

Schuster, Adam N., House
703 Hall Street
St. Joseph
Buchanan County
Missouri

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Location: 703 Hall Street, St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri

Significance: The Schuster House has significance locally not only because of the people associated with the house, but also because the house is one of a group of "substantial" houses built at the end of the nineteenth century by St. Joseph's successful merchants. It displays much of the decorative exuberance associated with these houses.

Description: Basically a square box in form, the structure nonetheless contains elaborate surface decorations. The front elevation contains a central entrance porch flanked by symmetrical three-window bays, which extend the full two stories of the house. Highly articulated window surrounds and a detailed freize add to the surface complexity of the house. Wrought-iron railings run around the top edge of the low-pitched Mansard roof, as well as on top of a cupola which rests on top of the house.

History: Built in 1881; Architect, E. J. Eckel. Builders: Stigers and Boettner. Original owner was Adam N. Schuster, a wholesaler of men's clothing and banker. In 1894, W.W. Wheeler acquired the house, and lived in it until his death, at which time his daughter continued occupancy. About 1969 Reuel A. Farber bought the house. In 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rader purchased the house and opened it for tours and as a bed and breakfast hotel.

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