

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission

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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

*Revised*** MEETING DATES FOR 1997

MEETING January 15, 1997* **CANCELLED**

February 19, 1997

March 5, 1997**

April 2, 1997**

May 7, 1997**

June 4, 1997**

July 2, 1997**

August 6, 1997**

September 3, 1997**

October 1, 1997**

November 5, 1997**

December 3, 1997**

Meetings of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room of Annex Building "A" of the McHenry County Government Center, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois unless otherwise noticed.

* Joint County and Municipal Historic Preservation Commission meeting Room B-170



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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FY 96-97 ANNUAL REPORT

Development in McHenry County continues. Rural subdivisions and land expansion by municipalities hold the potential for continued loss of structures and landscapes. In light of development trends, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is committed to creating a balanced perspective for the County, to help preserve that which is best and to support a county-wide coordinated effort to identify and protect valuable sites and structures before development encroaches upon them.

I. Cases Reviewed

In fiscal year 1996-97 the Commission reviewed no Certificates of Appropriateness and no Certificates of Economic Hardship.

II. Designations (See Appendix A.)

In fiscal year 1996-97 the Commission held three (3) public hearings for local landmark designations:

- **#HP 97-01: *The House of Seven Gables* (Rudolphus Hutchinson House)**, was formally designated a local McHenry County landmark on March 18, 1997 by a unanimous vote of the County Board. The *house*, built somewhere between 1838 and 1840 in the Greek Revival style of architecture, has whimsical touches of Victorian influence demonstrated through its lofty peaks and curved gothic windows. Highlighting a steeply-sloped roof are seven different, lavishly ornate gables whose finials depict signs of the zodiac which represent the sun, the moon, the universe, the stars, prosperity, health and love.

Along with the main house, there are also three outbuildings that magnify the historical significance of the property. A *carriage house*, which pre-dates the main building, still has its original wood burning stove. A *smoke house*, used for the curing and cooking of meats in pre-refrigeration times, is constructed of native stone and cement. The *barn's* design is of Germanic origin. It has large

notched timbers believed to have been rafted down from Wisconsin before the railroad (1860) era.

The property is located on Route 14 between Harvard's city limits and the Wisconsin border and was designated on the request of its owners, David and Susan Netherton.

- **#HP 97-02:** On May 20, 1997, the McHenry County Board unanimously voted to designate another local landmark, ***The William P. Walkup House***. The site dates back to 1835 and is part of the original "Virginia Settlement," a land grant to Christopher Walkup, who purchased a thousand acres under the U.S. Government's Homestead Act. Christopher brought his wife (Sabrina Beard) and children (William P. is the fourth of six Walkup offspring) to Dorr Township in 1836 from Virginia. The first frame house, which stood just beyond the present carriage house, was completed two years later and served as the area's earliest post office, as well as a stagecoach stop on the Lake Geneva run, a temperance inn, and a Presbyterian Church.

According to the *History of McHenry County*, the 128-year old Victorian homestead was completed in 1869. Beautifully designed in the Italianate style, it is located where it is easily seen and recognized, at the intersection of McConnell and County Club Roads. In 1985, Robert and Sandra Bahls became the ninth owners of the property. Modifications made to the house over the years were removed, and the original floor plan was reinstated. The exterior ornamental woodwork and the porch framework were replaced with historical accuracy and the interior ornamental plaster was restored. The massive double front doors and main staircase are original. Many other architectural details also remain intact.

The 6.44 acre parcel contains the above described 22-room house, a carriage house, a post and beam barn, and an open air summer house.

- **#HP 97-03:** At the September County Board meeting, members unanimously voted for the third time in 1997 to designate another local landmark, the ***Ostend Cemetery*** which is located on Route 120 just west of the City of McHenry. The foundation and history of the Ostend community (named after a town in Holland) is aptly represented by this little cemetery. Originally called the Thompson Burying Ground, the cemetery links the past to the surrounding countryside. The small quiet area is tucked away among entwined bushes and trees of native origin which lend dignity to the huddled markers and calm to the resting interments. Today it represents a union with the past, a testimony to a pioneering generation.

In 1842, Apollos Thompson, a descendent of John Thompson of the old Plymouth colony in Massachusetts traveled to McHenry Township and paid four hundred dollars for 320 acres of prime farmland. He hurried back to Ohio and brought his family back to their new homestead. Six short weeks after their arrival his wife, Lucinda, passed away. Being a religious man, Apollos set aside an acre of his recently purchased land so that his wife could be entombed nearby. Later the area was consecrated and made a community cemetery, dedicated to neighborhood usage.

In 1879 the name was changed to the Ostend Cemetery, to reflect its community ties with the Ostend school, post office and stagecoach stop. Markers indicate interments of departed members of nearly every early neighborhood family. These days only the cemetery, the first of the community's centers to come into being, remains as a reminder of an earlier generation, a generation rich with courage and dedication that handed down a priceless legacy of life and opportunity to those who were to live thereafter.

During this fiscal year an application for a property, the Stilling House, located on the Fox River in McHenry Township, was submitted by its owners for landmark consideration. After careful review the Commission voted against nominating this structure because extensive modern modifications had altered the historical integrity of the property.

At the present time there two pending designations, the Philibin Home on Pistakee Lake and the Huemann Farm. Due to family illness the owners of the Philibin Home have deferred the nomination process to later in 1998. The research for the Huemann Farm has been completed and the Commission is waiting to hear from the property owner.

III. Survey

The Survey Committee is comprised of Chairperson Jim Keefe, Tony Howard, Nancy Welch, Jennifer Iftner and Mark Balasi, an architect who joined the Commission in March. In addition to a very busy year for the Commission, Survey Committee Chairman, Jim Keefe ventured into the realm of public speaking representing the Commission at various civic meetings.

During FY 1996-97, the Committee researched seven properties, three were plaqued, two are pending, one was annexed by the City of McHenry, and one was found not to be worthy of additional consideration.

In April, at the request of the home owners, a very quiet plaqueing ceremony was held, officially designating the William P. Walkup House in Dorr Township. In June, on a hot Sunday afternoon, the Rudolphus Hutchinson House (House of Seven Gables) was landmarked during a program that included a visit from the original owner's great-granddaughter. And in October, the Commission designated another local landmark, the Ostend Cemetery. Once again Commission members did an outstanding job planning activities and speeches related to the history of the Ostend area.

IV. National Register

In fiscal year 1996-97 no National Register nominations were considered by the Commission. No National Register nominations are pending with the Commission.

V. Monitoring

The Commission did not review nor identify any cases of alteration/demolition's to National Register or Illinois Register properties in McHenry County.

VI. Activities

One of the most significant activities organized during the year was a county-wide Preservation Summit co-sponsored by the Commission and the McHenry County Historical Society. (See Appendix C.) The first meeting, scheduled for January and featuring guest speaker, Amy Slocombe, from the Illinois State Preservation Agency, was postponed due a heavy snow fall. Thankfully weather prevailed and in February the first of two meetings was held at the Government Center in Woodstock. A roster of county/municipal preservation commissions and historical groups with contact names was compiled in order to promote increased communication. In September this joint group met at the Historical Society in Union to orchestrate county-wide preservation efforts. Because of positive feedback, this group decided to continue this interaction with bi-annual meetings in 1998.

In last year's annual report, the Powers-Walker House, located on McHenry County Conservation District property, was mentioned because of threatened demolition. Due to substantial input from the Commission, MCCD formed a study group, hired an architect and decided not to tear down one of the last examples of early settler living patterns. A group of volunteers, headed by Commissioner Gail Drabant, spent the summer removing debris and modern elements. Exterior repairs and restoration will continue during 1998.

The accomplishments of each Sub-committee are briefly listed below:

- a) *Survey Committee* - (See Section III above.)
- b) *Municipal Liaison* - The Municipal Liaison Committee, responsible for providing information to the various municipalities in the County regarding Historic Preservation, spent many hours organizing a County-wide preservation effort through the joint meeting/programs held in February and September. This committee also began working on a standardized inter-governmental agreement "contract" for possible future use. (See Commissioner Gervais' report.)
- c) *The Old House Support Group* - The Old House Support Group is an offshoot of the County Preservation Commission. The Support Group is an association of "Old House" owners throughout the County who are pursuing the objective of restoring their homes. A newsletter is published and sent to members. See the attached report from Commissioner Gail Drabant. Representative copies of the newsletter are attached as Appendix B of this report.
- d) *Vistas* - This sub-Committee has been very busy exploring the scenic beauty of the County, contacting local historians, and researching old records. One of the main focuses has been to try to locate any "witness trees" that might still exist in the County. See Attached report from Carol Lockwood, Chairperson of the vista's sub-Committee.
- e) *Commission Scrapbook* - This on-going project is organized by Commissioner Jennifer Iftner who maintains a log of newspaper articles which relate to the Commission and preservation efforts in the County. Commissioner Iftner, in general, makes reports to the Commission as needed.
- f) *Awards and Recognition* - This sub-Committee is in charge of the Preservation Awards along with program events scheduled during Preservation Week. See reports from Commissioners Gail Drabant and Gloria Mack, and Appendix D for more details.
- g) *Grants* - This newly created sub-Committee helps the Commission take a more active approach to their preservation efforts. During the last year, the Committee helped the Planning and Development Department write its CDBG funding proposal section for a historic preservation survey update and submitted a Certified Local Government proposal to the state. See Commissioner Tony Howard's report.

- h) *Communications and Public Relations* - Commissioners Gloria Mack and Jennifer Iftner once again planned and arranged a wonderful awards program, the County's fourth. To help celebrate McHenry County's "Year of the Barn" observance, the presentation was held at Weidrich Barn (McHenry County Conservation District headquarters).

The Committee also committed to procuring sketches of the County's landmarks to be placed on permanent display in the Government Center. Due to the County's budget constraint, this project has been temporarily put on hold. See Communications and Public Relations' report.

- i) *Archival Reference* - This newest formed sub-committee was established to work with local libraries in order to develop an integrated preservation information system. Newly appointed Commissioner Mark Balasi inventoried the Commission's resource library and met and developed a preliminary HPC page on McHenry County's web site. See Commission Balasi's report.
- j) *Calendar of Events and Work Program* - The Calendar of Events and the Commission's Work Program for FY 1997-98 is attached to this document outlining the schedule of activities for the next fiscal year. See Appendix E.
- k) *Membership* - The Commission welcomed, Mark Balasi, an architect from Crystal Lake, in March of 1997. Mark is a wonderful addition to the Commission lending depth and expertise not only in the field of architecture but also with his help establishing HPC's home page.

Lastly, on November 21, 1997 Gloria Mack, one of the Commission's founders, submitted to County Board Chairman, Dianne Klemm, her letter of resignation. Commissioner Mack recently purchased a life long dream, an older historic home in Delavan, Wisconsin. The Commission will miss her never-ending energy and dedication, but on a positive note, Ms. Mack has graciously agreed to stay on as a valued advisor.

McHenry County Preservation Commission
Annual Report - FY1996-97
Notes from Commission Chairman - Nancy Welch

As stated before, every year there is, unfortunately, a turnover of commission members. This year, Mark Balasi volunteered his time and has been a welcomed addition. His contributions are helping the Commission become much more accessible to the citizens of the County. We also deeply regret losing Gloria Mack, one of our original members, to a move out of state. Gloria has been in charge of programs for landmarking events. In addition to her many preservation activities, Gloria worked very hard initiating preservation ordinances for the Village of Cary and the City of McHenry. Jim Pearson is being considered as a possible replacement. Election of a new chairperson will be in February 1998.

The Survey Committee had three locations honored this year, with Gloria Mack, our Public Relations Chairperson, putting together more great programs. The Commission landmarked Ostend Cemetery, the House of Gables and the Walkup House on Country Club Road. We reviewed the Peterson House on McCullom Road - still in process. Also working on an old church in Franklinville, which is now a residence, Miller Chapel and Bayview Lane Bridge.

An awards meeting and presentation ceremony was held at the Weidrich Barn at the McHenry County Conservation District headquarters on May 18th to acknowledge countywide property owners with certificates for their historic preservation efforts.

The Commission fulfilled its education requirement when it hosted two joint summit meetings for countywide preservation goals. With the aim of promoting better communication, the response was overwhelming. The Commission plans to continue with bi-annual meetings during 1998.

The Commission finished last years work with Cary when the village formally passed an ordinance adopting the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. A letter of agreement was sent to Cary's Board clarifying the duties of the Commission. This agreement should be tested this coming year with the Ross Street House. Owners tell me every month they are ready to submit their application, but that has not happened yet. I will keep working on this Cary residence.

As stated in last years report, the Commission was trying to put together historical map(s), however, this did not come to completion, and all moneys were refunded. Try again? Yes, we would like to.

Lastly, this is the second year the Commission has worked with Maryanne Wanaski, as our staff liaison. She has been a great help to all of us. We would also like to give special mention to Gail Drabant for her award meeting and her never ending work on the Powers-Walker House renovation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Welch, Chairperson
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Survey Committee Annual Report

We had another successful year with three pieces of property in the program.

April 2nd we voted on and sent to the County Board, the William P. Walkup home on County Club Road, Woodstock. It was not plaqued until July 26th at the request of the owners. A very quiet ceremony was held because the husband had a bad heart and did not want a big program.

June 22nd saw us at the House of the Seven Gables on Route 14 north of Harvard. It was a very hot Sunday, but we had about 75 people in attendance and an excellent program. The great-granddaughter of the builder returned from out west for the plaqueing.

October 19th we recognized the Ostend Cemetery on Route 120 east of the City of McHenry. It was well attended and they did a great job on their history. We shall be happy to send you a copy upon request.

On March 18th, the Survey Committee met in the City of McHenry for the purpose of looking at the Petersen Farm (McHenry), the Philbin home (Pistakee Highlands) and a home on the Fox River (McHenry). The entire Peterson Farm is worthy of historical designation, but since our visit, the owner died and it is now in an estate and is valuable land. We shall watch this property but in all likelihood it will soon be annexed by the City of McHenry.

The Philbin home was also put on hold by the owner because of personal problems. The other piece of property, located on the Fox River, was denied because of changes that altered its historical significance.

May 17th, our committee went to the Huemann Farm north of McHenry to study the preservation of a barn in a subdivision. The barn was used as storage and held the water pumps for the pool. A neighbor was afraid newer members of the community wanted to tear down the barn. We left him with information of the history of that farmstead and a few ideas he could use in preserving the site. We left our program with him and hope he can convince his neighbors.

In May, we also stated working with Tom Wilcoxin, a cartographer, for the historical map of the whole county. The map era is planned to be dated about 1855 when the railroads first came into the county. We collected money from banks for the project and set up a tax free number for our purposes. The project became too great to be done in one year and we've made a decision to return the money and try again next year. This person did a historical scene of Woodstock set in 1904 that was well received. I am sure, when he is ready, we can get this project up and running again.

As chairman of the committee, I've had occasions to speak to a few groups. The Rotary Clubs of Harvard and Woodstock have both heard my program. I find that real estate people are most interested and should be informed of this program.

In plaqueing the Ostend Cemetery, members of our committee also helped locate a stone (900 pounds) and moved it to its present location so that the plaque could be mounted on it.

