

# **Captain Grant Home in St. Louis Plaque Investigation**

**December 29, 2019**

**I came across the following reference to a possible plaque honoring our great General US Grant in the described magazine and decided there was a need to investigate to see if it still existed.**

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**At Fourth and Cerre streets there is a tablet marking the house where General (then Captain) Ulysses S. Grant and Miss Julia Dent were married on August 22, 1848.**

**I went to the location indicated, which is south east of the rear of the Eugene Field House on Broadway at Cerre. The original address was 702 Fourth St. The area is now parking lots on three sides of the intersection and a vacant lot on the southwest corner which serves as the parking lot for a restaurant on Broadway at Cerre and is the former location of the house. After checking the area, I determined that the plaque described is now missing. Possibly removed during World War II for metal, but more likely removed when the house was torn down after Emma Gundlach's death in 1943.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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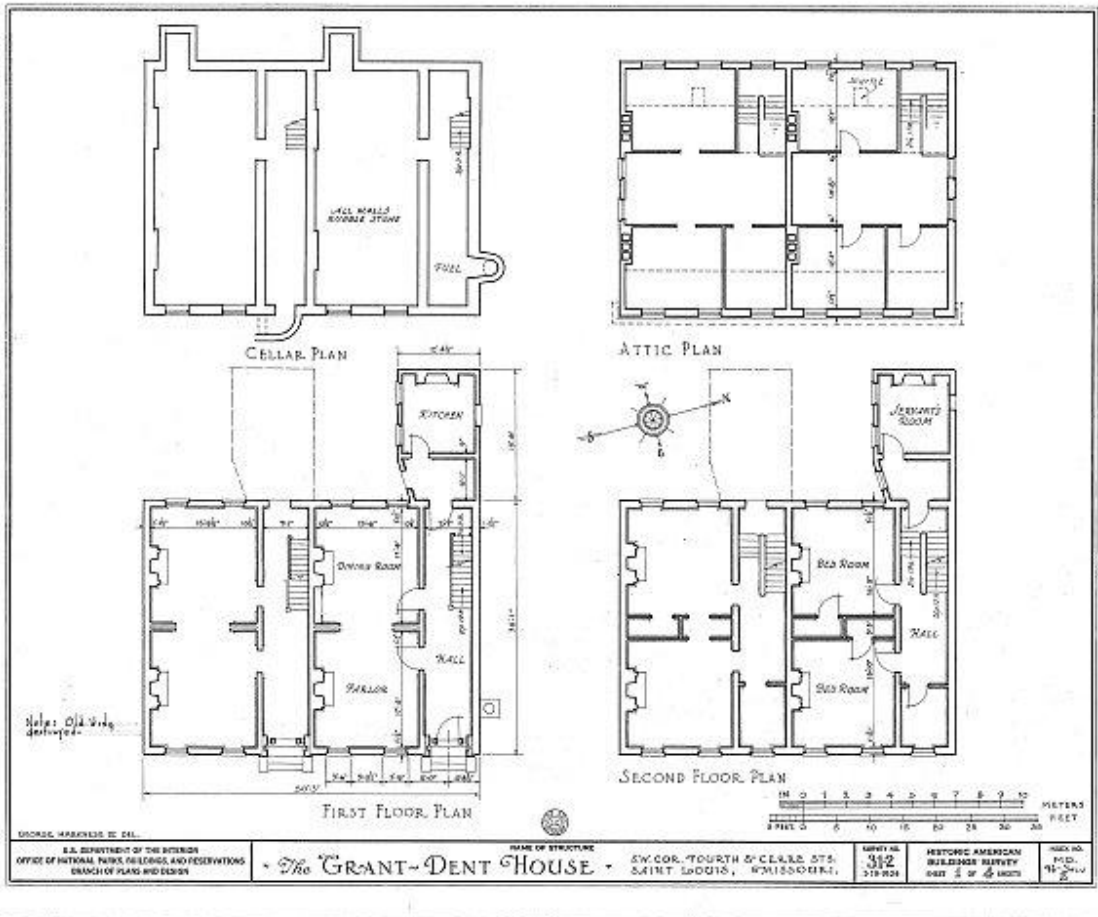
**Original building, Alexander Piaget, Photographer, April 10, 1934 VIEW FROM NORTHEAST**



