Swope Park, and the pergola in Observation Park are his work. . . The private homes designed by Mr. Van Brunt include the former Dickinson home in the Sunset Hill district, the former Goodlett home in Rockhill, and the home in Rockhill, now occupied by W.T. Kemper. Among his last works here were the new Hunter Gary home, 1228 West Fifty-sixth street, and the home of Dr. Richard Sutton, on Ward Parkway. Mr. Van Brunt pioneered in the introduction of English design to Kansas City. He was an emeritus member of the Architectural League of Kansas City, and was regarded highly as a water color and pen and ink artist.”¹⁷²

¹⁷² “Funeral of John Van Brunt,” *Kansas City Star*, March 6, 1924.

A Compiled List of Architects at Work in St. Joseph, Missouri, 1859-1939

Prawl provides a list of individuals listed as architects in the City Directories between 1859-1939. She wrote biographical sketches of the most prominent architects, but there are many others for whom she did not provide additional information. Using resources that are now available, information on some of those men is now available.

Ray Arnhold



December 12, 1892-June 3, 1959.

Ray Arnhold was born in St. Joseph to George¹⁷³ and Mary Charpentier Arnhold.¹⁷⁴ George made his living as a stone and brick contractor in St. Joseph. Ray served in World War I; according to his draft registration¹⁷⁵ he was a self-employed architect before he enlisted. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the engineer corps and was discharged on February

¹⁷³ George Arnhold (April 8, 1849-Jan. 26, 1918). Born in Bavaria, Germany; he came to St. Joseph with his parents in 1858. He died in St. Joseph and is buried at Mt. Mora Cemetery. . "Mrs. Mary Arnhold Dies," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 21, 1939.

¹⁷⁴ Mary Charpentier Arnhold (Jan. 8, 1850-March 20, 1939). Born in Alsace France. She and George married in 1870, and moved in to 2312 N. 2nd Street, where she remained for the rest of her life. They had 9 children, 8 of whom lived to adulthood: Frederick (1871-1948), Josephine (1872-1957), George (1874-1950), Philip (1876-1914), Caroline (1878-1967), Oscar (1886-1966), Marie (1888-1943), and Ray She died in Washington Township and is buried at Mt. Mora Cemetery. "Mrs. Mary Arnhold Dies," *St. Joseph News Press*, March 21, 1939.

¹⁷⁵ Dated June 5, 1917.

20, 1919.¹⁷⁶ After he returned from the war he worked with Walter Boschen. The most important structure in St. Joseph he was involved with was county infirmary building (now Green Acres) in 1919 working with Rudolph Meier and Walter Boschen.¹⁷⁷

Ray was active in the American Legion.¹⁷⁸ The Legion provided him with opportunities to showcase his musical abilities, sometimes in a way that is offensive to modern sensibilities. He was particularly known for his performances in blackface.¹⁷⁹

In 1920, he entered into a partnership with Webb Siemens, with whom he had worked in Boschen's office. Siemens and Arnhold lasted until 1924. [see below for more information]

Arnhold moved to Wichita Falls, Texas in 1924¹⁸⁰ (his St. Joseph obituary says it was 1928),¹⁸¹ where he continued to practice as an architect. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects. He married Mary Louise Duncan¹⁸² on May 2, 1929. Arnhold died in Wichita Falls, TX and is buried there.

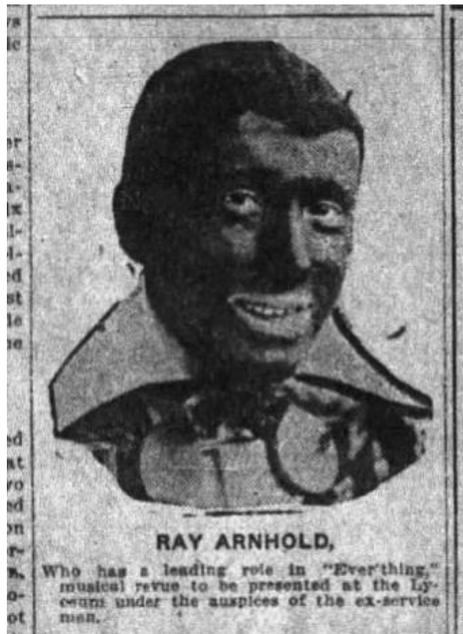
Partial List of Works:

Buchanan County Infirmary, 3500 N. Village Dr.

C.J.B. Koester store and office building, Marysville, KS

Medical and Surgical Clinic, Wichita Falls, TX

First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Wichita Falls, TX



St. Joseph News Press, Jan. 7, 1921

¹⁷⁶ "Ray Arnhold, Architect, Dies," *Wichita Falls Times Record News*, June 4, 1959

¹⁷⁷ "Allen Authorizes Tax," *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 12, 1919.

¹⁷⁸ "Arnhold is Appointed on Legion Committee," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Oct. 8, 1919.

¹⁷⁹ *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 11, 1921.

¹⁸⁰ "Ray Arnhold, Architect, Dies," *Times Record News*, June 4, 1959.

¹⁸¹ "Architect Dies at 66," *St. Joseph News Press*, June 4, 1959.

¹⁸² (1902-1994). Born in McKinney, TX. Died in Wichita Falls, TX.