We're already getting started for next year. We have two locations with owners filling out our nomination forms. *When they are returned, we shall be on the road again.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Keefe, Chairman
Survey Committee
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

12/18/97 - Annual Report - 1997 - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

The OHSG met monthly January through May and September through December in 1997. (We do not meet during the summer due to conflicts with house projects.) The format that we have used is to alternate informative programs with open houses (at member's homes).

Programs presented during 1997 included:

"Joint Council of Historic Groups" meeting. (All OHSG members were invited to attend this meeting as a way to familiarize the members as to what other historical efforts are being done in McHenry County.)

"Faux Finishes" Judy Schmidt of Greenwood presented this program. The program included discussion of several techniques including color-washing, bagging, smooching, faux-marble, faux-terra-cotta, graining, and faux-granite.

"Garden Tour & Plant Exchange" held at a member's house.

Open Houses in 1997 included:

- ~ a 1920's lake home in Crystal Lake,
- ~ a Dutch Colonial shingled house in McHenry
with a demonstration of exterior restoration (a work-in-progress),
- ~ an elaborate Queen Anne house in Woodstock
(also had our planning meeting at this time), and
- ~ an 1886 Italianate house in Algonquin
(with all of the holiday trimmings).

An OHSG member, Shelly Trost, was invited to write an article on the group for the *Historic Illinois* publication for their December issue.

The OHSG has normally 12 to 30 members in attendance at each meeting with a mailing list that reaches approximately 180 addresses. For specific details, see attached newsletters for 1997.

1997 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:

The fourth annual McHenry County Historic Preservation Awards were presented in May sponsored by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. Awards were presented in 8 categories with several honorable mentions also awarded. This is a way in which historic preservation efforts can be recognized and encouraged. See attached publication for details on the specific categories and award winners.

PUBLICATIONS:

Publications produced in 1997 included:

- ~ County Preservation Awards press releases, award certificates, award ceremony programs and recipient's listing.
- ~ Programs for 2 landmarking ceremonies
- ~ Business cards to ease introductions for new members
- ~ Updated Commission brochures (with new landmark sketches)
- ~ Updates to the County Comprehensive Landmark List
- ~ Joint Council of Historic Groups handouts, mailings and programs.

Historical Restoration: MCCD Greek Revival Restoration:

*(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers,
located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

The commission encouraged and supported the approval by MCCD to restore this house. The commission has continued to support the volunteer efforts this year in accomplishing the following tasks:

- ~ Garbage and debris was removed,
- ~ A modern room addition was removed.
- ~ Modern elements were removed.

(The above resulted in 3 large dumpsters of materials)

- ~ Historic materials were obtained to use in the restoration of this house
- ~ Wood repair and exterior restoration began,
but will be continued next year due to running out of good weather.

It is possible that this house could provide the setting for historic interpretation of the early settler period of time (1830 - 1860).

JOINT COUNCIL OF HISTORIC GROUPS:

This group was formed as a joint effort of this commission and of the McHenry County Historical Society. It is the intent to increase communication between all of the different historic groups within McHenry County. It was decided that the JCHG would meet twice per year. In 1997, the JCHG met in February and again in September. We have about 20 groups represented and have had in attendance 20 to 50 people at the meetings. Since this was very successful, we are planning on meeting in February of 1998.

**Communication and Public Relations
Annual Report
Submitted by : Jennifer Iftner and Gloria Mack**

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission began the year with a County wide Preservation Summit, which was cosponsored by the Commission and the McHenry County Historic Society. We met at the McHenry County Government Center and approximately 75 people attended. Nancy Fike was the featured speaker after which all the groups got a chance to brag.

The Commission held its fourth annual Preservation Awards in May. This year was the Year of the Barn in McHenry County, so the Award ceremony was held at the McHenry County Conservation District headquarters, the Weidrich Barn. Recipients of the awards were featured in the Northwest Herald.

In June we landmarked the House of the Seven Gables in rural Harvard. The press coverage was tremendous - the uniqueness of the home and the rich history made for good copy. Hugh Deneen, a 90 year old Harvard attorney was the featured speaker, we attempted to find a person with a legal background as this house was the first Court House and Jail in McHenry County. Approximately 70 people attended.

The second annual McHenry County Preservation Summit was held on September 24th at the McHenry County Historic Society Museum. The main order of business was to coordinate Preservation Group activities to avoid duplication. Speakers from the cities that have ordinances were featured.

On September 28th the Commission landmarked its first cemetery. The Ostend Cemetery is all that is left of the town of Ostend. A book was written about the Ostend Cemetery that chronicles all the interments and bits of information such as cause of death etc. The press coverage was wonderful. It even brought out someone who had been trying to locate his ancestors and found them buried at Ostend. He purchased 10 of the Ostend Cemetery books for his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

In closing, this year the Commission committed to a project that will require funds. It was suggested by three County Board Members that pictures of the County Landmarks be displayed in the Government Center. A local renowned artist was contacted and was willing to undertake the project. This project is on hold pending the availability of funds.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Archival Reference Committee 1997 Annual Report Committee Chairperson - Mark Balasi

The Archival Reference Committee was established at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting of June 4, 1997. Commission member Mark Balasi was appointed chairperson. The committee was established to enhance the Commission's efforts toward continuous improvement of the Commission's archives, preservation library of reference resources and its work with local libraries to develop an integrated preservation bibliography and information exchange program.

Following is a summary of activities undertaken by the Archival Reference Committee during 1997:

A. LIBRARY INVENTORY

A preliminary inventory of the library was conducted and an existing Resource Materials list was created. A hardcopy was added to the Planning Department Library Index. A 3 1/2" floppy disk containing a WordPerfect electronic file was stored in the Card Catalog drawer to facilitate future updates.

B. LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The current Preservation Library has a limited amount of reference material. The Committee began the formulation of plans for discussions with county libraries to review the Commission's preservation library collection prior to the development of any list of recommended acquisitions.

C. PUBLIC/PRIVATE LIBRARY LIAISON

The committee began the formulation of plans to study establishing a subcommittee to the Archival Reference Committee to be composed of a number of librarians from municipal and township libraries in the county. Such a subcommittee could provide expert advise on the most beneficial way to structure a Preservation Library as well as strengthen networking and educational opportunities.

D. INTERNET WORLD WIDE WEB SITE

An initiative was undertaken to establish a McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission page on the McHenry County Internet World Wide Web site. Correspondence was conducted with the McHenry County Board and approval granted to begin coordination with the county's Information Services Department. A preliminary design for the Historic Preservation Commission's Web page was developed and submitted to the county IS department for review.

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL LIAISON STANDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT

The Municipal Liaison Committee is the newest committee to the Historic Preservation Commission, having been created at the suggestion of Gloria Mack. The Municipal Liaison areas of concern previously fell under the Communication and Public Relations Committee.

The committee presently consists of one member, David Gervais. There are no regularly scheduled committee meetings.

To date the committee is without an official job title or description of duties. A committee description should be formulated in the future.

During the past year the committee has been focusing on the preparation of generalized, intergovernmental agreement forms. With the passage of the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Cary that was passed November 1996, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has recognized the need for standardized ordinance forms and intergovernmental agreement forms.

During the past years an intergovernmental agreement form has been prepared in draft for instances where municipalities within the county wish to have the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission evaluate potential historic areas within municipalities. A draft form has also been prepared for when the Historic Preservation Commission enters into an intergovernmental agreement for a specific site.

The drafts will need to be finalized and approved for future use.

No other action has been taken during the past year by the committee.



David R. Gervais
December 3, 1997

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
Annual Report - 1997

The purpose of this committee is to locate and identify the non-structural features in the county that are worthy of historic preservation. This could include landscape features, certain areas or sites that might have historic interest due to their uses with regard to geography or geology, etc. The specific focus so far, perhaps too narrow a focus, has been the search for "witness trees" mentioned in the 1837 survey of townships. The year has been spent in the tedious process of both research and field work. We've compiled the surveyors' field notes for Coral and Riley townships and very slowly we've been going out and exploring along section lines trying to identify the points marked in the survey. Only a tiny portion of the townships has been looked at but so far, there has been no success in finding trees. One very promising lead didn't work out. It's difficult and time-consuming to look for something that may not exist, so it's difficult to find willing volunteers for help in the search.

The committee is still trying to gather advice from experts such as current surveyors and there have a few people who have made suggestions about expanding the scope of research to include later surveys. For instance, notes and diaries compiled by the county surveyor in the nineteenth century might prove useful in our search for non-structural historic features and landmarks. This will be an idea to work with in 1998.

The commission did plaque a cemetery in 1997 and the committee hopes that as the commission, and the general public as well, becomes more accustomed to the idea of recognizing non-structural features, that the job of the Vistas Committee will become a little bit easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lockwood
Chairperson



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January 23, 1998

Ms. Amy Slocombe
Local Government Services Manager
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Re: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Annual Report for FY1996-97

Dear Ms. Slocombe,

Enclosed please find a copy of the above referenced report. This documents the activities of the Commission over the last year and should, I believe, satisfy one of the requirements of the agreement between McHenry County and the IHPA for Local Government Certification.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 815/334-4560. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission



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February 9, 1998

Maryanne Wanaski, Planner
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Dear Maryanne,

Thank you for your participation in the on-site evaluation of McHenry County. After completing the evaluation, I have determined that McHenry County meets the requirements of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

Our office is pleased to have McHenry County participating in the CLG program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 217/785-5730.

Sincerely,

Amy Slocombe
Local Government Services
Manager

elg: evaluation



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February 24, 1998

Maryanne Wanaski, Planner
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Dear Maryanne,

Thank you for submitting McHenry County's annual report for fiscal year 1997. After reviewing the report, I have determined that McHenry County has met the minimum requirements of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

Just a reminder that to the extent available, we do want commissioners to have at a minimum a demonstrated interest in historic preservation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 217/785-5730.

Sincerely,

Amy Slöcombe
Local Government Services
Manager

CLG: annual report

Great report!

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***Historic Preservation Commission
Calendar of Events - Fiscal Year 1996 - 1997***

December 1996

- Start of new Fiscal Year; ***Start new reference notebook***
- ***Review Ordinance, Goals & Strategies, Rules & Procedures, CLG requirements***
- Begin work on ***Annual Report*** (due 60 days from November 30, 1996)
Note: Assemble all pertinent data, reports, exhibits, etc.
- Update Work Program
- ***Critique/reevaluate on going projects***

January 1997

- ***County-wide Preservation meeting (Historical Societies, Commissions, etc.)***
- Election of Officers
- Committee Assignments
- Completion of Annual Report

February 1997

- ***Work on Preservation week activities - Include municipalities, Municipal Liaisons***
Note: Preservation Week is the 2nd week of May
- On-going Projects

March 1997

- Continue working on Preservation Week activities/awards
Contact media; start publicity (consider posters in stores, school programs, etc.)
Coordinate municipal involvement
- On-going Projects

April 1997

- Finalize Preservation Week activities/awards
Publish dates and times in newspapers
Finalize municipal participation, responsibilities
- On-going Projects

May 1997

- Preservation Week activities/awards
- On-going Projects

June 1997

- Review and analysis of Preservation Week activities
- On-going Projects

July 1997

- Begin Budget Process
- **Set Special Project for 1998**
- On-going Projects

August 1997

- Review Budget
- On-going Projects

September 1997

- **Prepare CLG Grant Application**
- **Prepare Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application**
- On-going Projects

October 1997

- **Submit Grant applications**
- On-going Projects
- **Set Calendar of Events and Work Program for FY 1997 - 1998**

November 1997

- Fiscal Year Ends
- **Submittal of all pertinent data for 1998 Annual Report**
- **Purchase materials if needed for library (books, reports, teaching tools, maps etc.)**

December 1997

- Begin next Fiscal Year Program



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
McHENRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - ANNEX BUILDING A
2200 NORTH SEMINARY AVENUE
WOODSTOCK, IL 60098
815/334-4560 FAX# 815/337-3720

Fiscal year 1996 - 1997
Historic Preservation Commission - Work Program

On-going Projects

Long Term

- Surveying and Landmarking
- Vistas
- Communications/Public Relations
 1. Municipal Liaison
 2. Old House Support Group
- Grant Proposals
- Scrap Book
- Comprehensive Landmark List (updates as needed)
- Brochures/Business cards (designed/purchased as needed)

Short Term

- As decided by Commission membership

Special Project

- Booklet illustrating County designated landmarks
- Illustrated County maps depicting early settlement and railroad eras.



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 North Seminary - Woodstock, IL 60098

March 18, 1997

On Saturday March 5th, the Survey Committee continued their meeting at Three Brothers Restaurant in Woodstock. In attendance were Nancy Welch, Tony Howard, Jim Keefe, Jennifer Ifner and David Gervais. The first property surveyed was the Walkup House at 2809 Country Club Road, Woodstock, Illinois.

The Survey Committee next viewed the Peterson Farm where they were joined by Gloria Mack. At the farm the Committee met with the father and son. All information was left with them. The Committee will wait for his directions to proceed with landmark designation.

The Committee then surveyed the Stillings House.

