

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Beckett, William S. and Mary, House  
other names/site number 0-30

**2. Location**

street & number 821 Third Street N/A not for publication  
city, town Boonville N/A vicinity  
state Missouri code MO county Cooper code 053 zip code 65233

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Boonville, Mo.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

G. Tracy Mehan III  
Signature of certifying official: G. Tracy Mehan III, Director  
Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau  
Date: 3 August 85

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**5. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Domestic: single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Domestic: single dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Terra Cotta

Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**WILLIAM S. AND MARY BECKETT HOUSE**

**SUMMARY:** Located at 821 Third Street, Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri, the William S. Beckett House is an essentially unaltered example of a late Queen Anne style house. The brick, two-and-one-half story, single family dwelling displays many of the most common features of this architectural style, such as complex, steep hip and lower cross gable roofs and projecting bays. Despite minor alterations, the Beckett House retains sufficient physical characteristics to convey integrity of workmanship, design, and materials, in addition to its integrity of location and setting.

**ELABORATION:** The facade, or east-northeast elevation, is dominated by a projecting cross gable. Variation in texture is provided by imbricated shingles set in the gable end. A small, one-over-one double hung window is centered in the gable end. Corner brackets decorate the gable overhangs, and cutaway bay windows disrupt the flat wall surface. A single, one-over-one, double hung sash is set in each plane of the projecting bay on each level. Arched brick hood molds surmount each window on this gable and the remainder of the facade.

Decorative, terra-cotta panels which feature a six-pointed star-like design are set beneath the sills of windows parallel to the facade and on the southwest plane of the projecting cross gable. The northern half of the facade is divided into two symmetrical bays on each level. The entry level, southernmost bay is a door with transom, while the northernmost bay and the two second floor bays contain identical one-over-one, double hung windows. A hipped porch with pedimented entry and turned posts shelters the first floor bays and extends from the projecting cross gable to the northern edge of the facade. Imbricated shingles fill the gable of the pediment. The porch is sheathed with composition shingles, but the wooden flooring has been replaced with a concrete slab. A frieze which originally decorated the porch was removed due to deterioration.

The fenestration of the original two story section of the north-northwest elevation is asymmetrical. Two one-over-one, double hung windows are set in the western end of the elevation on the first floor, while a window in the center of the elevation is raised to provide illumination for an interior stair

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landing. On the second story a single identical window is located to the west of the center of the elevation. Soldier course, arched brick lintels crown each window on this elevation.

A brick, single story ell projects from the rear, or west-southwest, elevation. A brick, shed roofed addition is one of the few alterations to the Beckett House. Attached to the north-northwest elevation of the ell the addition projects several feet beyond the north-northwest elevation of the original house and is, therefore, visible when viewing the facade. The addition rests on a foundation of rusticated stone blocks, unlike the remainder of the house, which has a brick foundation. A single, one-over-one, double hung window with no lintel is set in the north-northwest wall of the addition. Two small, one-over-one, double hung windows are paired under a double rowlock, arched lintel in the center of the ell's gable. A porch which originally extended along the south-southeast elevation of the ell and rested on brick piers has been enclosed with board-and-batten wood siding. A triple hung sash is fixed in the west-southwest wall, while a door provides access in the south-southeast elevation of the enclosed porch. Entrance to the cellar is gained beneath the porch. A single, one-over-one, double hung window with arched soldier course lintel is set in the second floor on each side of the rear ell. Two chimneys pierce the roof of the rear elevation.

The remainder of the south-southeast elevation is distinguished by a second projecting cross gable identical to the gable on the facade. The only noticeable difference is the location of a decorative terra-cotta panel under every window. The remainder of the elevation is unbroken by bays. A single chimney rises from the roof to the east of the gable.

Alterations to the interior of the Beckett House have been minimal. Interior woodwork and trim are intact and have been restored. Ceiling height is unchanged. The only significant interior alterations are a modernized kitchen, enclosed rear porch, and utility room addition on the rear elevation.