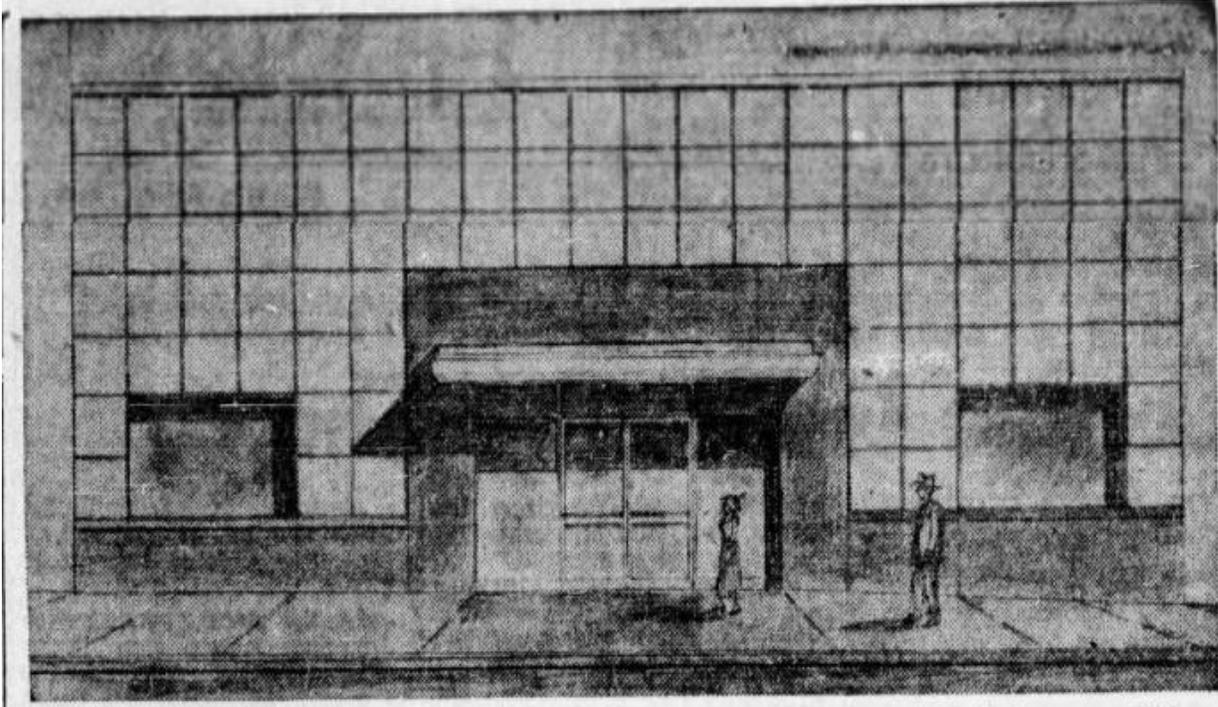
Buchanan County Infirmary Building, *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 3, 1944



MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CLINIC—Formal opening of the new 115-room, \$235,000 Medical and Surgical Clinic building will be held Sunday afternoon between 2 and 6. The public is invited to go through the Clinic and inspect the facilities of Wichita Falls' newest medi-

cal center. Doctors of the clinic will be on hand to guide the public through the clinic and to answer questions. The building was designed by Ray Arnhold, architect, and built by J. L. Hair & Sons.

Wichita Falls Times, Sept. 21, 1952



NEW BUSINESS STRUCTURE—Now under construction at 916 Ninth is a new \$60,-000 site for First Federal Savings and Loan Association. The new downtown business building, designed by Architect Ray Arnhold who prepared the above conception of the new site, will be one of the most attractive in the city. The architect's drawing shows the dark green granite trim for the front which is of contemporary design. An impressive aluminum entrance will lend an imposing effect. The remainder of the front will be of cut faced stone. First Federal Savings and Loan Association now is on first floor of the Hamilton Building. Also occupying the building, and fronting on Ninth, will be Richardson-Hale Co., also now located in the Hamilton Building.

Wichita Falls Times, March 21, 1954

Henry R. Bean

(c. 1828-?)

Not much is known about Henry R. Bean. He was born in England in about 1828 and was naturalized in Buchanan County on April 1, 1864. He seems to have been more of a carpenter than an architect. On both the “Consolidated list of all persons subject to do Military Duty in the Seventh Congressional District in the State of Missouri,” (re: the Civil War) and the 1870 census his occupation is given as carpenter.

In 1866, the city of St. Joseph paid Bean \$100 for the use of his property for the Fourth of July celebration.¹⁸³ In 1870 he is living in the First Ward with his wife Jane and their five children.¹⁸⁴ In 1868-69, Henry was involved in a legal dispute with John Corby over a deed

¹⁸³ *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 9, 1892.

¹⁸⁴ Jane Bean, born in England, c. 1841. Their children were Sarah (b. 1858), Jane (b. 1860), Laura (b. 1864), Mary (b. 1867), and Henry (b. 1870).

of trust.¹⁸⁵ In late 1869 he served on the jury for the trial of Joseph Driesz who was accused of stabbing Theodore Baser 14 times in a dispute over hogs.¹⁸⁶ He does not appear in the newspapers or in City Directories after 1870.

E. W. Booth – this appears to refer to Eloise W. Booth, who was an artist.

T.H. Burgess

Virtually nothing is known about T.H. Burgess, including what the T.H. stands for.



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Inform the public, that they are prepared to contract for and erect Buildings, in the *most approved styles* of
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From an extensive experience, they feel confident that they can give entire satisfaction to all who may employ them. The public are respectfully referred to the work already done by them in this city, and also to the following well-known gentlemen, residents of St. Joseph.

REFERENCES.

Messrs. Maxwell & Warfield,	Dr. O. B. Knode,
Dr. A. H. Robertson,	Geo. W. Van Lear,
James O'Neil,	James Ogden of the Firm of
Id50wti	J. Kinney & Co.

The Weekly West, Oct. 8, 1859

R.D. Comstock

Very little is known about Royal D. Comstock. He appears in the 1905 and 1906 City Directories as an architect with offices at 1213 Felix St. The 1907 City Directory states that he has moved to Seattle, Washington; however, a newspapers.com and ancestry.com search does not show him there.

¹⁸⁵ *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 7, 1868; "Trustees Sale," *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 4, 1869.

¹⁸⁶ "State vs. Joseph Driesz," *St. Joseph Weekly Union*, Nov. 11, 1869.

A.B. Cornelius

(1883-1953)

Arthur Ben Cornelius was born in Iowa to August W. and Clara¹⁸⁷ Cornelius. The 1898 City Directory has him working as a clerk for Regnier-Shoup Crockery Co.

He is working as an architect by 1905 with a solo practice. In 1907 he went into partnership with Andrew Lynch creating Lynch and Cornelius. We know quite a lot about the work of the firm as its period of activity coincides with the period in which the *St. Joseph Gazette* provided weekly updates regarding architectural projects in the city. One of their highest profile commissions was to build Maxwell School. That construction project did not proceed smoothly and there were allegations that the architects did not provide sufficient supervision. Lynch and Cornelius vehemently disputed those charges.¹⁸⁸ Lynch and Cornelius designed a large number of multi-family homes. The firm dissolved in 1913 when Lynch moved to St. Louis¹⁸⁹ and for the next two years Cornelius was again in solo practice until he left St. Joseph. His office was in room 403 of the German American Building.¹⁹⁰ In 1918 he moved to Seattle, Washington where he continued to practice as an architect.

In 1913 Cornelius married Hazel Pottenger in Troy, Kansas.¹⁹¹

Arthur Cornelius died in 1953 and is buried in Bellevue, WA.

Partial List of Works

T.H. Hoagland flats, N. 9th St. near Robidoux St.