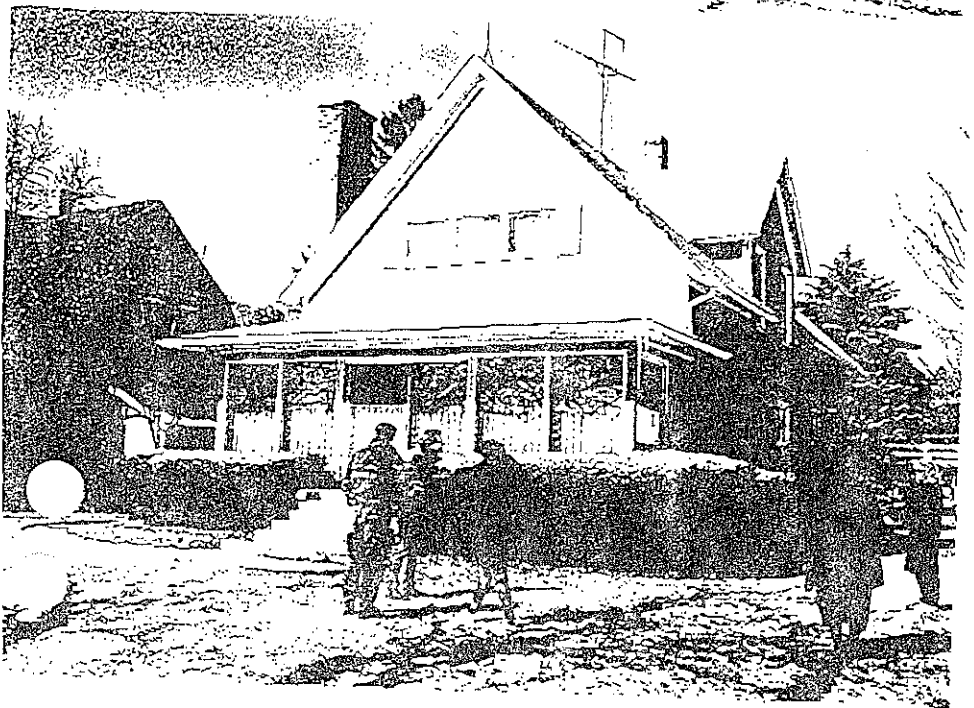
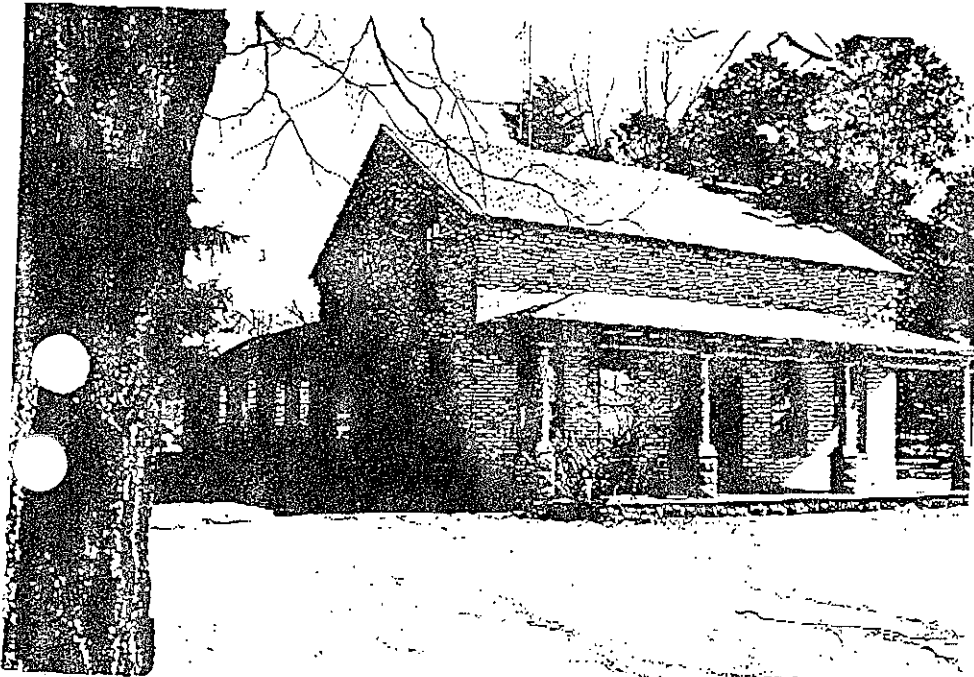
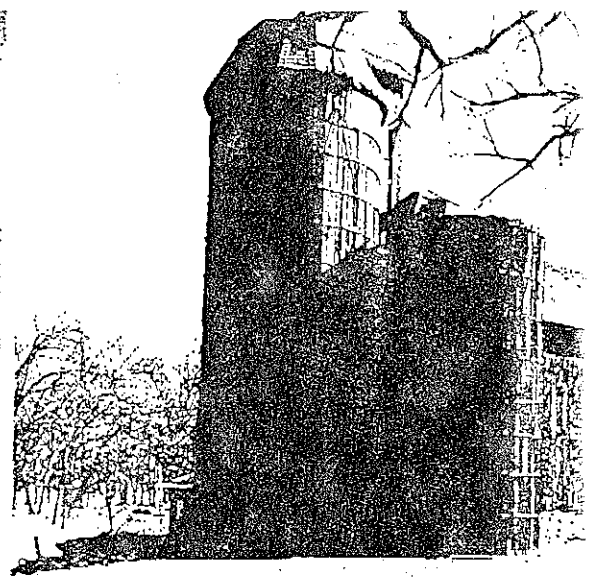
The next location to survey was Tom Philbin's home on Pistakee Bay View Lane. It is a beautiful lake home. Mr. Philbin invited the Committee to tour the house. Landmark information was given to Mr. Philbin. The Committee will also wait for directions to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Keefe".

Jim Keefe

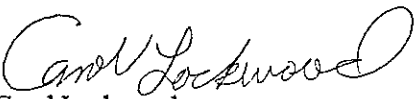


Historic Preservation Commission
Report of Vistas Committee
April 2, 1997

I met with Ed Collins of the McHenry County Conservation District on Wednesday March 12 and received a copy of the 1837 Surveyors' Notes for Coral Township along with some instructions on how to use the notes and what to look for in trees and other patterns that might help me to locate "witness" trees along section lines. I'm a "fair-weather" tree locator however, and up until the last few days the temperature was too cold for me to go out exploring. I hope to have a bit more time to examine the notes and locations after the weather becomes warmer and my schedule isn't so tight.

Ed Collins said that if we did start finding any witness trees, he'd be happy to help us try to get a project going in school districts to locate more of them, by giving instructions to the children at school, etc.

Respectfully submitted,


Carol Lockwood

McHenry Co. Historic Preservation Commission
04/02/97 Meeting - Gloria Mack/Report

Correction to the minutes, correct spelling of Austin s/b Ostend.

I spoke to Rich Adams, the scheduler for MCCD, regarding use of the upstairs area of the Weidrich Barn. He stated that MCCD would have to cosponsor the awards for us to use the upstairs of the barn. I telephoned Chair Nancy Welch and Vice-Chair Gail Drabant, both indicated that would be agreeable with them and posed no problem. The date will be May 18, 1997, at 3:00 pm.

I sent articles regarding the awards to both the Herald and Tribune. I didn't see anything in either paper so I submitted the articles again, noting it was the second request. Both Cindy Weiss of the Herald and Dave Barnes of the Tribune telephoned me and promised that something would be in their respective papers shortly. (See Herald article) The Tribune may have published but I don't get the paper regularly.

Jennifer Iftner and I will be meeting with the Nethertons on April 19, 1997 to select a date and plan the ceremony for their landmarking.

Update - The Peterson property/McHenry. I asked Nancy Fike to sit down with the Petersons and assist them in filling out the application. The Peterson's have a comfort level with Nancy and she graciously agreed to help. She met with them 3/26, thus began the process and she will be meeting with them again. There was some hesitation on *landmarking the whole 100 acres.*

Please draft a letter to the Stillings at this meeting regarding their application, which I have enclosed. I would suggest that you may say, the history of the house is indisputable, however the alterations/modernization's have obliterated the original features. I would appreciate you returning her pictures, etc.(enclosed) with your letter.

I am enclosing the information I have collected on the Schallimar Subdivision Trees. Please forward to the Survey Committee for their records.

I attended the MCCD meeting on 3/27 as the Powers-Walker house was on the agenda. I have attached my comments for your information. Ed Collins spoke, as a citizen and not as a *District employee, on not moving the house*. Two other individuals spoke in favor of not moving the house from its original site. Nancy Fike send a letter stating the "Societies" position, which is to keep the house on its original site, which I asked to have read into the record of the meeting. Since the MCCD Trustees still have not had an opportunity to visit the site the issue was tabled to the next meeting. Gail will fill you in on the 3 proposals submitted by Paul Glen. I do feel that the district will not demolish the house, Gail's research assured that.

Re: Powers-Walker House - 3/27/97

In considering the options presented this evening for the Powers-Walker House I would like to add that there are several components that make up what is historic. Two of the most important being, and I quote from the State of Illinois and McHenry County's criteria for Historic Designation, "It establishes a sense of time and place unique to a community and/or McHenry County".

To eliminate either the sense of time or place would significantly diminish the historic significance of the Powers - Walker House.

Once again McHenry County has been deemed the fastest growing County in the state. As the house of the common man, the Greek Revivals fall and the subdivisions fill up the cornfields - The Powers - Walker house, it's place and the other elements make it an irreplaceable treasure.

I would like to request that you make every effort to keep the house on its original location.

*Gloria Mack
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission*

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

4/2/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On March 20th, the OHSG is had an informative program on Faux Finishes. Judy Schmidt of Greenwood presented the program. The program include discussion of several techniques including bagging, color washing, smooching, faux-marble, faux-terracotta and faux-granite finishes. This was well attended and very well presented.

In April the OHSG is having an Open House at a home in Crystal Lake on North Shore Drive.

PUBLICATIONS:

As follow-up from the *Joint Council of Historic Groups* meeting in February, a mailing was sent out. The McHenry County Historical Society has volunteered to host the next meeting at the Historical Society's Museum/meeting room in Union. A proposed tentative date for the next meeting is Wed., September 24.

Attachments for the follow-up letter included the contact list of all of the representatives of the different groups, the comprehensive landmark list for each group's landmarks, a nomination form for the 1997 Preservation Awards, and a Historic Group Profile form. Then next fall, prior to the next meeting a reminder notice can be sent out including updates to the above materials. These meetings can serve as an effective way to distribute information and ideas concerning historic preservation. We have already received some responses.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

Paul Glenn, the architect retained for the initial planning study, has delivered his report to MCCD. At the March MCCD Board of Trustees meeting, although there was not yet a formal presentation of the planning study, it was decided to further look into this project with the next step being a walkthrough by the trustees. Gloria Mack represented the Preservation Commission at this meeting. Also note the attached newspaper article that was published after the March meeting. Paul Glenn is recommending that the Powers-Walker house remain on its original site. Not only does this option significantly reduce restoration costs, but the historic integrity of this structure is greatest on its original site.

PRESERVATION AWARDS:

Nominations have been received for the 1997 Preservation awards. This topic is planned for discussion at this meeting to decide when the presentation will take place.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

5/7/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

In April, the OHSG is had an Open House at Dr. Marilyn Dyre's house in Crystal Lake. It is a lake home that was built in the 1920's. Many members came out for this evening and enjoyed the many interesting aspects of her home.

In May, the OHSG is having a Plant Exchange & Open House at a home in McHenry. Then we will take off from meetings for the summer to work on our houses. Also, we have been contacted by Varga & Assoc. They have some old radiators from a 1920's house that they are willing to pass to some other old house. We will see if there is any interest.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Commission's brochure has been updated with new sketches of three of our more recently landmarked structures. We will send a number of brochures to each library in the county and have additional copies available at landmark ceremonies and for use by the survey committee. Business cards for commission members are in process.

PRESERVATION AWARDS:

Several nominations have been received for the 1997 Preservation awards. A special mailing was sent out to all nomination recipients to inform them of the nomination and to inform them of the awards ceremony. The awards ceremony is being co-sponsored this year by MCCD and will be held at MCCD's Wiedrich Barn in Glacial Park (Harts Road, just west of Route 31, Ringwood) on May 18th at 3:00 pm.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

I was very encouraged at the May 1st MCCD board meeting, with the MCCD approval of a motion for work on the Powers - Walker house for 1997 to include removal of modern elements (deck, back porch & interior modern elements), update mechanical systems (furnace and electrical) and start exterior renovation (window repair, wood repair & painting). After this step, the project can be further evaluated since this work may provide additional information. MCCD's efforts in careful examination of this 143 year-old house has been appreciated.

May 7, 1997

Public Relations Report
Jennifer Iftner

Re: Plaquing ceremony of "the House of Seven Gables" - the Hutchinson House

On Saturday, April 19, 1997 at 1:00 pm Gloria Mack and Jennifer Iftner met at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Netherton to discuss the upcoming plaquing of their historic home.

The ceremony is to take place on June 22, 1997. Mrs. Netherton was interested in whether she should offer food indoors or out in the gazebo. They were both interested in how many people attend this type of event and what the ceremony generally entails.

A brief tour of the house was given - the house will be open for the ceremony. Jennifer has written a letter to Hugh Deneen to request his participation - as he has practiced law for many, many years in the area - this seems appropriate as this house was at one time a courthouse/jail. The letter will be sent as soon as appropriate letterhead is obtained.

The Nethertons are excited about having their home designated and were told they will be contacted as further arrangements are made.

Jennifer will also contact the Harvard Historical Society to request their attendance.

**McHenry County Historic Preservation
Commission Meeting (5/7/97) Report
Submitted - Gloria Mack**

Jennifer and I met with the Nethertons on April 19th (See Jennifer's Report)

I attended the MCCD meeting regarding the Powers/Walker House - See Gail Drabants report. Note - The Commission should commend Gail and Ed Collins for their work to successfully save the historic Powers/Walker house. Gail for her indisputable research and Ed for his poetic dissertation (reminiscent of Carl Sandburg) on this house and the time it was built.

I met with newly elected Alderman Frank McClachy of McHenry regarding the McHenry Historic Preservation Ordinance. He had received a copy. I told him I had been advised that the Ordinance would be presented to the Planning Commission in May. He guessed it would come before the Council in June and said he would make the motion to approve. Let's hope it happens.

The Petersen landmark status is on hold. Since my last report Ken Petersen passed away.

I will be submitting articles to the newspapers regarding the Commission Awards Program by Monday. I would like a copy of the nominations and their categories.

Historic Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
May 7, 1997

I have almost finished compiling a photographic record of the changing seasons on our 1996 Preservation Award winner in the category of Outstanding Preservation and Restoration of a Natural Vista. It is the Park property on Voss Road in Coral township. I still have to take photos for the month of May and it should be complete within the week.

I have not yet located any "Witness Trees" but I'm hoping that the summer months will prove to be more fruitful months.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lockwood

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

6/4/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

In May, the OHSG had a Plant Exchange & Open House at a home in McHenry. Along with a good exchange of plants, we also filled out surveys to get input for next season's programs. We will take off from meetings for the summer to work on our houses.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Commission's revised brochure is available to commission members as needed. It has already been distributed to the Historical Society and will be mailed to each of the libraries in our county. Any ideas of where else to distribute the brochures are welcomed. Business cards for commission members are being distributed.

PRESERVATION AWARDS:

Having received several nominations, awards were presented on May 18th. This year we received excellent press coverage getting the information out to the public. Several recommendations are being made for next year's awards. The intent of the awards, to encourage and recognize preservation efforts, has been accomplished.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

Planning of the specific tasks for the summer season has been completed. I have met with the MCCD director and project manager to coordinate efforts. We have some work days scheduled in June for the demolition of modern elements.

**McHenry County Historic
Preservation Commission
June 4, 1997 Meeting**

I attended the City of McHenry Planning Commission meeting on May 14, 1997. The Commission was considering the Historic Preservation Ordinance as proposed by the City of McHenry Landmark Commission. Nancy Fike, Chair of the Landmark Commission made a presentation and then the Commission fired away. Nancy did a bang up job and I spoke on the County Ordinance. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m and we didn't adjourn until 9:45. The Commission decided not to recommend the Ordinance to the Alderman, but send it on to the Zoning Commission.

The Awards Presentation Ceremony (Gail's report). At the request of Cindy Weiss, (Northwest Herald) I dropped off information on the awards and had slides converted to photos for their use. I still haven't seen anything in the paper. They said they would run a feature on one or more of the winners.

I spoke to Robert Stark last winter regarding the Ostend Cemetery, he suggested I wait until spring and speak to Evertte Thomas. I spoke to Mr. Thomas a few weeks ago and he was very excited about the possibility of landmarking the Ostend Cemetery. He requested an application/ Jim forwarded the application.

The Rudolphus Hutchinson landmarking ceremony is in process. I spoke to Susan Netherton and she liked the idea of Hugh Dennine (sp?) speaking. As always invitations will go out to the County Board members. I will ask Mary Lou Zaire to present the plaque on behalf of the County. We will also be inviting all the Judges. I sent information on this landmarking, including the history of the house, to Dave Barnes of the Tribune. I gave him the Nethertons phone number. He will be doing a feature prior to the landmarking.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

6/4/97 - AWARDS Recommendations - Gail Drabant

AWARDS PROGRAM PURPOSE:

To encourage and recognize preservation and historical efforts in McHenry County.

