

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission

1999
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REPORTS

McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FY 1998-1999 ANNUAL REPORT OVERVIEW

Development in McHenry County continues. Rural subdivisions and land expansion by municipalities hold the potential for continued loss of historic structures and scenic rural vistas. 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 1998-1999 the Commission had no cause to review any *Certificates of Appropriateness*. No *Certificates of Economic Hardship* were issued.

II. Designations (See Appendix A.)

In fiscal year 1997-98 the Commission held two (2) public hearings for local landmark designations:

- **#HP 99-01: *Woodstock Street***, Huntley, Illinois, was formally designated McHenry County's fourteenth local landmark on the 16th of February 1999 by a unanimous vote of the County Board.

Located entirely within the corporate limits of the Village of Huntley in Grafton Township, Woodstock Street is one of the last remaining brick streets in McHenry County. The street's 1260 foot surface is lined with brick pavers popularized in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The street is home to many of the village's historic homes. It also served as the major north-south transportation link in Huntley until Route 47 was completed in the 1930s. A complete history is included in Appendix A.

More significantly, this designation established new ground for preservation efforts in McHenry County. In conjunction with a village resolution adopting the County's *Preservation Ordinance*, the Commission working with the State's

Attorney's Office, drafted an intergovernmental agreement acceptable not only to the County but also agreeable to Huntley. In brief, the documents authorize the Commission, on behalf of the County, to hold public hearings, to recommend landmark status, and ultimately protect by ordinance historic structures within the village.

Through those united efforts, Huntley was able to apply to IDOT's Enhancement Program for funding to rehabilitate Woodstock Street. In October of 1999, the village received over \$300,000 to restore and re-brick this important link between the present and past. This noteworthy landmarking demonstrates that intergovernmental cooperation can be a fundamental tool for preserving McHenry County's history.

- **#HP 99-02:** On 18 May 1999, the McHenry County Board unanimously voted to designate the County's fifteenth local landmark, the ***Coral Township Witness Tree (1837 Survey)***.

The tree is located in Section 29 in Coral Township on Lot 43 in the Harmony Hills Estate Unit #2 subdivision. This burr oak corresponds exactly to the distance recorded as the "bearing" tree marked in the field notes from the 1837 national survey. It has borne witness for over 180 years, as a monument to the work of the first federally commissioned land surveyors.

Throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, many witness trees were removed by farmers who cleared land for agricultural purposes. Other bearing trees were lost when roads were built, often along section lines. Certainly, natural causes, such as disease and storms, took their toll on these trees as well. To have located a tree in McHenry County, which is specifically mentioned in an historical document such as the 1837 survey, is to have found a tree worthy of recognition and preservation. According to the Illinois State Preservation Agency, there are only one or two known surviving witness trees in the state.

III. Survey

During FY 1998-1999, the Committee reviewed eleven properties/natural features, one was plaqued, the other property owners have been given information about historic preservation in the County. Once again, Chairman Jim Keefe represented the Commission at the Civil War Round Table meetings as well as speaking to various groups throughout the County.

IV. National Register

In fiscal year 1998-1999 no National Register nominations were considered by the Commission. No National Register nominations are pending with the Commission.

V. Monitoring

The Commission did not *formally* review nor identify any cases of alteration/demolition's to National Register or Illinois Register properties in McHenry County. It has, however, been in contact with the owner of the Hibbard House in Marengo. Unfortunately, the Commission could not obtain any assurances about preserving the structure.

VI. Activities

January found the Commission, especially Municipal Liaison Chairman, David Gervais, working diligently with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office to finalize an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Huntley. (Huntley having adopted the County's preservation ordinance, nominated Woodstock Street for designation.) The landmarking and collaboration helped the Village apply for TEA-21 funding from IDOT. In October of 1999, Huntley was awarded \$380,000 for the procurement of old bricks to repair the street. The Commission now has a standardized instrument to facilitate the preservation of historic structures in all incorporated villages in the County.

In April the Commission and the Chicago Tribune co-sponsored a millennium photo contest celebrating the past by preserving favorite sites and scenic views through photographs. Posters were sent to all township supervisors, hung in schools, libraries, and municipal centers. The contest ended in September and the entries were judged by Tribune photo journalists.

The Sixth Annual Awards Program was held once again at the historic Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake on May 16th. The ever popular program recognized winners in ten separate categories. The Awards Committee spent many long hours working to make the afternoon memorable for all.

On July 7th the Commission officially welcomed Denise Collins, a county historian. Denise is a founding member of the *Trail of History* program that is sponsored by the Conservation District. She brings a wealth of knowledge and a spirit for "liking"

hard work with her appointment. Her commitment to preservation is evident by her undertaking a special project; researching the Franks parcel's Civil War gravesites.

The Joint Council of Historic Groups met twice in 1999. A presentation of the County's Block Grant Program was given by the CDBG Coordinator. As a result of these meetings and a very successful letter writing campaign, the new CDBG plan has allocated 2% of HUD's funding for historic preservation. See Appendix B.

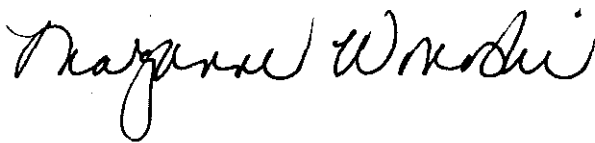
The most intensive activity was the completion of the Rural Survey in Grafton, Algonquin, McHenry, and Nunda Townships. Chairman, Gail Drabant accepted this challenge and spent many, many hours finalizing not only survey forms, but also the final report required by Springfield. More than 1,500 photos were taken and scanned onto forms. Documentation was entered relevant to each structure. Each form was reviewed multiple times for accuracy. Thanks to Ms. Drabant's efforts the Commission now has an exceptional working tool on existing structures in those four unincorporated areas.

In September, Gloria Mack and Denise Collins attended the Illinois Historic Preservation Conference in Quincy. See October's Commission Minutes.

David Gervais and Mike Walkup were guest speakers at the Municipal League's October dinner meeting. A slides were presented and the economic value of historic preservation was discussed with local officials.

The Calendar of Events and the Commission's Work Program for FY 1998-99 is included in Appendix D. An attendance sheet and Ms. Collins' resume can be found in Appendix E.

Respectfully submitted,



Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

1/31/00 - Annual Report - 1999 - Gail Drabant

COMMISSION CHAIRMANSHIP:

McHenry County has continued in its endeavor to encourage historic preservation. Specifically the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission has contributed in this goal in the past year in the following major efforts.

The first was that the Commission conducted a very **successful awards program**. We had a large number of nominations and a large crowd that attended the ceremony. Through recognition of positive efforts, we can encourage more preservation. Also, this program raised the level of awareness of historic architecture. Since much of historic preservation is done by concerned individuals, this educational process is at the heart of preservation. We can accomplish much by preservation through education of individuals as to just what is appropriate historic restoration. We are looking forward to an equally successful awards program this next year.

As a side note from the positive encouragement, we tried to pursue and **encourage preservation of the Hibbard House in Marengo**. We were unable to accomplish anything specific with this, but did contact the owner in California and spoke to her as to the importance of preservation. There was also an excellent article about the house in the Chicago Tribune which hopefully helped raise public awareness, since it would appear that the only hope for this house is that a group of people volunteer to present alternatives to the city council. If condemned, it needs to be restored not demolished.

The other major area in which we as a commission encouraged preservation was in the area of the **community block grant program**. This resulted in the acceptance of the priorities that historic preservation should receive 2% of the grant money. This was an increase up from 0% due to a letter writing campaign by both the historical society and the commission.

In addition to these these main areas of emphasis in 1999, we were faced with what to do with the grant for the Rural Survey of 4 townships that was started in 1998. We as a commission voted to try to finish this task. However, it turned out to be far more work than anticipated. Since we were demonstrating progress to Ann Swallow in Springfield, she again granted us an extension. We finally completed this huge task with all 10 binders of information (photos, data sheets, and final report and data analysis charts) received in Springfield by 12/17/99. Many thanks to all who worked on this seemingly endless task. The critical point is now where do we go from here? Do we try to take a more pro-active position for preservation in these townships or should we try to do the likewise documentation of the other 13 townships?

We will again continue to accomplish our preservation goals in 2000.

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

The OHSG did not meet at all in calendar year 1999. Shelley Trost and myself have been trying to hold this group together ever since Rick McGrath moved out of the county. Although we have both enjoyed doing the planning and organizing (not to mention the newsletter) the last five years, we need to step down due to family constraints for both of us. We have done our part and now it is time for someone else to step in. However, since no one stepped in we regret to say that this great group of county-wide old house networking must come to an end. We will meet one final time to wrap up business and hope that in the future someone revives this idea. Perhaps those of us who own old houses are just too overwhelmed by both our family commitments and the added time element of maintaining an old house. We have however met several people whom we have kept in contact with through historical circles resulting in better communications in our county.

1999 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS:

The sixth annual McHenry County Historic Preservation Awards were presented in May sponsored by the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. Awards were presented in 10 categories. We had a good assortment of nominations and had over fifty people in attendance at the awards ceremony held at the historic Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake.

This event is becoming more widely known around the county. We are hoping for another very successful awards program in 2000. The success of the 1999 awards was directly a result of the active involvement of several commission members who served on the committee. Many thanks to David, Tony, Gloria, and Jennifer. Also, Tony Howard did an excellent job of chairing this committee. The commission greatly supports this program that encourages and recognizes historic preservation efforts in McHenry County. See attached publications for details on the specific categories and award winners.

COMPREHENSIVE LANDMARK LIST:

This year after we were finally able to update the McHenry County Comprehensive Landmark List. Additional submissions were received by the McHenry County Historical Society and the greater Harvard Area Historical Society as well as additions to our commission's portion of the list. This was distributed as the Joint Council of Historic Groups Council.

PUBLICATIONS:

Publications produced in 1999 included:

- ~ County Preservation Awards press releases, award certificates, award ceremony programs and recipient's listing.
- ~ Joint Council of Historic Groups handouts, mailings and programs.
- ~ Comprehensive Landmark List update (several items added on both the long & short forms).

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 continued to encourage and support the volunteer efforts to restore this house this year. It is appreciated that the commission has "shared" their chairman to also function as project coordinator for this historic site. I feel greatly inspired by my fellow commissioners. The commission has continued to support the volunteer efforts this year by attendance at a public program "Harvest Gathering" and the "Civil War Ice Cream Social". This house will be used as an interpretive historical site for the time-period 1858 through 1861. Four programs were held in 1999. Five programs are planned for 2000 including costumed volunteers interpreting the settler time-period. This is an inspiring historic preservation opportunity.

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

From: Jim Pearson

Date: JAN. 31, 2000

Re: Special Projects

As of this date there is nothing to report on special projects.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report for 1999

Committee: *Public Relations*
Submitted by: *Jennifer Ifner*

While 1999 may not have been a banner year for the *McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission*, several events did earn good coverage in the local and even nationwide newspapers.

The discovery and subsequent plaquing of the "Witness Tree" in Marengo inspired a series of articles and follow-ups. The Associated Press also picked up the story of this witness tree.

The other big "headliner" for the Commission was the issue of Woodstock Street in Huntley. The Commission designated this street, and subsequently the City of Huntley applied for state funding to restore the historic brick street. The activities surrounding the street sparked several articles on its condition.

Press coverage of interest for the 1999 fiscal year included:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Subject</u>
February 4, 1999	<u>Northwest Herald</u>	"Huntley lays landmark foundation" (re: street designation)
February 12, 1999	<u>Northwest Herald</u>	"Huntley board signs street Agreement" (re: street designation)
February 12, 1999	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	"Historic street steps closer to completion" (re: street designation)
February 18, 1999	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	"Historic Huntley Road may be back in brick" (re: street designation)
unknown (2/99?)	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	"Woodstock Street plan has backing (re: street designation)
February 23, 1999	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	"Harvard - Preservation fund process to be topic" (re: Joint Council of Historic Groups)

March 10, 1999	<u>The Sun</u>	"Shelter and sanctuary – Researchers believe area Locations were stops on the Underground Railway" (re: (local national landmark/ endangered site in Marengo; plaqued property in Harvard)
April 23, 1999	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	"Mt. Auburn Cemetery to be Honored for its rich history" (re: plaqued property)
April 25, 1999	<u>Northwest Herald</u>	"Mount Auburn has sacred spot in Harvard past" (re: plaqued site)
unknown (7/99)	<u>Northwest Herald</u>	"Harvard cemetery group slates walk" (re: plaqued site)
June 13, 1999	<u>Northwest Herald</u>	Witness to history (re: plaqued witness tree)
June 14, 1999	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	Witness tree is honored with Plaque" (re: plaqued witness tree)
October 19, 1999	<u>Chicago Tribune</u>	"History resurrected for ghostly event" (re: Commission member Jim Keefe)

In conclusion, while several activities of the *McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission* resulted in desired newspaper coverage, more can be done to get the Commission in the news. The Awards Ceremony, which took place in May of 1999, did not receive the amount of coverage that the Commission was hoping for. A new strategy for publicizing this event in 2000 will be considered.

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Committee: Endangered Sites
Submitted by: Jennifer Iftner

The Endangered Sites Committee did not produce any documents in 1999 or engage in any meetings/discussions. Goals for the year 2000 were preliminarily addressed in November.

These goals included photographing all endangered sites in the county. This is important as it is never known how long these sites will be around to photograph.

Another goal is to create public awareness of these sites, and hopefully inspire locals to take an interest in preserving and restoring these properties.

Joint Council of Historic Groups 1999 Annual Report

Gloria Mack/Chair

The Joint Council of Historic Groups is sponsored by The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and The McHenry County Historical Society. We meet twice and year. All the groups in McHenry County are invited to attend.

The February meeting of the Joint Council was held at the Harvard Historical Society. It was not a good night. Snow had fallen late in the day. Attendance was poor and our guest speaker did not show up. We did find out the next day that she had a minor accident on her way to speak to our group.

Our second meeting was held at the Preservation Award winning Home State Bank of Woodstock on September 29th. Approximately 40 people attended. Our speaker was Maryanne Taranowski, McHenry County Block Grant coordinator. She gave us an overview of the block grant program and told us the historic preservation component had a -0- priority. She suggested that we attend the public hearings on the block grant program or send letters to the County Board expressing the hope that historic preservation would get a bump up on the list. As a direct result of her speaking to us that night, preservationists attended the public hearings and wrote letters. The Block Grant Program did move preservation up on its list.

Natural Features 1999 Annual Report

Gloria Mack/Chair

Witness Tree

The most notable project the Natural Features committee accomplished this year was the landmarking of a witness tree that was located in unincorporated McHenry County. The tree was discovered by Commission member Carol Lockwood and its authenticity was confirmed by Ed Collins, a restoration biologist, with the McHenry County Conservation District. The witness tree was located on private property and the property owners were excited and honored. They cooperated with the County in every respect. The local boy scout organization, under the supervision of Ed Collins (MCCD) cleared all the brush surrounding the tree.

We didn't have any trouble with a program. We have more volunteers that we could accommodate. The boy scouts who worked on clearing the area around the tree presented the colors. Ed Collins and friends reenacted the survey teams work the day the tree was noted at the section line. Also, they read directly from the leader of the survey teams notes. In addition, a lawyer from Kane County had seen an article on the witness tree in the Chicago Tribune contacted the Commission. He had written a song about a witness tree and wanted to know if he could perform it at the ceremony. We accepted.

The witness tree brought the Commission some very favorable publicity. It shined a light on the Commissions Natural Features Committee.

Millennium Photo Contest

In April of 1999 The Commission and Chicago Tribune Feature Editor Barbara Slotten agreed to cosponsor a millennium photo contest in McHenry County. The contest was designed not only to include historic sites but to depict a place and very special time as McHenry County said farewell to the 20th century. The contest began in May and continued through August 15th. It was agreed that 3 members of the Commission and 4 members of the Tribune judge the contest. The Tribune provided posters and ran the contest information. The contest didn't get as large a response as we had hoped but the photos submitted were extraordinary.

Scenic Road Program

The third and final project the Natural Features Committee embarked on was working cooperatively with municipal, township and county officials to initiate a scenic road program in McHenry County. The County Highway Department and the Commission have been working toward getting this program off the ground. Still to be decided on is signage, who pays for the signs, and an application. We expect this program to be up and running next year.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

November 3, 1999

Reports by: Communications Committee
Scrapbook Committee
Endangered Sites Committee

Submitted by Jennifer Iftner

Although I was unable to attend the Commission meeting in October, I am aware, after reading the minutes of the meeting, that prioritizing the goals of each committee are in discussion at this time. While each Committee chairperson was to prioritize established goals for their committees, I am not clear as to where these goals are defined. In the face of this ignorance, I have listed the goals, as I see them, for each committee in which I am involved.

Goals for Communications Committee:

1. Notify newspapers of upcoming Commission events
 - joint council meetings
 - plaquings
 - awards ceremonies
2. Notify radio stations as public service announcement of the above events also
3. Publicize open commission positions
4. Work with Commission to create a general awareness of who we are, what we do, by generating brochures etc. on computer
5. Publicize with the desire to receive requests for nomination/designation information so that we have more properties to plaque

Goals for Scrapbook Committee:

1. Keep news releases which feature Commission work in an organized system, separated annually
2. Maintain miscellaneous photos given to committee
3. File publications and articles pertaining to historic preservation in McHenry County

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

MUNICIPAL LIASON COMMITTEE REPORT 1999

February 2, 2000

The most significant accomplishment of the municipal liason committee for 1999 was the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Huntley, Illinois which allowed them to preserve the turn of the century brick work on Washington Street in that town. As a result of the recognition by the Historic Preservation Commission, the Village of Huntley was able to secure a state grant allowing them to save the street, which might otherwise have been paved with asphalt.

I also appeared before the Village Board of the recently incorporated Village of Greenwood to present our proposal for an intergovernmental agreement. There was a division of opinion on the Board with respect to our ability to designate properties as historic without the assent of the owners. I tried to assure them that since they would control the application process to our Commission, that they could use that criteria themselves before sending an application to us. One of our plaqued buildings is contained in the Village and is not protected currently. The owner of that building had been erroneously assured by the Village at the time of incorporation that the legal protection afforded by the County Ordinance would continue to protect the property. The Village Board was interested in trying to rectify that situation. I will be following up with them in the next few weeks.

Finally, I was able to give a slide presentation the McHenry County Municipal League at one of their monthly dinners at the end of the year. The slide show highlighted many of the buildings that have been recognized by our Commission as well as some others of significance, particularly in town of Richmond, which had hosted the meeting. The location of the meeting had itself recently been recognized by the National Historic Register and was in the process of being renovated so it provided an excellent backdrop for the presentation.

Submitted,

Michael J. Walkup
Chair, Municipal Liason Committee

Survey Committee Report 1999

We had 2 new members added to the survey committee in the past year. Jim Pearson, Michael Walkup.

Our big and only plauging was the Witness Tree in Coral Twp. It was a great find by one of our former members, Carol Lockwood. It was checked out by land surveyor as a true witness tree. On May 22, 1999 the tree was officially honored. Present were about 50 people. A reinaction team of surveyors acted out the actual spotting of the tree. It was a impressive presentation.

Some discussion was held on the Bay View Bridge near Johnsburg but until the State acted we could not determine who had authority over the bridge. Recent action by the State indicates that they do.

Our committee reinvented the wheel again by revisiting locations that former survey members had seen. We spent a day in Alden Ill talking to people that owned possible sites. We left with them our information. We have heard nothing as of yet.

Nancy Fike of the McHenry County Historical Museum contacted us about a bridge in Greenwood Twp that should be plaqued. We got pictures and gave all required information to the township. It is my impression that they are all in favor of the plaquing and we may be doing that in early 2000.

Have heard from a Mr Harrison about the Carr Harrison Cemetery in Ringwood. He desires to have it recognized. He has all the paperwork and we are following up on this site.

A Mr Clarence Chinn, from Harvard Ill, has called about his farm house west of the town. In talking to him the house has been totally changed and I doubt if it will pass. We will look at this site in March.

We continue to send out applications. Hopefully some of these owners will go the next step.


James Keefe, Chairman

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February 15, 2000

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
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Woodstock, IL 60098

Dear Maryanne,

Thank you for submitting McHenry County's Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report for FY99. After reviewing the report, I have determined that McHenry County has met the requirements of the CLG program.

The commission did an excellent job last year and so did you! The annual report was complete, well detailed, and well organized. I was sorry to hear about the Old House Support Group. I hope that it can be resurrected in the near future.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Slocumbe
Local Government Services
Manager

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McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING DATES FOR 1999

McHENRY COUNTY, IL

DEC - 4 1998

Katherine C. Schultz
COUNTY CLERK

The January 6, 1999, meeting of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. at 5805 Broadway, Richmond, Illinois

The following meetings of the Preservation Commission will be 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.

