

Missouri's Most Endangered Historic Places List Announced!

Hannibal, MO-Missouri Preservation announced its Most Endangered Places List for 2009 on May 19, 2009. In observance of National Preservation Month, the slate of endangered sites was unveiled at a Missouri Preservation Press Conference held on Tuesday at the Pilaster House, also known as Dr. Grant's Drug Store, in Hannibal, Missouri, which is on the 2009 List of Most Endangered Historic Places. The Most Endangered Historic Places List, one of Missouri Preservation's most visible programs, brings much needed attention to the state's most threatened historic resources throughout the state. Modeled after the highly successful program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Most Endangered Program annually spotlights historic resources that are "at risk." Each year Missouri Preservation solicits nominations from around Missouri, evaluates the merits of the submissions, and announces the "Most Endangered." During the year, Missouri Preservation provides technical assistance, advocacy, and planning support for the listed properties.

Five listings were held over from the 2008 list because they are still considered endangered and continue to need support to save them from destruction or deterioration. Four properties are new to the 2009 list.

The 2009 List of Missouri's Most Endangered Historic Properties is as follows:

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| 1. James Collier Marshall Home (<i>Fairfax</i>) | St. Louis County |
| 2. African-American Schools Across Missouri
(Banneker School in Platte County)
(Lincoln School of Vandalia/Audrain County) | Statewide |
| 3. Wheatley-Provident Hospital | Jackson County |
| 4. MKT Bridge in Boonville | Cooper/Howard County |
| 5. Clark County Courthouse is an example of
Courthouses Across Missouri | |
| 6. St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad Depot | Madison County |
| 7. Lexington Memorial Auditorium | Lafayette County |
| 8. Pierce City R-VI Middle School | Lawrence County |
| 9. Grant's Drug Store (Pilaster House) | Marion County |

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