NEXT YEAR'S AWARDS SUGGESTIONS:

- ◆ Have four to five commission members on the Awards committee. (Minimum of four; increase from the two (Gail & Gloria) of the past two years.
- ◆ Set categories in December.
- ◆ Have committee write descriptions of the categories, so that it is clearly understood what each covers.
- ◆ Split the house category into house style types rather than "Early" & "Later", so that the comparison is more equal.
- ◆ Publish in January so that nominations can be received earlier.
- ◆ Add a mailing to townships and county board members asking them to nominate someone in their districts.
- ◆ Encourage all commission members to nominate from their own areas.
- ◆ Move deadline up to March 1st. If deadline does get pushed back, also push back presentation.
- ◆ Do on-site inspections by the entire awards committee of each nomination, so that more information can be brought back to the commission.
- ◆ Send mailing to qualified nominees. (If nomination does not fit category, and none others apply, then do not mail.)
- ◆ Contact each nominee by phone or in person to gain any additional information or to fill in anything on the form that was left blank.
- ◆ Confirm nominee's attendance for ceremony.
- ◆ Set-up alternative plan for those not being able to attend ceremony.
- ◆ Take both slides and photos of each nominee's property.
- ◆ Prepare press release of winners including photos to be available the day of the ceremony.

1997 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to congratulate the following individuals for their continued success in historic preservation efforts and specifically in obtaining a level of quality earning them Historic Preservation Awards in the following categories: (presented May 18, 1997) Note: Quoted comments are from the person who nominated the property.

Outstanding Preserved Early Original Residence:

Tom Reed for his home at 321 East Washington, Marengo

Nominated by Grace Moline; known as the Francis Patrick House, built 1886

“This is a beautiful Queen Anne house with an outstanding oriel window. Mr. Reed has devoted many years in the restoration of the exterior as well as the interior of this lovely home. It has been plaqued by the McHenry County Historical Society.”

Honorable Mention:

Robert & Carol Richardson for their home at 9407 Richardson Road, Spring Grove

Nominated by Grace Moline; Built by Richardson in 1863;

“This brick cross-gabled Greek Revival house has twin circular chimneys and quions. It still has its original faux-grained woodwork on the first floor. The farm has always been in the Richardson family.”

Alec & Jean Rexroat for their home at 5007 Marengo Road, Harvard

Nominated by Anthony Howard; built in the 1850s by Diggins

“A great deal of time and effort has been put into the restoration of this home.”

Outstanding Preserved Later Original Residence:

Hugh & Virginia Engelman for their home at 84 North Walkup, Crystal Lake

Built in 1905 by Alva Hale

“One of the relatively few Crystal Lake house that has been plaqued by the Polly Crandall Questers. See associated newspapers articles.”

Honorable Mention:

1616 Riverside Drive, McHenry

Nominated by Shelly Trost

“This immaculately maintained Prairie style Foursquare has retained all of its distinctive lines and proportions. The stucco is in perfect condition.”

Outstanding Preserved Original Residence with Adaptive Reuse to Commercial:

The Ruschke's for the Clock Shop at 302 South Main, Algonquin

Nominated by Algonquin Historic Preservation Commission; Built in 1889

“This structure typifies early Queen Anne style at its best. It is unchanged since its construction in 1889. It won the Painted Ladies award in the 1980's. This is an excellent example of adaptive reuse to commercial without sacrificing any of the interior or exterior integrity.”

Honorable Mention:

John & Molly Konitzer for “Interesting Developments” at 308 South Main, Algonquin

Nominated by Algonquin Historic Preservation Commission; Built circa 1890

“The current owners have sensitively used the original home without destroying the floorplan or outside for their advertising/photography business. Also, their surrounding gardens are appropriately planted as in the Victorian era.”

Terry Mohr for the law offices at 3402 West Elm, McHenry

Nominated by Shelly Trost

“One of the few large Queen Anne houses in McHenry that has not been remuddled. It has been recently painted and is being used as the law offices of Mohr, Mangiamele, Rieilly & Bruce.”

Outstanding Preserved Original Structure with Adaptive Reuse to Commercial:

McHenry County Jewish Congregation for the Ridgefield School, Ridgefield

Nominated by Pat Morris

“Now used as a church school since the 1960’s. It has remained without being altered in anyway.”

Honorable Mention:

John Swierk for “Direct Design” building at 3922 West Main, McHenry

Nominated by Shelly Trost; Formerly a Bank building

“John retained an outstanding classical, columned facade while renovating the interior for a new use. Some of the interior walls are exposed original brick.”

The “Old Courthouse” at 101 North Johnson, Woodstock Square

Comments by Jim Keefe:

“The current owner saved this building from demolition and has put into it a great deal of time and money.”

Outstanding Historically Sensitive Addition:

65 Oak Street, Crystal Lake

for their efforts in achieving multiple period sensitive additions

Nominated by Shelly Trost

“The northside addition to a large frame Victorian is sympathetic to the original home, but distinctive enough to tell it was added. There was also an earlier addition that was also well done.”

Outstanding Preserved Barn with Adaptive Reuse:

Hal & Joan Jones for their residence at 1112 South Fleming, Woodstock

Nominated by Grace Moline

“This barn has been converted into a residence, yet maintains the overall feel of the barn. The owners have been sensitive to maintaining the character of the barn.”

Honorable Mention:

Chain O’Lakes Evangelical Covenant Church

for the church at 4815 Wilmot Road, Johnsburg

Nominated by Grace Moline

“This is a unique barn conversion. The interior post & beam construction is retained. The silo houses the furnace and office area.”

Outstanding Preservation and Restoration of a Natural Vista:

McHenry County Conservation District for the Prairie Path
with its Naturalistic Landscaping and Vista views available from the path

Nominated by the Algonquin Historic Preservation Commission

“The Conservation District needs to be applauded for its Prairie Trial Path. Their use of existing foundations from an 1855 Railroad crossing over the Fox River and the existing old Railroad trellis over Crystal Creek and their natural planting along the trail and entrance makes it a real asset to our citizens.”

Outstanding Historical Achievement by a Group:

Algonquin Historic Preservation Commission

for their comprehensive architectural survey including their survey techniques

Nominated by Shelly Trost

“The Algonquin Historic Preservation Commission have set a new standard for their survey techniques - a gold standard.” They utilized computerization to fully document all properties and can access the information in 10 year increment views.

Honorable Mention:

Cadette Girl Scout Troop # 134 for their survey of the commercial buildings of Huntley

Nominated by Nancy Fike

“Over the course of last year, the Cadette Girl Troop #134 of Huntley photo documented the commercial buildings, schools and churches in Huntley. The photos, addresses and owner names were turned over to the McHenry County Historical Society to become part of the permanent documentation in the societies research library. The project provided these girls an opportunity to examine their home town and make a contribution to its historical record. Few people realize the importance of their own time in the scheme of history.”

Survey and Landmarking Committee

Chairman went out and took pictures of the Ostend Cemetery for the purpose of plaquing. Members were given copies of the application at last meeting to study. Intend to sent to County Board this month.

I talked to the Halmas who have a historical home on Thompson Rd in what was old Ostend. They may be interested in having it designated but I want committe to look over before any further work is done. I also need applications and each committee should also have a packet.

On Sunday, June 25th, the Hutchinson Hse in Harvard was honored by our Commission. There was about 50 to 70 people in attendance on a very warm day. The Great-great Grand daughter was there from Wyo., to talk about the history of the family. Present from our Commission was Gloria Mack, Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Who also doubled as a official from Harvard, and myself.

I assume that this month we will be plaquing the Walkup Hse.

Jim Keefe

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

7/2/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On summer vacation. However have had a couple of offers for programs to start up in the fall.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Commission's revised brochure is available to commission members as needed. Business cards for commission members are being distributed as available. Invitation & program was published for the recent Hutchinson House Landmark ceremony in Harvard.

PRESERVATION AWARDS:

On hold until later in the year to start planning for the 1998 awards.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

We have had several work sessions for demolition of the modern elements. Besides taking out several of the interior elements, the entire back room (circa 1960) has been removed. We are on our third dumpster. At the end of the demolition phase, we will reevaluate our plan based on additional clues found in demolition. The exterior restoration will then be started.

July 2, 1997

Public Relations - McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Jennifer Iftner

In early June I took the honorable mention award from the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony in May and presented it to the daughter of the owners of the gothic Diggins House on Marengo Road in Harvard.

In mid-June community newsbriefs were faxed to the *Northwest Herald* and *Chicago Tribune*. The *Herald* did run the newsbrief - I am not sure whether it appeared in the *Tribune*. Prior to the landmarking a nice article featuring the house did run in the June 20 *Tribune*.

The June 22 plaquing ceremony at the House of Seven Gables - Rudolphus Hutchinson House - was attended by over 50 interested individuals. Members of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission who were present included: Jim Keefe, Gail Drabant, Gloria Mack, Tony Howard and Jennifer Iftner.

County Board member Don Larsen presented the plaque. Speakers included Jim Keefe, Hugh Deneen, Dave Netherton, and Ruth McNamee - great great grand-daughter of Rudolphus Hutchinson. Jim covered why the house merited plaquing; Dave discussed why they purchased the house; Hugh reminisced about his early law practice and the railroad that passed in front of the house earlier in the century; and Ruth traced her family back to the 1200's in England, then to the United States, their role in the Salem, Mass. witch trials, and their journey West to McHenry County. After the presentations, attendees were invited to tour the house and outbuildings. Refreshments were served in the house.

I spoke to Nancy Welch on July 1 regarding the scrapbook. As she is unable to attend tonight's meeting, she will bring the box to the August meeting and leave it in the meeting room. I will not be at that meeting, having had a baby on August 1 (if everything goes as planned). I will pick up the information at the September meeting.

I would suggest that thank you letters be sent to Don Larsen, Hugh Deneen and Ruth McNamee for their participation at the plaquing.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Archival Reference Committee

7/2/97 - Committee Report - Mark Balasi

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Library supports the mission of the Commission to educate the residents of McHenry County regarding its historic heritage. It provides a source of reference material to assist Commission members in pursuing the objectives of the Commission. It provides a source of reference material for interested members of the public. It serves as an archive for the public records of the Commission. The Archival Reference Committee is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the value of the Commission's library.

Following is an initial list of recommended activities for the Archival Reference Committee:

A. LIBRARY INVENTORY :

Take inventory of existing materials in the Commission library. The inventory will be rearranged in a "card catalog" format and entered into a word processing program to allow the maintenance of a current catalog.

B. LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS :

Conduct an assessment of the types of materials and subject matters in the library collection and prepare a preliminary list of recommended acquisitions. The current collection inventory and the preliminary list of recommended acquisitions will be distributed to committee members for review and input.

Establish an acquisitions budget and prepare a schedule for acquisitions.

C. PUBLIC/PRIVATE LIBRARY LIAISON :

Strengthen contacts with libraries in the county to enhance the Commission's awareness of and access to county libraries' reference collections as they relate to the Commission's objectives. In addition, through contacts strengthen the libraries' and the public's awareness of the Commission and its resources.

D. INTERNET WORLD WIDE WEB SITE :

Initiate dialog with McHenry County Government Information Services department to create a Historic Preservation Commission page on the county Web site (www.co.mchenry.il.us). Establish format for web page - general information, upcoming events calendar, "hot links" to county library web sites (e.g. Crystal Lake Public Library), other preservation organizations, etc.

*McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
July 2, 1997 Meeting
Gloria Mack - Communication Report*

The Hutchinson landmarking went well. The Herald press coverage was adequate. I spoke to Cindy Weiss and asked that at the very least we get space in the Community Briefs. That's what we got.

The Tribune article was excellent. The Nethertons were thrilled. I too liked the article. (copy attached). Dave Barnes (Tribune) attended the landmarking.

It has been called to my attention that several County Board members would like to see pictures of the McHenry County Landmarks displayed in a prominent place in the Government Center. I contacted Mary Ann with idea and she will discuss it with Planning. I also contacted Lori Wilhelm, noted McHenry County artist, and asked her to submit a proposal to Mary Ann. I think we should get a proposal from a photographer also.

I spoke with Nancy Fike and it looks as though the McHenry Preservation Ordinance will go before the city council in September.

Questions:

What is the status of the following:

- 1) Cary Intergovernmental Agreement*
- 2) Greenwood School Intergovernmental Agreement*

McHenry County

News from McHenry County plus reports from around the region

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1997

A place in the sun for House of 7 Gables

Built by a judge in 1838, the home soon will be an official Harvard landmark

By Dave Barnes
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

Nathaniel Hawthorne would have felt right at home in Harvard's own House of Seven Gables.

Built 13 years before Hawthorne published his famous novel, the house is to be plaqued Sunday afternoon by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.

With the exception of an attached garage that appears to have been added in the 1970s, the Gothic Revival brick house looks much the same as it did when Rudolphus Hutchinson built it in 1838.

Its seven namesake gables pierce the sky to give a sweeping view of the surrounding farmlands from the second-floor bedrooms.

According to Dave and Sue Netherton, the seventh owners of the property, Hutchinson was a local judge who laid out the interior of the house to serve as home, courthouse and jail.

The west or front end of the house, which faces U.S. Highway 14, was the judge's living quarters, with a parlor and dining room on the first floor and three small bedrooms upstairs.

Toward the rear of the house, in what is now the Nethertons' kitchen, the judge held court. A narrow stairway off the courtroom-turned-kitchen led to three small jail cells on the second floor. At the very back of the house was the original kitchen.

The jail cells are gone, but most of the interior remains much as it was when the judge dealt out justice at the same time that Abraham Lincoln was just another aspiring lawyer.

The Nethertons bought the house two years ago from Glenn and Mary Anderson and have been painstakingly restoring it with an eye toward opening it as a bed-and-breakfast next spring.

Formerly of Barrington, the Nethertons' quest originally was to find a home big enough to house their various hobbies. The wife is into quilting, and the husband's hobbies include model railroading and restoring old cars.

"The ideal building would have been an empty airplane hangar," Dave Netherton said with tongue firmly planted in cheek.

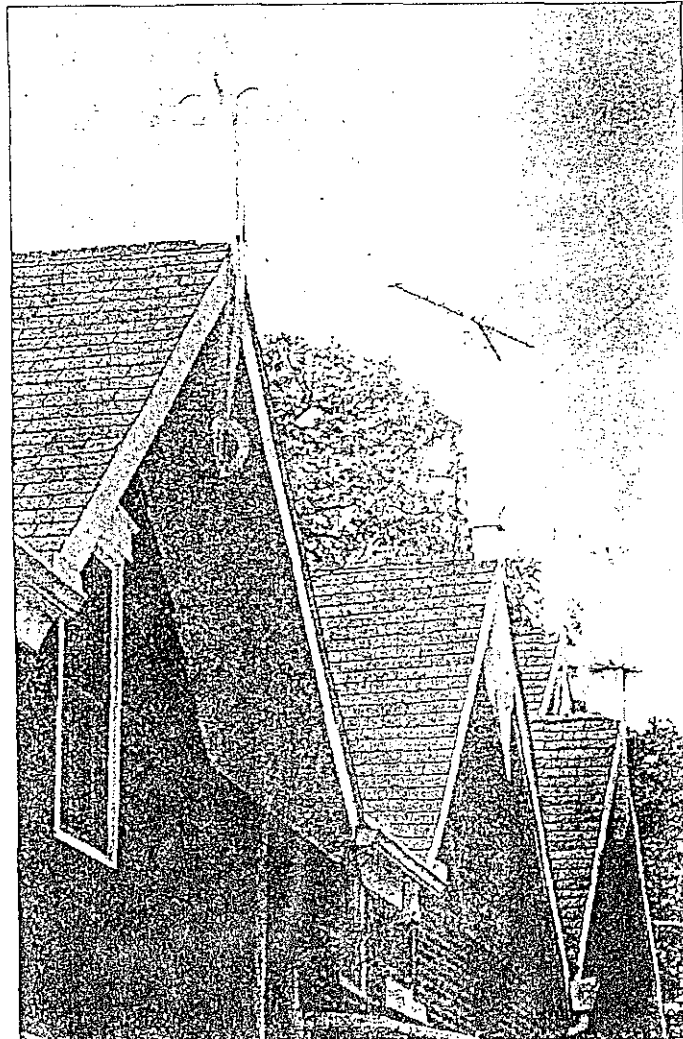
After looking at a converted barn, which they nearly bought, they found the House of Seven Gables.

