

Augustine Farm, 317 Augustine Rd., Eureka, c. 1865



This home was built by Captain Edward Augustine, a contractor and County Supervisor of Registration during the late 1860s. Augustine was granted a contract to build a new poorhouse near Eureka. Joseph Pulitzer, Representative in the Legislative sessions of 1870-71 and later owner of the Post Dispatch worked to unseat the St. Louis County court due to its connection with the poorhouse building contract. There was a heated argument between the two men, resulting in Augustine being shot in the leg and Pulitzer hit over the head. This event helped lead to the revision of the State Constitution in 1875 making the separation between St. Louis City and St. Louis County possible. After Augustine's death the property passed to his wife, and in the 1980s Thomas Winter donated the house to the Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project, Inc. The farmhouse is a two story in the Federal style and included a school, smokehouse and icehouse on the property, which were added by the late 1870s. The stones used to build the house were quarried on site south of the home.

Deep Springs Farm (Ramada Inn at Six Flags), 4901 Allenton Six Flags Rd., Eureka, c. 1875



The Ramada Inn Six Flags incorporates two stone barns which were remnants of the old county farm established in 1870. The construction of the farm was controversial and was one of the causes that led to the separation of St. Louis City and County in 1876. The ground was originally assembled by William M. McPherson (1813-1872), who succeeded Thomas Allen as president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, headed Bellefontaine Cemetery, and financed the Eads Bridge. The property was sold to Adolph Ehlert who in turn sold it to St. Louis County in 1870. Building of the county poor farm

began, but ceased after the foundation and first floors had been built. The property was sold to Charles W. Crowley in 1894 and bestowed the name “Deep Springs Farm.” He continued the construction of the unfinished barns. Then in 1980 the Eckelamp family built the present Ramada Inn on the property and incorporates the stone walls of the two 19th century barns into the building.