February 3, 1999

March 3, 1999

April 7, 1999

May 5, 1999

June 2, 1999

July 7, 1999

August 4, 1999

September 1, 1999

October 6, 1999

November 3, 1999

December 1, 1999



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MEMORANDUM

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Date: December 14, 1998
Re: January Meeting

This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your January 6th meeting. Please remember that the meeting will be held at Gail's house in Richmond. If you come to the courthouse you will be very, very late!!!

Conversations with the Village of Huntley have been continuing. As you know, the Village drafted an ordinance adopting the Commission and the County's *Preservation Ordinance*. On December 4th, the Planning and Development Committee directed me to attach a resolution to Huntley's ordinance and to place it on the County Board's December 15th agenda. A copy is attached for your review.

Dave Johnson, Director of Community Development for the Village also called to tell me that he has begun preparing the application for Woodstock Street. The State's Attorney's Office has informed us that it is permissible to begin the public hearing process before an inter-governmental agreement working out ancillary details is signed. My advise to Mr. Johnson was submit the material **before** the holidays. Once I receive the packet, Nina will get copies out to you.

There are several items included in this packet. One is your calendar of dates for FY 1998-1999; the second is a thank you letter to Mr. Jeff Carlson, the surveyor who did three different descriptions of the witness tree in Coral Township, Section 29. The third is a tentative agenda for your January 6th meeting. Please look it over. A lot of business needs be discussed.

Lastly, Amy Slocombe sent lots of "goodies" and Nina made copies for your folders. One is a printed follow-up to the architectural video IHPA sent. There is also a glossary of building terms and best of all information from the Federal Trade Commission telling consumers where to go to seek help if restoration projects go south!

I hope your holidays are bright and merry. May you be blest threefold for your unselfishness and for your spirit of endless giving. Be safe, and remember, next meeting is at Gail's!

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



12/2/98 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

ENDANGERED SITES:

Any takers?

12/2/98 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

We have not yet met this fall due to lack of interested volunteers. Any takers to become the commission liaison for this group?

PUBLICATIONS:

Outstanding is an update of our Comprehensive Landmark List.

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

We held a "Harvest Gathering" program on Nov. 21st at the Powers-Walker house. We had about a dozen volunteers dressed in period costumes. We got the house ready with set-up of early settler artifacts/furniture to assist in the glimpse of the past. We also had the house decorated with harvest decorations. Over 25 people attended including some commissioners. We greatly appreciate your support. At the end of the program, volunteers that had volunteered more than 100 hours were presented with a certificate, a book and their own official volunteer hat. We then enjoyed a harvest supper. It was a great "re-birth" of the house.

The house will now be decorated for the holidays. The Chataqua group (of Trail-of-History folks) are holding their "Holiday Tea" at the Power-Walker house this Friday. It was also suggested to have a maple syrup program there in the spring. We are so pleased that this house has regained its usefulness and is already a benefit to the community.

On a much sadder note, another Greek Revival is being brought down. The Joseph Peacock house (Route 173, Spring Grove) is being burned for practice. Although we tried different avenues of preservation, the option that has been successfully carried out is that the current owners, Thelen Sand & Gravel, allowed us to remove the historical elements. All of the windows and doors were removed, (original 6-over-6-light windows and original non-raised vertical panel doors), most of the storm windows and most of the interior window and door trim (original "key-hole" design) were also removed. Some of these elements will be used to replace missing elements at the Powers-Walker house. Others will be used someday in other Greek Revival restoration projects. This is the ultimate recycling when 140 year-old historical elements can have practical, effective reuse.

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
December 2, 1998 Natural Features Report
Submitted by: Gloria Mack**

I have spoken to the McHenry County Defenders Director, Cindy Skrudland and Perle Olsson, Wild Flower Propagation Society regarding any projects or subjects that would be of interest to the Commission. I hope to begin to attend some of there Meetings and discuss areas of interest that we could work cooperatively on.

Historic Groups Joint Council Meeting

The McHenry County Joint Council meeting will be held on February 24, 1999. The location will be the Harvard Historical Society Museum, Harvard. Nancy Fike is hoping to get our "Mary Ann" to be the speaker, her subject will be Block Grants.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 2, 1998- GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Tony Howard, Chairman

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION:

Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liason, and I met on two occasions during the month of September, 1998 to finalize our grant proposal to the I.H.P.A. The project was to have been a publication depicting the various properties currently listed on our county historic register. Contained therein would have been a brief history of each property along with at least one photo. The whole concept was to have been geared to that of a guided **driving** tour as opposed to a **walking** tour due to the area needing to be covered.

Alas (a good "Carol word"), it was not to be! The state, despite what I considered to be a fine effort on our part, declined to fund this most worthy project. The grants are awarded on a points basis and apparently our total was insufficient.

In as much as this is a "most worthy project," perhaps we could seek funding elsewhere. This approach would undoubtedly require more **pro bono** work on our part due to lack of monies to "farm out" some of the labor. We could also, of course, resubmit the project next year and hope that a little reworking and/or a change in preservation priorities in Illinois might tip the balance in our favor.



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December 14, 1998

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Marengo, Illinois 60152

Dear Mr. Carlson,

On behalf of the Commission, please accept my thanks for providing legal descriptions of the witness tree in Coral Township, Section 29. At this time, I am not sure which survey will be used, but having options and the ability to select the best description is wonderful!

The Commission plans to review the material in January and confer with the Conservation District. You will hear from either, Jim Keefe or David Gervais, Commission members, shortly thereafter.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Happy holidays to you and your family, and once again, thank you for your interest in preserving a piece of McHenry County's history.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Wanaski
Staff Liaison
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley has approached the County of McHenry requesting the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission serve as the preservation commission for and within the corporate limits of the Village; and,

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-30004 (17) grants the County of McHenry the power to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, with the Village of Huntley authorizing the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to exercise the powers and authority granted by state statute (ILCS Division 5-30 County Historic Preservation) and further identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance, to designate landmarks or preservation districts within the corporate boundaries and to serve as the historic preservation commission for the Village; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley is amending its municipal code by adding Chapter 32.45 establishing the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance as the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission and Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, The McHenry County Preservation Commission has reviewed said ordinance amendment and recommends that the McHenry County Board enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Huntley allowing the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to carry out the duties and responsibilities as granted by state statute and further identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance, to designate landmarks or preservation districts and to serve as the historic preservation commission within the corporate limits of the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this McHenry County Board that an intergovernmental agreement be drafted which authorizes the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to exercise the powers and authority as granted by state statute (ILCS Division 5-30 County Historic Preservation) and further identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance, to designate landmarks or preservation districts and to serve as the historic preservation commission within the corporate limits of the Village of Huntley.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this fifteenth day of December, 1998.

MICHAEL W. TRYON, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

KATHERINE C. SCHULTZ, County Clerk



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GLOSSARY OF BUILDING TERMS

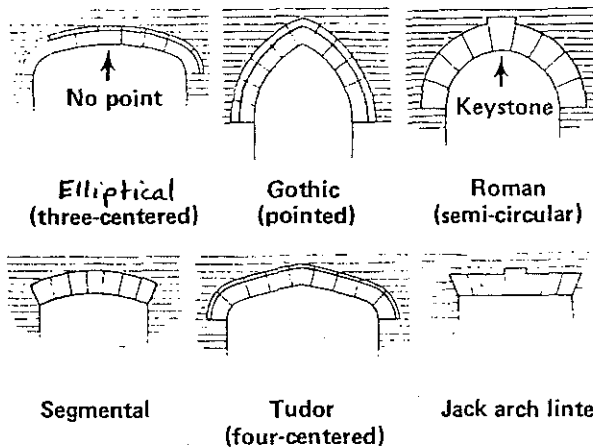
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GLOSSARY OF BUILDING TERMS

Arch. A mechanical arrangement of building materials placed in a wall to create a door or window opening.

ARCH TYPES

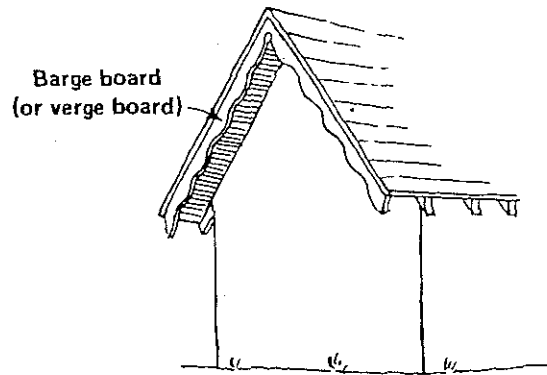


Ashlar. Stone that has been shaped into facing blocks for building into a wall.

Coursed Ashlar refers to rows or courses of stone laid in a uniform pattern.

Random Ashlar refers to stones of various sizes laid in a wall creating a random pattern.

BARGE BOARD



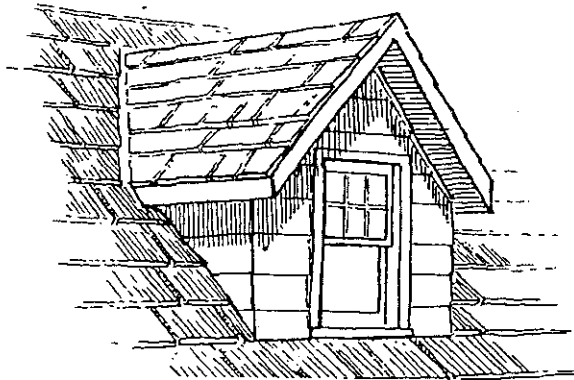
Barge Board. A board, often decorative, covering the projecting rafter of the gable end of a roof.

Batten. Narrow strips of wood or metal used to cover joints on vertical board and batten siding.

Belvedere. A small structure rising from the uppermost part of the roof enabling the home owner to view the area surrounding his residence. Some sources use *cupola* as a synonym.

Bracket. A projection, sometimes decorative, which supports or appears to support a projecting cornice, lintel or sill.

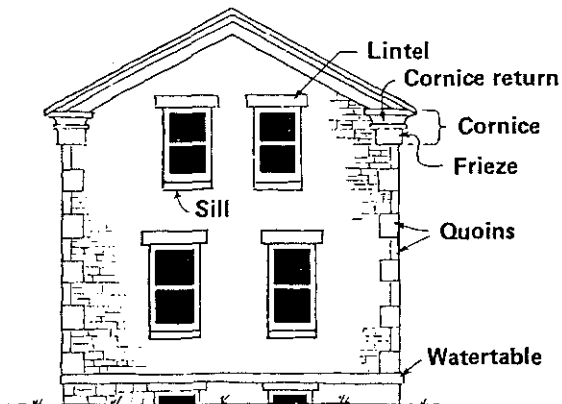
DORMER



Eaves. The margin or lowest part of a roof projecting over the wall usually includes fascia, soffit and other trim.

Facade. The face or elevation of a building.

FACADE



Facia or Fascia. A flat board, band, or face, used sometimes by itself but usually in combination with moldings, often located at the outer face of the cornice. (See cornice detail.)

Fenestration. The arrangement, proportions and pattern of window and door openings.

Flue. The space or passage in a chimney through which smoke, gas, or fumes ascend. Each passage is called a flue, which, together with any others and the surrounding masonry, make up the chimney.

Frieze. Any sculptured or ornamental band in a building. Also the horizontal member of a cornice set vertically against the wall. (See classical orders and cornice detail.)

Georgian Colonial. The architecture of the British Colonies in America between 1714 and 1776.

Hip Roof. A roof that rises by inclined planes from all four sides of a building. (See roof types.)

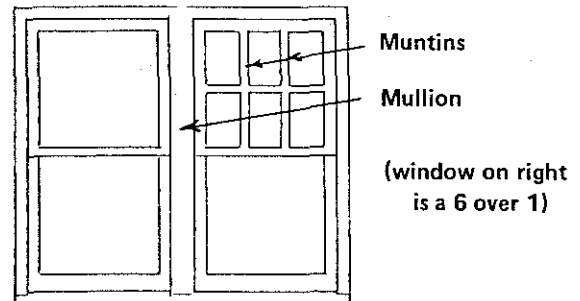
Lintel. A horizontal structural member that supports the load over an opening such as a door or window. (See facade.)

Mansard Roof. A roof with two sloping surfaces on all sides. (See roof types.)

Mullion. A slender bar or pier forming a division between panels or units of windows, screens, or similar frames.

Muntin. The members dividing the glass or openings of sash, doors, and the like.

MULLIONS AND MUNTINS

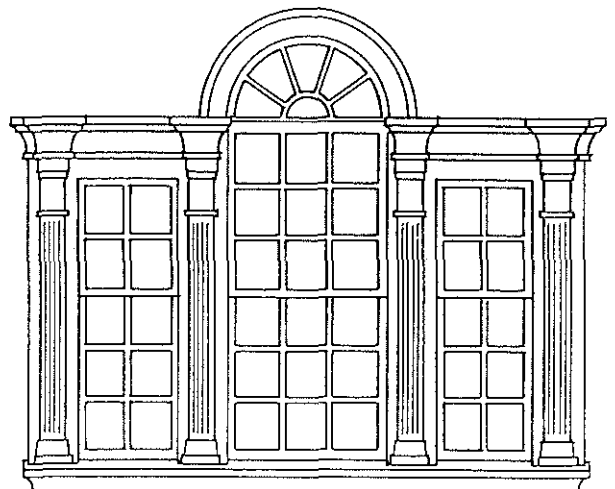


Order. A condition of logical or comprehensible arrangement of separate elements into the design of a building.

Orders. See Classical Orders.

Palladian Window. A Renaissance style consisting of treating three openings as one, the center one arched and wider used as windows or at building entrances.

PALLADIAN WINDOW



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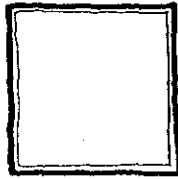
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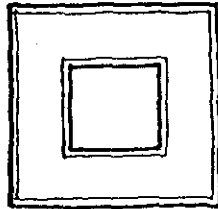
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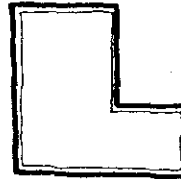
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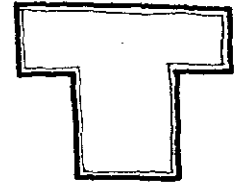
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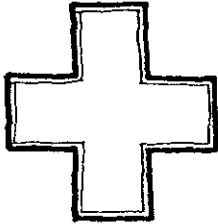
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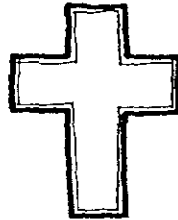
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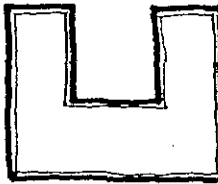
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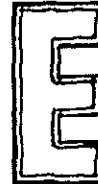
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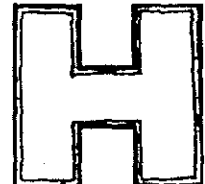
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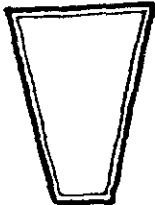
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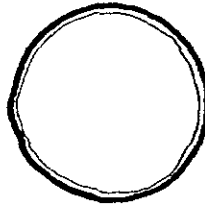
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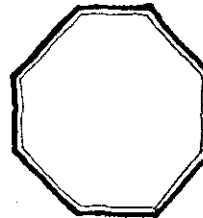
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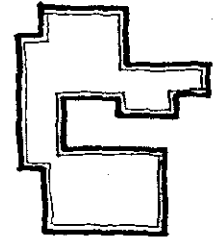
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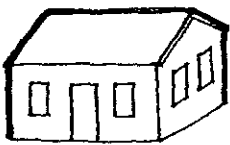


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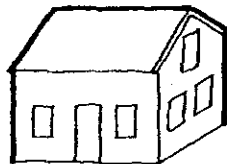


Irregular

Number of Stories



One



One and One-half

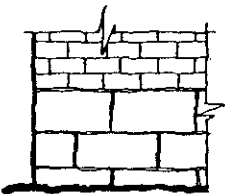


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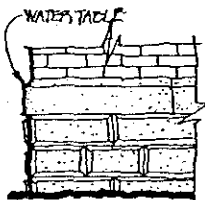


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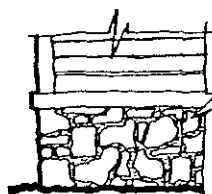
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Ashlar Stone,
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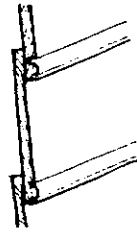
Rusticated Stone,
with cut stone water table



Rubble Stone,
with wood water table

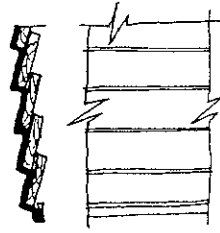
Exterior Wall Materials and Treatments cont'd

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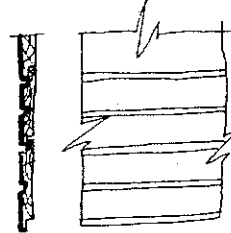


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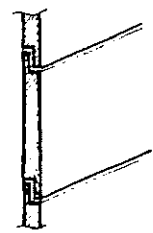
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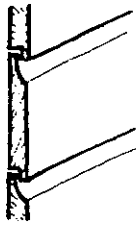
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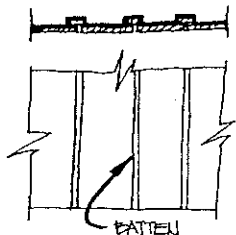
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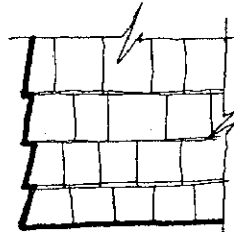
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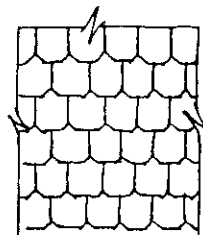
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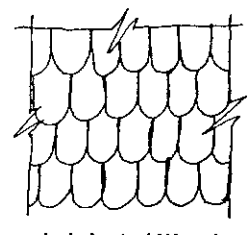
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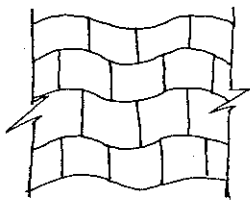
Wood Shingles



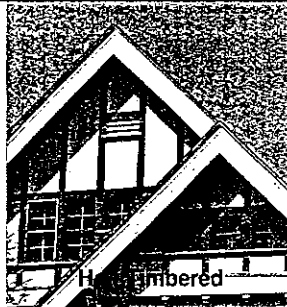
Shaped Wood Shingles



Imbricated Wood Shingles



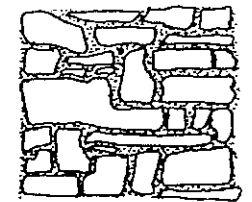
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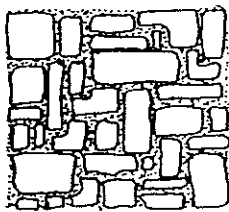
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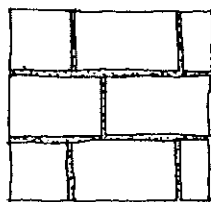
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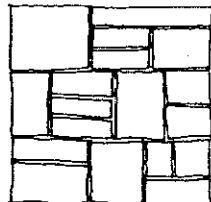
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Squared and Coursed Rubble



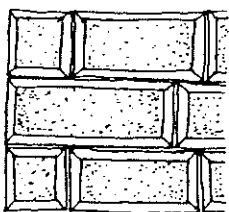
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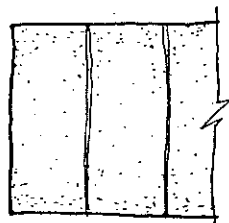
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Plain Ashlar, sawed



Rusticated Ashlar



Stone Panels



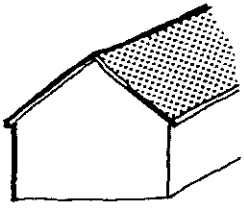
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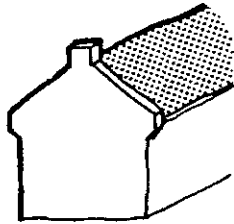