"Sue's eyes crossed when she saw this house," her husband said. "She had to have this house."

Included with the house were 23 of the judge's original 292 acres, along with a 42-by-80-foot barn, carriage house, smoke house and other lesser buildings.

They lease out the farmland, Sue Netherton quilts in the carriage house, and once the B&B is opened, they plan to convert the barn into their personal

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Tribune photos by Jim Robinson

For owner Sue Netherton (above), the house was love at first sight. Features include a crescent (top left), installed to ward off evil spirits, as well as the namesake gables (right), which are topped by signs of the zodiac.

Algonquin ballot may carry a trio of tax votes

District 300, library, village consider hikes

By Susan K. Bohme
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

Simply put, growth costs money.

Increasing populations put a strain on municipal services, schools, roads, parks and libraries.

When the need to expand these services becomes obvious, the big question becomes: Who should foot the bill?

Algonquin voters will be giving that question serious consideration this fall.

School District 300 is in need of massive classroom expansion.

The Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Library District is hoping to build an additional library facility to supplement its cramped building, which is too small to serve the expanding population.

And the Algonquin Village Board is looking at several options for a new swimming pool complex, to replace an old pool too small to meet increasing demand.

Each of these taxing bodies is considering a funding referendum measure on the November ballot. If all pass, the owner of a \$150,000 house could see his or her property taxes go up more than \$200 next year.

Algonquin resident Joni Nickoley said her \$70 tax increase this year put her over her "comfort level." She thinks growth should pay for growth.

"They should go after the builders who are developing the housing first and then come after the residents," she said.

Resident Mike Mixon does not mind paying for more schools but wants to make sure they are necessary. Mixon saw another school district build a new high school and close it even before the original freshmen graduated.

"When it comes to education, you have to do what's needed," he said. "But you hate to see waste."

District 300 administrators have recommended that the school board put a \$70 million to \$80 million referendum proposal on the fall ballot to build new schools in west Carpentersville and Gilberts and put additions on seven others.

Deputy Supl. Fred Goering said the school district is expecting 3,000 new students over the next five years, and with current buildings at or near capacity, there is no place to put them.

"We are out of classroom space in virtually all the schools. We can't shuffle kids between schools; we can only increase class size," he said.

The school referendum mea-

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home owners.

One of the special guests during Sunday's plaque presentation will be Ruth McNameer of Laramie, Wyo., the great-great-granddaughter of Judge Hutchinson. She will be joined by Harvard attorney Hugh Demson who, at 99, is the county's oldest practicing attorney. Sue Netherton said.

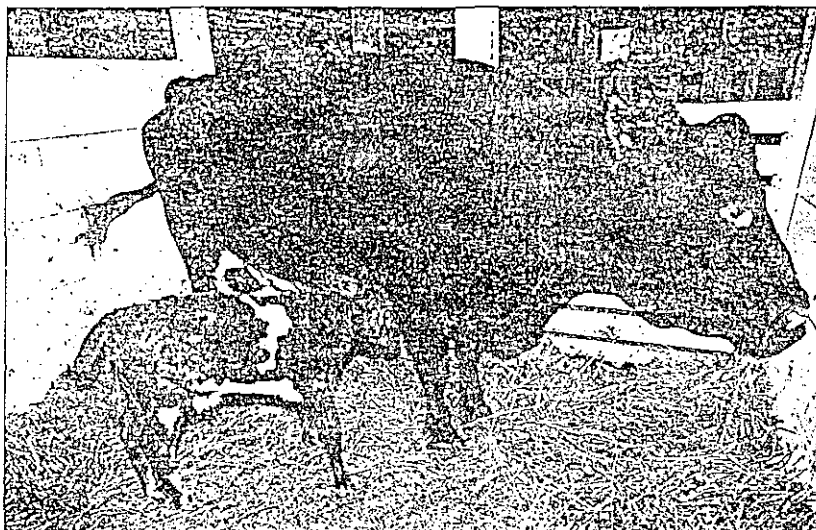
According to Gloria Mack, who serves on the historic preservation commission, the House of Seven Gables will be the eighth to be plaqued by the commission.

Plaquing a building provides decided tax advantages to its owner, Mack said, including a 12 year freeze on property taxes.

"The idea is to help the owner invest in restoration projects," Mack said.

To qualify for plaquing, a building must be at least 50 years old, Mack said, and nominated for consideration by the commission, which evaluates its condition and historical significance.




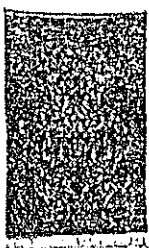

Sunday's ceremony at the House of Seven Gables will begin at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. The house is at 10300 U.S. Highway 14, about six miles north of downtown Harvard.



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Durham bull: A camera-shy bull calf seeks protection from his mother at the Schaumburg Park, District's Volkening Heritage Farm. The calf was born Wednesday to the shorthorn Durham.

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Census

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will make the most extensive use ever of mailed questionnaires.

For the suburbs, a larger population count means more money. Municipalities with more residents can ask the state for a greater return on gasoline- and sales-tax revenue, for example. For some communities, it can mean as much as \$80 to \$90 more annually for each resident, Moore said.

The 1990 census found that of the nearly 4.5 million suburbanites in the six-county metropolitan area, 7 percent were African-American, 7 percent were Hispanic and 3 percent were Asian.

No attempt has been made since then to calculate the growth of Hispanics, African-Americans, Asians and others who have

moved to Chicago's suburbs—often directly from their native countries.

To avoid the historical undercounting of suburban minorities and other problems, Moore called for suburban-Census Bureau "partnerships." He also asked suburban officials to provide the bureau with accurate municipal boundaries, taking pains to include recent annexations.

"If we don't have the proper boundaries, we can't assign [housing units] to the right place," he said.

The arrival of the 911 emergency response system in many municipalities has helped the Census Bureau obtain more-accurate information about addresses, Moore said.

The 911 system has forced many suburban homes to dispense with rural route addresses and adopt city-style street addresses, which

are more accurate for census mailings.

"Addresses are important, because we question people where they live," he said.

For the first time, suburbs will be allowed to review the final census address list before the questionnaires are mailed out.

Residents who receive mailed census forms will be asked to fill them out and return them by mail. Those who don't return them—an estimated 30 percent to 40 percent of Americans—are to be counted by an army of about 600,000 workers hired expressly for the task.

Return rates may be higher in 2000 than in 1990 because the census will send a short, easy-to-complete form to five out of every six people. Only one in six residents, to be selected at random, will get the longer, 38-question form, which was standard in 1990.

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sure would account for \$80 of that \$200 tax increase for the Algonquin homeowner.

The Library District is also feeling the pinch. There is no room for new books. An old book has to come off the shelf for every new book added. The kitchen has been converted to office space. The cat-

RINGWOOD: The McHenry County Conservation District board of trustees meets at 7 p.m. today at Wiedrich Barn, a half-mile west of Route 31 on Harts Road in Glacial Park.

WEEKEND BRIEFING

ALGONQUIN: The Algonquin Police Department will auction unclaimed property including about 20 bicycles from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the police station, 2200 Harnish Drive.

CRYSTAL LAKE: The historic Colonel Palmer House will be open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Built in 1858, the Greek Revival farmhouse will be awarded a bronze plaque by the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission at 2 p.m.

The first structure to be designated a local landmark under the city's historic preservation ordinance created a year ago is located at Route 176 and Terra Cotta Road.



There will be a classical guitar, cello and piano concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the McHenry County College Conference Center. Wonder Lake native Paul Moeller, Kerena Fox of England and Northern Illinois University doctoral candidate Niu Zhe Tang will perform. The college is at 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake.

Tickets are \$1.50 for seniors; \$3 for others.

For information, call (815) 728-0212.

HARVARD: There will be a ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday recognizing McHenry County landmark status for the House of Seven Gables at 10308 N. Route 14, Harvard. Said to be a frontier courthouse and later a station on the underground railway, this 12-room, gothic revival brick home dates to the late 1830s, county historical society officials said. The home's new status, bestowed by county ordinance, protects the structure against demolition or alterations that take away from its historic nature.

Northwest Herald
Thursday, June 19, 1997

THURSDAY BRIEFING

ALGONQUIN: The Public Works Committee will consider measures to help Algonquin Hills area residents who are forced to tap onto village water during their 7:30 p.m. meeting today at village hall, 2200 Harnish Drive.

CRYSTAL LAKE: The park board meets at 7:30 p.m. today at the park district offices, 1 E. Crystal Lake Ave.

FOX RIVER GROVE: The village board meets at 8 p.m. today at village hall, 408 Route 14.

McHENRY: The McHenry City Band performs at 8 p.m. today at Veterans Memorial Park on Pearl Street. The performance will include renditions of "Take the 'A' Train," "Star Dust," "Switch in Time," "Cherokee" and "Sugar Blues." Vocalist Maureen Christine also will perform. The city band concert series will continue at Veterans Memorial Park Thursday nights throughout the summer.

RICHMOND: The Richmond-Burton High School District 157 board meets at 7:30 p.m. today at the school, 10006 Main St. The board plans to discuss progress on a new high school, fees for the next school year and computer bids.

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FAX 337-3720 - MARY ANNE

SURVEY AND Landmarking Report

On Sat, July 26, my wife and myself Historically preserved the William P. Walkup Hse at 2809 Country Club Rd Woodstock. It was very warm day and we arrived at 1:00 along with Don Peasley, a local photographer and reporter.

We were met at the door by Robert and Sandy Bahls. I had called first and told her that it would be very low key as per her wishes. She appreciated our concern but upon our arrival she asked if we would like to see the inside. It was like a step back in history. She and her husband have put many hours into preserving the inside. (enclosed are pictures my wife took)

We made the presentation outside in front of house near the road.

The following day at Mass I met one of County Board members and told her what we had done and why. (I did not want want the Board to think we were taking over their duties.)

We should be ready to do the Ostend Cemetery some time in August. Gloria and I feel that Everette Thomas can set up that program and we just assist him.

I checked with Tom Wilcoxin and a report from him will be included with this report.

We also have our tax number and I have given it to Maryanne

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIAISON
AUGUST 6, 1997

The current project is to prepare a standardized inter-governmental agreement and model ordinance for when the commission is invited to make historical designations within the incorporated municipalities in McHenry County.

To date, inter-governmental agreements have been entered into with the municipalities of Cary and Greenwood. The Cary ordinance problems have been noted, and the Greenwood ordinance has been requested. The first draft of the model ordinance is expected to be presented at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Gervais
Chairperson

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**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
August 6, 1997 Meeting Report
Submitted: Gloria Mack**

Update - McHenry Ordinance, Nancy Fike informed me that once again there has been a change in the procedure concerning the McHenry Preservation Ordinance. At the City Administrators suggestion the ZBA will hold a public hearing on September 15, 1997 at the McHenry City Hall. It will be at 7:30, I hope some people who have historic homes and those of us that are concerned about preservation will attend and submit testimony. It will then advance to the City Council.

The McHenry County combined preservation groups will hold their second meeting on September 24th, at the McHenry County Historical Society Museum in Union . Nancy and I thought that the focus of this meeting will be coordinating a 1998 historic groups calendar of events and another brag session. Speakers will be from the cities that have Ordinances, sharing their experiences.

Nancy requested that the Commission prepare an invitation and I will do the newspaper articles.

The Village of Ringwood would be interested in an intergovernmental agreement with the Commission. To administer preservation in the Village.

In the event the Commission decides to acquire books for the Preservation Library I would like to suggest that we purchase a McHenry County History book, they're still available at \$79.95. I also know a person who is willing to sell their 1968 McHenry County History Book for about \$75.00. Two books that would certainly be the backbone of any Preservation Library.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8/6/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On summer vacation.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Commission's revised brochure is available to commission members as needed. Business cards for commission members have been distributed.

PRESERVATION AWARDS:

On hold until later in the year to start planning for the 1998 awards.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re: Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

We have had several work sessions for demolition of the modern elements. Besides taking out several of the interior elements (carpeting, paneling, kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, etc.), the entire back room (circa 1960) has been removed. We are on our third dumpster. We only have a few remaining exterior elements to remove and the demolition phase will be completed. Ed Collins has continued the research of former owners/renters and has been able to acquire old pictures of the house. We are also trying to piece together the puzzle answering questions as to specific details of the house during specific time periods.

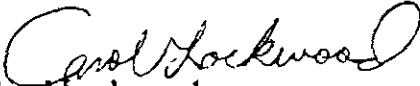
McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
August 6, 1997

I've been going through sections 19, 20, 28, 29, and 30 of Coral township looking for witness trees. It's much more labor-intensive than even I had expected. A lot of people are away on vacations, so it's hard to get hold of them to get permission to be on their property, but when I can contact them and explain my mission, property-owners don't mind at all watching me trudge across their land and plunge into thickets or creeks etc., and they usually are very interested in the outcome of my search.

After a great deal of disappointing searching, I MAY have found one witness tree. It's on the quarter-section point running north between sections 29 and 30. I would say at this point that it's possible, not probable, that one of the two trees in question is the right one. When I talked to the property owner, Raymond Ettner, who is in his 70s and who has lived his whole life in this area, he said that he'd heard as a little kid that a tree at the corner of his property was a witness tree. While it is a very impressive tree, it does not match the location of the tree given in the surveyors' notes and it doesn't seem to have any markings on it. To make matters a bit more confusing, there IS a tree on the spot described in the surveyors' notes, but I can't find any markings on that tree either, and even worse the tree has been distorted and split because people have used it to store materials for fencing. So, I've taken photos of both trees and when I get the film developed, I want to take the pictures to Ed Collins and get his opinion on the matter. I'm hopeful - but skeptical.

In the meantime, I'll keep trying to find other trees.

Respectfully submitted,


Carol Lockwood

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Archival Reference Committee

8/6/97 - Committee Report - Mark Balasi

Following is an update on the status of activities recommended for the Archival Reference Committee at the 7/2/97 MCHPC meeting:

A. LIBRARY INVENTORY

A preliminary inventory of the library has been conducted. The existing Resource Materials list is attached. A hardcopy will be added to the Planning Department Library Index. A 3 1/2" floppy disk containing a WordPerfect electronic file will be stored in the Card Catalog drawer.

B. LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The current Preservation Library has a limited amount of reference material. Discussions with local libraries should take place prior to the development of any list of recommended acquisitions.

