

James, Jesse, House
12th Street and Mitchell Avenue
St. Joseph
Buchanan County
Missouri

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JESSE JAMES HOUSE

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- Location: 12th Street and Mitchell Avenue, St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri
- Significance: The outlaw Jesse James was killed in this house in 1882. At the time he was living here with his wife and two children.
- Description: The house is a wooden structure with clapboard siding. The front elevation contains two windows surrounding a central doorway. Above the doorway is a round-topped window.
- History: The structure has been moved several times. Originally it stood about two blocks from its present location, at 1318 Lafayette Street. In 1939 it was moved to the Belt Highway as a tourist attraction. In 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keatley purchased and donated the house to the Pony Express Historical Association. The house was then moved to its present location, near the former Patee House Hotel. Currently it is open for tours.
- Source: Pamphlet published by the Pony Express Historical Association, St. Joseph, Missouri. No date.
- Historian: Robert Buerglener, HABS, August, 1988.