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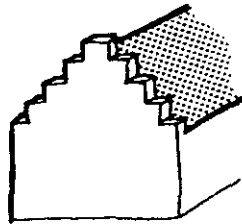
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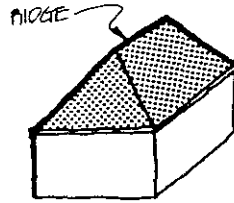
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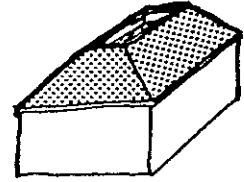
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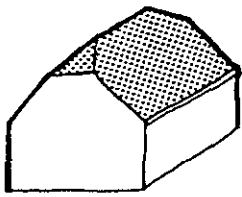
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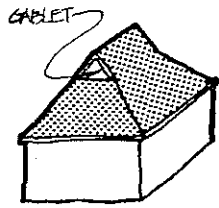
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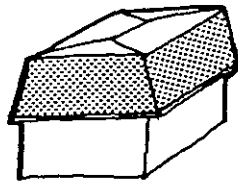
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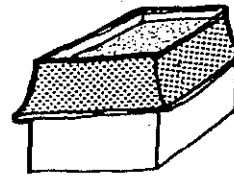
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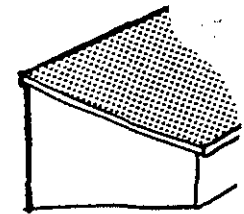
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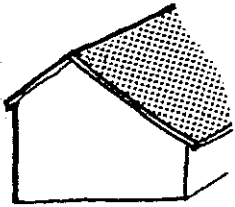
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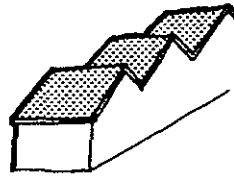
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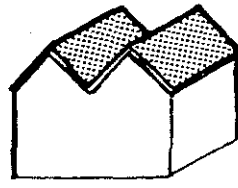
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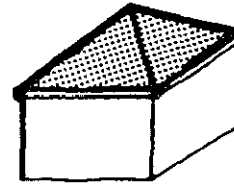
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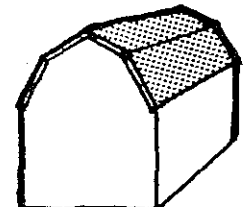
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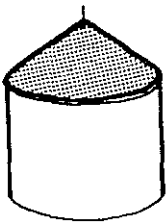
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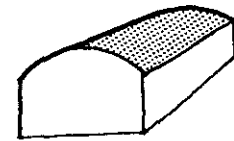
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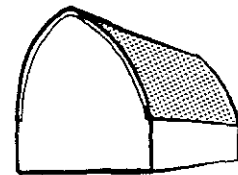
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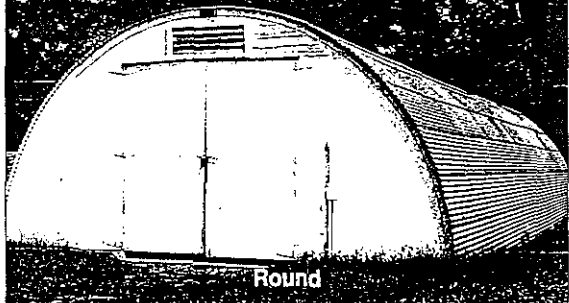
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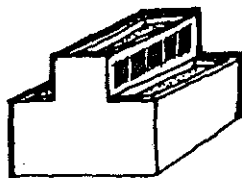


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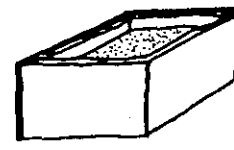


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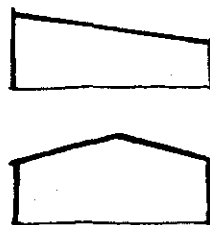
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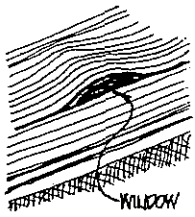


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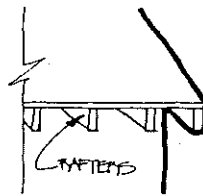
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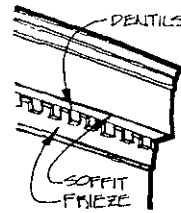


Eye-brow Window,
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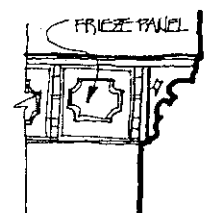
Cornice
Details



Exposed Rafters,
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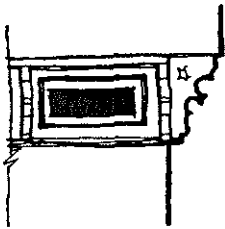


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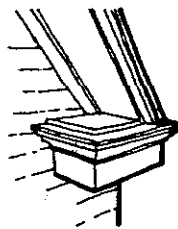


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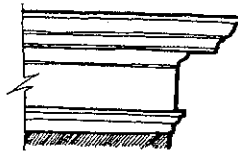
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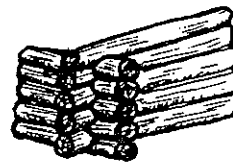
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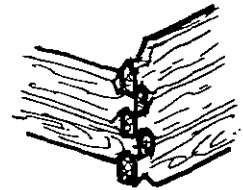
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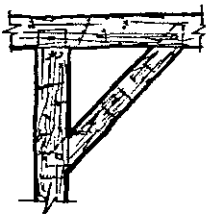
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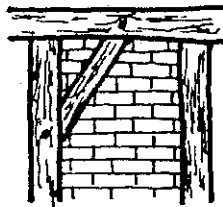
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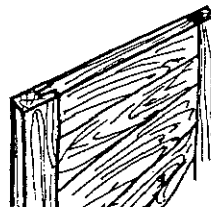
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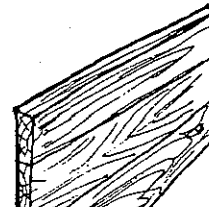
Mortise and Tenon
Frame (or braced frame)



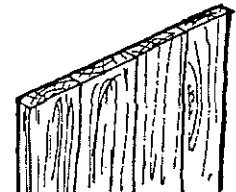
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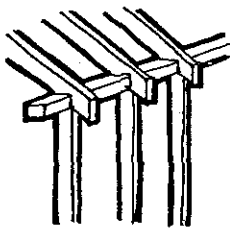
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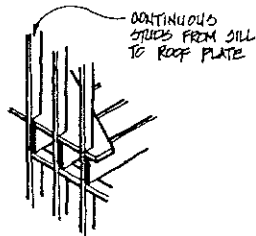
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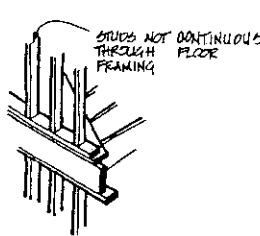
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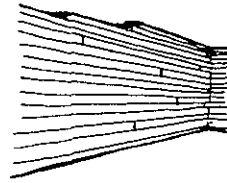
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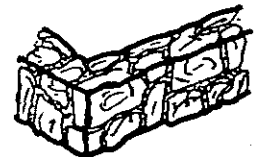
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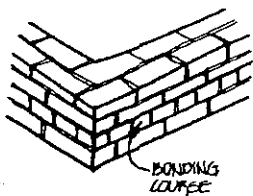
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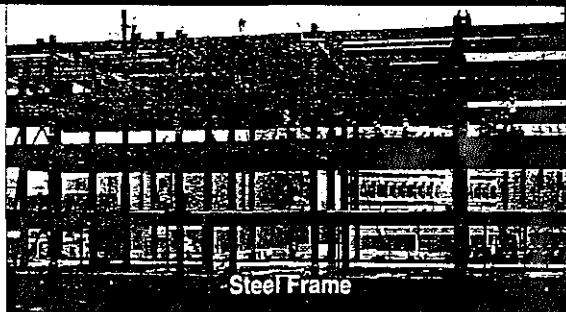
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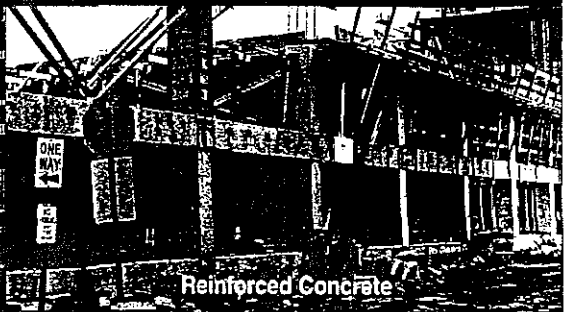
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Brick Bearing Wall

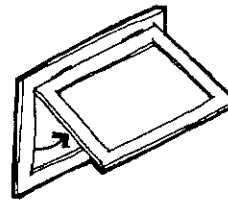


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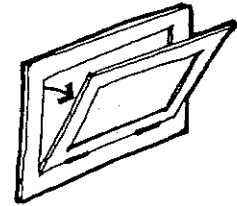


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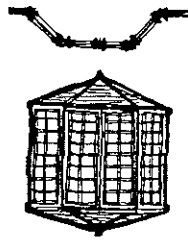
Window Types cont'd



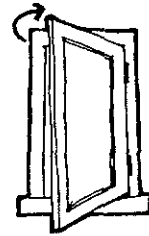
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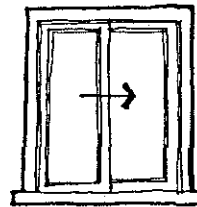
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Oriel Window



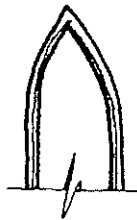
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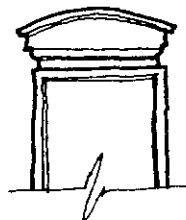
Horizontal Sliding Window

Window and Door Treatments

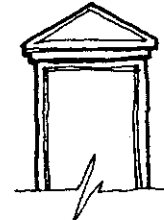
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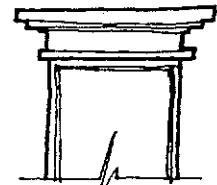
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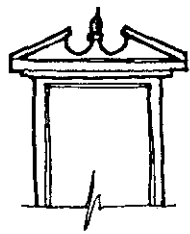
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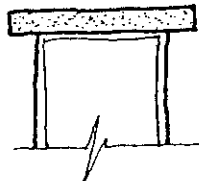
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Entablature



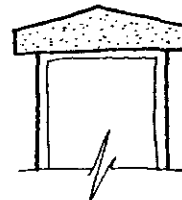
Broken Pediment



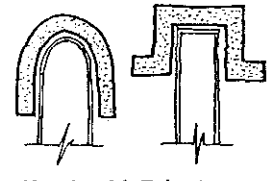
Plain Stone Lintel



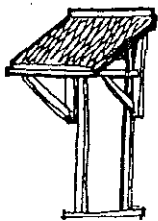
Carved Stone Lintel, with brackets



Shaped Lintel

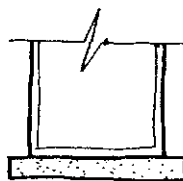


Hoodmold, Dripstone, or Label

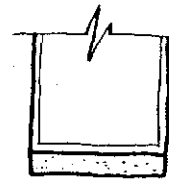


Hood, over doorways

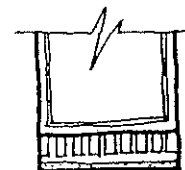
Sill



Plain Lug Sill

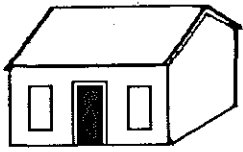


Plain Slip Sill

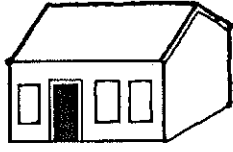


Decorated Slip Sill

Front Door Placement



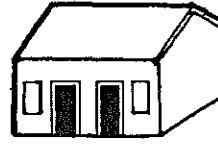
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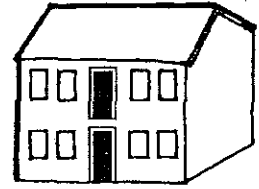
Single Off-Center



Two Doors, asymmetrical



Two Doors, symmetrical

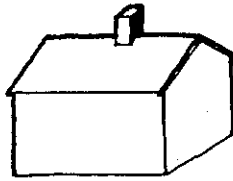


Two Doors, upper floor center

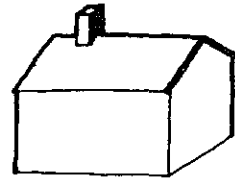
Chimney Placement



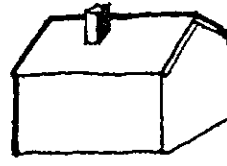
Three Doors



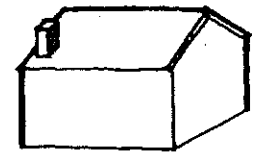
Center



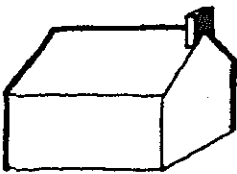
Off Center, within ridge line



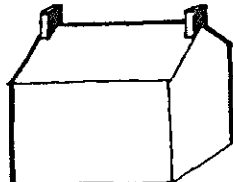
Off Center, within roof surface



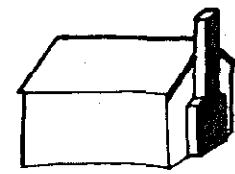
Corner



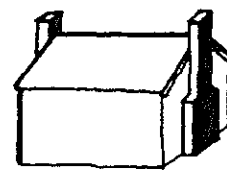
Gable End, flush



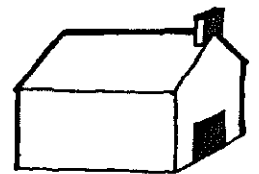
Both Gable Ends, flush



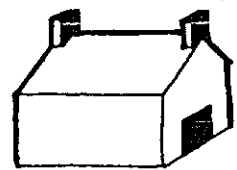
Gable End, exterior



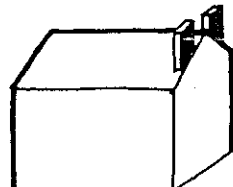
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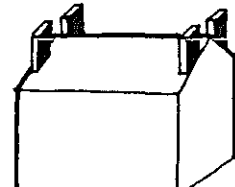
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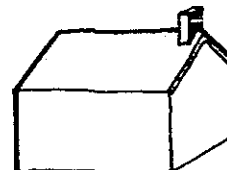
Both Gable Flush, exposed firebox



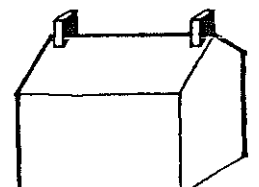
Double Gable End, flush



Double Gable Flush, both gable ends

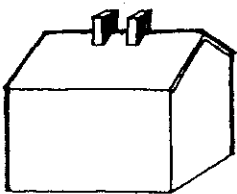


Gable End, interior

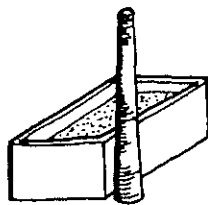


Both Gable Ends, interior

Building Form Treatments



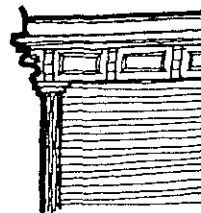
Paired Interior Ridge



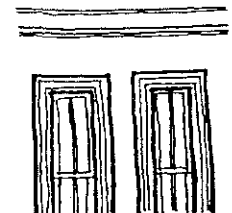
External Industrial/Institutional



Arcading, with spandrel panels



Pilaster, at corner



Recessed Panels



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Dear Editor:

Home improvement can be a daunting undertaking. Unfortunately, home improvement fraud consistently ranks as one of the top three complaints from consumers. From reports of incompetence to "hit and run" frauds, home improvement fraud costs consumers millions of dollars each year. The Federal Trade Commission, together with the National Association of Home Builders Remodelors™ Council and the National Association of Consumer Advocacy Administrators, has prepared the enclosed brochure, *Home Sweet Home...Improvement*, to help consumers understand their rights and some rules that can help keep their home improvement project from becoming a home improvement nightmare.

I also have enclosed a few public service announcements for your use.

Copies of the brochure are available free from:

Federal Trade Commission
Consumer Response Center
6th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580
202 FTC-HELP (382-4357)
202 326-2502 (TDD for the hearing impaired)

This brochure and more than 150 other consumer publications also are available from the FTC at www.ftc.gov.

If you have any questions, please call me at 202 326-3407.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Satterfield".

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Completing the Job: A Checklist

Before you sign off and make the final payment, use this checklist to make sure the job is complete. **Check that:**

- All work meets the standards spelled out in the contract.
- You have written warranties for materials and workmanship.
- You have proof that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.
- The job site has been cleaned up and cleared of excess materials, tools and equipment.
- You have inspected and approved the completed work.

Where to Complain

If you have a problem with your home improvement project, first try to resolve it with the contractor. Many disputes can be resolved at this level. Follow any phone conversations with a letter you send by certified mail. Request a return receipt. That's your proof that the company received your letter. Keep a copy for your files.

If you can't get satisfaction, consider contacting the following organizations for further information and help:

- State and local consumer protection offices.
- Your state or local Builders Association and/or Remodelers Council.
- Your local Better Business Bureau.
- Action line and consumer reporters. Check with your local newspaper, TV, and radio stations for contacts.
- Local dispute resolution programs.

For More Information

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National Association of Home Builders Remodelers™ Council

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1201 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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- *Will my project require a permit?* Most states and localities require permits for building projects, even for simple jobs like decks. A competent contractor will get all the necessary permits before starting work on your project. Be suspicious if the contractor asks you to get the permit(s). It could mean that the contractor is not licensed or registered, as required by your state or locality.
- *May I have a list of references?* The contractor should be able to give you the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three clients who have projects similar to yours. Ask each how long ago the project was completed and if you can see it. Also, tell the contractor that you'd like to visit jobs in progress.
- *Will you be using subcontractors on this project?* If yes, ask to meet them, and make sure they have current insurance coverage and licenses, if required. Also ask them if they were paid on time by this contractor. A "mechanic's lien" could be placed on your home if your contractor fails to pay the subcontractors and suppliers on your project. That means the subcontractors and suppliers could go to court to force you to sell your home to satisfy their unpaid bills from your project. Protect yourself by asking the contractor, and every subcontractor and supplier, for a lien release or lien waiver.
- *What types of insurance do you carry?* Contractors should have personal liability, worker's compensation, and property damage coverage. Ask for copies of

insurance certificates, and make sure they're current. Avoid doing business with contractors who don't carry the appropriate insurance. Otherwise, you'll be held liable for any injuries and damages that occur during the project.

Checking References

Talk with some of the remodeler's former customers. They can help you decide if a particular contractor is right for you. You may want to ask:

- Can I visit your home to see the completed job?
- Were you satisfied with the project? Was it completed on time?
- Did the contractor keep you informed about the status of the project, and any problems along the way?
- Were there unexpected costs? If so, what were they?
- Did workers show up on time? Did they clean up after finishing the job?
- Would you recommend the contractor?
- Would you use the contractor again?

Understanding Your Payment Options

You have several payment options for most home improvement and maintenance and repair projects. For example, you can get your own loan or ask the contractor to arrange financing for larger projects. For smaller projects, you may want to pay by check or credit card. Avoid paying cash. Whatever option you choose, be sure you

have a reasonable payment schedule and a fair interest rate. Here are some additional tips:

- Try to limit your down payment. Some state laws limit the amount of money a contractor can request as a down payment. Contact your state or local consumer agency to find out what the law is in your area.
- Try to make payments during the project contingent upon completion of a defined amount of work. This way, if the work is not proceeding according to schedule, the payments also are delayed.
- Don't make the final payment or sign an affidavit of final release until you are satisfied with the work and know that the subcontractors and suppliers have been paid. Lien laws in your state may allow subcontractors and/or suppliers to file a mechanic's lien against your home to satisfy their unpaid bills. Contact your local consumer agency for an explanation of lien laws where you live.
- Some state or local laws limit the amount by which the final bill can exceed the estimate, unless you have approved the increase. Check with your local consumer agency.
- If you have a problem with merchandise or services that you charged to a credit card, and you have made a good faith effort to work out the problem with the seller, you have the right to withhold from the card issuer payment for the merchandise or services. You can withhold payment up to the amount of credit outstanding for the purchase, plus any finance or related charges.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Date: January 25, 1999
Re: February Meeting

This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your February 3rd meeting. A public hearing regarding the designation of Woodstock Street in the Village of Huntley is scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock in Room C-290 of the Government Center. Please park in the east lot near the Center's door. You will be required to pass through a security check.

Before I leave the topic of Woodstock Street, I would just like the Commission to remember that the last 10 structures landmarked by the County Board have "new" components. Trim, windows, gutters, etc. have been added and/or replaced but the end result has been a building with historical "intent" not pure "content." My point is that the ordinance does not require 100% of a structure be original; that same standard should also apply to brick streets.

Please remember to submit your reports in writing; regular meeting time may be limited due to public comment during the hearing.

Stay well and I'll see you next week!

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Awards Committee
Minutes: December 9, 1998
Meeting opened at 7:16pm

Present: Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, Dave Gervais, Jennifer Iftner

Gail distributed packet of information from past year - see enclosed.

Gail then passed meeting over to head chairpeople, Dave and Tony.

It was determined that generally categories well liked as established with the addition of:
#11 Outstanding Historic Man-made Structures: such as bridges, outbuildings and park structures

Tony expressed his concern about the categories including the words "adaptive re-use". This will be considered at a future time (categories 4 and 5) but presently categories will remain as in past year.

Awards to be publicized end of January. Awards Committee will qualify, categorize, assign and mail out notices at meeting on March 24 at 7pm of committee.

January 20, 1999 is next Awards Committee meeting.

Nomination forms will be distributed to Commission members at Feb. 3 meeting. Each member is strongly encouraged to make 2 nominations.