C. PUBLIC/PRIVATE LIBRARY LIAISON

The commission should consider the advisability of establishing a subcommittee to the Archival Reference Committee composed of a number of librarians from municipal and township libraries in the county. Such a subcommittee could provide expert advise on the most beneficial way to structure a Preservation Library as well as strengthen networking and educational opportunities.

D. INTERNET WORLD WIDE WEB SITE

A letter was sent on July 23, 1997 to the McHenry County Board Chairman expressing our interest in establishing a MCHPC page on the county's Web site. A copy of the letter is attached along with hardcopies of the McHenry County Web site and the National Trust Web site for your information.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Preservation Library

July 1997 Inventory

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Catalog No.	Title	Author	Status
020.1	Landmark Preservation	Costonis, J.	shelf
020.2	Preservation Law	PL Reporter	missing
020.3	Built to Last	MA Dept. of C.A.	shelf
020.4	Guidelines for Rec. & Heritage Conservation Agencies	US Dept Interior	missing
020.5	Resource Guide on Volunteerism for Rec & Heritage Conservation	US Dept Interior	missing
020.6	Conservation/Preservation Needs	US Dept Interior	missing
020.7	Historic Preserv. Plan - Logan Co.	Logan Co. IL	shelf
020.8	Georgetown Historic Waterfront	US Dept Interior	shelf
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020.10	Lafayette Square Restoration	City of St. Louis	shelf
020.11	Historic Preserv. in Small Towns	Ziegler, A..	shelf
020.12	History of McHenry County	Nye, L.	missing
020.13	Protecting Am. Hist. Countryside	Federchak, M.	shelf
020.14	Well Preserved	Fram, M.	shelf
020.15	The Elements of Style	Calloway, S.	missing
020.16	Design Review in Hist. Districts	Bowsher, A.	shelf
020.17	The Conserv. Easement Handbook	Diehl, J.	missing
020.18	National Trust for Hist. Preserv.	Maddex, D.	shelf
020.19	Southampton County History	Balfour, D.	shelf
020.20	Saratoga Springs	Bolster, G.	shelf
020.21	What's Wrong w/ IL Land Use law	NIU	missing
020.22	The Art of City Design	Drabelle, D.	shelf
020.23	Protecting Historic Properties	Brandywine Conserv	shelf
020.24	Saving America's Countryside	Stokes, S.	shelf

Books - not cataloged

020.	Built for Farming	Kane County	shelf
020.	Historic Preservation Plan	Kane County	shelf
020.	Preservation Law Handbook	Conserv. Found.	shelf
020.	Preservation Easements in IL	Lm. Pres. Cnl. IL	shelf
020.	Restored America	Stanforth, D.	shelf
020.	Tax Incentives for Hist. Preserv.	Andrews, G.	shelf

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Will County Preservation Study

Boone County Preservation Ordinance

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- Tax Assessment Freeze Information
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- "Green Storage Box" - Black and white 11/2" x 21/2" photographs of all historical sites and structures in McHenry County

- "Brown Storage Box" - Survey Committee photos

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July 23, 1997

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McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
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Re: McHenry County Government - Internet World Wide Web site
Web Page for McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission

Dear Dianne:

I am the Chairperson of the Archival Reference Committee of the McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission. At our last meeting on July 2, 1997 we discussed the possibility of getting on the "Net" to help the Commission to fulfill its mission of educating the public about our historic heritage. We understand that the County has a Web site (www.co.mchenry.il.us) and we would like to initiate a discussion about the possibility of creating a Web page for the Historical Preservation Commission.

A Web page would provide the public greater awareness of, and access to, information on the Commission and its activities. The page could contain information on the Commission's purpose, members, resources and activities. In addition images of the historic sites that have been landmarked could be shown. "Hot Links" could be immediately established between our page and other Web sites including other local, state and national preservation organizations and several county libraries. Landmark nomination forms could be posted on the page to allow interested individuals to download the forms for submission. We believe the potential to increase awareness of the Commission's work is significant.

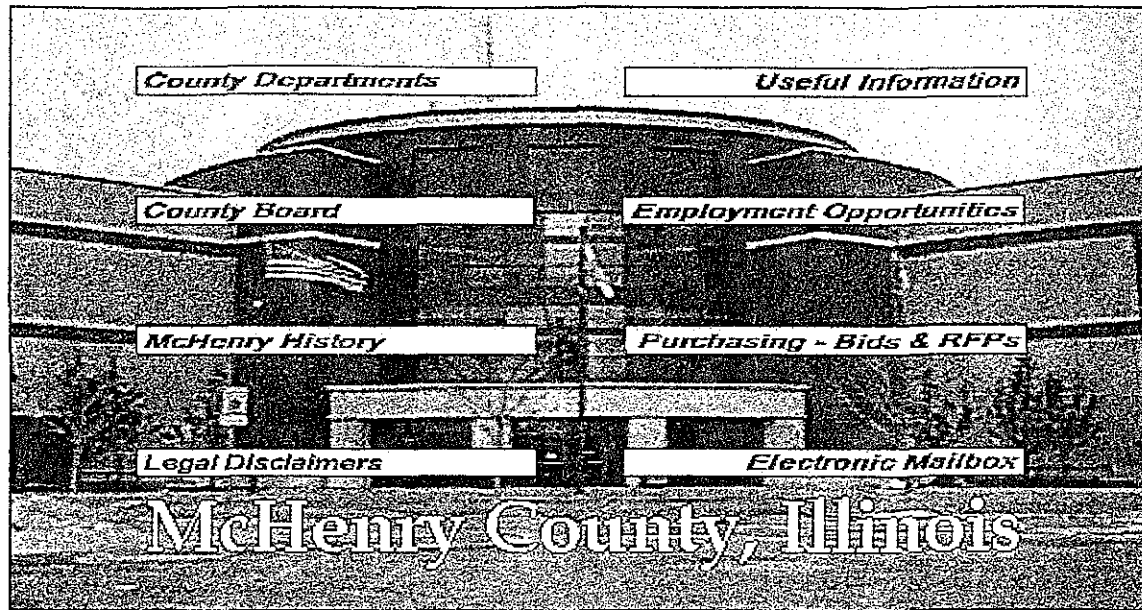
I have had an initial discussion with Mr. Carl Pohrte in the Information Services Department who indicated that there is currently capacity for a Historical Preservation Commission page. Please let me know how the Commission should proceed to explore the possibility of a Web page on the County's site. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Balasi". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Mark Balasi, AIA
Commission Member

cc: Mr. William Barron, County Administrator, McHenry County
Mr. Carl Pohrte, Information Services
Ms. Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison



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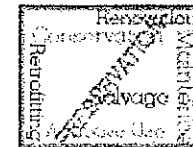
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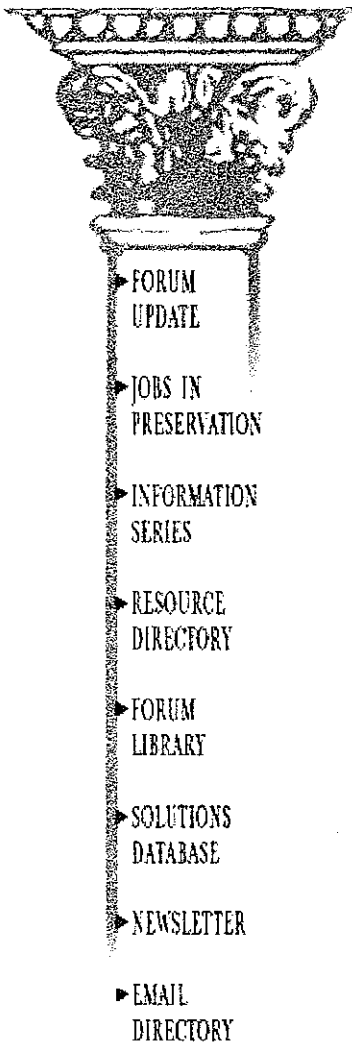
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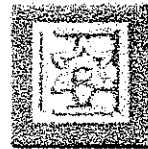
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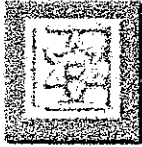


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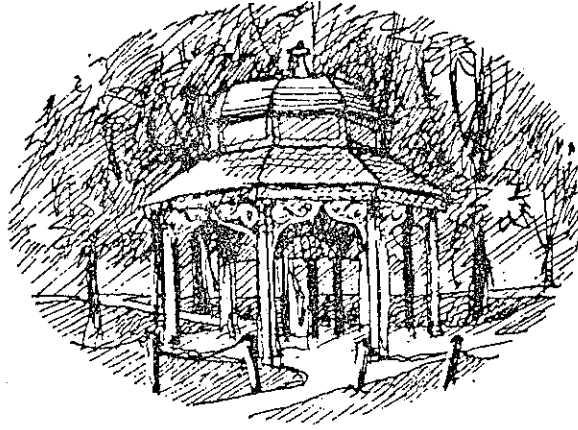
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woodstock spring house (1872)

9-2-97

[COMPUTER BROKE - REPORT BY HAND]

- 1) CALLED Philbin AGAIN - HE SAID HE JUST SENT ME A LETTER.
Bottom Line - NOT JUST YET - (LETTER RECEIVED)
- 2) SPOKE WITH NANCY FIKE ABOUT PETERSON FARM - HEIRS ARE INVOLVED - TAXES TO BE PAID - INCOME NEEDED FOR ROBERT - FARM MAY HAVE TO BE SOLD ???
- 3) WORKED WITH REPORTERS ON OSTEND CEM. (GOOD STORY IN HERALD, SUN AUG 24 -)
3 PIECES OF PROPERTY WILL BE DONE THIS SUMMER
1) HUTCHENSON HSE 2) WALKUP HSE II 3) OSTEND CEM.
WE NEED TO LOCATE + CONVINCE PEOPLE TO DESIGNATE PROPERTY.

*McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
September 3, 1997 Meeting
Submitted: Gloria Mack*

Reminder - McHenry Ordinance will have a Public Hearing on September 15, 1997 at the City of McHenry Municipal Building at 7:30. Please try to attend to show support for this Ordinance.

Reminder - The McHenry Co. combined Preservation Groups will hold their second meeting on September 24th at the McHenry County Historic Society Museum in Union. The focus will be on coordinating a 1998 calendar of historic events and of course another brag session. It is my hope that the cities that have Ordinances will share their experiences with those that do not.

Also, FYI, I received an invitation to attend the Mass Barn dedication. I am very happy that it has been preserved, however, the original siding has been covered. I spoke to the architect and he told me the siding was asbestos and could not be left as it was, which is understandable. Also, I noted on the invitation that they are changing the historic name to Hickory Creek Barn. I don't know if this dedication is by invitation only, however it is on September 13th @ 11:00.

I spoke to Everett Thomas about the program and date for the cemetery landmarking. He hoped we could do it on September 28th @ 2:00 pm. Mr. Thomas will be the speaker. He didn't think we was much of a public speaker but I twisted his arm as he has the most knowledge concerning the cemetery. He also told me that he has had a run on his books. A gentleman in Wonder Lake has been searching for some record of his family. After reading the Herald article he telephoned Mr. Thomas and found his relatives were interred at Ostend. He bought 10 books for his brothers and sisters and all the nieces and nephews.

We are in need of a large rock to affix the Ostend plaque to. I contacted McHenry Township Supervisor Adams and McHenry Township Highway Commissioner Majercik. I asked them to take on this project - they agreed.

Everett will contact Don Pasley (?) and I will contact Dave Barnes and the Herald.

Historic Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
3 September 1997

I have the photos of the potential witness tree which I mentioned in my report for the August meeting. I still have to arrange to meet with Ed Collins to get his opinion on the tree. To date, the tree in question is still the only one that seems to be possible as a witness tree.

Nancy Fike mentioned to me that the Illinois Railway Museum had tentatively asked whether part of the site of the first railway in the county would be worthy of placqueing. Nancy didn't have very many details at the time so I wasn't clear about the site they were referring to --whether it is part of the museum itself, or on a site that the museum was going to acquire, or even whether it is in a municipality or not. I still need to contact the railway museum to see if they have a specific site in mind.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lockwood

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Archival Reference Committee

7/2/97 - Committee Report - Mark Balasi

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Library supports the mission of the Commission to educate the residents of McHenry County regarding its historic heritage. It provides a source of reference material to assist Commission members in pursuing the objectives of the Commission. It provides a source of reference material for interested members of the public. It serves as an archive for the public records of the Commission. The Archival Reference Committee is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the value of the Commission's library.

Following is an initial list of recommended activities for the Archival Reference Committee:

A. LIBRARY INVENTORY :

Take inventory of existing materials in the Commission library. The inventory will be rearranged in a "card catalog" format and entered into a word processing program to allow the maintenance of a current catalog.

B. LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS :

Conduct an assessment of the types of materials and subject matters in the library collection and prepare a preliminary list of recommended acquisitions. The current collection inventory and the preliminary list of recommended acquisitions will be distributed to committee members for review and input.

Establish an acquisitions budget and prepare a schedule for acquisitions.

C. PUBLIC/PRIVATE LIBRARY LIAISON :

Strengthen contacts with libraries in the county to enhance the Commission's awareness of and access to county libraries' reference collections as they relate to the Commission's objectives. In addition, through contacts strengthen the libraries' and the public's awareness of the Commission and its resources.

D. INTERNET WORLD WIDE WEB SITE :

Initiate dialog with McHenry County Government Information Services department to create a Historic Preservation Commission page on the county Web site (www.co.mchenry.il.us). Establish format for web page - general information, upcoming events calendar, "hot links" to county library web sites (e.g. Crystal Lake Public Library), other preservation organizations, etc.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIAISON
SEPTEMBER 3, 1997

The current project to prepare a standardized inter-governmental agreement and model ordinance is under way. Upon review it appears that four standardized documents will be required which are described as follows:

1. Inter-governmental agreement with a municipality for a specific site similar to the Holcombville School Agreement.
2. Inter-governmental agreement for all sites in a municipality similar to the Cary inter-governmental agreement.
3. Specific site ordinance.
4. Blanket municipality ordinance.

A proposed draft of an inter-governemntal agreement for a specific site is attached to this report. The remaining documents are being prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Gervais
Chairperson

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____,
_____ by and between _____ and McHenry County
(hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperating Parties"), witnesseth that:

WHEREAS, the Cooperating Parties are authorized pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220 et seq.) to enter into intergovernmental agreements; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-30004 (17) authorizes the county to exercise within the boundaries of any city, village, or incorporated town any of the powers and authority to designate landmarks within its corporate boundaries as authorized by the corporate authorities of said city, village, or incorporated town; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperating Parties desire to jointly recognize the property commonly known as the _____ be brought under the protection of the McHenry County Preservation Ordinance as a local McHenry County Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperating Parties desire to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relative to jointly recognizing said property as a local McHenry County Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Cooperating Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The subject property is legally described as follows:

2. The Cooperating Parties acknowledge that said property and improvements are a valuable asset to McHenry County as a local McHenry County Landmark.
3. In order to facilitate the landmarking of the subject property, and improvements thereon, _____ agrees to allow that portion of the property within its corporate limits to be recognized as a local McHenry County Landmark under the provisions of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance as adopted by the McHenry County Board in November 1991.
4. This agreement shall become operative upon execution by both of the Cooperating Parties.
5. No amendment or modification shall be made to this agreement without the prior written approval of both Cooperating Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting under the authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this agreement to be executed.