H. Fishman Duplex, 9th St., between Robidoux and Hall

Rev. A.M. Reynolds bungalow, Amazonia Rd.

L.C. Wilburn residence, 2923 N. 7th St.

E.S. Castle residence, 26th and Felix

Maxwell School

L. Mitchell residence, 15th and Messanie

J.A. Suddarth Home, 2417 Faraon

George B. Dodson duplex, 221-23 W. Indiana Ave.

A.S. LaBounty home, 32nd and Mitchell

Mrs. C.A. Reece flats, Indiana Ave. near Gordon Avenue.

Erwin L. Voss bungalow, 26th and Faraon

J.A. McIntyre home, Macon, MO

J.W. McIntyre double residence, 15th and Charles

H.G. Burvenich home, Corby St. between 11th and 12th

George C. Hax cottages, 14th and Olive

John Binniker cottage, 28th and Mitchell

Isadore Levin building, 5th St.

¹⁸⁷ Clara was born c. 1854 in Germany. She immigrated to the United States in 1854. She died in 1923. *St. Joseph Gazette*, July 30, 1923.

¹⁸⁸ "Say it was Unjust," *St. Joseph News Press*, June 24, 1909.

¹⁸⁹ *The St. Joseph Gazette*, Jan. 30, 1913.

¹⁹⁰ *St Joseph Observer*, April 26, 1913.

¹⁹¹ *The St. Joseph Gazette*, Sept. 21, 1913; "Announcement Dinner," *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 22, 1913.

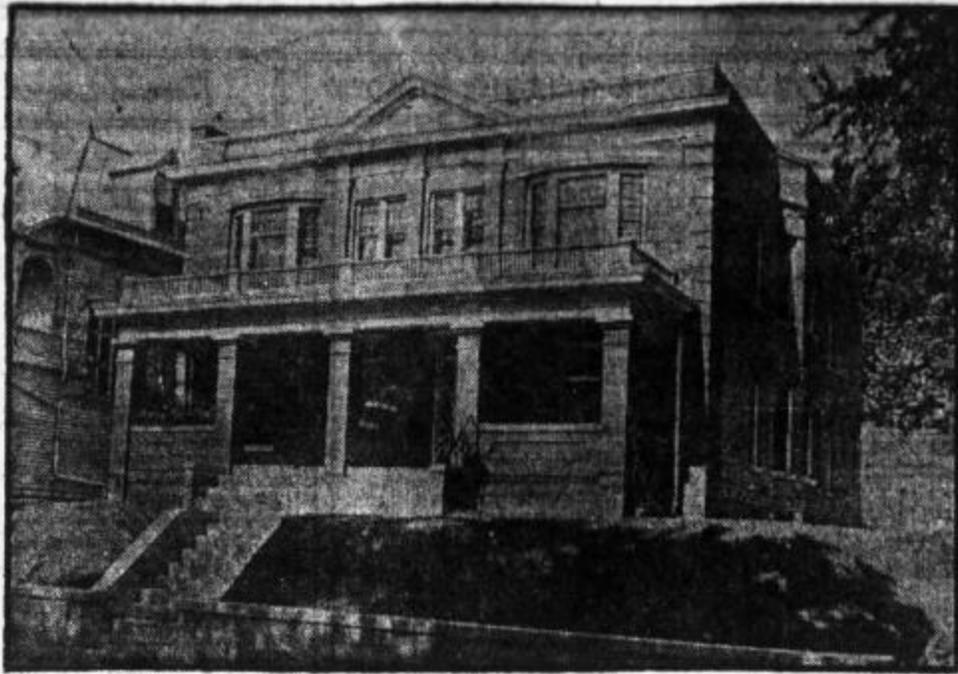
Miss H.E. Mecum residence, Mitchell Ave., between 13th and 14th Streets
Swenson flats, 12th and Corby
A.W. Magee double flat, 15th and Sylvania Streets
I. Rothbaum tenement, 9th and Locust Streets
George F. Birt double flat, 9th and Locust Streets
Josephine Gleason double flat, 10th and Henry Streets
W.H. Mann, double houses, 5th and Louis Streets
Adolph Henry double tenements, 5th and Louis Streets
J. Flournoy double house, 21st and Edmond Streets
O.A. Sandusky house, Westminster Place
Mrs. F.O. Polk house, Westminster Place
D.W. Tyler house, Falls City, NE
Buchanan County Workhouse



The Handsome Suddarth Home

Residence of J. A. Suddarth, 2417 Faraon street; cost including plumbing and heating \$4,000

St. Joseph Gazette, May 18, 1909



Handsome Modern Double House

Owned by H. Fishman.

St. Joseph Gazette, June 8, 1909



A Very Attractive Residence

Cost, including surroundings, about \$5,000.

The above photograph is of the handsome residence of Mr. E. S. Castle, located on Felix, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets. The plan of this house calls for large, commodious rooms and convenient arrangement.

From the broad porch extending across the front of the building the front central hall is reached. To the right, through a column opening, you enter the parlor, the living room and dining room are connected in succession by large sliding doors, making a suite of three rooms. On the left of the front hall is the library, and to the rear opening from the hall is a toilet and bed room.

The kitchen is entered from the dining room through a well equipped butler's pantry. The entire first floor, except the kitchen, is finished in selected quarter cut white oak, also the main stair is of the same material.

The parlor and dining rooms are both provided with neatly designed mantels. From the hall on the second floor four large bed rooms and bath room are entered. All of the second floor is finished in hard pine. The bath and toilet fixtures are of the best grade. The house is heated throughout with furnace. The cost of this residence, including surroundings, is \$5,000. Lynch & Cornelius were the architects.

St. Joseph Gazette, Aug. 1, 1909



A Two Family Flat

The above cut is of an elaborate two-family flat building erected by the T. B. Hoagland estate. This building is located on Ninth street, just north of Robidoux street.

The arrangement of rooms as a flat is very convenient and the exterior is very attractive in appearance. The building has a solid concrete foundation up to the grade line. From a broad and elaborate front porch the vestibule is entered.

From the vestibule the front bed room and parlor is reached. To the rear of parlor is an L shaped hall which communicates with the dining room, living room, kitchen, bath and rear bed room.

The parlor, dining room, living room and vestibule are finished in red oak. All other rooms are finished in flat grained yellow pine. The attic is provided with a servants' room and storage for each flat, which is reached by a commodious stairs. The bath and laundry rooms are fitted up with the most modern fixtures.