March 15 will be deadline to accept award applications. The window of acceptance 1/31-3/15/99

The committee was so pleased with Dole Mansion that would like to repeat ceremony at same location for 1999 awards. All in favor.

Due date for slides, photos, surveys is April 21, 1999.

At the May 5 MCHPC meeting, the winners will be determined. At this time reminders will be sent about award ceremony to all parties involved. Final arrangements will be determined.

On May 9, Dave Gervais will telephone nominees to remind them of ceremony.

Awards scheduled for end of Preservation Week , May 16, 1999. Gail will produce awards on computer and the chairperson of the Commission will sign each award certificate.

On May 12, Tony and Gail will review certificates for accuracy.

Tony will contact Diane for use of Dole property after Commission decides if a donation can be made to defray expenses to host. Dave Gervais favored a donation in the \$250 range/Jennifer and Gail felt less should be given. This decision will be turned over to Commission as a whole.

When notices are mailed to nominees, additional info will be requested as well as photos, slides etc.

Applications will not be accepted unless filled out completely with correct information - names, phone numbers etc...

Tony suggested that nomination forms be mailed to previous entrants to see if they want to re-apply or nominate someone. Applications should also go to townships and villages.

The committee will look into acquiring cardboard stands for applications.

Jennifer will print up new category list and Gail will produce new nomination form based on format designed by Tony.

Tony was concerned about tie situations with multiple winners. This may be discussed at a later meeting but will be left as is for now.

Dave moved to approve the minutes from the last Awards Committee meeting of 6/24/98. Tony seconded and the motion was carried.

Jennifer moved to adjourn meeting at 8:54pm. Dave Gervais seconded and meeting was closed.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



1/6/99 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

ENDANGERED SITES:

Thanks to David & Jennifer for organizing this effort.

NATURAL FEATURES:

Thanks to Gloria for offering to chair this committee.

1/6/99 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

We have not yet met this fall due to lack of interested volunteers. Any takers to become the commission liaison for this group? I have some new thoughts on this subject. We will try to meet in the new future to do some planning.

PUBLICATIONS:

Outstanding is an update of our Comprehensive Landmark List.

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

We have receive preliminary approval to hold the same four programs in 1999 that we did in 1998 at the Powers-Walker house. We are also expanding the use by adding three new programs. It is great to see this adaptive reuse of a historic structure.

SURVEY COMMITTEE REPORT

January 6, 1999

In regard to the Huntley Application on Woodstock St.

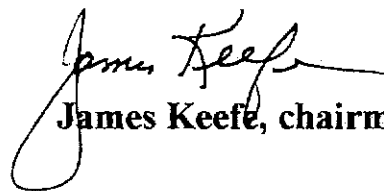
Our committee is well aware of the Woodstock St location as I have been on it many times.

On the list of criteria that we use to evaluate a site, I agree with the form filled out by the City Of Huntley and I enclose this with my report.

We want to stress that we cannot designate a street with all new old style bricks. We can honor all or a portion of the street that has a section of the original bricks.

From the report submitted, it is our assumption that the old brick will be preserved.

This committee recommends that we accept the application and hold a public hearing as soon as possible.




James Keefe, chairman of the Survey Committee.



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M E M O R A N D U M

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Date: February 26, 1999
Re: March Meeting



This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your March 3rd meeting. The packet contains the following information:

- minutes from the public hearing for the Woodstock Street designation along with minutes from the Commission's brief regular meeting;
- a letter from Amy Slocombe accepting the Commission's 1997-98 Annual Report; (P.S. She also planted a suggestion, one I would wholeheartedly encourage the Commission consider.)
- information from the Survey Committee regarding the Coral Township "Witness Tree."

Committee Chairs, please remember to submit your reports in writing; there are many issues to discuss.

Think Spring!!!!

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Awards Committee

Minutes: January 20, 1999

Meeting continued at 8:16pm

Present: Tony Howard, Dave Gervais, Gail Drabant, Jennifer Ifner

Guest: Michael Walkup

David moved to accept minutes from last meeting and Tony seconded. All in favor.

Tony will contact Dole Mansion about availability.

By next meeting, the list of categories should be ready. Jennifer will do this.

Gail presented revamped edition of nomination form. It was met with widespread approval. After a few small changes are completed, she will get a ream of paper and have forms produced.

Categories will be as stands with 11.

Tony will check with Mary Ann/Nina regarding availability and pricing of clear plastic stands for forms. They are estimated to run \$2.00-3.00 ea. and approval to spend \$50 total will be sought. The consensus was that this would be a worthy expenditure.

Jennifer will draft a cover letter seeking nominations from municipalities and county board members. This may be run on Planning and Development or MCHPC letterhead and will be sent by staff.

Voting will remain as it was last year. Ties are allowed.

We will not mail to past winners/nominees.

A topic for further consideration are the technological options for the award ceremony presentation - is a computer show an option?

The next meeting will be Feb. 17 at 7pm at Dave Gervais' office in Crystal Lake.

Dave moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Tony seconded. All in favor.



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
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Survey Committee Report

I had just gotten back from New England when I received a call from Marilyn Urban if we were still coming out to view the Witness Tree this Saturday(Oct 3). Without looking at my minutes I made arraignments to get the committe there on Saturday, thinking it was a meeting continuation. Only two of us showed up making us legal. Dave and his wife and I with Everette Thomas went out at 10 am and viewed the tree. It was worth the trip. We met Jerry and Marilyn Urban, owners of the property that the tree is on, and later met their neighbor Jeff Carlson. Jeff is a professional land surveyor and will give us a letter to the effect that in his opinion this is a Witness Tree. He also has agreeded to survey and break out a 50 ft area arround the tree for our historical survey locations. There are four propertyowners that are involved and Jeff had already spoken to all of them about the tree. Dave Gervais will see that the Conservation District will core the tree for it's age. Our feeling is that it over 150 years old.

Everette Thomas was invited because of his historical knowledge about this County. He was a great help.

I am enclosing with this report the article from the Tribune.

It is our feeling that a hearing can be set up for our November meeting as all information should be in and neighbors notified. The County Board can be notified for their December Meeting and we can hold the plaquing in May of 1999.

Included in this report all of Carol Lockwoods notes.

*McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission Report
February 3, 1999
Gloria Mack*

Joint Council of Historic Groups:

A notice of the February 24, 1999 meeting of the Joint Council of Historic Groups has been sent to all the Joint Council members. I made a mistake on the time, noting it at 7:00 PM so I have sent a second notice, correcting the commencement time of the meeting to 7:30 PM. (see attached notice)

Natural Features:

I am still looking for a project for Natural Features. If any of the Commission members have any ideas I would appreciate their input. I will set up a date to meet with Amy Duncan so we can brainstorm. Also I have contacted Ders Anderson of Open Lands to "pick his brain". If Dave could get me a contact for Friends of the Prairie, I will contact them.

Municipal Liaison:

Spoke to Allison Jackson, Village of Algonquin. She suggested that we put together a program agenda. Fax her a copy and she would send it to the communities that will be hosting the dinners. Her fax number is 847-658-4564. Many times communities are in need of a speaker. I would suggest you include as part of the program, the slides of the McHenry County Landmarks. Bring up the advantage of a local ordinance and the tax incentive program for historic landmarks.

Millennium Calendar:

I think this is a wonderful idea. I think if we do this we should get started this month.



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Preservation Agency**

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February 23, 1999

Maryanne Wanaski, Planner
Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 N. Seminary Ave., Annex Bldg.A
Woodstock, IL 60098

Dear Maryanne,

Thank you for submitting McHenry County's annual report for fiscal year 1998. After reviewing the report, I have determined that McHenry County has met the requirements of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

The commission did an excellent job during the past year. It should consider nominating itself for the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission's Local Preservation Award.

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

Sincerely,

Amy Slocombe
Local Government Services
Manager

CLG: annual report



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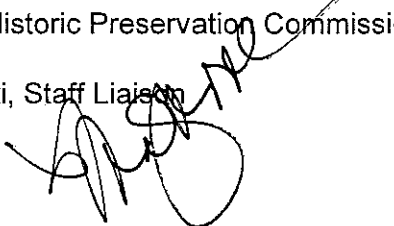
M E M O R A N D U M

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison

Date: March 25, 1999

Re: April Meeting



This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your April 7th meeting. The packet contains minutes from your March 3rd meeting along with agendas for the public hearing for the Coral Township Witness Tree and your regularly scheduled meeting. The public hearing is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. Nineteen notices were sent out, so we may have to move the hearing upstairs to the Health Department's conference room.

I am also including a "Statement of Economic Interests" with this mailing. If you have not filled one out, please do so and return the yellow form on the 7th.

Committee Chairs, once again please remember to submit your reports in writing; time will be limited.

Have a great week !!

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
AWARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 1999

Meeting called to order 7:14 p.m. (meeting was continuation of February 3, 1999 regular meeting of Commission)

Members present: Tony Howard, David Gervais, Gloria Mack, Gail Drabant. Absent: Jennifer Iftner.

There being no minutes available from previous meeting, approval of same was tabled.

Award applications were reviewed and approved. Applications to be distributed as follows: By mail to all McHenry County municipalities and townships; staff liason, Maryanne Wanaski, has agreed to oversee this project. Jennifer has provided copy for cover letter. To all County board members; Maryanne will place in members' mailboxes at Government Center. At Joint Meeting in Harvard Feb. 24, 1999. Committee members will distribute to area libraries, historical societies and other appropriate locations.

Member Distribution

Tony: Woodstock Opera House, Woodstock Public Library, Woodstock Mall, Books on the Square, McHenry County College and one alt.

David: Cary Public Library, C.L. Public Library, Algonquin Public Library, Government Center and Annex and his own office.

Jennifer: Harvard Public Library and Marengo Public Library.

Gloria: McHenry Public Library and Johnsburg Public Library.

Gail: Nippersink Library and two alternate locations in Richmond.

Members discussed means of presenting media portion of Awards ceremony. All members agreed some use of computerized/digital imaging and projection would be desirable, but to what extent will be dependent upon resources available. Final decision tabled to a future meeting.

All members present committed to at least two applications each and encourage **all** Commission members to do likewise.

There being no further items of business, the meeting was ajourned at 8:10 p.m., such motion being made and seconded by Tony and David respectively and carried unanimously.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
March 3, 1999
Gloria Mack - report

Natural Features:

Amy Duncan and I met with Ders Anderson, of Open Lands Program, Ed Collins, of MCCD, and Nancy Fike of the McHenry County Historical Society on Wednesday, February 17th. We had a brainstorming session to attempt to come up with some projects for Commission. The following were suggested/discussed:

1. A favorite view/vista, photo contest. Three winners per township. Work cooperatively with the Northwest Herald, perhaps publishing the winners photos.
2. Oak groves that would not be pristine enough for MCCD but still have historic significance.
3. Peddler pines – the County has many of these pines that were used as a marketing Tool for some of the early merchants.
4. Work cooperatively with the McHenry County Highway Department to designate Scenic roads. (River Road, Rose Farm Road)
5. The millrace in Greenwood
6. 1st tilled land in individual townships.
7. Miscellaneous; Hebron – Indian trace, Old air strips, Dunham, Chumung – Stage stops, Old cemeteries, boat houses, osage orange fence lines, Old RR ballasts,

I've found an article about the **American Forest's Famous and Historic Tree Program**. They graft saplings from famous trees such as; the honey locust tree that Abraham Lincoln recited the Gettysburg Address under, trees from saplings from Mount Vernon, planted by George Washington, A Southern Magnolia, at the home of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross. I have sent for their catalog.

Joint Council of Historic Groups:

The Joint Council of Historic Groups met as scheduled on February 24th, at the Harvard Historical Society. We had a bit of snow that evening and the attendance was sparse. I would like to thank All the Commission members who attended and especially Maryanne who had to travel from Harvard to her home in Kildaree after the meeting. We discussed having one meeting a year rather than two, but it was decided by consensus that we continue with 2 meetings, changing our Winter meeting to March.

Landmarking of the Witness Tree:

Let's move on the Witness Tree – perhaps planning the ceremony for May, Preservation Week.

Survey: Parrish (Civil War era) Barn, Alden Township, Oak Grove Road, Alden

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Prof. Ted Karamanski: Chicago in the Civil War

Rev. Ed Gleeson: Illinois Rebels

Mr. Gene Eric Salecker: Disaster on the Mississippi



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February 24, 1999

Honorable James Dhamer
Mayor, Village of Huntley
11704 Coral Street
Huntley, Illinois 60142

Copy: David Johnson, Director of Community Development

RE: ***HUNTLEY - Woodstock Street Restoration***

Dear Mr. Dhamer,

On behalf of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, I would like to emphasize our support of the Woodstock Street restoration project in Huntley. As evident by the unanimous vote by the commission approving the designation of this street as a county historic landmark, we want to encourage the historic preservation of this street.

This street represents more than just a look of the past, but truly is a part of our county history. The historic use of this street by farmers bringing their milk into Huntley for processing necessitated a more permanent street material which resulted in the use of brick. Unlike a historic building that is used and appreciated by a small portion of people, this street touches the history of an entire community and our county.

We commend the Village of Huntley for exploring all alternatives to retain this part of history and we support this brick street restoration project. As one of the few remaining examples of original paved streets in our county, we recognize the significance of this project to future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail A. Drabant", is written over a horizontal line.

Gail A. Drabant, Chairman,
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission



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M E M O R A N D U M

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison *Maryanne Wanaski*

Date: April 28, 1999

Re: May Meeting

This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your May 5th meeting. The packet contains minutes from the public hearing for the Coral Township Witness Tree and from your April meeting.

Speaking of the witness tree, the McHenry County Highway Department found two large rocks and has graciously volunteered to deliver them to the Urban's home. Did everyone see the Tribune's April 27th front page article about the tree? My daughter who lives in downtown Chicago called to tell me that she had seen the article too. We may be the fastest growing county in Illinois; but no one can say that we don't have "roots!"

Regarding other business, I have ordered name tags for all Commission members and should have them by the 5th. If I forget; remind me to pass them out.

Committee Chairs, once again please remember to submit your reports in writing; time will be limited. Have a great week!

P.S. I'll bring the popcorn!

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Awards Committee
Minutes of Meeting - March 21, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM. as continuation of previous regular meeting of Commission.

Members present: Tony Howard, David Gervais, Gloria Mack, Jennifer Ifner
Members absent: Gail Drabant

Award nominations were tallied resulting in 35 nominations. It was decided at the meeting that a nominee might qualify for more than one category - so there are multiple entries. David was opposed.

Next year on the nomination form, it was decided that rather than have "*Property being nominated*" the wording will be changed to simply "*nominee*". This is due to the fact that people and groups and structures are also nominated.

It was decided that the extension Tony authorized so a mailing could be sent to groups in the Joint Council be approved. David was opposed. Deadline for nominations was extended until March 26.

Tony brought up the issue of ties (as witnessed last year when a four way tie occurred in one category). David wanted to keep the process the same but other members felt that too many winners diluted the excitement. This year, in case of a tie, the committee alone will re-vote between the winners. While this could still result in a tie result, this will be the procedure this year.

The nominations were then qualified and categorized. The entry for the Stickney House Foundation was changed to Category 1. The nomination for Thomas Philbin's house was disallowed as that property won in its category last year.

See attached list of nominations.

At 9:25 PM the meeting was continued to the Saturday, March 24, 1999 meeting of the Survey Committee.

Submitted by: Jennifer Ifner/MCHPC

1999 Historic Preservation Awards Nominees

<i>entry #</i>	<i>category #</i>	<i>nominee/owner</i>	<i>commissioner</i>
1	1	Stickney House	ji
2	1	Nona and Justin Howe	dg
3	1	Coventry House (Motorola)	ji
4	2	Mike and Bev Meikel	th
5	3	Kurt and Jan Carlson	gd ←
6	4	Mina Coker/Gloria Laddile	dg
7	4	Stephen De Paul	dg
8	4	Kirk and Debra Johnson	gd ←
9	5	Central School - Harvard	ji
10	5	Old Bank Building	gm
11	5	Greenwood Township	gm
12	5	The Warner Bldg.	dg
13	5	Home State Bank	th
14	5	Riley School	ji
15	6	Nona and Justin Howe	dg
16	6	Main Beach House	th
17	6	Mike and Bev Meikel	th
18	6	Home State Bank - canopy	th
19	6	Jeffrey and Amanda Jolitz	dg
20	6	Erick and Sherri Murrer	ji
21	7	Mike and Bev Meikel	th
22	8	Mike and Bev Meikel	th
23	8	James Philp Smokchouse	
24	9	Wingate Prairie/CL Park Dist.	th
25	10	Friend of the Wingate Prairie	th
26	10	Village of Algonquin	gm
27	10	Crystal Lake Historic Pres. Comm.	th
28	11	Everette Thomas	dg
29	11	Gloria Jasinski -Lakeside Center	th
30	11	Judy Minsley	gd
35	11	Nancy Fike	gd
Categories TBA			
31		Jim and Mary Ellen Prindiville	th
32		Lori Cole and Reggie Andrews	dg
33		Anthony and Donna Nettis	gm
34		Michael Standard and Michael D'jurin	gm

dg = David Gervais/gd = Gail Drabant/th = Tony Howard/ji=Jennifer Ifner/gm=Gloria Mack

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



4/7/99 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

Any ideas on how to fill our opening for a commissioner. We still have one opening. Nothing else in particular to report from a chairperson's standpoint other than what is already in the agenda.

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We held a "Sugaring Bee" at the Powers-Walker house in March. We demonstrated the maple syrup gathering process. Inside we demonstrated settler textile crafts including rug braiding, weaving, spinning, sock darning, doily crocheting and embroidery. We also had a calligraphy demonstration. The volunteers further developed their characters. There were 20 people in attendance for an enjoyable spring afternoon. We are wrapping up interior work and will soon start again on the exterior.

Survey Committee Report.... April

Called Mr Dean Parrish of 17801 Oak Grove Rd, Alden for the purpose of inspecting his barn for plaguing. In speaking to him he indicated that he wasn't sure if he wanted to do it and what were the benefits. I called Maryann and asked her to send him our booklet.

When I am in that area, I will look over the barn

I called Jim Hanrahan, the owner of the Terwiller House, after I saw the article in the paper. I left a message with his secretary as Jim was in Florida for a couple of months. He will call me when he gets back.

I have found many pictures and early surveys we had done. I will set up a meeting for our committee to review all of these sites.

Jim Keefe

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

April 7, 1999

Gloria Mack - report

Natural Features:

In an effort to implement one of the suggested Natural Resource projects (1 – Favorite View/Vista Photo Contest, in cooperation with the Northwest Herald) in last month's report. I contacted Cindy Weiss of the Northwest Herald, she loved the idea. She forwarded my idea to Cliff Ward, who also thought it was something the Herald would be very interested in cosponsoring. Cliff then said I should talk with Leanne Sanders, (Special Features), I left a voice mail message about a week ago and am still waiting to hear from her. If I do not hear from her I will call her again. I heard from Leanne Sanders today (4/7), she is working with the Historical Society on a photo contest. I am contacting the Tribune to see if they're interested.

In reference to another suggestion, "designating scenic roads in McHenry County". I spoke to Bob Mittelich, Planner McHenry County Highway Department. I explained that this would be a Ceremonial designation, he was very receptive to the idea. I will be sending a letter to both Bill Dwyer, McHenry County Board, Chair of Roads and Jim S. head of County Highway Department to begin getting this idea in the right hands. I have suggested this be cosponsored with the Preservation Commission.

I've received the catalog from the American Forest's Famous and Historic tree Program. I will send it around the table tonight.

POWERS-WALKER HOUSE
Built by Elon & Mary Powers circa 1854 after settling on this land in 1845

Powers-Walker House 1999 Programs

(Note that these programs are what is planned as of January, 1999, and therefore are subject to change if need be.)

March 20th (Saturday) "Sugaring Bee" 1:00 - 4:00
Learn about the gathering & processing of maple syrup. Also, other early settler craftsmanship will be displayed and demonstrated (including rug braiding)



May 16th (Sunday) "Spring Planting" 1:00 - 4:00
We will be starting a garden at the Powers-Walker House in the theme of what Elon & Mary would have planted for survival on the prairie.

May 15, 16 & May 22, 23 (2 weekends-Sat. & Sun.)

Saulk Trail Archeological Dig of the area surrounding the Powers-Walker house, specifically the outhouse & cistern.



July 18th (Sunday) - "Ice Cream Social of 1861"
McHenry County citizens send-off of their men to the Civil War.

September (Date to be announced) - Slide presentation of the findings from the archeological dig at the Powers-Walker house.



November 13th (Saturday) - "Harvest Gathering" 1:00- 4:00
Sharing stories, remembrances & the harvest

December 3rd (Friday) - Chataqua's "Holiday Tea"
Enjoy the tea by candlelight - settler style.



