

Evarts Graham House, 18 Jamestown Acres, Jamestown vic., 1940-1942, Harris Armstrong



This house was designed by Harris Armstrong, long considered the dean of modern architects in St. Louis. He came to prominence with the designs for the office for orthodontist Leo Shanley in Clayton and the residence for Carl and Gerti Cori in Glendale.

Dr. Evarts A. Graham was one of the most respected and honored physicians in St. Louis History. Professor of Surgery at Washington University from 1919 to 1951 and surgeon in chief of Barnes Hospital, he was called the dean of American surgery. During World War I he served as a major in the Medical Corps. He is known for the test he developed for gall bladder disease and for being the first to remove an entire lung in 1933. After retiring Dr. Graham concentrated his research on the relationship between cigarette smoke and lung cancer, until he died in 1957 of lung cancer himself.

Mrs. Graham, the former Helen Treadway, was an associate professor of pharmacology at Washington University. She became a specialist in histamine and its relation to allergies after receiving her PhD from the University of Chicago. Mrs. Graham continued to live in the house until 1968 when she moved to South Kingshighway.

“Fercrest” (Francis Mesker House), 6 Portage R., Jamestown, 1935, Study & Farrar



The Francis Mesker House, called “Fercrest,” is an experiment in cast iron by specialists in the sheet metal field. Francis Mesker acquired property to build the house in 1935. He was the son of Frank Mesker, who, with his brothers, founded the Mesker

Brothers Iron Company in 1879. Francis, and M.I.T. graduate, joined the firm and became its vice president. The house was specially built by Mesker Brothers.

Portage Road is a private development organized in 1931 by a group of prominent St. Louisans. The house was designed by the architectural firm of Study & Farrar. The estate has extensively designed landscaping to take advantage of the dramatic view provided by the Missouri River Bluffs.

Meyer-Lindemann-Kahre House, 6700 Robbison Mill Rd., Jamestown, 1857



This is a rectangular steeply gabled house with a full porch across the front. Two narrow dormers to the front suggest a French Colonial Tradition. The building is virtually original and unspoiled, providing an excellent example of the type of building during this period.

Tunstall-Douglass House, 15310 Old Halls Ferry Rd., Jamestown, c. 1855 (demolished)



This characteristic Missouri houses was constructed around 1855 in the Federal/Greek revival style. The ground on which the house stands was originally granted to David Brown's representatives. Daniel Brown and his wife Mary sold it in 1819 to four of the five sons of pioneer settler John Patterson. They divided the 400 arpents among them. The property was subsequently sold to Isaac H. Sturgeon acting as a trustee for Elizabeth B. Tunstall. The Tustalls sold the property to Nicholas B. Douglass in 1858.