The house is provided with gas and electric lights throughout. Each flat is heated with a separate furnace fitted for coal or gas as may be desired.

Set in the center of each living room is a most beautiful oak mantel fitted for either coal or gas. The floors all have polished borders, and each dining room is provided with plate rail of special design. In the basement there are laundry, furnace and fuel rooms. This flat building was designed and supervised by Lynch & Cornelius, the architects.

The cost of the building is \$7,500.

St. Joseph Gazette, Aug. 24, 1909

Frank Crocker

(1861- October 2, 1923)

Frank Crocker was born and trained in London. He received his education at St. Mark's College in London and then studied at the Royal School of Arts with Sir Gilbert Scott. In 1886 he relocated to Newfoundland where he entered theological college for three years. He then decided to become an architect.¹⁹² Frank Crocker first lived in Marshalltown, Iowa before relocating to St. Joseph in 1901.¹⁹³ He came to oversee the construction of the Letts-Spencer Grocery Building.¹⁹⁴ James O'Neil Fairleigh engaged Crocker as the architect for his development of Fairleigh Place just off Frederick Avenue.¹⁹⁵ In 1904, he was one of several local architects who submitted plans for the new city auditorium; he came third behind Eckel & Mann and J.H. Felt & Co.¹⁹⁶ His office was in the Hughes Building, and he lived at 2602 Faraon Street.

¹⁹² "Frank Crocker, Architect," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 11, 1902; "Frank Crocker," *The Grand Island Independent*, Oct. 3, 1923.

¹⁹³ *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 4, 1899.

¹⁹⁴ "Notice to Contractors," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 18, 1901; "Receiving Bids for Big Business Block," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 19, 1901; "Formal Opening of the Letts-Spencer Grocer Co's Building," *St. Joseph News Press*, April 15, 1902.

¹⁹⁵ Marshall White, "Property of the Past," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 23, 2009.

¹⁹⁶ *St. Joseph News Press*, July 30, 1904.

Crocker was married to Helen Savage¹⁹⁷ when he came to St. Joseph, and the couple were soon a part of fashionable society.¹⁹⁸ In around 1907 he left St. Joseph to move to Fort Wayne, Indiana. At some point between 1907 and 1914, he returned to England for several years before returning to St. Joseph.¹⁹⁹ The family's movements at this time are unclear. News reports seem to indicate that Crocker had returned to St. Joseph and taken up residence again. However, his obituary states that he moved to Grand Island, Nebraska from St. Joseph in 1914 and on September 23, 1919, the *St. Joseph News Press* reported: "Mrs. Frank Crocker of Grand Island, Neb., is spending a few days in St. Joseph, her former home, and is the guest of Mrs. J.L. Davidson, 1019 Charles Street." At some point prior to his death, he relocated to Grand Island, Nebraska and was a member of the firm of Kirschke & Crocker.²⁰⁰

Crocker died on October 2, 1923, in Grand Island, Nebraska. He was initially buried in Grand Island, but cemetery notes indicate that he was "disinterred in November of 1928,"²⁰¹ and he was re-buried at Mt. Auburn, where his wife Helen was also buried in 1932.

Partial List of Works

Letts-Spencer Grocery Building, 3rd St.
H. Stringfellow House, 15th St.
People's Furniture & Carpet Co., Missouri and King Hill Aves.
E.W. Duke double flat, 19th and Felix
Roberts-Parker Wholesale Grocery storehouse, 4th and Messanie
J.O. Knapp house, 23rd and Clay
Crystal Theater, 5th and Charles
Herbert Chapman Home, 2512 Jackson
Mitcham residence, Marshalltown, IA
Superintendent's Lodge, Mt. Auburn Cemetery
James O'Neil Fairleigh Home, 2635 Frederick Ave.

¹⁹⁷ She died in Omaha, NE on Feb. 26, 1932. She is buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. "Death Roll," *St. Joseph News Press*, Feb. 27, 1932.

¹⁹⁸ "Mrs. Henry D. Hughes' Teas," *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 6, 1903.

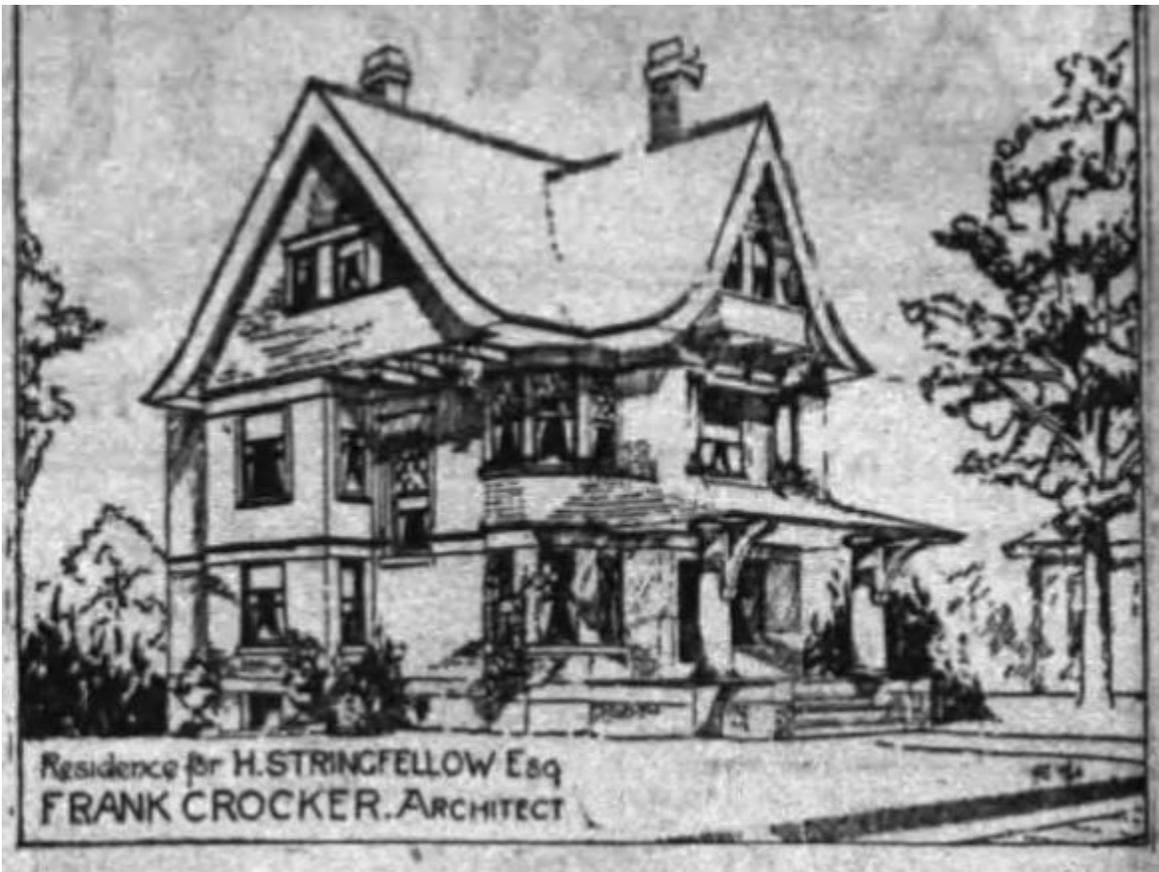
¹⁹⁹ *St. Joseph News Press*, April 11, 1914.