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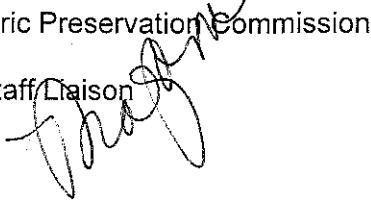
MEMORANDUM

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison

Date: May 28, 1999

Re: June Meeting



This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your June 2nd meeting. The packet contains minutes from your May meeting and the May 13th article from the Northwest Herald about the awards ceremony.

I have been getting a number of calls regarding the winners of the Preservation Awards. Perhaps the Commission should send out letters of congratulations to all because in one way or another they are all successes concerning preservation efforts in the County.

As always Committee Chairs, please remember to submit your reports in writing. My apologies for my lateness in getting these minutes to you.

Hope your holiday was restful! See you Wednesday.

Survey Committee Report for May 5th, 1999

At last meeting a list of historical homes and locations were put out for the members of the committee to look over. At this tonight I will have more information. Both of these books will be at the meeting of the survey committee in June. At that meeting we will set up a game plan.

I took pictures for the awards committee. Both slides and regular pictures.

We should schedule a meeting after our regular monthly meeting in June for the survey committee only.

I also called Jim Hanrahan again in regard to his home outside Bull Valley. Hopefully he will call.

HE DID. HSE IS NOW ON NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES. DOES NOT UNDERSTAND
ITS BENEFITS -
- WE WILL SEND OUR INFORMATION OUT
JIM HANRAHAN
415 MCHENRY AVE - WOODS, 60098

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

May 5, 1999

Gloria Mack/Report

The Witness Tree continues to be of interest throughout the area. Evidenced by this Tribune article it has expanded its interest to the Chicago and the collar counties. I spoke to the Urbans and we settled on June 12th as the date of the landmarking at 1:00 PM. In addition, Mr. Urban was in search of a rock to affix the plaque to and with our indispensable Maryanne's assistance the County Highway Department was enlisted to provide the rock (2). The program will be provided by Ed Collins and friend who will do a reenactment of an 1837 survey team. In addition, the Boy Scouts who worked clearing the area around the tree will be presenting the colors. I will contact the County Board members from that area to see who would like to present the plaque. In addition, the United Press has contacted Mr. Urban. He is a bit overwhelmed.

On April 26, 1999 I had a meeting with Tribune Feature Editor Barbara Slotten. She and I discussed the Tribune and the Commission cosponsoring a "a favorite panoramic view millennium photo contest in McHenry County. She was very excited and really loved the idea. This contest will not include only historic sites but it will depict a place and very special time, as McHenry County says farewell to the 20th century. The contest will be by Township. It will begin the end of May and continue through August 15th, so we can include the County Fair. The Commission and Tribune representatives will judge the contest, one winner per Township. Barbara will be working on getting prizes from their sponsors in the County. She also was going to look into Kodak being a cosponsor.

Attached find a letter I've drafted to Bill Dwyer, Chair of the Transportation Committee of the County Board. In short, I asked him if he had any interest in cosponsoring a McHenry County Scenic Road Program. I explained that this would be a ceremonial designation and not carry and restrictions. I also mentioned that I spoke to the County Highway Department Planner and he had a very favorable response. In addition I offered to discuss this with his Committee at their convenience.

My personal thanks to Jim Keefe who kindly did my Commission awards photo's and got them to Crystal Lake for the Awards meeting on April 28th.

I spoke to Amy Slocum, of the State Office of Historic Preservation, and invited her to the Witness Tree ceremony. She just called me back and declined but promises to visit McHenry Co. in the near future.



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c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
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May 4, 1999

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In March, I spoke with Bob Mittelich, Planner, for the McHenry County Highway Department about this project, and he liked the idea. I would be happy to meet with your Committee to discuss this proposal. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 815-363-3261.

Sincerely,

Gloria Mack/Chair
Natural Resources Committee



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Survey Committee Report

I had just gotten back from New England when I received a call from Marilyn Urban if we were still coming out to view the Witness Tree this Saturday(Oct 3). Without looking at my minutes I made arraignments to get the committe there on Saturday, thinking it was a meeting continuation. Only two of us showed up making us legal. Dave and his wife and I with Everette Thomas went out at 10 am and viewed the tree. It was worth the trip. We met Jerry and Marilyn Urban, owners of the property that the tree is on, and later met their neighbor Jeff Carlson. Jeff is a professional land surveyor and will give us a letter to the effect that in his opinion this is a Witness Tree. He also has agreeded to survey and break out a 50 ft area arround the tree for our historical survey locations. There are four propertyowners that are involved and Jeff had already spoken to all of them about the tree. Dave Gervais will see that the Conservation District will core the tree for it's age. Our feeling is that it over 150 years old.

Everette Thomas was invited because of his historical knowledge about this County. He was a great help.

I am enclosing with this report the article from the Tribune.

It is our feeling that a hearing can be set up for our November meeting as all information should be in and neighbors notified. The County Board can be notified for their December Meeting and we can hold the plaquing in May of 1999.

Included in this report all of Carol Lockwoods notes.

Nina,

You can use my office phone no. on the membership list.
It is 338-3328

I assume that my minutes of our meeting will be tonights report. If not here there are again.

Since that report, Gloria Mack called about a bridge on Allendale road in Greenwood Twp. She can give you more information. I went out and took pictures. Please give to Gloria.

I believe that this bridge should be one we should plaque.

Jim Keefe

Survey Committee report.. July 17,1999

We met at Chairman Jim Keefe's office. Present were Mike Walkup, Jim Pearson, and Jim Keefe.

We proceeded to Alden Ill and our first site was the old school in Alden, now owned by Hughes the movie director. We agreed that our board should send a letter to him, telling him of our existence, making him aware of restoration benefits and asking him what his intentions are for the building.

address: 30412, Alden, Ill 60001

We then visited with Mr Henry J. Schmidt, the owner of the historical house on the west side of the school. We toured the house and found out that the owner is very historical minded. He taught school in Ill till retirement and now teaches in Wisc. He is a history teacher and a Lincoln buff. I sent him items on the Civil War roundtable and we should send him a booklet of preserving his home.

We then crossed the highway to the Disbrow house which is in disrepair. As luck would have it, we met the former owner there and he was well aware of the history of the town and of this house. His name is Mr Charles Bottlemy, 9015 Alden Rd, Harvard, Illinois, 60033. He had sold the house many years ago to a party and they are also history buffs. I would suggest we send to him a book of preservation as he also has a old house and barn.

We then went to the Rev. Larson home and there was no question that this home be plagued if the owner desired. Mike Walkup was to talk to them.

The rest of the town we also toured and visited with a Betsy Greene, Box 46, Alden, Ill 6001. She has a home that she believes was built in 1850's. It is in great shape and a strong interest may be here . Please send out a booklet.

At all houses we left off a pamphlet and some information but I didn't want to pass out the booklet unless all very interested. I did not have

any with me. I believe it better to receive it from Maryanne anyhow. It looks official.

All in All we had a good day but the name Survey committee is wrong. This would be the third time I have seen these houses. We already knew that they were there. We were there to show the new members of their existence and convince the owners to plaque their homes. A new name of our committee is needed.

Meeting ended at 3;25 P.M.

Submitted by Jim Keefe.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
August 4, 1999 Report
Submitted by: Gloria Mack

The Joint Council of Historic Groups Meeting will feature Maryanne Taranowski/Director of the Block Grant Program. Once again we will meet on Wednesday September 29, 1999 at the Home State Bank in Woodstock. The meeting notice (see attached) will be mailed this week. Nancy Fike wants to be sure all the organizations notified have ample time to inform their membership.

I have checked with Nina and Mary Ann and it appears that the photo contest is moving slow. I would like each Commission Member to try to get some photos from their respective area. I have extra entry blanks (one attached for the record). Please try to get some people to enter.

I spoke to Pat at the McHenry County Highway Department about my May 4, 1999 correspondence (copy attached) regarding *scenic highway designations*. She stated that they have never discussed this issue and to her knowledge it was never brought to the table. I faxed her a copy of the letter yesterday and hopefully we will see some action on this.

McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups Meeting

Sponsored by:

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission &
The McHenry County Historical Society

The Joint Council will meet on:

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

At the

(Preservation Award Winning)

Home State Bank

124 S. Johnson St.

Woodstock, IL

At

7:30 PM

The speaker for the evening will be:

**Maryanne Taranowski/Director
McHenry County Community Development Block Grant Program**

Ms. Taranowski will speak on:

**Updating the CDBG Program and the preservation component in the
CDBG Program**

(Directions to the Home State Bank are on the other side of this notice)



McHenry County Millenium

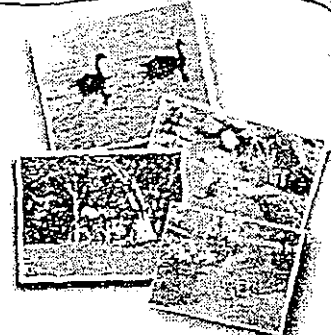
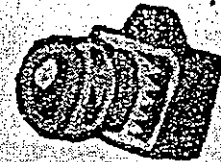
Beautiful Vistas photo contest

What is your favorite view of McHenry County?

Is it the prairie lands?
The hilly countryside?
A streetscape?

Or a particular special event?

The McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission and the Chicago Tribune are looking for photos of beautiful sights in McHenry County. And entering this contest is easy! Simply snap a picture of your favorite McHenry County vista, fill out the form below and send the photo and form to:



McHenry County Beautiful Vistas Photo Contest,
c/o McHenry County
Dept. of Planning & Development,
2200 N. Seminary, Woodstock, IL 60098.

Two Winners will be chosen from each of township. Click your pick today! Hurry, contest ends August 18, 1999.

Please remember to fill out this form. Mail it with your photograph to:

McHenry County Beautiful Vistas Photo Contest
c/o McHenry County - Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 N. Seminary, Woodstock, IL 60098

- YES. I have read, and understand the official contest rules.
- YES. I am prepared to provide an affidavit of eligibility if it is requested.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

OFFICIAL RULES

McHenry Beautiful Vistas Photo Contest

1. NO PURCHASE OR ONLINE ENTRY NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN PRIZES
2. ELIGIBILITY. This Sweepstakes is open to all legal residents of the United States, who are 18 years and are not employees of Chicago Tribune or McHenry Historical Preservation Commission their affiliates, parent companies, participating vendors, subsidiaries and advertising and promotion agencies and the immediate family members or those living in the same household of each. Void where prohibited or restricted.
3. ENTER BY MAIL. To enter by mail fill out the attached form or a plain 3 1/2" x 5" card on which you have hand printed. Or typed your name, complete mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address if applicable, and the indicate to the attention, "McHenry County Beautiful Vistas Photo Contest" and mail to c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning and Development, 2200 N. Seminary, Woodstock, IL 60098. All mail-in entries must be postmarked by August 18, 1999 and received by August 30, 1999. Mechanical reproductions and facsimiles are not eligible. Sponsor is not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate entry of information by participants, technical malfunctions of the computer hardware, software or any combination thereof, problems associated with any virus or any other damage caused to participants' systems, or for loss, delayed, legible, misdirected, postage due mail or incomplete entries, incomplete, mutilated, illegible or postage due entries will be voided. All entries become the property of the Chicago Tribune and will not be returned. Only one entry per person, e-mail address or household allowed.
4. WINNERS. The winner will be chosen by a selected panel of judges on Aug. 30, 1999. Decision of the judges is final. Winner will be notified by regular mail, e-mail or telephone within thirty (30) days of the drawing. Entrants agree the Chicago Tribune has the sole right to decide all matters and disputes arising from the Sweepstakes and that Chicago Tribune's determination is final and binding. If

- the winner declines to accept the prize or in the event that the prize or prize notification is returned as undeliverable, the winner will be disqualified and the Sponsor may elect, at its own discretion, to select an alternate winner. The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. Only one prize per person, e-mail address or household. The winner will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and liability release which must be returned within fourteen (14) days of announced notification or the prize will be automatically forfeited. Another entrant will be selected from among eligible entries if the prize is not claimed within 14 days. For a list of winners, send a self-addressed envelope after August 30, 1999 to List of Winners, Photo Contest 1717 Perry Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173. The self-addressed envelopes must be received by September 30, 1999.
5. PRIZE. One (1) winner from each township will receive a \$100 photography gift certificate. One (1) winner from each township will receive a photo album from CLP. Winners assume all federal, state and local taxes on the prize, as well as delivery fees and expenses, including any transportation by the winner to the point of delivery. The prize will be awarded. No prize or cash substitutions, transfers, or assignments are permitted. Sponsor may substitute cash value or another prize of equal or greater value at its option.
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7. SPONSORS. This Sweepstakes is sponsored by The Chicago Tribune, 1717 Perry Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Sponsor reserves the right to cancel the Sweepstakes at any time and substitute another promotion in its place.



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May 4, 1999

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 14, 1999

TO: Joint Council Members

FROM: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

RE: Landmark list and Joint Council program information

Enclosed please find a comprehensive landmark register that includes property within McHenry County designated by the:

- National Register of Historic Places,
- McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission,
- McHenry County Historical Society,
- Polly Crandall Questers,
- City of McHenry,
- Greater Harvard Historical Society, and
- City of Woodstock.

If your municipality/group has such a list please forward a copy to the Preservation Commission at the above address. Every effort will be made to mail copies to all Joint Council members.

In addition, this mailing also includes information on the Community Development Block Grant program that Maryann Taranowski presented at the last Joint Council meeting. If anyone was not able to attend the program and has questions about Block Grant monies, please do not hesitate to contact Maryann.

Should you have any general questions, please call Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, at 815 / 334-4560.

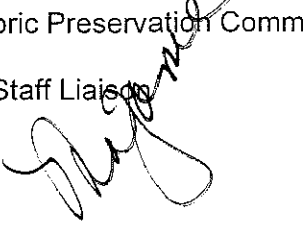


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MEMORANDUM

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison 

Date: June 16, 1999

Re: July Meeting

This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your July 7th meeting. The packet contains minutes from your June 1st meeting along with minutes from continued committee meetings.

Again remember to submit your committee reports in writing.

Stay well, work hard, laugh a lot, and scream a little! See you in July.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

JUNE 2, 1999

The sixth annual McHenry County Historic Preservation Awards were held May 16, 1999 and were an unqualified success. Hosted once again by the Dole Mansion Preservation Society, the ceremonies were conducted in the Lakeside Center annex of the historic Dole Mansion at 2:30 p.m.

Winners in ten separate categories received awards for their many and varied efforts in historic preservation. ("winner" list attached) Nearly 40 individuals, organizations and structures were considered for well-deserved recognition. Community support was at an all-time high with an audience of nominees and interested persons estimated at 75 to 100 people. All Commission members were present as well, which was greatly appreciated by this committee!

The awards presentation consisted of 1-3 slides of each nominee, where applicable, and a short background on all. Winners or their representative received a framed certificate of award and were encouraged to speak on behalf of their own efforts.

Following the presentation, refreshments were served in the Dole Mansion dining room and guided tours of the entire mansion were available.

I reiterated our Commission's desire to make a monetary contribution to the Dole Mansion Preservation Society. Diana Kenney, Society representative, was very happy with our offer and I indicated the contribution would be forthcoming as soon as possible, given the machinations of government.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the Awards Committee for all their efforts to make our little show such a success. Special thanks go to Diana Kenney and the Dole Mansion/Lakeside Center staff for providing us with a truly great venue for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Howard
Awards Committee Co-Chair

Survey Committee Reports

Meeting of June 19th was cancelled as the chairman had nose surgery.

Members Tony Howard , Michael Walkup, and Jim Keefe attended the plaquing of the Witness Tree.

Pictures were taken by Jim Keefe and copies were sent to the County Board members that presented the award.

Enclosed with this report are copies of pictures.

Hopefully we can set up a meeting of survey committee this month.

Jim Keefe, Chairman.

Fax to NINA
337-3720

Continued meeting of Historic Pres. Comm.

June 2, 1999

Survey Committee;

Present

Jim Keefe, Chairman
Tony Howard
Dave Gervais
Jim Pearson
Mike Walkup

It was agreed that the committee will do a survey trip on June 19th. They will meet at Jim's office and proceed to the Harvard-Alden area and view different sites.

The future plan is for the committee members take a different area month and stop and talk to property owners if possible.

It was also suggested that all cemeteries be reviewed as well as one room schoolhouses that are still standing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
June 2, 1999
Gloria Mack/Report

Witness Tree Update: The witness tree ceremony is scheduled for Saturday June 12th, at 1:00 PM. The interest in the witness tree continues to grow. I spoke to Marilyn Urban and they will be on Public Radio on June 8th. I was contacted by Mr. Bob Church, of the Illinois Professional Surveyors Association, Springfield IL. He stated that his association would like to be involved in the ceremony, including paying for any costs involved. They have a group in their association that does encampments and reenactments of surveyors from the 1800's. I put him in contact with Ed Collins and thought they could coordinate their individual roles in the ceremony. I called Ed yesterday (June 1) for an update but haven't heard from him yet. Also, I sent directions and a map to Tom Colton, the lawyer/musician who will be performing the Witness Tree song. I would like to suggest we each bring a batch or box of cookies to help with the refreshments. I think there may be more people there than the Urban's anticipate.

Millennium Photo Contest Update: I am working with Barb Slotten of the Tribune on a flyer and ad for the contest. I received a call from Nancy Fike and she informed me that the Society was sponsoring a millennium photo contest too. I will be sending her our flyers and info and she will send us their info. Their contest will extend throughout the year and ours is from May through August. Also, the Commission Contest will be judged by Township. I hope this will not create too much confusion.

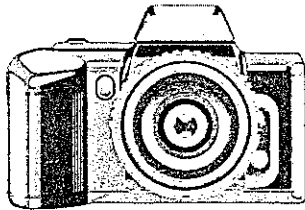
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Joint Council Meeting: The next Joint Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 29th. The meeting will be in Woodstock. I will look into Maryanne T. being our speaker, once again on Block Grants.

Old Business: The Greenwood School continues to remain unprotected. I think the Commission should call the Village of Greenwood Clerk and get on the next agenda. Let's bring our intergovernmental agreement and get this long overdue situation on the table.

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YMCA Camp Duncan's 5th Annual "Friends of Camp Duncan" Day Saturday, July 10, 1999 YMCA Camp Duncan 32405 N. Hwy. 12, Ingleside, Illinois

YMCA Camp Duncan's Board of Directors and staff cordially invite McHenry Township residents to be our guests at the 5th Annual "Friends of Camp Duncan" Day. Please join us for a fun-filled day of activities, relaxation and celebration with Camp Duncan's friends and family.

McHenry Township residents be our guests at the 5th Annual "Friends of Camp Duncan" Day.

Picnic buffet will be served 12:30 - 1:15 pm. Activities begin at 1:15 pm and will conclude at 4:30 pm.

This annual event is for friends and families who support Camp Duncan. Events of the day include swimming, hiking, boating, climbing tower, high ropes, hayrides, fishing and relaxing.

Program activities provided by the Camp Duncan staff. Don't worry about lunch- it's on us!

Please join us for a fun-filled day of activities, relaxation and celebration with Camp Duncan's friends and family.

Non-alcoholic beverages will be served with the picnic buffet. (Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the grounds.)

No pets please.

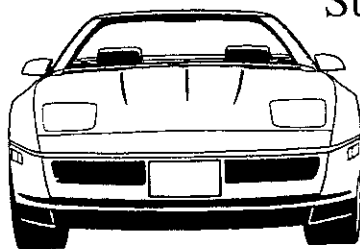
RSVP is required for attendance. Please RSVP by calling 847-546-8086. RSVP deadline is July 1, 1999. Please remember to bring a fishing pole and tackle, swimsuits and towels.

Camp Duncan is located on Hwy. 12, 1 mile N. of Hwy. 120 and 2 miles S. of Hwy. 134.



Car Show- Marcin Placek Benefit

Sunday, August 8th, 1999 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.



Sponsored by Kroozers of Northern, IL Admission: \$2 @ McHenry Moose Lodge- Route 31 & Johnsburg Road

Information: Don Hansen 385-0724, or 338-5042 after 6 pm

Trophy Classes: Pre-1980 Stock, Post-1980 Stock, Street Rods thru 1948, Hot Rods 1949-Up, Comp Cars, Corvettes, Pickups & Motorcycles. Entry deadline is 12 Noon. There will be a \$10 entry fee. Trophys will be presented at 3 pm.

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submitted by Christine Esposito

PLANET CORNER

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Using metropolitan Chicago as a case study, the research ethically considers the needs, interests, and interconnections of the region's urban, suburban, and rural areas, in light of economic, political, environmental, cultural, and spiritual concerns. The report consists of five essays written by a philosopher, a cultural and landscape historian, an evolutionary biologist, a theologian, and an environmentalist/literary historian.

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Does your community have plans and reports to share? Send a list to the Editor with information on cost, if applicable.



World Wide Web Sites of
Interest to Planners



PRESERVATION ON THE INTERNET

There are numerous Internet sites related to historic preservation, museums, and restoration that planners may find very useful. The following is a sampling of popular sites.

