

1. NAME
HISTORIC Christian Sachau Saloon
AND/OR COMMON American-Gertsch Glass, Inc.

2. LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER 1613-1615 Frederick Avenue
CITY, TOWN St. Joseph **VICINITY OF**
STATE Missouri **code** 29 **COUNTY** Buchanan **code** 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME Emil Gertsch, if. est., John Gertsch
STREET & NUMBER 1613 Frederick
CITY, TOWN St. Joseph **VICINITY OF** **STATE** Missouri

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 Buchanan County Records Office
 County Courthouse
 St. Joseph, Missouri

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Missouri State Historical Survey, 1981
DETERMINED ELIGIBLE? YES NO
FEDERAL **STATE** **COUNTY**

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 This large two-story brick commercial building is distinguished by elaborate cast-metal ornamentation on the primary facade. The unique central entranceway features a round arched door opening framed by cast metal pilasters and topped by an ornamental entablature and small pediment. The entablature extends as a belt course dividing the lower and upper facade. Brick pilasters on the upper facade connect the entablature with a highly decorative cornice. Cornice details are repeated in the elaborate headers over the second-story windows. In spite of peeling paint on the cast metal elements and a small amount of new brick at the base of the facade, this building retains to an impressive degree its original (1889) character.

(See Photograph #24.)

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE - CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social /
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

SPECIFIC DATES 1889 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (IN ONE PARAGRAPH)

The American-Gertsch Glass, Inc. Building (Christian Sachaw Saloon) is significant according to the criteria under definitions A and C, to wit: it is associated with the boom years of St. Joseph's economy between the 1870's and the Great Depression, and it is an especially fine example of a nineteenth-century commercial building with cast-metal ornamentation on the primary facade. The building was constructed by Christian Sachaw, who operated a saloon in the east section of the building and lived upstairs. In the early years of the 20th century, Fannie Cliff who was also a German teacher, operated a feed store in the west section of the building. The Gertsch firm has occupied the building since the First World War. The building remains as a monument to the heyday of Frederick Avenue as a well-traveled thoroughfare, lined with livery tables, shops, and saloons. Architecturally, the building is significant for its wonderful decorative elements, including the bracketed cast-metal cornice decorative window leaders, cast-metal pilasters, entablature, and pediment above the front door.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Hoye's Annual City Directories, 1883-1896.
- R. L. Polk's City Directories, 1908-1924 and 1926.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY * **QUADRANGLE NAME** St. Joseph North **SCALE**

UTM REFERENCES *less than one acre

A	1 5	3 4 2 3 5 10	4 4 0 3 8 19 10	B					
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C				D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION A tract 42'6" wide bounded by Dandurant tract on the west, on the north by Burri tract, on the east by Muchenberger tract, and on the south by the north line of Frederick Avenue.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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 Preservation Department of Natural Resources

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF FREDERICK AVENUE
(Partial Inventory)
American-Gertsch Glass Company
1613-1615 Frederick
St. Joseph (Buchanan County), Missouri

Photographer: Bonnie Wright
Date: April 21, 1985
Neg. Loc.: Dept. of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
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View of primary facade; looking north.

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25% COTTON CONTENT