²⁰⁰ "Frank Crocker," *The Grand Island Independent*, Oct. 3, 1923.

²⁰¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/149716581/frank-crocker>



Letts-Spencer Building. *St. Joseph News Press*, April 15, 1902.

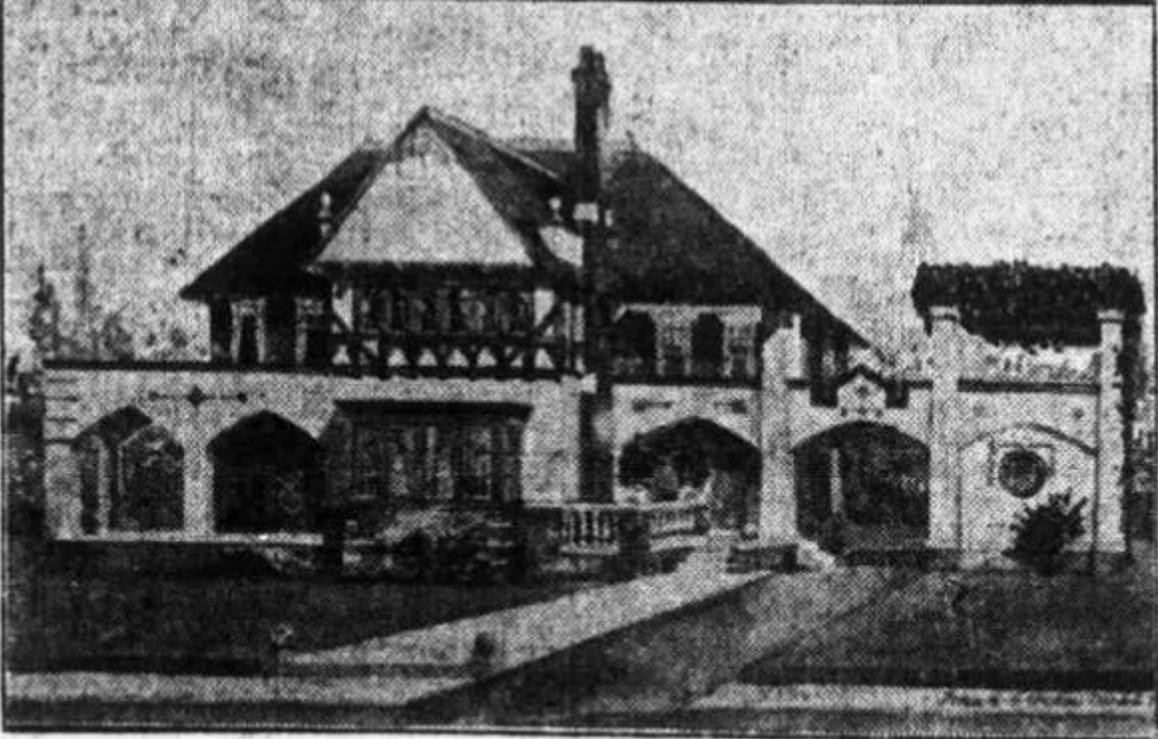


<p>The new residence of H. Stringfellow, at Fifteenth and Felix streets, is of a style which, while not yet introduced to any extent in this part of the country, is becoming exceedingly popular in the East. It is known as the English Domestic type of architecture.</p>	<p>The first story of the house is of brick and the second is of stained shingles. The wood decorations of the residence are all of yellow pine, stained and finished to give an appearance of mahogany. Mr. Stringfellow has recently moved into the house. It was designed by Architect Frank Crocker.</p>
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St. Joseph Gazette, Oct. 21, 1906.



St. Joseph News Press, Sept. 12, 1907



Brick and Stucco Residence and Garage for Mr. Mitcham.
Marshalltown, Iowa.

Frank Crocker, Architect
511-512 German-American Bank Building.

St. Joseph News Press, Aug. 29, 1914

Michael Fitzgerald

Michael Fitzgerald is listed in the 1867 City Directory as a carpenter living on Penn Street, between 9th and 10th.

J.D. Fulton

J.D. Fulton is listed as providing architectural designs for the Buchanan County Centennial, as were James A. Storm, L.S. Stigers, W.A. Powell, and P.F. Meaghar.²⁰²

William Gordon

(August 20, 1877-Nov. 23, 1923)

William Gordon worked with Ben Trunk at E.J. Eckel's office. He joined Trunk and Heim and when that firm dissolved in 1911, he went into partnership with Trunk, creating

