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The National-Scott's Hotel
S. W. corner of Third and Market Sts.
St. Louis, Mo.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Eugene L. Pleitsch, District Officer
1532 Arcade Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

NATIONAL-SCOTT'S HOTEL

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Physical Data

Present owner: Mrs. Elsa Ida Turck.

Present occupant and use: Lodging house, four stores below.

Description (present condition)

Wall construction: Brick

Size and form: 60' x 79'6"

Number stories: Five stories and basement.

Exterior openings, windows: Double hung, various sizes, 12 to 24 light. A large lunette window in west wall is supposed to have been used in two former buildings on the site.

Exterior openings, doors: Various, 2 and 6-panel.

Cornice: Brick.

Roofing: Roll roofing over original slate.

Chimneys: 8 brick.

Interior

Floors: Pine, random width.

Doors: 2 vertical panel and 6-panel with transoms.

Trim: Moulded and mitered - one door with corner block trim.

Mantels: Wood, Greek mouldings, Doric colonnettes at second floor.

Stairways: Wood, tapered, turned spindles, maple handrail.

Plasterwork: No special.

Additions and alterations: South porch and balcony removed, some partitions changed, store fronts replaced, fire escape added, several additions to the south.

Outbuildings: None.

Approved:

Eugene L. Pleitner

District Officer

F. Ray Leimkuehler

F. Ray Leimkuehler, September 16, 1940.

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HISTORICAL DATA.

This building was put up in 1847 by the Ann Mullanphy Biddle Estate, Louis G. Picot, Administrator, replacing an earlier hotel building. The office of George I. Barnett, Architect, was probably the designer and builder.

The land on which the hotel stands was first granted by Commandant St. Ange, July 18, 1769, to Jacques Denis, a joiner, who built here a palisadoed house.

A brick meeting house was built on the ground in 1818 by the Baptist Church. In 1832 what remained of this church was combined with Robert Patton's brick house on the south and opened as the National Hotel by Thornton Grimsley. For a decade this was perhaps the most important hotel in St. Louis. The first hotel was torn down in 1847.

The present building opened as the New National or Scott's Hotel on September 1, 1847. Abraham Lincoln and family registered here the same year.

Subsequent names assigned to this hotel were "United States Hotel", "Germania House", "Atlantic Hotel", "St. Clair Hotel" and "Rice House".

Sources: Transcriptions in the collection of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.



Charles E. Peterson, September 14, 1940.