County of McHenry

Municipality of:

 _____, Chairman
 McHenry County Board

 _____, President
 Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

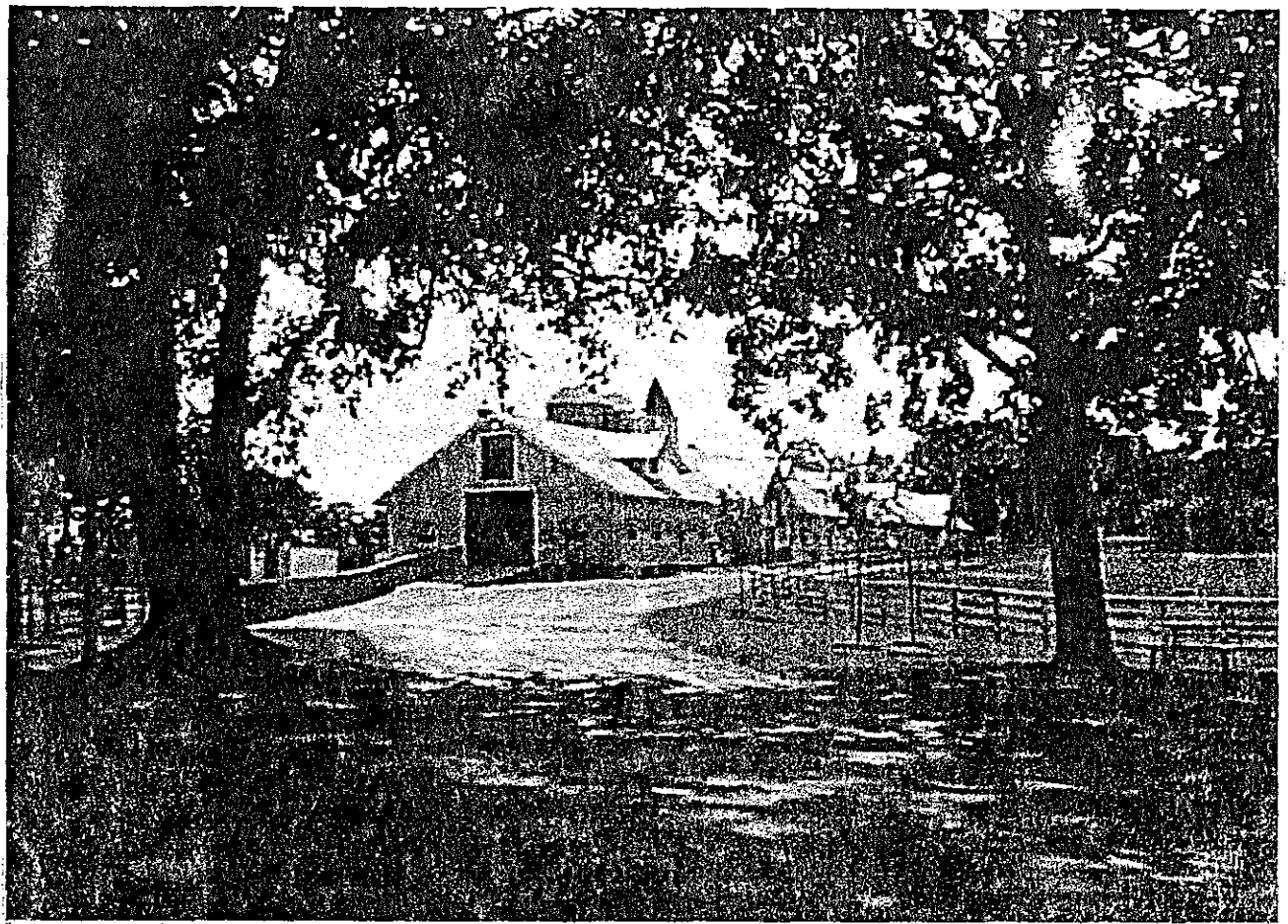
ATTEST:

 _____, County Clerk

 Village Clerk

DATE: _____

DATE: _____



Hickory Creek Farm Dedication Ceremony

**Saturday, September 13, 1997
11:00 am**

**Introductions
Flag Raising Ceremony
Mayor Steven J. Cuda
Blessing - Father Robert Sherry
Refreshments
Tour**

Survey committee report

On Sunday the historical event at Ostend Cementary took place. It went off without a hitch. The plaque was not done so I went to Tony Zoias and he gave me the faxed copy as how the plaque would look. It was then taken to Adco Signs in Woodstock where Rex and Kurt Berlin made me a great look-a-like to present to the cementry bd. Im sure it will look good in the papers.

Donna Schaffer, Cty Bd member presented the sign .
Lyle Bungard, Everette Thomas, and myself went down to Melans graver pit near Algonquin and Everette picked out a 900 pound stone to put the plaque on. We prought it back and placed it in the present spot.

We as a committee have currently no more sites. As a committee we should each make a effort to locate a site in our areas and ask the owners to start the process.

I believe that we, as soon as we get new applications, should send out in the mail requests for locations.

I spoke to Lisa Kelly - HER HOME IS A OLD Church &
former GRANGE HALL IN FRANKLINVILLE - GET APP.

ALSO, GINNY MILLER WOULD LIKE APP FOR MILLER CHURCH
ON JOHNSBERG - WILMOT RD.

Jim Keefe

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
10/1/97 - Gloria Mack/Public Relations

I attended the dedication of the Mass Barn (Hickory Creek Farm) Dedication on September 13, 1997. I have a copy of the program for all, it details the history of the barn (upper level is 15,637 s. ft. and the lower level is 9,676 s. Ft.) and its renovation.

On September 24th the McHenry County Historical Society and the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission hosted the second gathering of the combined historic groups in the County. It was an interesting evening with contributions by all the groups represented. A new face was present, a resident of Lake in the Hills was trying to get ideas about saving the Hain (sp?) house. Approximately 20/25 attended. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the historic Algonquin Village Hall.

On September 28th a landmark ceremony was held to honor the Ostend Cemetery. There was tremendous press coverage. The Herald and Tribune both had large features prior to the ceremony. The Herald had a reporter and photographer at the ceremony as well. Everett Thomas gave a brief history of the cemetery and Donna Schaefer presented the plaque.

I would like to know the status of the Greenwood inter-gov agreement. If it is still in limbo I would like to get it on the agenda of the next Greenwood Village meeting. I will attend the meeting in the event there are any questions.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

10/1/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

For September we had an impromptu photo session at Shelley Trost's house. Her husband John also gave a "work-in-progress" demonstration on their exterior wood repair. Shelley Trost has been invited to write an article for the "Historic Illinois" publication for their December issue.

In October we will be having a planning meeting at Carol Obertubesing's house in Woodstock.

JOINT COUNCIL OF HISTORIC GROUPS:

The Joint Council of Historic Groups met on September 24th at the Historical Society museum in Union. About 20 people gathered to discuss varying preservation and historical issues. It was a very encouraging evening. The next meeting will be held on February 25, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS:

A meeting notice was sent out prior to the Joint Council of Historic Groups. All groups were also called.

A program was made and distributed for the plaquing of the Ostend Cemetery.

PRESERVATION AWARDS:

On hold until later in the year to start planning for the 1998 awards. This planning should start by November.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re: Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

The demolition phase is completed. The replanning phase is also completed. As part of the replanning phase specific details were worked out concerning the wood restoration. We received a volunteer consultation from an architect to discuss what changes needed to be made to restore features. Also in conjunction with Lloyd's of Woodstock, a representative from Benjamin Moore came out and did a site inspection. Lloyd's have offered Benjamin Moore paint at cost for this project. We greatly appreciate their support. To date over 250 volunteer hours have been put into this project. We are of course concentrating efforts on the exterior wood restoration at this point.

Historic Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
October 1, 1997

I met with Ed Collins on September 22 to discuss the potential witness tree at the quarter-section between sections 29 and 30 in Coral township and we had to come to the conclusion that the tree in question was not the one mentioned in the 1837 survey. I also discussed the trees in sections 20, 21, 28 and 29 in Coral township, and likewise they are not candidates for witness trees either. However, Ed is still convinced that there are some surviving witness trees in the county, so I'll keep looking.

I also now have the (untyped and untranslated) 1837 survey notes for Riley township, so I'm not anywhere near exhausting the possibilities for finding witness trees.

In addition to the 1837 survey notes, Ed suggested that I have a look in the library of the historical society for the field notes of John Brink, a former McHenry County Surveyor (the office of county surveyor is now defunct, of course). Brink had compiled a collection of less comprehensive surveys which had been taken in the county since its creation, and thought that there are probably some trees/sites/landmarks, etc. mentioned in them which might be of historical significance.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lockwood



*The President and Board of Trustees
of the
Village of Algonquin
and
William J. Ganek
Village Manager*

cordially invite you and your family to an

*Open House Celebration
for the*

Rededication

*of the
HISTORIC VILLAGE HALL AND PUBLIC SQUARE*

*2 South Main Street
Algonquin, Illinois*

Saturday, October 25, 1997

*Flag Raising and Ribbon Cutting
11:00 a.m.*

*Open House with Tours of the Building
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

Refreshments Will Be Served

Please R.S.V.P. by October 21, 1997

Survey Report

The plaque for the Ostend Cementery was received and turned over to Everette to be placed on the stone. I do not know if it has been done yet.

The map is not to be done this year. Tom Wilcoxin does not have the time necessary to complete, so, we have agreed to return the money to our sponsors and try again next Spring when more of the map can be done. I am waiting for an advance of \$1000 to be returned before I do so. We have all the money at the Harris Bank. If anyone asks, you now have the facts.

I again have been contacted by the Miller Church people. I am assuming shortly we will have the applications in hand. We need them before we start going after locations.

If any of you know of a worthy location, call.

Jim Keefe

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

11/5/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

In October, we had a planning meeting at Carol Obertubbesing's house in Woodstock. We have planned the Open Houses for this season. Due to lower attendance at programs, we will be having less programs, but have added some field trips to fill in this season's schedule.

We will not be meeting in November, but will be having a holiday Open House in December.

1998 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:

We will be holding our first committee meeting to plan the 1998 Awards on Nov 12th at 7:00 pm at David Gervais' office, 10 West Terra Cotta, Crystal Lake. Everyone is invited to attend or forward input. The committee now consists of David Gervais, Tony Howard and myself. However, anyone interested in serving on the committee is welcome.

PUBLICATIONS:

None were needed or produced this month.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

Based on Tony Howard's recommendation, we received a trial paint stripper tool from Lloyd's in Woodstock. This tool is made by Porter-Cable and consists on a metal sanding disk. This method is working out very well for us. However, by doing a more thorough paint removal, more time is being put into the project than originally anticipated. We have also spent a great deal of time on wood restoration to repair the facade where the addition was removed.

Historic Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
5 November 1997

I haven't finished "translating" the 1837 surveyors' field notes for Riley township into feet and inches, so I haven't started to explore that area for witness trees yet.

After discussing with a few people the suggestion of running a newspaper article on witness trees in efforts to get outside assistance in locating any of them, I decided that it isn't the right time to do that. I'm afraid that a lot of well-meaning people with any kind of old tree anywhere on their property would contact me and I'd be chasing a lot of "wild geese." So for the moment at least, I think it's still best for me to approach the landowners whose properties are known to be along section lines where trees were known to have been marked.

I talked to Toms Sheets, a land surveyor, to see if he could give me any advice about finding trees or other "vista" kind of features. He knew exactly what I was talking about, but said that he hadn't seen any in this county, and was doubtful that any still exist - but he thought it was worth exploring. He did warn me about the large discrepancies that can exist between measurements in old and modern surveys. He suggested that if I want a chance of getting some knowledgeable advice about finding witness trees that I put a "blurb" in "The Illinois Surveyor" - the journal for the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors' Association (IPLSA). It would save me the trouble of contacting every land surveyor in McHenry County separately, and it would also reach surveyors in other parts of the state who might have run across witness trees and could tell me what to look for. It's published quarterly, so I couldn't get any feedback right away, and I'm not yet sure if they charge a fee for posting a request for help, but I'll look into it. The IPLSA also has a couple of publications about working with early public government surveys and perhaps I should look into purchasing them?

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lockwood

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

11/5/97 - Mark Balasi, Archival Reference Committee

In mid October I received a call from Carle Pohrte of McHenry County Information Services and a letter from Bill Barron, County Administrator indicating that the county would like to proceed with creating a page for the Historic Preservation Commission on the county's Web site. Carle asked that we submit an outline of what we would like to put on our page so that he could assign the outline a request number. In order to expedite the process, I prepared a draft outline using some of our existing promotional material and sent it to Mr. Pohrte on Oct. 17. I indicated in my cover letter that the Commission would like to review the material and work with the Information Services department before finalizing any content or design. As of Nov. 4 I had not heard back from Mr. Pohrte.



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BILL BARRON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

October 7, 1997

Mr. Mark Balasi, AIA
McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission
808 Woodmar Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Mr. Balasi:

Chairman Klemm has asked that I respond to your inquiry about the Commission being part of the County's Web page. This is a great idea.

We are planning to bring the Web site up before the end of the year. I will have Carl Pohrte contact you relative to preparing the Commission's input.

Thank you for your inquiry. I apologize for the delay in responding to your original letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Barron".

Bill Barron
County Administrator

BB:bjt

cc: Dianne Klemm, Chairman
McHenry County Board
Carl Pohrte, Information Services



Mark Balasi, AIA
Survey Committee

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10/22/97
October 17, 1997

Mr. Carl Pohrte
Information Services, McHenry County
McHenry County Government Center
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 North Seminary - Woodstock, IL 60098

Re: McHenry County Government - Internet World Wide Web site
Web Page for McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Carl:

Thanks for your call regarding the McHenry County Web Site. The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission is very excited about the prospect of getting on the "Net" to help the Commission to fulfill its mission of educating the public about our historic heritage.

As we discussed, Mr. Barron has requested that you direct our Commission in the procedure for submitting our input. Therefor I am submitting the enclosed information in order to expedite the assignment of a request number for the inclusion of the Historic Preservation Commission on the county's Web site.

The enclosed package is only a preliminary concept draft and our Commission would appreciate the opportunity to review it with your staff for your input. We anticipate that both Information Services and our Commission will want to make modifications before finalizing the initial design.

The first Web page would provide the public a guide and access to information on the Commission and its activities. The Landmark Images page could be scanned photos or copies of the portraits of the historic sites that have been landmarked. The Landmark Nomination Form page could post the form on the page to allow interested individuals to download it. We would also like to established "Hot Links" between our page and other Web sites including other local, state and national preservation organizations and several county libraries.

We have a substantial amount of information we could possible put on the site, so we will need your input as to how much would be appropriate at this time so that we can prioritize our preferences. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Balasi".

Mark Balasi, AIA
Commission Member

cc: Mr. William Barron, County Administrator, McHenry County
~~Ms. Marianne Wanaski, Staff Liaison~~

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McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development

*Welcome to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Web Site.
The Commission was established in 1991 to assist in educating the county of
McHenry Regarding its historic heritage and to preserve historic landmarks.
To learn more click on the following bars:*

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and where we are Today

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In 1834, Sam. Gillian and his family crossed the Fox River and became the first settlers in McHenry County. Since this time, many more pioneers followed, including names such as Walkup, Dufield, Hartman, Gibson and McClure. They were drawn to the county by its fertile soils, transportation and beauty. As time progressed, the county developed a healthy economy supported by dairy farms, mills, resorts, railroads, agricultural production and much more.