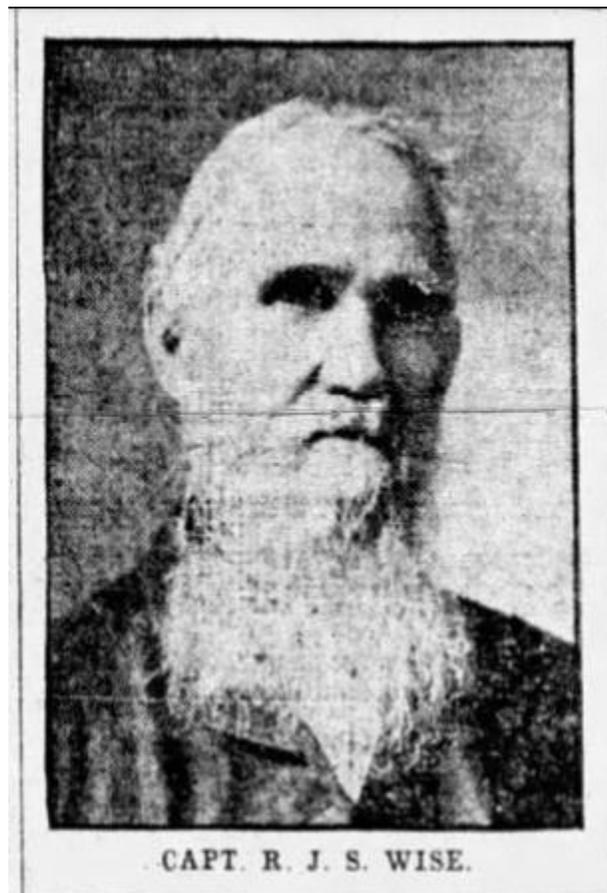
²⁰² *St. Joseph Gazette, July 9, 1875.*

Trunk and Gordon.²⁰³ Trunk and Gordon dissolved in 1917 due to Ben Trunk's poor health.²⁰⁴ Gordon then moved to Des Moines, IA where he opened a solo practice. He died unexpectedly while standing in front of the board of education building in Oclwein, IA.²⁰⁵ He is buried in Lenox, IA.

Partial List of Works

See Ben Trunk

F.G. Hopkins and R.J. Wise



The firm of Hopkins and Wise is listed in the 1867 City Directory as a carpentry firm located on 2nd Street between Faraon and Robidoux. In September 1960, the *Weekly Free Democrat* ran the following: "We have been shown some beautiful cottage designs, executed by Mr. Wise of the firm of Hopkins & Wise. . . These gentlemen have the credit of ornamenting our city with many of its most elegant buildings, outstanding residences and business house, but we have, among which we would notice Mr. Hartwig's magnificent

²⁰³ *St. Joseph News Press*, Sept. 12, 1911.

²⁰⁴ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 9, 1917; "Ben W. Trunk Dead," *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 13, 1918.

²⁰⁵ "Dropped Dead Last Night," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 24, 1923.

residence and a fine residence just being completed for Mr. Rufus McDonald, and many others that stand as impressive and lasting monuments to their genius and skill.”

Robert J.S. Wise died at the Odd Fellows’ home in Liberty in early January 1906. His obituary tells the story of a colorful life including postmaster and service in the Union Army during the Civil War.²⁰⁶

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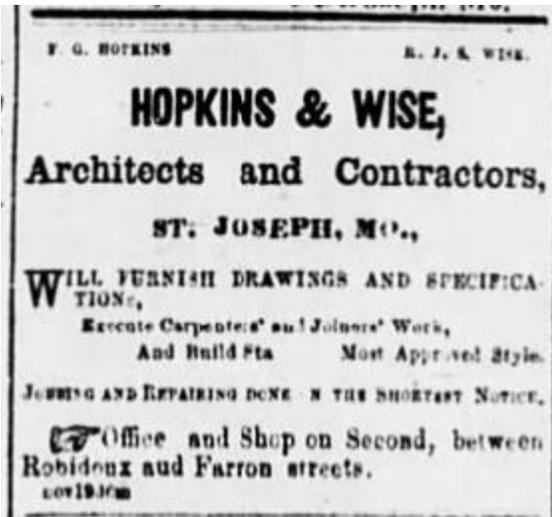
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Weekly Free Democrat, Nov. 17, 1860

²⁰⁶ “Death of Captain Wise,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 5, 1906.



Morning Herald and Daily Tribune, Nov. 25, 1865

Jenney and Mundie

Jenney and Mundie, an architectural firm based in Chicago, was hired in 1902 by Huston Wyeth to build the Blue Valley Creamery plant on the corner of Main and Jules.²⁰⁷ Francis (Frank) Kirkpatrick (see below for more information) worked for them in Chicago and came to St. Joseph to oversee the building of the National Bank on their behalf.²⁰⁸

Francis (Frank) W. Kirkpatrick

Francis Kirkpatrick was the son of W.C. Kirkpatrick of St. Joseph. He practiced architecture in Chicago working for the firm of Jenny and Mundie. He came to St. Joseph in 1903 and joined J.H. Felt & Co. He did not remain in St. Joseph for long, in 1905 he moved to Kansas City to take up the position of assistant superintendent of buildings. He died suddenly in October 1905.²⁰⁹

G.W. Lewis

(b. July 1871-).

General W. Lewis appears in the records for St. Joseph between 1900 and 1904 as both an architect and a carpenter/contractor.

F.I. Leyburn

Frank I. Leyburn was part of the firm of Tate & Leyburn (see below), which was active for a short period between 1889-1890. They undertook a rather aggressive advertising campaign in 1889, but do not appear to have had much success. The City Directories show that Leyburn attempted other jobs – in 1893 he was bookkeeper for R.K. Allen & Son, in 1896 he is listed as a carpenter, and in 1897 he has moved to Kansas City.

²⁰⁷ "30,000 Creamery to be Erected," *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 19, 1902.

²⁰⁸ "Has Built Many Famous Buildings," *St. Joseph News Press*, April 6, 1903.

²⁰⁹ "Funeral of F.W. Kirkpatrick To-Day."



Wathena Weekly Gazette, Aug. 1, 1889



Catholic Tribune, Jan. 18, 1890

A.J. Lynch

(b. 1852)

Andrew J. Lynch was born in Arkansas. Despite his partnership in the architectural firm of Lynch and Cornelius, he appears to have been more of a carpenter/contractor than an architect. In 1903 ten of his employees quit because he asked them to work for the construction contractor J.W. Lehr who needed help because his workers had gone on strike.²¹⁰ He submitted unsuccessful bids to build the sub-police station in South St. Joseph

²¹⁰ "Carpenters Strike," *St. Joseph News Press*, July 29, 1903.

and to reconstruct the dome on the Buchanan County courthouse in 1904 and 1905.²¹¹ In 1911 he applied for a patent for an unbreakable baseball bat: “The fibre bat for which I have applied a patent, is unbreakable. It can be used for several seasons. The point about it upon which I base my patent claim is that it will be hollow. By making it hollow the weight of the bat can be regulated.”²¹² In January 1913 the firm of Lynch and Cornelius dissolved because Lynch moved to St. Louis.²¹³

Partial List of Works

[See Arthur Cornelius]

Store building, 6th between Olive and Patee.



St. Joseph Gazette, Feb. 25, 1906

William F. McGeorge

(June 19, 1960-March 16, 1910)

William McGeorge was born in Virginia. He appears to have been more of a dabbler in architecture, rather than a trained professional. In 1894, he bid on the rebuilding of Lincoln School.²¹⁴ He appears as an architect in the City Directories between 1895-1900, but by 1901 he is working as a traveling salesman and is listed as such on his death certificate.²¹⁵ Died in Kansas City.