♦ NATIONAL

Department of the Interior – Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) & Historic American Engineering Record (HAER)

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/whatwedo.htm#HPS>

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

<http://www.crlmpa.gov/ncptt>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

<http://www.achp.gov>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

<http://www.nthp.org>

♦ STATE

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

<http://www.state.il.us/hpa>

Illinois Main Street

<http://www.state.il.us/ltgov/mainst.html>

♦ RESTORATION

Traditional Building

<http://www.traditional-building.com>

Old House Journal

<http://www.oldhousejournal.com>

Ricker House

<http://www.prarienet.org/ricker>

♦ OTHER RELATED SITES

Chicago Architecture Foundation

<http://www.architecture.org>

Illinois Heritage Association

<http://www.prarienet.org/iha>

PLANET CORNER

Do you know of a World Wide Web site, or a software or other computer-related item of interest to planners?

By all means, send them to us so we can share them with the membership!

Send to: ilapa@shout.net

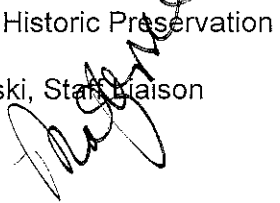


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M E M O R A N D U M

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Date: July 29, 1999
Re: August Meeting



This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your August 4th meeting. The packet contains minutes from your July meeting and minutes from the continuation of the Survey Committee meeting too.

Nina will assist you on Wednesday night because I have to be in Crystal Lake for a zoning hearing. Your Chairman will update the Commission regarding the Rural Survey.

As always Committee Chairs, please remember to submit your reports in writing.

Take care in this warm weather! In my old age I finally have to admit that I'm just not a "90s" woman!

Call if you need anything or have questions. I'll be in the office all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings only.

MCHEMRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



7/7/99 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

During staff comments we will need to address the rural survey situation. Many thanks to all for the great success of the Witness Tree plaquing.

7/7/99 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

We will reconvene in the fall to see if there is any interest.

PUBLICATIONS:

Witness Tree program was completed. Nothing else since the awards.

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

Much interest was developed through this year's archeological dig. We had some great discoveries. As for construction we had an Eagle Scout project to finish the clean-up of the basement after tucking concluded. It was great to have younger bodies (and backs) for help. Also we have finished changing the upper west door back to a window including using old dimensional wood and square nails!

We have had a historic landscape plan developed by Rommy Lopat, editor of the Weedpatch Gazette. We have another Eagle Scout hopeful that will help on the landscaping.

Our next program will be held on Sunday July 18th from 1:00-4:00. It is an "Ice Cream Social of 1861 (McHenry County citizens send-off to their men to the Civil War)". We will have Civil War reenactors there besides our normal group of costumed volunteers. All are invited. We will hope for good weather.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
July 7, 1999 Report
Submitted by: Gloria Mack

The Witness Tree Landmarking was very successful. The press coverage was outstanding. The program was very well received. Fred Durrenburg who read from the original notes of John Thompson and commented on the conditions the surveyors experienced was wonderful. He gave us insight we may not have had prior the program. I have sent thank you notes to the reenactors, the Boy Scouts, the Urbans, and Tom Colton and the Kountry Kowboys.

I would like to suggest and bring up for discussion an additional award the Commission might consider presenting. There are some individuals whose efforts surpass the Individual effort award. I would like to include a Lifetime Achievement award to the list of awards.

The Woodstock Bank is reserved for the Joint Council Meeting scheduled for September 29th.

I have attached a copy of the schedule of the dates the photo contest award entrys will be run in the Chicago Tribune. I would like two Commission members to serve as judges, I will also serve in that capacity.

Special project:
* Denise Collins

Franks Parcel Civil War Graves

The McHenry County Conservation District has recently entered into a contract to purchase the Sheldon Franks farm in the Marengo/Coral area. In late 1991, a conservation district employee was shown a series of five mounds reported to be the graves of five Union Army veterans from Minnesota. The men were returning home after the close of the Civil War and died while in Marengo. Local legend has it that they died of diphtheria. An area farmer donated the grave space for the men to be buried in.

With the Commission's approval, I would like to pursue this story further to determine if the graves do in fact exist and if the internments are indeed Civil War veterans. If the facts support the local story, then I would like the Historic Preservation Commission to consider approaching MCCD to have the small cemetery plaqued.

Announcing:

“Ice Cream Social of 1861”

(McHenry County citizens farewell of their men to the Civil War)

Sunday, July 18th, 1:00 - 4:00

at the Powers-Walker Historic homestead

*(located on the north side of Harts Road
in Glacial Park, M.C.C.D., Ringwood)*

*Come join volunteers (who will be in period attire)
including members of the 55th Illinois Company E,
Civil War Reenactment group*



Ice Cream will be available





Located in Glacial Park

Owned by M.C.C.D.

MEMO

Date: 7/6/99

To: Steve Gulgren Of: Planning Dept.
 To: Ed Collins Of: Natural Resources Dept.

From: Gail Drabant Of: Powers-Walker Restoration Coordinator

Re: **Powers-Walker LANDSCAPE PLAN**

Please find attached the proposed landscape plan that has been submitted by Rommy Lopat who is the editor of the Chicagoland-based publication, Weedpatch Gazette.

I am first distributing it to the two of you so that you may have a chance to respond with comments or request revisions. Then your input can be incorporated into the plan prior to it being formally proposed. Steve, your input would be valuable from the overall planning of the site. Ed, your input would be valuable particularly concerning the varieties of plants that have been proposed.

Note that we have boy scout labor available for implementation and that we can phase this plan over a period of years. Some items that could certainly be done yet in fiscal 1999 would include planting of trees, the path, fencing and planting around the spring, and the gas tank camouflage/planting.

It is important to keep in mind that the interpretation of this site is aimed at the 1845 through 1865 timeframe. Rommy has donated a considerable amount of time trying to help guide us into an appropriate interpretation. This is an area in which Rommy has specific expertise. It will be very interesting to see the site develop over a period of years. It is greatly appreciated having additional people volunteer their time for this aspect of the restoration, since I personally have to concentrate my efforts on the reconstruction and restoration of the house itself.

Please respond with any comments or revisions that you would like to see incorporated by August 1st so that we can make specific plans for any fall site restoration tasks as labor is available. Thank you for your time and contribution to this facet of the Powers-Walker restoration project.

Sincerely,


Gail Drabant

POWERS-WALKER HOUSE (1845-1865) LANDSCAPE PLAN

Submitted by Rommy Lopat

June 29, 1999

The landscape plan for the Powers-Walker House was prepared to simulate a typical homestead of the 1845-1865 period in the Upper Midwest.

It is recommended, however, that three decisions be made:

1) The plan may be "typical", but it might be more instructive to decide that the homeowners may have been particularly interested in flora, both native and exotic, and planted a variety of plants adjacent to their home. Far more plants were available to even modest Midwest homeowners than many people now believe (see attached list). It is important to explode the myth that only a few plant materials were used: as is the case today, there were homeowners in the 1850's that put a priority on growing a diversity of flowers. Could these homeowners have been those I describe?

2) It is recommended that plants donated from the oldest homesteads in the Richmond-Spring Grove-Ringwood-Johnsburg area be employed to the extent possible. For example, the Richardson's (Spring Grove) have a yellow rose that came with the earliest settlers; the McConnell Homestead (my home, 1852) has bluebells, hosta plantaginea, and lily of the valley to donate; the Weidrich's have a Snowball spirea; other historic homesteads may have fruit trees to offer, for example. Let's search them out: here's an opportunity to create a museum honoring the plants of 1850!

3) Kentucky Bluegrass and weeds currently prevail as the house's "turf", but this was not likely available in the 1850's, or at least would have required far more maintenance than possible without machines. The house was carved out of the prairie, and very like the prairie grasses came quite close to the house. Keeping sheep is not practical; nor do tall prairie grasses mix well with large numbers of visitors. I would recommend something like the "No Mow" fescues available from the Prairie Nursery (see attached ad). This might give the impression of prairie but the low character and durability of turfgrass.

It has been a pleasure to develop this plan, which I am happy to refine in association with the Powers-Walker House volunteers and staff.

PLANTS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO 1865

<i>Abies concolor</i> :	1861
<i>Abies fraseri</i> :	1817
<i>Acer saccharinum</i> :	1725
<i>Achillea dechlorens</i> :	1798
<i>A. millefolium</i> :	1600-1699
<i>A. ptarmica</i> :	1776-1850
<i>Aconitum napellus</i> :	1699-1699
<i>Alcea officinalis</i> :	prior to 1850
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> :	1700-1776
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> :	1759
<i>Anaphalis triplinervis</i> :	1824
<i>Anemone Honorine Jobert</i> :	c. 1858
<i>Anemone patens</i> :	1600-1699
<i>Anemone sylvestris</i> :	1596
<i>Aster ericoides</i> :	1732
<i>Betula</i> (all species):	prior to 1850
<i>Calendula officinalis</i> :	prior to 1800
<i>Campanula carpatica</i> :	1776-1850
<i>C. latifolia Macrantha</i> :	1820
<i>Centaurea dealbata</i> :	1804
<i>C. macrocephala</i> :	1805
<i>C. montana</i> :	1596
<i>Chelone lyonii</i> :	1812
<i>C. obliqua</i> :	1752
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> :	1700-1776
<i>Cleome hasslerana</i> :	prior to 1850
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> :	1700-1776
<i>Crataegus</i> :	before 1776
<i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i> :	1816
Cockscomb	
<i>Consolida orientalis</i> :	prior to 1800
<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i> :	1741
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i> :	1846
<i>Geranium lancastriense</i> :	c. 1732
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> :	before 1748
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> :	1700
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i> :	before 1800
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> :	before 1748
<i>Halesia carolina</i> :	1756
<i>Heliotrope</i> :	prior to 1800
<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i> :	1576
<i>Hesperis matronalis</i> :	1350
<i>Heuchera americana</i> :	1656
<i>Heuchera micrantha</i> :	1827
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> :	1574
<i>Hosta plantaginea</i> :	c. 1780
<i>Hosta ventricosa</i> :	1790
Hyacinth 'Marie':	1860
<i>Hyacinthoies hispanica</i> :	1683

Hydrangea paniculata PeeGee:	1862
Ilex verticillata:	1736
Iris germanica:	ancient
Iris japonica:	1800
Iris kaempferi:	1839
Juniperus chinensis:	1767
Kerria japonica:	1834
Lathyrus grandiflorus:	1814
L. latifolius:	1596
Lavatera trimestris:	prior to 1850
Linaria:	1648-1700
Linum narboense:	1759
Lobelia cardinalis:	1626
Lobelia syphilitica:	prior to 1665
Lunaria rediviva:	1596
Lychnis chalcedonica:	1593
Lychnis coronaria:	1596
Mirabilis jalapa (Four O'Clocks):	before 1800
Monarda didyma:	1744
M. fistulosa:	1637
Nepeta mussinii:	1784
Oenothera tetragona:	1737
Peony officinalis:	c. 900
Peony 'Festiva Maxima':	1851
Papaver orientale:	prior to 1714
Penstemon barbatus:	1784
Phlox paniculata:	1730
Physostegia virginia:	1683
Picea abies:	1840's
Pinus nigra:	1785
Pinus strobus:	1753
Pinus s. 'Nana':	1850
Ranunculus:	ancient
Rosa Hybrid Perpetuals:	1840
Rosa alba 'Konigen van Danemark':	1809
Spirea x vanhouttei:	c. 1862
Stachys byzantica:	1782
Stokesia laevis:	1766
Styrax japonica:	1862
Taxus cuspidata:	1853
Tropaeolum majus (Nasturtium):	prior to 1800
Tsuga canadensis:	1855
Tulipa 'Couleur Cardinal':	1845
Verbena bonariensis:	1737
Veronicastrum virginicum:	1714
Viola tricolor:	prior to 1800
Wisteria sinensis:	1816



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As with any seeding, proper soil preparation is central to success. *The area to be planted must be completely free of weeds prior to seeding.* Please refer to the Site Preparation guidelines on page 11 for details on how to prepare your soil.

Fertilizer should be applied sparingly, if at all, in early spring or late summer only. Slow-release, balanced fertilizers with nearly equal portions of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are best. This encourages strong root development to keep your turf healthy without excessive top growth that requires mowing. Water only during dry periods. Occasional, thorough soakings

are better than frequent light sprinklings. This encourages deep root growth, and makes your turf more drought-tolerant. With minimal fertilizing and watering, you'll reap the benefits of reduced maintenance, lower costs, and a healthier environment!

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PRESERVATION ON THE INTERNET

There are numerous Internet sites related to historic preservation, museums, and restoration that planners may find very useful. The following is a sampling of popular sites.

◆ NATIONAL

Department of the Interior – Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) & Historic American Engineering Record (HAER)

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/whatwedo.htm#HPS>

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

<http://www/cr/mps.gov/ncptt>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

<http://www.achp.gov>

National Trust for Historic Preservation

<http://www.nthp.org>

◆ STATE

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

<http://www.state.il.us/hpa>

Illinois Main Street

<http://www.state.il.us/ltgov/mainst.html>

◆ RESTORATION

Traditional Building

<http://www.traditional-building.com>

Old House Journal

<http://www.oldhousejournal.com>

Ricker House

<http://www.prarienet.org/ricker>

◆ OTHER RELATED SITES

Chicago Architecture Foundation

<http://www.architecture.org>

Illinois Heritage Association

<http://www.prarienet.org/iha>

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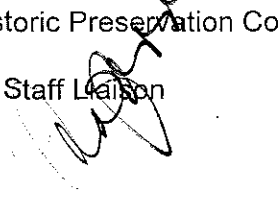
MEMORANDUM

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison

Date: July 29, 1999

Re: August Meeting



This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your August 4th meeting. The packet contains minutes from your July meeting and minutes from the continuation of the Survey Committee meeting too.

Nina will assist you on Wednesday night because I have to be in Crystal Lake for a zoning hearing. Your Chairman will update the Commission regarding the Rural Survey.

As always Committee Chairs, please remember to submit your reports in writing.

Take care in this warm weather! In my old age I finally have to admit that I'm just not a "90s" woman!

Call if you need anything or have questions. I'll be in the office all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings only.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
August 4, 1999 Report
Submitted by: Gloria Mack

The Joint Council of Historic Groups Meeting will feature Maryanne Taranowski/Director of the Block Grant Program. Once again we will meet on Wednesday September 29, 1999 at the Home State Bank in Woodstock. The meeting notice (see attached) will be mailed this week. Nancy Fike wants to be sure all the organizations notified have ample time to inform their membership.

I have checked with Nina and Mary Ann and it appears that the photo contest is moving slow. I would like each Commission Member to try to get some photos from their respective area. I have extra entry blanks (one attached for the record). Please try to get some people to enter.

I spoke to Pat at the McHenry County Highway Department about my May 4, 1999 correspondence (copy attached) regarding *scenic highway designations*. She stated that they have never discussed this issue and to her knowledge it was never brought to the table. I faxed her a copy of the letter yesterday and hopefully we will see some action on this.

Survey Committee report.. July 17,1999

We met at Chairman Jim Keefe's office. Present were Mike Walkup, Jim Pearson, and Jim Keefe.

We proceeded to Alden Ill and our first site was the old school in Alden, now owned by Hughes the movie director. We agreed that our board should send a letter to him, telling him of our existence, making him aware of restoration benefits and asking him what his intentions are for the building.

address: B0412, Alden. Ill 60001

We then visited with Mr Henry J. Schmidt, the owner of the historical house on the west side of the school. We toured the house and found out that the owner is very historical minded. He taught school in Ill till retirement and now teaches in Wisc. He is a history teacher and a Lincoln buff. I sent him items on the Civil War roundtable and we should send him a booklet of preserving his home.

We then crossed the highway to the Disbrow house which is in disrepair. As luck would have it, we met the former owner there and he was well aware of the history of the town and of this house. His name is Mr Charles Bottlemey, 9015 Alden Rd, Harvard, Illinois,60033. He had sold the house many years ago to a party and they are also history buffs. I would suggest we send to him a book of preservation as he also has a old house and barn.

We then went to the Rev. Larson home and there was no question that this home be plagued if the owner desired. Mike Walkup was to talk to them.

The rest of the town we also toured and visited with a Betsy Greene, Box 46, Alden, Ill 6001. She has a home that she believes was built in 1850's. It is in great shape and a strong interest may be here . Please send out a booklet.

At all houses we left off a pamphlet and some information but I didn't want to pass out the booklet unless all very interested. I did not have

any with me. I believe it better to receive it from Maryanne anyhow. It looks official.

All in All we had a good day but the name Survey committee is wrong. This would be the third time I have seen these houses. We already knew that they were there. We were there to show the new members of their existence and convince the owners to plaque their homes. A new name of our committee is needed.

Meeting ended at 3;25 P.M.

Submitted by Jim Keefe.

Nina,

You can use my office phone no. on the membership list.
It is 338-3328

I assume that my minutes of our meeting will be tonights report. If not here there are again.

Since that report, Gloria Mack called about a bridge on Allendale road in Greenwood Twp. She can give you more information. I went out and took pictures. Please give to Gloria.

I believe that this bridge should be one we should plaque.

Jim Keefe

McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups Meeting

Sponsored by:

The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission &
The McHenry County Historical Society

The Joint Council will meet on:

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

At the

(Preservation Award Winning)

Home State Bank

124 S. Johnson St.

Woodstock, IL

At

7:30 PM

The speaker for the evening will be:

**Maryanne Taranowski/Director
McHenry County Community Development Block Grant Program**

Ms. Taranowski will speak on:

**Updating the CDBG Program and the preservation component in the
CDBG Program**

(Directions to the Home State Bank are on the other side of this notice)



McHenry County Millenium

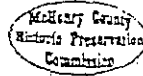
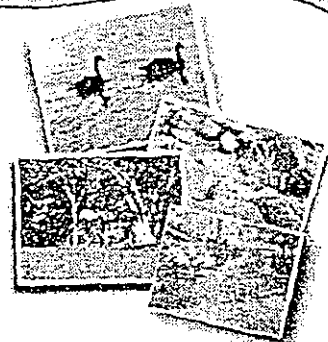
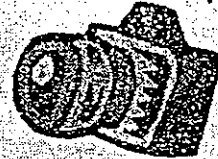
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McHenry County Beautiful Vistas Photo Contest,

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August 18, 1999.

Please remember to fill out this form. Mail it with your photograph to:

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- YES. I have read, and understand the official contest rules.
- YES. I am prepared to provide an affidavit of eligibility if it is requested.

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4. WINNERS: The winner will be chosen by a selected panel of judges on Aug. 30, 1999. Decision of the judges is final. Winner will be notified by regular mail, e-mail or telephone within thirty (30) days of the drawing. Entrants agree that the Chicago Tribune has the sole right to decide all matters and disputes arising from the sweepstakes and that Chicago Tribune's determination is final and binding. If

- the winner declines to accept the prize or in the event that the prize or prize notification is returned as undeliverable, the winner will be disqualified and the Sponsor may elect, at its own discretion, to select an alternate winner. The acts of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. Only one prize per person, e-mail address or household. The winner will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and liability release which must be returned within fourteen (14) days of attempted notification or the prize will be automatically forfeited. Alternate entries will be selected from among eligible entries if the prize is not claimed within (14) days. For a list of winners, send a self-addressed envelope after August 30, 1999 to List of Winners, Photo Contest, 1717 Perry Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173. The self-addressed envelopes must be received by September 30, 1999.
5. PRIZE: One (1) winner from each township will receive a \$100 photographic gift certificate. One (1) winner from each township will receive a photo album from CLX. Winners assume all federal, state and local taxes on the prize, as well as delivery fees and expenses, including any transportation by the winner to the point of delivery. The prize will be awarded. No prize or cash substitutions, transfers, or assignments are permitted. Sponsor may substitute cash value or another prize of equal or greater value at its option.
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July 19, 1999

Ms. Maryanne Wanaski
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Department of Planning and Development
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098

Re: McHenry County Rural Survey - 17-98-131.005

Dear Maryanne:

As per the Commission's request, I have put together a scope of work for the tasks that still need to be completed for the McHenry County rural survey project.

Project supervision: Gail Drabant and James Pearson meet the professional qualifications for architectural historians (their fine arts degrees qualify as a "closely related field".)

Number of sites: As far as I can tell one of the basic questions that needs to be answered is "How many 'sites' were surveyed and how many individual resources were photographed?" It appears from Carol's numbers in the second draft that only 214 sites were surveyed, and earlier in the text it notes that 1600 photographs were taken. I question the accuracy of the 214 number - could there be only 214 sites still standing of the 804 surveyed in 1986? The number seems too low.

Survey Form: The corrections on the survey forms can be handprinted in ink, and white-out strips should be used. The following items must be filled out on each form:

Maryanne Wanaski

July 19, 1999

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PIN

LOCATION - street address and township or municipality

FUNCTION - commercial, industrial, religious, cemetery, bridge, residence, barn, silo, corn crib, windmill, milkhouse, chicken coop, farrow (hog) house, shed, corn dryer, privy, garage, smokehouse, granary (as distinct from the corn crib).