**Lester Jones, Photographer March 20. 1940 VIEW FROM  
NORTHEAST**

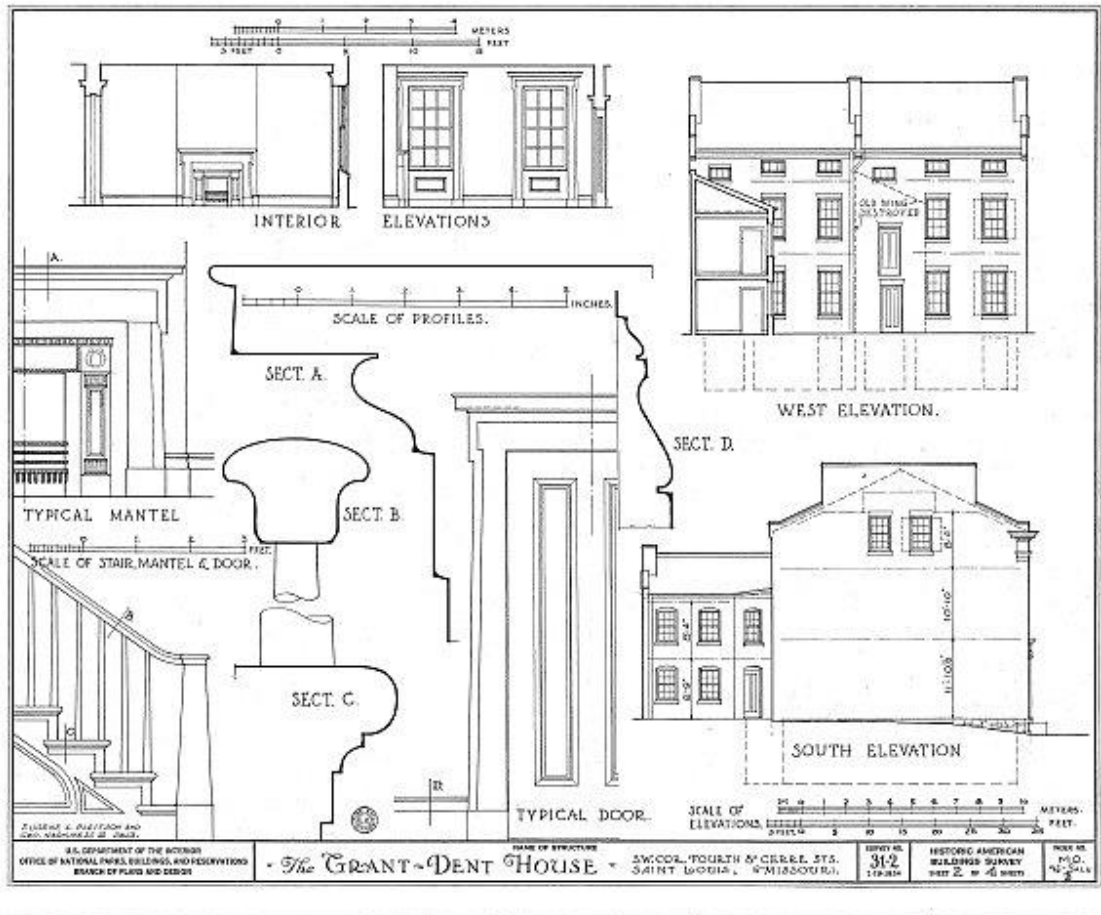


**SIDE AND FRONT**



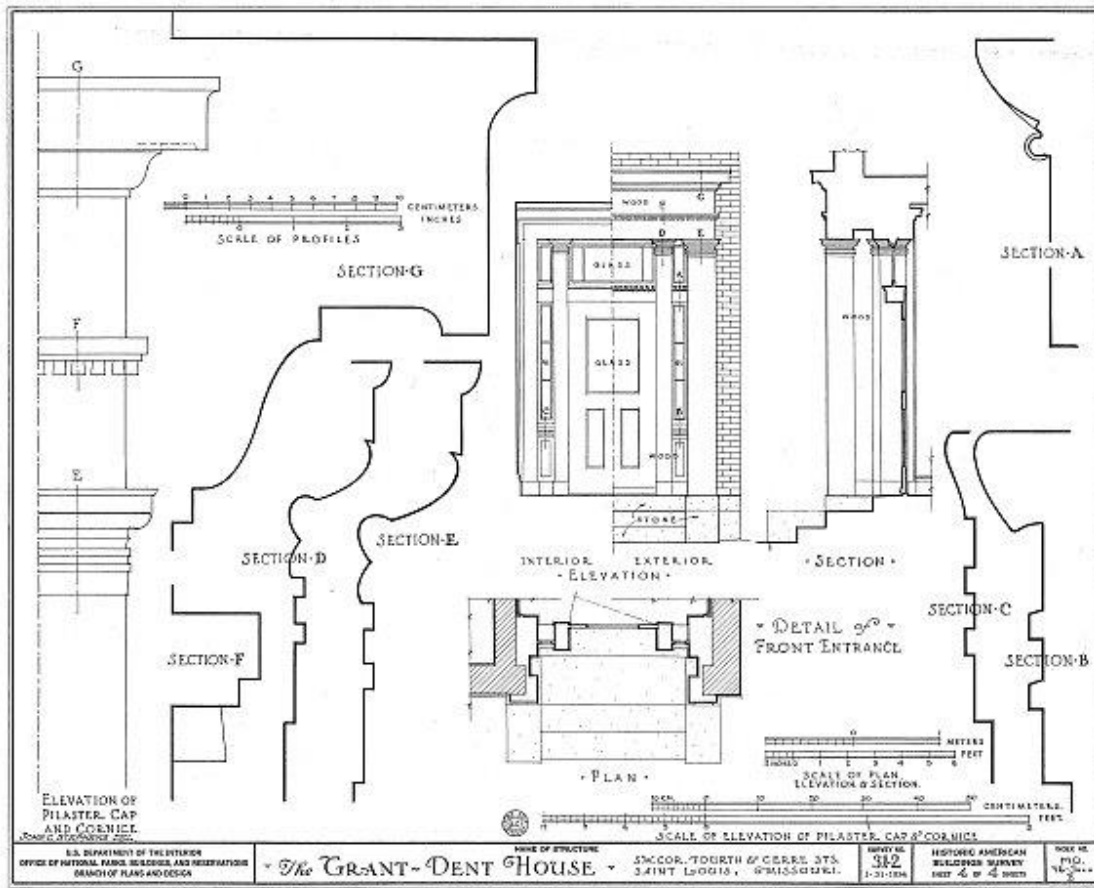
**HABS MO,96-SALU,2- (sheet 1 of 4) - Grant-Dent House,  
702 Fourth & Cerre Streets, Saint Louis, Independent City,  
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## HABS MO,96-SALU,2- (sheet 4 of 4) -

This house shown was built in 1845 as the town house of Colonel Frederick Dent. Later owned by the St. Louis Board of Education, it was auctioned off on September 28, 1916. John H. Gundlach (1861-1926) bought the property for \$4,400, intending to have it preserved and turned into a museum. But when Gundlach died, so did his dream. Torn down (probably after his wife, Emma's, death in 1943, it now serves as a parking lot for BB's Jazz Blues & Soups. [Editor: great blues and brews on most nights].