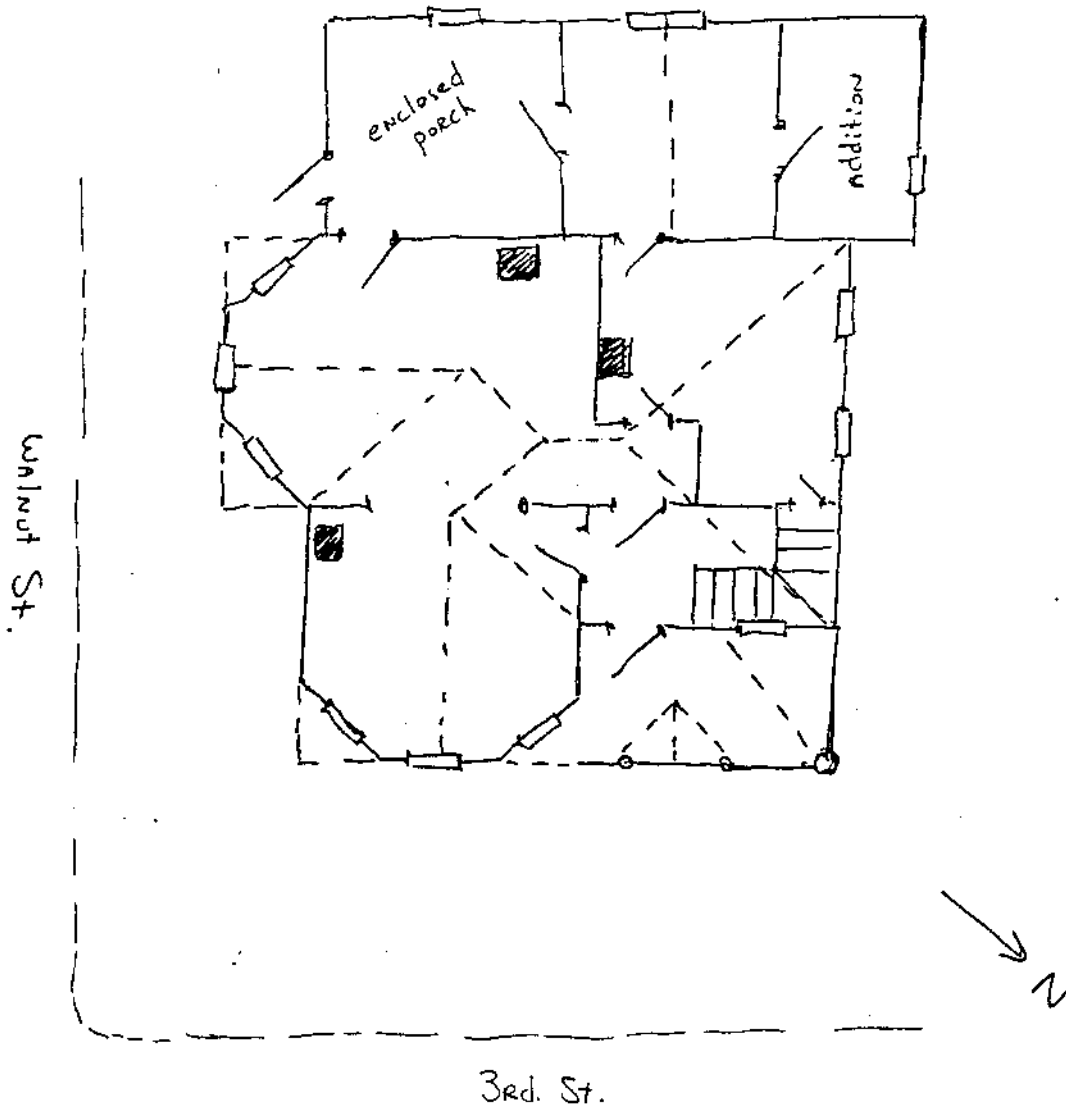
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Beckett House  
821 3rd. St.  
Boonville, Cooper Co.



**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1903

Significant Dates

1903

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SUMMARY: The William S. and Mary Beckett House, 821 Third Street, is significant under Criterion C in the area of ARCHITECTURE as a virtually unaltered example of the Queen Anne architectural style (see "Historic Resources of Boonville, Missouri: Additional Architectural Contexts--Queen Anne Residences"). Its elaborate massing, projecting wings and bays, complex hip roof with lower cross gables, and textural variation represent most of the distinctive elements of the style.

ELABORATION: William S. and Mary Beckett, who operated a grocery business in Boonville, constructed their house in 1903. Small town merchants, the Becketts adopted the prevalent Queen Anne style for their residence and employed most of the standard features which were distinctive to the style. The Becketts resided in the house until 1917, which has remained a single family dwelling until the present.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Cooper County Directory. 1912-1913.

Johnson, W. F. History of Cooper County. 2 vols. Topeka: Historical Publishing Company, 1919; reprint ed., Fort Worth: VKM Publishing Company, 1978.

Melton, E.J. Melton's History of Cooper County, Missouri. Columbia: E.W. Stephens Publishing Company, 1937.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

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4	3	1	3	1	6	0
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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property lies within the east 1/2 Lot #3 of the Smith and Davis Addition in the city of Boonville, Missouri.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the single parcel of land that is occupied by the property and its immediate surroundings. The legally recorded lot lines that have been historically associated with the property retain integrity and form the limits of the boundary.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Preservation Planning Section  
organization Missouri Historic Preservation Program date May 5, 1989  
street & number P. O. Box 176 telephone 314-751-5365  
city or town Jefferson City state Missouri zip code 65102

**Photo Log:**

Name of Property: **Beckett, William and Mary, House**

City or Vicinity: **Boonville**

County: **Cooper County** State: **MO**

Photographer: **S. Mitchell**

Date

Photographed: **December 1988**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 5. View from E
- 2 of 5. View from SE
- 3 of 5. View from SW
- 4 of 5. View from NW
- 5 of 5. Detail of window, view from SE