C.G. Rosenplaenter

(1842-Sept. 5, 1895)

Carlos George Rosenplaenter was born in Russia. He worked in the south, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; the 1876 Louisville, KY City Directory lists him as the Assistant City Engineer. He relocated to St. Joseph in 1890, entering into a partnership with F.H. Mayer.²¹⁶ In announcing his arrival in the city the *St. Joseph Herald* describes him as an architect and civil engineer.²¹⁷ The partnership with Mayer dissolved in 1891.²¹⁸ He appears to have entered into partnership with E.J. Eckel. Later that year, the Board of Trade instructed Rosenplaenter and Eckel to draw up plans for buildings for the industrial exposition to be

²¹¹ “Bids are Rejected,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 12, 1904; “Contract for New Dome,” *St. Joseph News Press*, March 27, 1905.

²¹² “Bat Won’t Break,” *St. Joseph Gazette*, May 28, 1911.

²¹³ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Jan. 30, 1913.

²¹⁴ *St. Joseph Herald*, Aug. 1, 1894; *St. Joseph Herald*, Dec. 5, 1894.

²¹⁵ He sued the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad company for \$948.09 alleging that he had been sold a wrong ticket that resulted in his removal from the train and subsequent loss of revenue. He is listed as a salesman for Paul Jones & Co., of Louisville, Kentucky. *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 31, 1901.

²¹⁶ *St. Joseph Herald*, May 18, 1890.

²¹⁷ *St. Joseph Herald*, May 18, 1890.

²¹⁸ *St. Joseph Gazette*, April 27, 1891.

held in 1892.²¹⁹ The pair were chosen to draw up the plans for the substantial Irish-American building.²²⁰ The partnership with Eckel dissolved in December 1891 and Rosenplaenter opened a solo practice.²²¹ The last mentions of him in the St. Joseph newspapers are in January, 1893. It appears that he returned to Louisville at that time.

Rosenplaenter married Anna Mary Spiegelberg²²² in 1874 in Jefferson, Kentucky. The couple had three children, Percy Leon,²²³ Alexander Rudolph,²²⁴ and Ann Augusta.²²⁵ He died in Louisville, Kentucky and is buried there.

Partial List of Works

Irish-American building, intersection of Jules, 10th, and Frederick.



Louisville Courier-Journal, Feb. 27, 1877



St. Joseph Gazette, June 16, 1890

²¹⁹ "The Exposition Committee at Work," *St. Joseph Herald*, Oct. 1, 1891.

²²⁰ "The Irish-Americans," *St. Joseph Herald*, Oct. 13, 1891.

²²¹ *St. Joseph Herald*, Dec. 29, 1891; "To the Public," *St. Joseph Herald*, Jan. 2, 1892.

²²² Anna Mary Spiegelberg Rosenplaenter Dillard. (1855-March 25, 1900). Born in Louisville, KY. After Rosenplaenter's death, remarried to John Woodruff Dillard. Died in St. Louis, MO and is buried at Hillcrest Abbey.

²²³ Percy Leon Rosenplanter (Oct. 13, 1875-April 19, 1922). Born in Louisville, KY. and died in St. Louis, where he is buried.

²²⁴ Died at birth. Born in Louisville, KY and buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.

²²⁵ (1877-July 11, 1880), Born and died in Louisville, KY. Buried in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.



Irish-American Building, *St. Joseph Herald*, Oct. 18, 1891

Siemens and Arnhold

Webb Mellin Siemens (June 12, 1893- May 19, 1961). Born in St. Joseph. Buried in Oakland, CA

Ray Carl Arnhold (Dec. 25, 1892- June 3, 1959). Born in St. Joseph. Died in Wichita Falls, TX.

Webb Siemens and Ray Arnhold entered into the partnership creating Siemens and Arnhold in February 1920. The firm's offices were 303-04 in the Bartlett Building. Both men worked for Walter Boschen following service in World War I.²²⁶ In 1921, they oversaw a program of expansion and improvement at State Hospital #2.²²⁷ For the next three years, they undertook a large number of projects, designing both public and private buildings. The firm dissolved in November 1924. Siemens continued to practice in the firm's offices.²²⁸

Partial List of Works

Ehrlich & Sons building, Colorado and Lake Aves.
Salvation Army Barracks, 213 S. 5th St.

²²⁶ "Siemens & Arnhold New Architect Firm," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Feb. 29, 1920.

²²⁷ "Drawing Plans for Asylum Improvements," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Aug. 28, 1921; "New Building at No. 2," *St. Joseph News Press*, May 19, 1922; "Contract for \$78,983," *St. Joseph News Press*, June 20, 1922.

²²⁸ *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 29, 1924.

State Hospital #2 buildings
Ulrich Schneider Home, 2826 Lovers Lane
Country Club, Maryville, MO
Wesley Community House, Cherokee and Pryor



St. Joseph Gazette, May 7, 1922



St. Joseph Gazette, March 11, 1923

Webb M. Siemens



(June 12, 1893- May 19, 1961).

Webb Siemens was born in St. Joseph; his father Louis was a bookkeeper for the stockyards company. As a young man, he garnered notice for his artistic ability. In 1907, as a freshman at Central High School he won several awards; the *News Press* described him, “He is a handsome, manly lad, and with the proper training, he should develop enviable artistic ability.”²²⁹ He attended college at the University of Illinois in Champaign where he earned honors in the School of Architecture.²³⁰

Siemens served in the army during the First World War.²³¹ He enlisted as an engineer in 1917 and also served as a bayonet instructor while stationed in France.²³² He enlisted as a private and was quickly promoted to Lieutenant.²³³

When he returned from the war, he went to work for Walter Boschen, where he met Ray Arnhold. The two men created a partnership lasting from 1920-1924. Following the dissolution of Siemens and Arnhold in 1924 (see above), Webb Siemens continued to practice architecture in St. Joseph. His practice appears to have been largely civic structures.²³⁴ In 1946, he moved with his parents to California.²³⁵ He committed suicide, slashing his throat with a razor and hunting knife, on May 9, 1961, in Oakland, California. The apparent motive for the suicide was ill health.²³⁶

Partial List of Works

McDonald-Dugger-Duncan American Legion
Floyd School
Lincoln School
Lindburgh School
Rainbo bakery
Municipal baseball stadium

T.C. Smales

(c. 1845-Aug. 9, 1890)

An English immigrant, Thomas Chapman Smales, worked with Eckel and Mann before entering into his own architectural practice. He was naturalized on Feb. 12, 1887, in St. Joseph.²³⁷ According to his obituary, he was born in Whitby, England. He served in the

²²⁹ *St. Joseph News Press*, May 31, 1907.

