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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Bolduc (Louis) House

AND/OR COMMON
Bolduc (Louis) House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
123 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Ste. Genevieve VICINITY OF Ste. Genevieve

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

010 (Tenth)

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"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri

STREET & NUMBER
Linden House, South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Ste. Genevieve VICINITY OF STATE Missouri

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Third and Market Streets

CITY, TOWN Ste. Genevieve STATE Missouri

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE
1936 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Library of Congress/Annex, Prints and Photographs Division

CITY, TOWN Washington STATE D.C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The restored Bolduc House is a large one-story rectangular frame building measuring 48 by 82 feet. It consists of two large rooms, each 26 by 27 feet, separated by a central hall; and these are completely surrounded by a wide galerie or veranda, the northwestern corner of which was walled in about 1820, to serve as a kitchen. The main block of the house is covered with a high, hipped roof, and spreading around it on all four sides is a low-pitched roof covering the galerie, the latter roof being supported by thin wooden posts. The main roof is supported by a series of heavy hewn, Norman oak trusses. The walls of the house are constructed of oak timbers set upright on a sill resting on a **stone** foundation. The great hewn wall posts are set about six inches apart and the interstices are filled with a nogging of clay and straw. The walls are also whitewashed and plastered. The ceilings are beamed so that the loft could be used for the storage of heavy items such as corn and lead.

By 1949 the original roof had been altered: gables had been substituted in order to introduce window light to the loft space and the structure was also covered with a tin roof. These alterations have been removed and the present windows, glass, doors, and shutters are reconstructions.

In the rear of the house stands a small reconstructed stone building, a replica of the original kitchen. The dwelling, garden, orchard, and other buildings are enclosed within a reconstructed eight-foot high stockade, constructed of cedar logs, which served to protect the 18th century inhabitants against Indian attacks. The Bolduc House is maintained in excellent condition and is open to visitors as an historic house exhibit.

8 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1785

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bolduc House, erected about 1785, is an excellent and little-altered example of a French Colonial house of poteaux-sur-sole (posts on the sill, with stone foundation) construction, with bouzillage (clay and grass) wall filling.

History

Louis Bolduc was born in Canada in 1734. Moving to Ste. Genevieve, he became a prosperous lead miner, merchant, and planter, as well as a leading figure of the French village. The present house was constructed for Bolduc at some date between 1785 and 1790 and served as his residence until his death in 1815. The structure remained in possession of the Bolduc family until the 1940's. In 1949 the dilapidated dwelling was acquired by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America as a gift to the Missouri society. The house was restored to its 18th century appearance in 1956-57, under the supervision of the architectural historian, Dr. Ernest Allen Connally.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	75,875,0	4,20,850,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Louis Bolduc House boundary is defined by the cedar stockade fence which completely encloses the Bolduc House and its outbuildings. The property faces east on South Main Street, south of Market Street in Ste. Genevieve.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen Lissandrello, Historian, Landmark Review Project

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey, National Park Service

DATE

4/7/74

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street NW

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Washington,

STATE

D.C. 20240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 496), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

(LAST NAME FIRST)

LOCAL Landmark

Designated by NPS on 4/15/74

Boundary Certified

Steph Lissandrello

DATE: 2/15/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

2/15/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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