VERNACULAR TYPE - see the attachment for the vernacular house types PLUS four-over-four, upright & wing, saltbox, and quonset hut. This item is filled out in all cases, including high style buildings.

Barn types: dairy gambrel (Wisconsin dairy), forebay barn (Pennsylvania), three bay or English, transverse frame, raised basement, three gable, round, hexagonal. If there are other barn types found in the survey which are not included in this list, then we will need to discuss them. There is no "gable" barn category.

Silo types: tile block, brick, poured concrete, concrete stave, wooden stave

Corncrib types: transverse aisle, hexagonal, masonry, round, slant-sided

Commercial: tavern, motel, service station, store

Industrial: grain elevator, mill, factory, railroad depot

Religious: church, synagogue, parsonage, rectory, cemetery (if owned by a church)

ARCH. STYLE - see the attachment for architectural styles. This entry is filled out ONLY IF the building is a high style.

ALTERATIONS - short entries, to include additions, demolitions (porch removal, for example), window changes, and roof changes. NOT to include synthetic siding.

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CIRCA: Date the building to within a 20 year period. If the actual construction date is known, enter it.

CONDITION: Excellent, good, fair, poor

INTEGRITY: Excellent, good, fair, poor

SOURCE: This is the source for the construction date. Explain how a 1995 Sidwell map is the source for buildings constructed in the late 19th and early 20th century.

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: If known, enter the name. Leave blank otherwise.

LANDMARK EVALUATION: Complete the National Register entries for assessing the individual buildings and the entire farmstead.

MATERIALS: Foundation, walls, roof, porch

HISTORY: Previous site number, any known history (no additional research needed), and more detailed alteration information.

SITE PLAN: Leave blank

PHOTOGRAPHS: All photographs must be labelled on the back (in pencil) with the PIN of the property. They must be attached to the form with double sided tape, or dry-mounting.

Survey Report: I have read the survey report, and the only changes in the second draft is the insertion of "project problems" on page 3 and the resource numbers on page 14-15. Therefore, all the comments and questions in the June 17 memo still stand. At a minimum, the following topics must be addressed in the report:

Algonquin township settlement and farmstead development history
Grafton township 20th century development patterns
McHenry township 19th century settlement and farmstead development
Nunda township settlement and farmstead development

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An overview of the physical appearance of the current unincorporated areas of these townships is required. Topography, land use, road patterns, and railroad patterns (where relevant) should be included. - 3-4 pages text

Building Types and Architectural Styles: The architectural style definitions still need to be done. Also needed is an explanation of where and how frequently all of the resource types and house architectural styles are found in the four townships and what do they typically look like (historically and currently - taking integrity issues into account). Representative examples must be given for all house and barn types. What was typically found on a mid-19th century farmstead, late 19th century farmstead, and early 20th century farmstead in these 4 townships? The statistics on page 14-15 are a good start, but what do the numbers tell us? - 3-4 pages text

Survey Observations: Carol did not present any new information. This is a repeat of the 1986 survey report findings. This report must include a new analysis of those properties that are determined to be likely candidates for the National Register. The entry should include the criteria the property or building meets, and which building type they represent. An assessment of the overall integrity of the building or farmstead is required also. - 3-4 pages text

When compiling the statistics for the resources, all barn and house types and architectural styles must be broken out. For all other resources, the general heading can be used; i.e., milkhouse, silo, corncrib, garage, church, motel, etc.

Maps: The township maps with the sites noted on them are required. The survey report should also include historic maps of the 4 townships - at least one 19th century and one 20th century (pre-1949) map for each township. Smaller maps (8x11½) of each township showing the current unincorporated areas covered by this report are also required.

In terms of the items needed for the completion report (see your grant agreement) the following items are still needed:

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missing monthly progress reports; resource numbers; explanation of data gaps; resumes of the principal investigator, chief administrator of the project, and any paid employees engaged in the actual survey work; a copy of the local plan (if available), fiscal reports, an assessment of the degree of success achieved by this project, and a description of all promotional and publicity activities.

Deadlines: Keeping in mind the urgency of completing this project before the end of September, I would like to have a decision about whether the Commission wants to proceed with this project no later than August 2 (2 weeks). If the Commission wants to complete the project, then the completed set of survey forms and maps will be required by August 27 (+4 weeks) and the survey report by September 8 (+1½ weeks). I must approve all products before the project costs are reimbursed. Gail Drabant will be responsible for addressing any questions I have about the completed entries on the survey forms.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Ann V. Swallow
Survey & National Register
Coordinator

encl.
cc: Gail Drabant, Chair

A Summary Report:

construction Houses were never truly mass produced and are not mass-produced to this day. The term "mass produced" is used as a comparative one to make the point that the sheer scale of house building was constantly changing in the face of developing technology, economics, and other factors. Despite his increasing output on the part of the local builder, the vast majority of American houses were and continue to be stick built at the construction site.

This typology encompasses three subsets; (1) the style defined houses, (2) the vernacular house, and finally (3) the range of popular house and cottage types. In addition to these property types are the residential district, the specially designed residential plat, and the range of multiple unit residential types. For each type or style an annotated listing of the better examples of each is provided. These examples are taken from the various lists of significant properties developed by the Rock Island Preservation Commission, the current Illinois Historic Preservation Agency list of Rock Island's National Register eligible properties, the current list of locally Landmark and National Register listed properties, the various historical walking tour booklets, and property examples which were suggested by the Rock Island Preservation Commission.

Master Style and Type List:

I. Romantic Houses:

I-A. Greek Revival (1825-1860)

- I-A-1. Full Portico
- I-A-2. Temple Front
- I-A-3. Side Gable
- I-A-4. Peristyle With No Pediment
- I-A-5. Townhouse

I-B. Gothic Revival (1840-80)

- I-B-1. Centered Gable
- I-B-2. Paired Gables
- I-B-3. Front Gabled
- I-B-4. Asymmetrical
- I-B-5. Castellated or Parapeted
- I-B-6. Polychromed Masonry

I-C. Italianate Style (1840-1885):

- I-C-1. Simple Hipped
- I-C-2. Centered Gable
- I-C-3. Asymmetrical
- I-C-4. Towered
- I-C-5. Front Gabled
- I-C-6. Town House

I-D. Renaissance Revival (1840-1890)

II. Victorian-Era Houses:

II-A. Second Empire (1855-1885):

- II-A-1. Simple Mansard
- II-A-2. Centered Wing Or Gable
- II-A-3. Asymmetrical
- II-A-4. Towered
- II-A-5. Town House
- II-A-6. Stick Style:

II-B. Victorian Gothic (1860-90)

House styles and types are circled

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II-C. Queen Anne (1875-1910):

- II-C-1. Hipped Roof With Lower Cross Gables
- II-C-2. Cross Gabled
- II-C-3. Front Gabled
- II-C-4. Town House

II-D. Richardsonian Romanesque (1880-1900):

III. Eclectic House Styles:

Anglo-American, English and French Period Houses:

III-A. Colonial Revival/Dutch Colonial Revival (1880-1955):

- III-A-1. Asymmetrical
- III-A-2. Hipped Roof With Full width Porch
- III-A-3. Hipped Roof Without Full width Porch
- III-A-4. Side Gabled
- III-A-5. Centered Gable
- III-A-6. Gambrel
- III-A-7. Second-Story Overhang
- III-A-8. Cape Cod Cottage

III-B. Classical Revival/Neo-Classical (1895-1950):

- III-B-1. Full Height Entry Porch
- III-B-2. Full Height Entry Porch With Lower Full width Porch
- III-B-3. Front Gabled
- III-B-4. Full Facade Porch
- III-B-5. One Story

III-C. Tudor/English Revival (1890-1940)

- III-C-1. Stucco Wall Cladding
- III-C-2. Brick Wall Cladding
- III-C-3. Stone Wall Cladding
- III-C-4. Frame Wall Cladding

III-D. French Eclectic (1915-1945):

- III-D-1. Symmetrical
- III-D-2. Asymmetrical
- III-D-3. Towered

Mediterranean Period Houses:

III-E. Italian Renaissance Revival (1890-1935):

- III-E-1. Simple Hipped Roof
- III-E-2. Hipped Roof With Projecting Wings
- III-E-3. Asymmetrical
- III-E-4. Flat Roof

III-F. Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival (1890-1920)

Modern Houses:

III-G. Prairie (1900-1920):

III-H. Craftsman (1905-1930):

- III-H-1. Front Gabled Roof
- III-H-2. Cross Gabled Roof
- III-H-3. Side Gabled Roof
- III-H-4. Hipped Roof

III-I. Art Moderne/Modernistic (1925-1940):

III-J. International (1925-present)

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IV. Vernacular Cottage/House Types

- IV-A. Hall and Parlor/Double Parlor (c. 1800-c.1870)
- IV-B. Pyramidal Cottage/Pyramidal Hip Cottage (c.1850-c.1920)
- IV-C. Gable Front/Open Gable type (c.1850-c.1930+)
- IV-D. The Shotgun (c.1860-c.1885)
- IV-E. Side Hall Plan (c.1830-c.1880)
- IV-F. Gabled End (c.1850-c.1920)
- IV-G. I-House (c.1850-c.1920)
- IV-H. L Plan (c.1850-c.1900)
- IV-I. T-Plan (c.1860-c.1920)
- IV-J. Cross Plan (c.1900-c.1920)

V. Popular House Types:

- V-A. Bungalow (c.1910-c.1930)
- V-B. Foursquare (c.1904-1960)
- V-C. Minimal Traditional (c.1939-1955+)
- V-D. Ranch (1938-present)
- V-E. Split-level (c.1955-present)

VI The Multi-Family Urban Property Type:

- VI-A. Double house
- VI-B. Apartment Block

VII. The Plat-Addition Property Type

VIII. The Residential District Property Type

I. The Romantic House Styles, 1825-1885;

The Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate and Renaissance Revival styles:

I-A. The Greek Revival (1825-c.1860):

This was the first nationwide style that coincided with the earliest years of Rock Island's establishment and substantial house building. The style mimics the formal Greek temple front by offering either an actual classical entry porch or full width porch, or by presenting a formalized gable front, usually with a full or broken pediment and a formally presented off-center entrance. The townhouse type may utilize a side gable roof form and the same off-center entrance with some formal treatment. The attic level or the frieze and architrave is commonly visually enhanced using attic lights, a pediment, dentils or other horizontal design elements. There are five subtypes of the Greek Revival:

I-A-1. Full Portico. The house facade is completely covered by a full height and full width porch.

I-A-2. Temple Front. The house's gable front extends forward to form a pediment above a full height porch with classical columns.

I-A-3. Side Gable. This subtype is defined by the presence of a side gable roof.

I-A-4. Peristyle With No Pediment. The house is completely surrounded by a colonnade.



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

M E M O R A N D U M

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wanaski, Staff Liaison
Date: September 30, 1999
Re: October Meeting

This memo is intended to serve as back-up for your October 6th meeting. The packet contains minutes from your September meeting and promised maps

As always Committee Chairs, please remember to submit your reports in writing.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather! See you Wednesday.

Survey Committee Report

I believe this may have already been mentioned but I missed it in the minutes.

The bridge in Greenwood Twp. I had taken pictures and agree that it should be plaqued. I believe all was turned in last month.

In regard to the Franks Parcel Civil War Grave sites. I have been in contact with Ed Collins about this site. Ed Urban from Union, and a member of the Civil War roundtable has agreed to research this site. He will contact Minn. to see if they can determine what soldiers it was that may be buried there. He will do checking locally as well. One of our members has found out that Bob Pearce, Dorr Twp. Supervisor's grandfather farmed the land and that Bob as a child played on the farm and was aware of the five grave sites. Ed Has been informed of all of this. If all this works out, we should plaque the area.

Worked with Jim Pearson on the Rural Survey and turned it all back in with the suggestion that we never ask for grant money again. I have no idea what was wanted.

Jim Keefe Sept 2,1999

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
September 1, 1999 Report
Submitted by Gloria Mack

I received a voice-mail message from Barb Slotten, Tribune Special Features chief, in response to my message that the photo contest submittals were sparse. She asked if we would like to extend the contest. I voice-mailed her back and told her we would like to extend the contest, probably through 11/1/99. I have not heard back from her and have left her two more voice-mail messages within the last two weeks. I don't know what the status of the contest is.

The Joint Council Meeting of Historic Groups meeting that is scheduled on September 29, 1999 at the award winning Home State Bank in Woodstock. Our scheduled speaker is Maryanne Taranowski, McHenry County Block Grant Administrator. Your attendance would be appreciated.

Once again I spoke to Pat at the McHenry County Highway Department about my May 4, 1999 correspondence regarding *scenic highway designations*. She said she passed the letter on Jim ? The County Highway Commissioner. I called again today but still no word on the possibility this project.

ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND
APPLICATION FOR \$200 SCHOLARSHIP
1999 STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

DATE OF APPLICATION:

August 10, 1999

SPONSOR CITY: McHenry County Historic Pres. Com.

STREET ADDRESS: 2200 Seminary

CITY: Woodstock

COUNTY: McHenry

ZIP CODE: 60098

TELEPHONE: _____

SPONSOR CONTACT: Maryanne Wanaski, staff liaison

NAME(S) OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT(S) AND TITLE
(LIMIT 2 PER CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

Gloria Mack

Denise Collins

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 31, 1999

RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY
PRESERVATION SERVICES DIVISION
#1 OLD STATE CAPITOL PLAZA
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701
ATTN: ALY GRADY



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MEMORANDUM

To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members

From: Nina Campione, Staff

Date: October 28, 1999

Re: November meeting

This memo is intended to serve as a back up for your November 3rd meeting. I hope you have received your October minutes, if not I will have extra copies at the meeting.

Any additional information that we have will be distributed at the meeting as Maryanne has been off this week. She will be back on Monday (November 1st) if you have any questions.

Happy Halloween. Hope you got a lot of candy.

MCHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



10/6/99 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

I have many concerns about the focus of our commission. Several of these same concerns have been expressed to me individually by other commission members. I would like to review the **functions for our commission** as set forth by our own ordinance and **review the goals** as presented in our preservation plan. With this review there will be some **changes in committee assignments**.

Second, it is imperative that **all commission members submit something in writing each month** summarizing their preservation efforts and any committee work that they have done. This is a way to focus each of us into accomplishing the tasks that we have committed to perusing. On that note, we all all expected to be working commissioners. This is not a honorary position. Therefore, if a commissioner cannot volunteer a **minimum of four hours** per month for the preservation efforts of this commission, it is recommended that they examine whether they wish to continue as a commissioner.

It is with great hope that we can all accomplish more in the name of historic preservation in the upcoming year. It would be a great milestone to have the **year 2000 as our banner year**. But if we do not start now, this goal will be unattainable.

Notes to staff:

- ~ **Maryanne**, thanks for getting the County Historic Map produced and distributed to all commissioners.
- ~ **Nina**, thanks for all of your steadfast and diligent ongoing work with the rural survey.

10/6/99 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

RURAL SURVEY:

Algonquin township and Grafton township are near completion with the bulk of the work on Nunda also done. McHenry, the largest number of sites, will be the last. Again, we greatly appreciate Nina's countless hours on the updating of the survey sheets.

PUBLICATIONS:

Finally, the complete and up-to-date (as far as input has been received) **Comprehensive Landmark List** (both short and long versions) has been published and distributed to commissioners, the Historical Society and the Joint Council of Historic Groups.

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

Still there has been no interest in reviving this group. This is on hold **waiting for someone** to take interest. Although I would be able to schedule meeting places and times and also put out meeting notices with staff support. I have exhausted all my sources for programs at the meetings. If we **simply had a program chairman**, this group could continue.

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

We have been having much success with the woodworking on the west side near completion. We also had an Eagle Scout candidate do a yard clean-up project that encompassing 150 man-hours of work. We also had a great turn-out (over 150 people) for our "Ice Cream Social of 1861" program in July. It is nice to see the interest gaining in this project and the effective community use of this site even while it is a work in progress.

Survey Committee Report Oct. 6, 1999

Reviewed pictures for contest and will have them in order for the final judging tonight.

Attended the joint meeting of all historical groups at the Home State Bank in Woodstock.

Will be apart of the Holloween presentation for the Historical museum on Oct 20th. I am to be a Doctor from Richmond Ill who had Civil War experiences.

Contacted a David Harrison 1-847-244-7428, address; 2515 E. Bonnie Brook Lane, Waukegan, Ill, about plaqueing the Harrision Cemetery in Ringwood, Ill. I called both MaryAnne and Gloria to inform them.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
October 6, 1999 Meeting
Gloria Mack

The Joint Council of Historic Group Meeting on September 29th was a success. We had a good turnout, approximately 40 people. Our speaker, Maryanne Taranowski, McHenry County Block Grant coordinator, gave us an overview of the block grant program. The preservation component priority was discussed. Ms. Taranowski encouraged the attendees to try to go to one of the public hearings on the block grant program or send a letter to the County Board expressing the hope that historic preservation would get a bump up on the list. Preservation had a -0- priority on the block grant chart. We then had a brag session. I was personally excited to hear that Marengo had a preservation commission. I think it would be a good idea if our Commission sent them letter of support along with a copy of our ordinance. It was decided that the next Joint Council meeting would be in March of 2000. In addition to sending out a notice, at Gail's suggestion I telephoned all the names on the joint council list of Monday the 27th to remind them of Wednesday's meeting. I think the favorable weather and the central location had a positive affect on the attendance.

Denise, Ed Collins and I attended the LPCI Conference in Quincy. It was a wonderful experience. Quincy was beautiful, with blocks and blocks (96) of historic homes, all in excellent condition. On Thursday I attended the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions Workshop conducted by Patch Cassidy. Thursday night we had a tour of the Gardner Museum of Architecture & Design. The walls of the museum were lined with beautiful stained glass arched windows from churches that had been demolished in the Quincy area. We went for dessert at the Villa Katherine an unusual restored villa on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi. On Friday our keynoter Bob Yapp told us that we have to bring more people into our fold, if not we are lost. On Friday I attended the Underground Railroad session in the morning and the Preservation Case Studies session in the afternoon. Then I took a walking tour of downtown. It's a downtown fighting for it's place. There are some committed business people who are determined to see downtown Quincy survive. It was very interesting, well organized and a LONG ride. In closing, Crystal Lake received the Commission of the Year award by the state.

On Monday, September 27th I spoke to Harvard City Clerk and Main Street Program director Christine Ferguson. After my trip to Quincy I really thought of Harvard and the fact it was unprotected. Chris informed me that Harvard has adopted a boiler plate preservation ordinance, provided by the National Trust. Harvard has appointed a Commission and the first order of business will be for them to review the ordinance, and make it stronger. Mike Ward from the state office is coming to address their commission this month. I told her we would send her a copy of the County Ordinance, which Maryanne took care of. I will keep in contact with Chris to see if our Commission can do anything to help.

Photo contest - I cannot reach Barb Slotten, I leave messages, but to date I have not received a call.

Scenic Roads - the McHenry County Township Road Commissioners meet on September 23rd, I couldn't attend as I was in Quincy. Chuck Majercik, McHenry Township Highway Commissioner took the attached letter to that meeting. Chuck is excited about the concept but he wasn't sure about all the others. Today October 6th, I attended the County Transportation Committee meeting. I brought the attache proposal to them. I will report verbally on the result of this meeting as I will not have time to amend this report prior to our meeting.

September 21, 1999

Mr. Chuck Majercik
McHenry Township Highway Commissioner
3703 N. Richmond Road
McHenry, IL 60050

Chuck,

In anticipation of the upcoming Millennium the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to suggest a special project the Commission, the County Transportation Committee, the County Highway Department and all the Township Highway Commissioners in McHenry County, could cosponsor.

I would like to propose that sections of McHenry County roads be designated as scenic roads/highways. This would be a ceremonial designation and not have any restrictions. As we say farewell to the 20th Century, I feel this project might be an appropriate way to footprint a place and time for the future generations of McHenry County.

If you feel this is a worthwhile project and the Township Highway Commissioners would like to participate I would like to propose that we form a committee that would decide on the particulars of the program. The committee would consist of 2 Township Highway representatives, 2 members of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and 3 representatives of the County Highway/Transportation Committee. This would not require endless meetings. Just a meeting or two to set-down the "rules", design an application and decide on the signage. Then we would meet only when we are presented an application.

I am sorry that I am unable to bring this proposal to you personally but I am in Quincy for the State Preservation Conference. I will be presenting this same proposal to the County on October 6th. Thank you for considering this program. If you have any questions I will be happy to attend your next meeting.

Sincerely,

Gloria G. Mack
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Scenic Road Proposal**

Gloria Mack - McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

In anticipation of the upcoming Millennium the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to suggest a special project the Commission, the County Transportation Committee, the County Highway Department and the Township Highway Commissioners in McHenry County, could cosponsor.