Today, McHenry County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. The population is expected to reach 235,000 by the year 2010. Algonquin has already doubled its population in the last ten years. Lake-in-the-Hills is actively annexing thousands of acres of land in the southeastern portion of the county. Crystal Lake also grows with their aggressive development policies. While this growth is considered healthy for the area's economy, if it is unmanaged, the character of the county that draws new modern settlers will be buried under new buildings.

The McHenry County Board Historic Preservation Commission was established in November of 1991 in concurrence with the enactment of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance by the McHenry County Board.

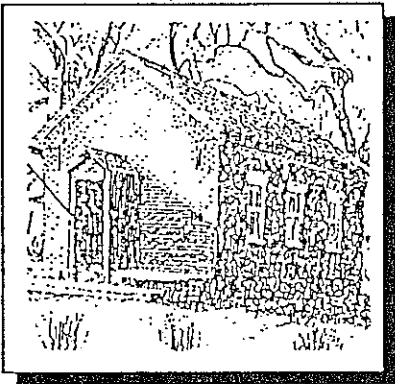
The McHenry County Board and the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission are sensitive to the potential disappearance of the county's culture and landmarks. The Commission is striving to preserve and educate the county of McHenry regarding its historic heritage.

McHenry County
Historic Preservation
Commission

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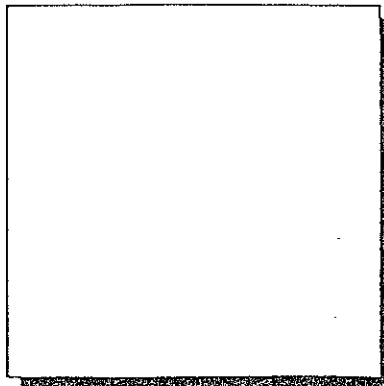
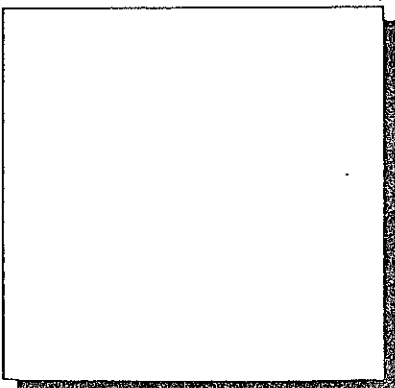
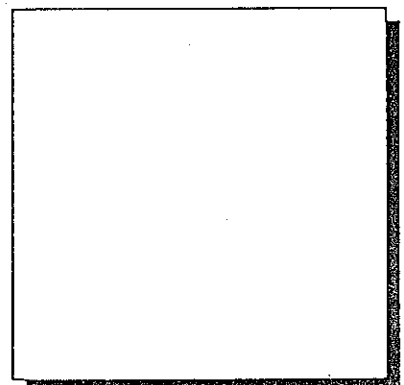
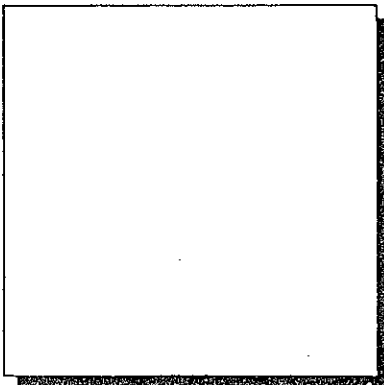
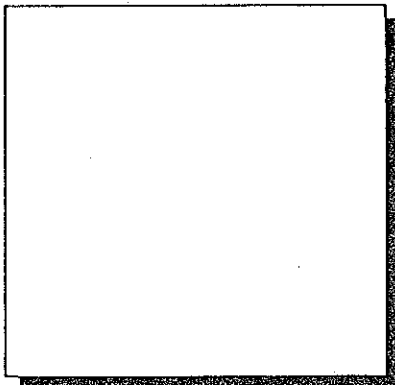
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Frank & Louisa Newman House, 1873



John James House, 1850



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Landmark Criteria:

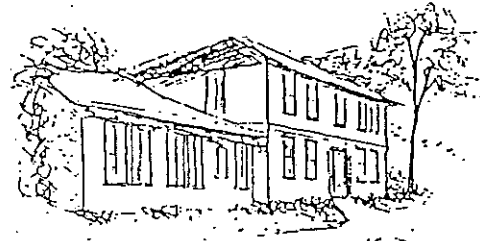
Preservation of Landmarks

One of the objectives of the Preservation Ordinance is the preservation of landmarks. The Commission will endeavor to recommend suitable sites, structures, landscapes, vistas or districts which possess architectural, historic, cultural, or natural significance for Landmark designation. Landmark status will be designated by the McHenry County Board upon the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Historic sites within unincorporated McHenry County are eligible for landmark status providing they meet the specific criteria as defined in the Preservation Ordinance. Sites which are located within incorporated boundaries of a village or city are under the jurisdiction of any local preservation ordinances, if any.

Any group, individual or association may nominate a structure, building, site, landscape, vista, cemetery or district which may have significance for landmark designation.

Contact the Commission for more information on the application process.



John James House, 1850

Landmark Criteria:

(NOTE: Please refer to the McHenry County Preservation Ordinance for complete criteria definition.)

- ♦ It has value which is part of the heritage or cultural characteristics of McHenry County
- ♦ Its location is the site of a significant event
- ♦ It is identified with a person who significantly contributed to the area
- ♦ It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style
- ♦ It is identified with the work of a master builder
- ♦ It embodies elements of architecturally significant detailing and craftsmanship
- ♦ It is architecturally innovative
- ♦ It is an established visual feature
- ♦ It is a unique example of a utilitarian structure with excellent integrity
- ♦ It is suitable for restoration
- ♦ It has archaeological significance



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COMMISSION MEMBERS

As defined by the County Preservation Ordinance, there are nine commission members who are appointed by the McHenry County Board for terms of five years each. Individual commission members can be contacted through the staff liaison at the

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McHenry County
OLD-HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP



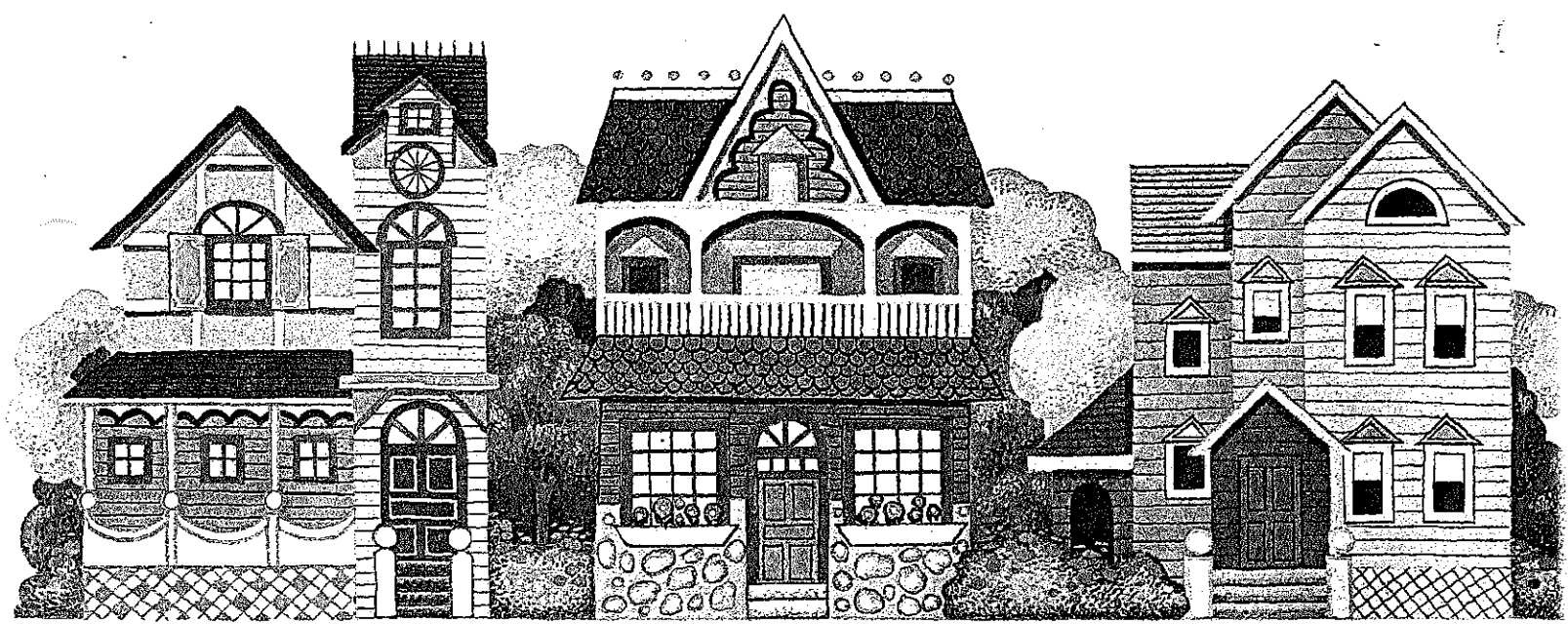
The McHenry County Old House Support Group is an association of "Old House" owners throughout the county who are pursuing the same objectives of restoring their homes.

Often we "Old House" owners have interests, projects, problems or concerns that are peculiar to an older home. Finding the information and resources, if we choose to do it ourselves, to the professional talent that is experienced in and sensitive to period work, is often difficult to find. Well, many times the best help comes from those who are doing the same sort of things, or have in the past.

We meet on a monthly basis and provide programs of demonstrations, workshops, and seminars lead by both professionals and experienced members to help those involved in period renovation and/or maintenance of their older properties.

Please contact the Commission for more information and specific meeting dates, times and places.





The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

cordially invites you and your guest to attend a dinner meeting
to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season

Where: The Old Court House Inn
(on Historic Woodstock Square)

When: Wednesday December 3, 1997
7:00 p.m.

Garlic & Rosemary Roasted Prime Rib or Flounder Almondine
Apple Walnut Upside Down Pie or Ice Cream
Coffee, Tea, or Soft Drink
\$ 22.00 per person
Cash bar

R.S.V.P by November 26th

Make your check out to Jim Keefe and send it back in the enclosed envelop. Thanks!

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
1998 AWARDS COMMITTEE
Minutes ~ 12/10/97

The Awards Committee meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. with the following commission members present:

David Gervais, Jennifer Iftner, Tony Howard, Carol Lockwood & Gail Drabant.

The minutes from the 11/22/97 Awards Committee meeting were approved. (Tony motion, Carol second)

The revised nomination application form was reviewed and approved with 2 minor changes. (Change "before & after" to "present & past" for photographs & move the "To make ..." sentence to the bottom of the sheet.) It was decided that we would copy this form onto our commission paper that we have been using so it stands out better than just being on white paper.

The next topic of discussion was further defining the award categories that we had determined at the last committee meeting. Jennifer brought a very complete set of definitions that we then reviewed and revised. Jennifer will bring the updated definitions to the next award committee meeting. Defining the categories was much easier with Jennifer's advance preparation.

It was agreed to do a more extensive mailing of the form with a cover letter to several areas to include: All organizations in the Joint Council of Historic Groups, All McHenry County Libraries, Township Offices, Cities/Villages, Museums (County, Harvard, Cary), Woodstock Opera House, County Board Members, M.C.C.D., Chambers of Commerce, and Newspapers.

It is our intent to have numerous nominations this year. We will also be encouraging all commission members to submit at least one nomination from their area.

The proposed date of the ceremony is Sunday, May 31st.

We are looking for a place to have the ceremony. Some suggestions included the Palmer House, the Stickney House, the Walkup House or the Dole Mansion. It was the consensus of the committee that we would like to have the ceremony in a historic building. Tony is going to check on the possibility of using the Dole Mansion for the ceremony.

We still need to decide on any guidelines or procedures that we want to have in place for the award process. Due to time elements, we tabled this topic until our next meeting. Each committee member is to bring with them to that meeting their proposed award guidelines/procedures.

The next awards committee meeting was scheduled for Jan. 7th following the regular commission meeting.

We adjourned this meeting at 9:08pm (Tony motion, Jennifer second).

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

12/3/97 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

We did not meet in November. In December we will be meeting at the Don & Sherry Brewer's house in Algonquin for a holiday Open House. We will not be meeting in January due to weather problems and low turn-out in previous year's January meetings.

1998 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:

We held our first committee meeting to plan the 1998 Awards on Nov 12th at 7:00 pm at David Gervais' office, 10 West Terra Cotta, Crystal Lake. After much discussion, we were able to set the categories for the 1998 awards. We will be meeting again next Wed., Dec. 10th (7:00 p.m. at David Gervais' office) to continue planning. We hope to wrap up the planning portion so that we can begin the nomination process in January. Everyone is invited to attend or forward input. The committee now consists of David Gervais, Tony Howard, Jennifer Iftner, Gloria Mack, Carol Lockwood and myself. However, anyone interested in serving on the committee is welcome.

PUBLICATIONS:

None were needed or produced this month.

MCCD Greek Revival Restoration: *(Re:Powers-Walker house built in 1854 by Elon & Mary Powers, located on Harts Road in Glacial Park.)*

Although work has continued, we have started to be limited by weather conditions. We will use the winter months for replanning and interior work. We will continue on outside work as weather permits, since we still can do wood repair even when it is too cold to paint.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Vistas Committee
December 3, 1997

Following Maryanne's lead, I contacted Anne Swallow in Springfield for any information that the state may have about witness trees or other natural features mentioned in surveys. She said that there is no specific information about any of that in videos or pamphlets, etc. However, she said that she would send me information about Rural Historic Districts and the Big Tree Project which is being undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources. None of the material has arrived yet.

I also talked to Robert Church, the executive director of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association. He didn't think that their publications about the use of original public surveys would be useful because they deal primarily with technical issues such as converging meridians and the curvature of parallels of latitude and such things. He said that *The Illinois Surveyor*, their newsletter, would be happy to carry a classified ad about help with finding witness trees so I've sent them copy for a classified ad. They publish quarterly, so the ad will appear in their early 1998 issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lockwood

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

12/3/97 - Mark Balasi, Archival Reference Committee

On Nov. 24 I spoke with Carle Pohrte of McHenry County Information Services regarding the status of creating a page for the Historic Preservation Commission on the county's Web site. Carle indicated that the Information Services Department will be having a roll out of the county's Web site on Dec. 12 at 9 am at the county government center. They will be presenting information on the Internet, the county Web site, identifying the county's 100 seat licenses and discussing Internet surfing protocols.

Each county department will be getting 1 Web page free. For a \$250.00 consulting fee, a department (or commission) can schedule a meeting with Information Services to review a proposal for a larger Web site. Information Services will then prepare a quote for the cost of designing the larger Web site (apparently a private Web site designer, McHenryCom, will be doing most of the work).

I indicated to Mr. Pohrte that I would take this information to our commission and that I anticipated we would be scheduling a consultation meeting with his department in the near future to review the draft concept for a McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Web site.