²³⁰ “Webb Siemens Better,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Nov. 23, 1911; “Webb Siemens Makes Mark,” *St. Joseph News Press*, May 31, 1913.

²³¹ “Webb Siemens a Sergeant,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 27, 1917.

²³² “Is Safely Across,” *St. Joseph News Press*, April 19, 1918.

²³³ *St. Joseph News Press*, May 6, 1919.

²³⁴ “For Legion’s Home,” *St. Joseph News Press*, May 14, 1929; “More Progress in School Plans,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 18, 1938; “Building Schedule of Schools Drawn for Timely Start,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Dec. 5, 1938; “New Stadium Plans,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Jan. 24, 1939.

²³⁵ “Siemens Moving to California,” *St. Joseph News Press*, Oct. 30, 1946

²³⁶ “Oakland Man Dies after Slashing Self,” *Oakland Tribune*, May 21, 1961; “Webb Siemens, Architect, Dies,” *St. Joseph News Press*, May 28, 1961.

²³⁷ U.S Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Form N-35.

engineer corps of the British army before coming to the United States. He first came to Fremont, Minnesota where he purchased 1,000 acres intending to become a rancher. He served in the Minnesota legislature. He sold his farm and went into banking in Fremont but was not successful. He left Minnesota and went to St. Louis where he went to work in an architectural office.²³⁸

In 1873, the firm Smales & Hinds built a small one-story home on the corner of 6th and Renick.²³⁹

In partnership with Francis Boettner, he created the firm Boettner & Smales in 1883.²⁴⁰ He died unexpectedly on Aug. 9, 1890.

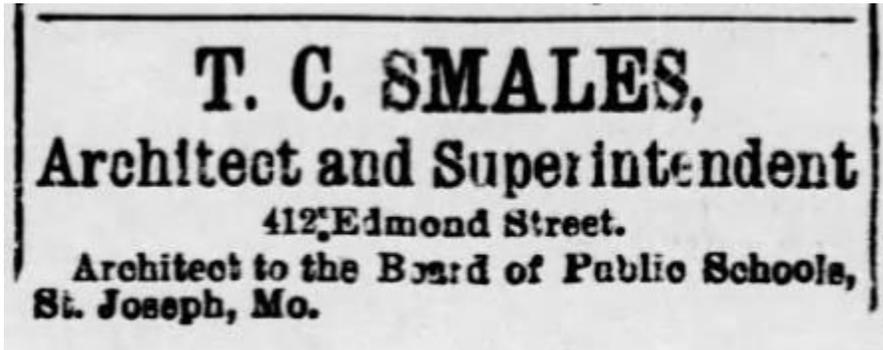
Partial List of Works

Frank Werst double tenement, 5th and Faraon

Public School, Grand Island, NE

Christian Brothers College, addition

John A. French building, Sylvania & 8th Sts.



St. Joseph Herald, July 31, 1889

Storm and Evans

James A. Storm (June 26, 1823-Jan. 17, 1883) James A. Storm led a remarkably varied life. Born in Emittsburg, Maryland; he moved to Baltimore in 1846 and opened an architectural practice. In 1850 he moved to Berkely Spring, Virginia where he was the guiding force in making that town a holiday destination. In 1857 he came to St. Joseph in order to draft the plans for the Pacific House hotel and the courthouse. Following the dissolution of Storm and Evans, he entered into a variety of businesses including manufacturing goods for people traveling west and creating the St. Joseph Planing Mill. He must have missed architecture as he went into partnership with W. Angelo Powell (see above), creating Storm and Powell. When that ended, he went into the produce business and in 1867 opened a business buying and selling game. He married Margaret Augustina Baumgardner (1825-1908) and had six children.²⁴¹

²³⁸ "T.C. Smales Dead," *St. Joseph News Press*, Aug. 9, 1890

²³⁹ *St. Joseph Gazette*, Jan. 1, 1873.

²⁴⁰ *St. Joseph Gazette*, June 5, 1883.

²⁴¹ "James A. Storm," *St. Joseph Gazette*, Jan. 18, 1883.

Col. John C. Evans (c.1828-) It is unclear what architectural training Col. John Evans possessed. He was born in Virginia. He married Mildred C. Ranson on April 12, 1860, in Buchanan County.²⁴² In 1877, he served as the secretary of the managers of the “State Lunatic Asylum No. 2.” In 1886 he was appointed postmaster of St. Joseph. It appears that he went bankrupt in 1889 as there was a sheriff’s sale of his goods. In the wake of the financial disaster he moved to Joplin, filing for divorce in 1892 on grounds of abandonment.²⁴³

The firm Storm and Evans dissolved in 1862.

Partial List of Works:

Lockwood and Pomeroy business house
St. Joseph Hotel, Francis St.

Storm and Powell

James A. Storm (see above)

Walter Angelo Powell (see above)

²⁴² He was her second husband, she had a son from her first marriage, James Ranson, who became a well-known actor.

²⁴³ “After Thirty Years,” *St. Joseph Herald*, Aug. 23, 1892.

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St. Joseph Herald, March 31, 1867

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Frank I Leyburn (see above)

J.W. Tate

The firm Tate and Leyburn was active for a short period between about 1889-1890. Despite undertaking a vigorous advertising campaign, there is little indication that they had much success.

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Wathena Weekly Gazette, Aug. 1, 1889

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Catholic Tribune, Jan. 18, 1890

Tyler and Allen

Essentially nothing is known about this firm, including the identities of Mr. Tyler and Mr. Allen, except they had a letter that needed to be picked up at the post office in December 1859.

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Thomas, C E		

The Weekly West, Dec. 17, 1859

H.A. Wagenknecht

(June 4, 1887-July 20, 1973)

Harry E. Wagenknecht was one of those figures who was more of a builder than an architect. He was born in Missouri. According to the 1910 census he was living with his in-laws and working as an electrician for the electric company. In the 1930 census, he listed himself as an architect. In 1935 he was employed as a construction engineer.²⁴⁴ By 1940 he is living in Ft. Worth, Texas and making his living as a building contractor. He died in San Bernadino, California.

²⁴⁴ *St. Joseph News Press*, Aug. 19, 1935.

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