We would like to propose that sections of McHenry County roads be designated as scenic roads/highways. The scenic designation would not only include natural areas but streetscapes. **This would be a ceremonial designation and not impose any restrictions on anyone.**

We propose that committee be formed that would decide the particulars of the program. I would suggest that the committee consist of 2 Township Highway representatives, 3 representatives of the County Highway Dept./Transportation Committee and 2 members of the County Historic Preservation Commission. This **would not** require endless meetings. Just a meeting or two to set-down the "rules", design an application and decide on signage. Then we would meet only when we are presented an application.

We hope you will consider this a worthwhile program. We have a unique opportunity to work together in a "feel good" project. How often does that happen?



Join Us!
in a Gala Welcome
For,
“The Hero of
Appomattox”

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999 * Ramada Inn, McHenry, Illinois**
6:00 P.M.- 10:00 P.M.

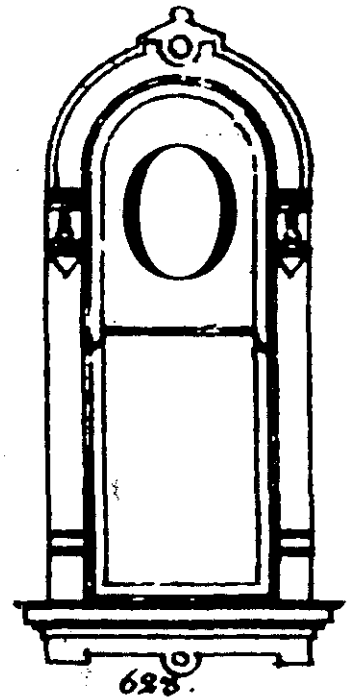
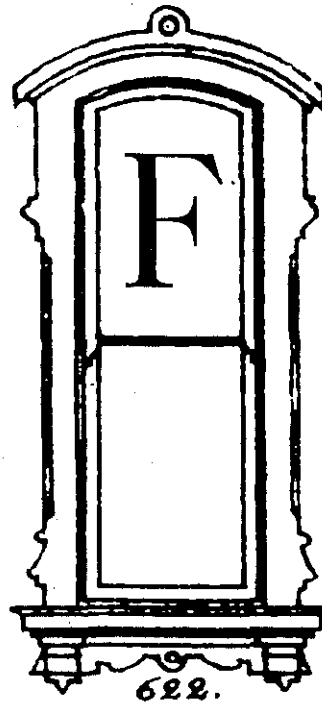
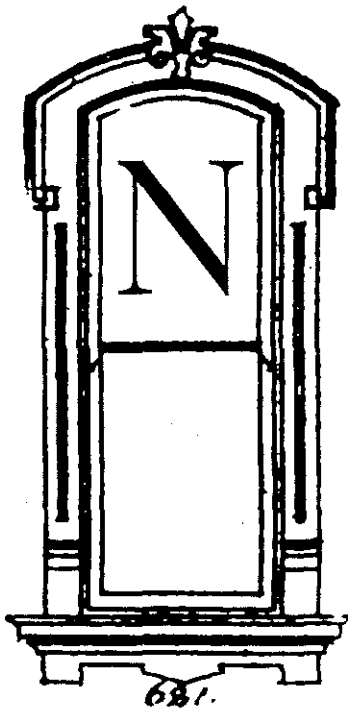
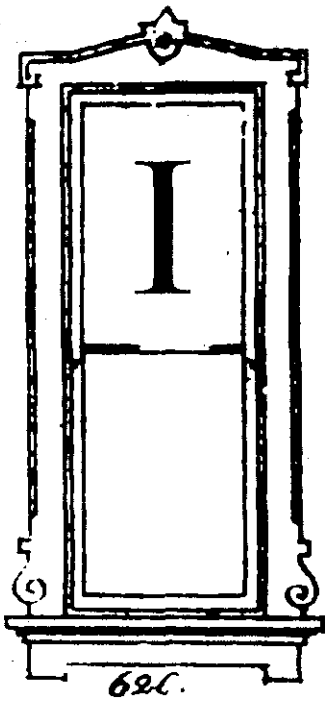
McHenry County Civil War Round Table

Music, Civil War Book Sales, Buffet Dinner;
Ladies in lovely costumes ; Gentlemen in
handsome uniforms; Raffles and Door Prize
awards : all welcoming General of the Army,
U.S. Grant and Mrs. Grant as they briefly
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A D D I T I O N A L



A GOVERNMENT STUDY DONE TO EXAMINE THE CONTRIBUTION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO URBAN REVITALIZATION LOOKED AT FOUR AREAS IN DIFFERENT CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THEY STUDIED SAVANNAH GEORGIA, ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA, PIONEER SQUARE IN SEATTLE, AND THE STRAND IN GALVESTON TEXAS. THEY FOUND SOME REMARKABLY SIMILAR RESULTS:

- 1) *Crime has been dramatically reduced in the historic districts.*
- 2) *An increase in the quality of life and the sense of neighborhood has occurred in each historic district.*
- 3) *Where the districts are residential, there is a high demand for both restored and new housing.*
- 4) *Revitalization has brought with it investment in these areas.*

COMMENTS ON SOME ILLINOIS / IOWA HISTORIC DISTRICTS:

"THE HISTORIC NATURE of these neighborhoods has helped to bring back a sense of community to these areas."

"HISTORIC DISTRICTS have had a positive impact on new housing development within these districts. Otherwise, who knows what would have been built in the area's infill lots."

"URBAN REVITALIZATION and urban homesteading have sparked reinvestment in the Gold Coast, East Village and Hilltop districts."

- Members of Davenport, Iowa's city staff in reference to the historic districts in their city.

"OUR HISTORIC AREA has seen a steady increase in property values- the average house price in 1991 was \$30,000, in 1995 it was \$62,000. No other neighborhood saw that kind of increase. Much of this increase can be attributed to the neighborhood's promoting their architectural treasures."

-Jill Doak, Rock Island, IL Planning Department

USE DO YOU HAVE?

DIFFERENT STYLES OF ARCHITECTURE THAT WERE USED IN THE BUILDING OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.



THE COLONIAL REVIVAL

This style became popular in the early days of the twentieth century as a reaction against Victorian excess. It has been in vogue ever since. Recognized by their formal, symmetrical facades, this style was used to design everything from one story cottages to palatial mansions, such as our neighborhood's example on West Park Avenue which has been recently purchased by Mutual Fund. Pillars were the most popular way to dress this style of home, and a pair flanking your entryway told all those passing that you had good taste. Generally they were built of brick, or sided with either clapboard or shingles. The color scheme used on these houses was a light one, and the homes were generally trimmed in white.



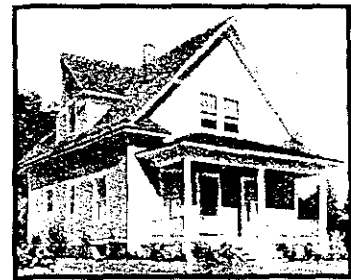
THE PRAIRIE STYLE

The Prairie Style was developed by Frank Lloyd Wright at the turn of the century. It originated in the Midwest, and reflects the low, wide prairie landscapes that are featured in this area. Prairie style homes, therefore, emphasize low, horizontal elements, such as the low pitched, often hipped roofs with wide, overhanging eaves. The plan of the house is based on the function, or the needs of the interior spaces. The horizontal feeling of the Prairie style houses is further emphasized with some type of horizontal feature on the building, such as applied trim, or changes in building material from the first to second floor, and rows of windows. Many vernacular style homes from the early 20th century include these horizontal elements in a more simplified floorplan.



THE ITALIANATE

This type of home was modeled after the villas of the Italian Renaissance. These homes were often square or rectangular in shape, often topped with a peaked roof that could be surmounted by a cupola or a section of elaborate ironwork. The eaves are usually wide, and are supported by decorative brackets. They are often typified by square projecting bays, and elaborately styled window surrounds. These homes are fairly rare in our area to begin with, and can be difficult to recognize because many have had their brackets and other features removed or obscured by later remodelings. The best example of this style in the proposed district is the Tanner mansion, whose elaborate cornices and cupola make it a striking example of this very distinctive style.

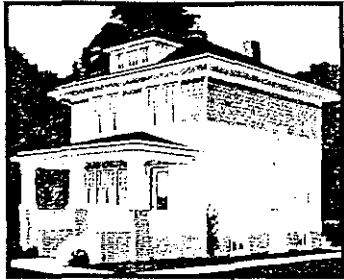


THE GABLE-FRONT

Have you ever noticed how children draw houses? Usually they start with a box and draw a triangle on top, and then fill in a front door and windows. If your house looks something like this, it probably falls within the style known as "National", or "Gable-front". These houses were inexpensive and easy to build. More importantly, they were particularly well suited for narrow urban lots in the country's rapidly expanding cities. This type of house could easily be "dressed up" with whatever details were characteristic of the high-style houses popular at the time. This style had a long reign of popularity. In our neighborhood, there are examples from as early as the 1860's. The style's last hurrah occurred in the early 20th century, when the Craftsman movement, whose houses were typically built in this style, was popular.

WHAT STYLE OF HC

WE CAN'T SHOW EVERY TYPE OF HOUSE IN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT, BUT HERE ARE SOME OF THE



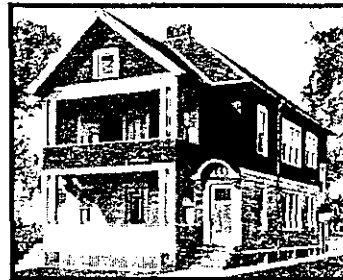
THE FOURSQUARE

Called this because the house generally had "four rooms up, and four rooms down", the foursquare is one of our most familiar type of home. Built in great numbers from the early 1900's throughout the 1920's, they were the favored form of affordable housing in the city, suburb, and on the farm. Many of them were ordered via catalog, and the entire home – lumber, nails, plumbing and all, arrived on the train. This home was built with many different personalities. In our area, two – the Prairie or Arts and Crafts style, and the Colonial Revival, were the most popular. They were often decorated with a "shirtwaist" – a narrow band of shingles or other material around the second floor that would create a contrast with the main body of the house.



THE BUNGALOW

Another of the popular, affordable home styles available in the early decades of this century, the bungalow style, grew out of the Arts and Crafts movement. This type of home was generally advertised as "modest" and "affordable". Their 1 1/2 story construction is deceptive, however, as these homes were often surprisingly generous inside. They were built out of a variety of materials – brick, stucco or clapboard. Occasionally a combination of materials was used for additional texture and detail. Dormers were used to add spaciousness to the second floor. Bungalows were almost always graced with a wide front porch, complete with a trellis and porch swing. The interiors were often trimmed in oak, with hardwood floors to match.



THE TWO-FLAT

Our neighborhood is populated with a fair number of "two-flats", homes built with two floors each identical to the other. This allowed the owner to live in one unit and rent out the other for additional income. The two-flat was generally built with a double front porch – one for each apartment. The porches were often screened in and used as "sleeping porches". Families could sleep more comfortably here on hot summer nights – a welcome option in the days before air conditioning. They were built in a variety of styles – some of them date from the turn of the century and feature elaborate doors with colored glass, and facades decorated with fancy shingles, while others are of brick and reflect the more simple craftsman style popular throughout the 20's.



THE QUEEN ANNE

People usually call this house "Victorian" because it is the style we most closely associate with the Victorian era. However, it is just one of the many styles popularized in the last half of the nineteenth century. Easily recognized, the Queen Anne homes were wonderfully asymmetrical, with turrets, gables, dormers, and porches projecting at every angle. Many of the Queen Anne homes in our area are simpler versions of the house pictured above, but do share many of its traits. These homes were often the recipients of lavishly detailed paint schemes. Unfortunately, many of these were painted white as styles changed. Today, renewed appreciation for these more complex schemes has homeowners returning their homes to their original painted glory.

HOW COULD OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BENEFIT FROM BEING A HISTORIC DISTRICT?

In January of 1997, a group of residents representing our west side neighborhood approached the City of Aurora and asked for their help in establishing a Historic District. Our reasons for this measure are varied: some of us are interested in preserving the historic flavor of our turn of the century neighborhood, others are interested in the financial programs and aid that come with the creation of a district. Everyone agrees on one goal however: the stabilization of our neighborhood. It is no secret that our area is fighting to remain a viable, desirable part of the city in which to live. We feel that creating this district will not only help existing homeowners feel good about their commitment to the area, but help attract new, stable residents. We hope you find the answers to some of your immediate questions in this flyer. Thank You.

Q. WHY HISTORIC DESIGNATION?

A. Designation is the community's way of identifying and recognizing areas within the city that are significant for their styles, designs, features and materials. It is also the community's way of earmarking neighborhoods for special financial and development programs.

Q. WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL EFFECT OF DESIGNATION ON PROPERTY VALUES?

A. Studies show that property values within historic districts nation-wide have stabilized and *increased* values. Studies have also shown that historic districts often experience a decrease in crime.

Q. WHAT RESOURCES MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR DESIGNATED PROPERTY OWNERS?

A. Property owners within the district may be eligible for financial programs such as the Preservation Loan Program and the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program. The City also provides architectural and technical advice from the City's staff who have expertise in cost-effective and practical methods of preserving older buildings.

Q. CAN I MAKE CHANGES TO MY PROPERTY?

A. Yes. Changes

are reviewed in accordance with guidelines that are developed by representatives from the neighborhood. The guidelines are adopted by the City Council, and implemented by City staff.

Q. WHAT DO THE GUIDELINES INCLUDE?

A. The guidelines include *only* the exterior of the property. They generally help to maintain the character of the neighborhood by saving the historic building materials and techniques.

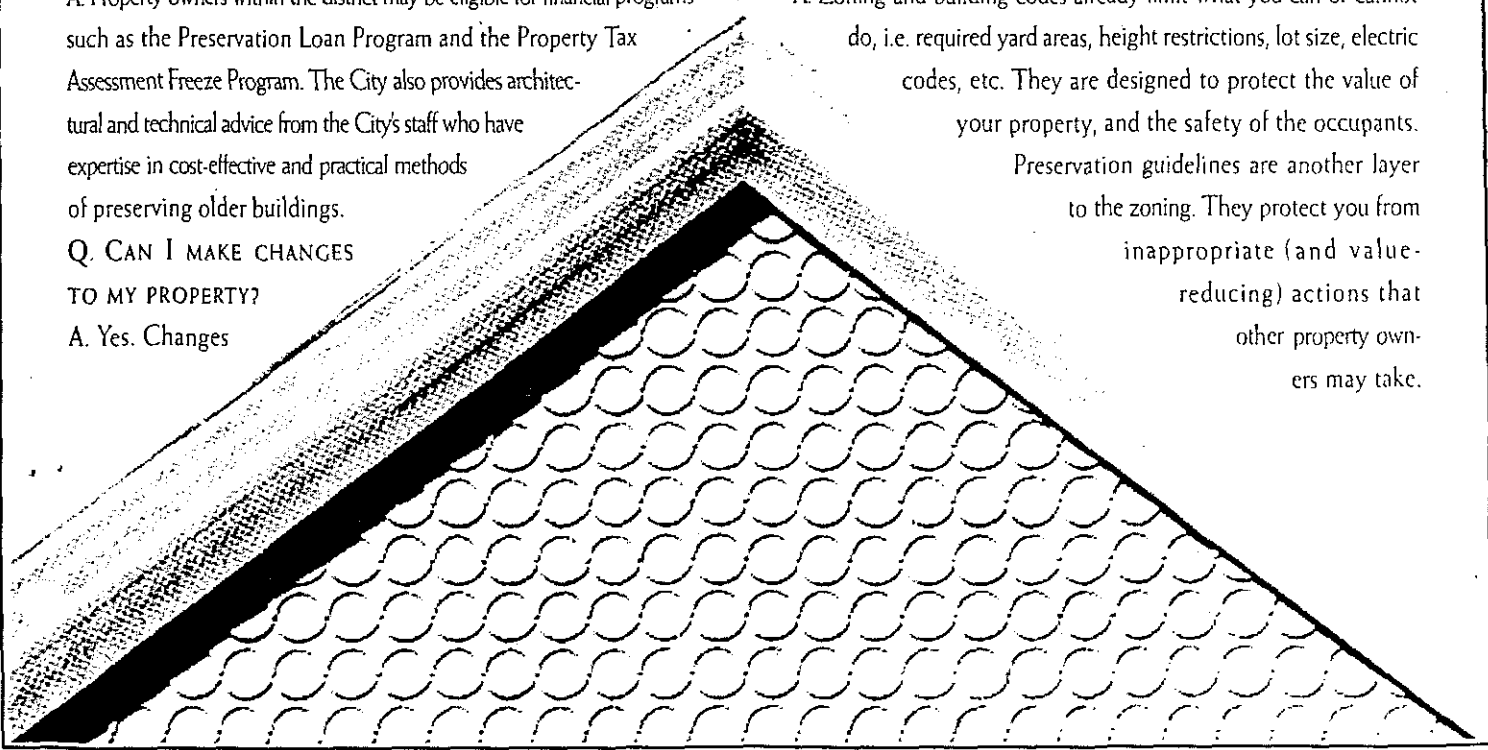
Q. DO I HAVE TO RESTORE MY HOUSE TO ITS HISTORIC APPEARANCE?

A. No! However, when changes are necessary, they will be reviewed in accordance with the guidelines.

Q. WON'T GUIDELINES VIOLATE MY PROPERTY RIGHTS?

A. Zoning and building codes already limit what you can or cannot do, i.e. required yard areas, height restrictions, lot size, electric codes, etc. They are designed to protect the value of your property, and the safety of the occupants.

Preservation guidelines are another layer to the zoning. They protect you from inappropriate (and value-reducing) actions that other property owners may take.



SIXTH ANNUAL
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS
LOCAL PRESERVATION AWARDS

ILLINOIS PRESERVATION CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 24, 1999
QUINCY

RECIPIENTS

Commission

Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission

During its short history, the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission has made a significant contribution to the community of Crystal Lake. Created by city ordinance in 1996, the Commission has been on a steady course of educating the community on the values of historic preservation. A historic house walk is held annually. Preservation & Restoration Awards night recognizes individuals who have preserved historic properties. A survey is underway to identify potential landmarks; so far, three have been officially designated. A brochure describing the benefits of landmarks designation has been prepared and distributed.

Individual

Marian Despres

Marian Despres has served on the Commission on Chicago Landmarks since 1985. During that time, 85 buildings and 18 districts have been designated as Chicago landmarks. She was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Chicago Historic Resources Survey, which provided a comprehensive list of historic properties in the city. She was a founding member of the Chicago Architectural Foundation, and has served on the boards of numerous other groups, including the Illinois Arts Council and the Chicago Council of Fine Arts.



*The Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (IAHPC)
is a non-profit preservation organization that was formed in 1982 in order to encourage
local government participation in historic preservation and to aid preservation
commissions throughout the state.*

Please take a moment to answer the following questions.
It'll only take a minute, and hey, we've already paid the postage!

1. Would you be in favor of historic designation?

In Favor____ Not In Favor____

Would like more information____

2. Would you attend a meeting with other neighbors to
discuss and learn more about the proposed district?

Would Attend____ Would Not Attend____

Your Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:(optional)_____

.....
Favor tomar un momento para contestar las siguientes
preguntas. ¡Solamente tomará un momento, y bueno pues,
ya hemos pagado el sello!

1. ¿Está ud. en favor de la designación histórica?

En favor____ * Contra____

Quiero más información____

2. ¿Participará ud. en una reunión con otros vecinos para
platicar y aprender más sobre el propuesto distrito?

Participaré____ No participaré____

Su Nombre:_____

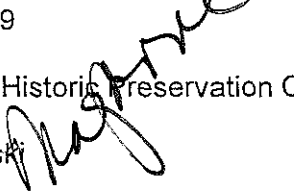
Dirección:_____

Teléfono:(Opcional)_____

Quiero que el resto de este folleto sea traducido a español.

Si____ No____

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 3, 1999
To: McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Members
From: Maryanne Wariaski 
Re: Goals and priorities

Goals listed in the Preservation Plan are:

1. *Landmark and preserve*, which includes designating and protecting the County's important historic sites, completing a comprehensive survey and update, and encouraging the preservation of rural landscapes.
2. *Foster municipal cooperation* by enhancing lines of communication, cooperating and assisting municipalities with their preservation efforts.
3. *Cultivate public knowledge*.
4. *Maintain the character of McHenry County through cooperation of developers*.
5. *Promote economic development*.

Commissioners ranked those goals in the following order:

1. Cultivate public knowledge
2. Municipal outreach and assistance
3. Landmark and preserve (survey, character, etc.)
4. Developer cooperation
5. Economic development promotion through preservation

Additional comments for consideration:

1. Landmark sites only with owner approval.
2. Eliminate duplication effort of Historical Society's designations.
3. Finish survey; obtain funding to complete entire County.
4. Raise awareness.
5. Improve handouts.
6. Streamline intergovernmental agreements; approach every incorporated area that does not presently have a preservation ordinance.
7. Promote rehab work throughout County. Publish examples.
8. Get pictures of County's landmarks hung in Courthouse for everyone to see.
9. High priority should be given to the annual preservation awards; endangered sites. Low priority should be given to economic development, OHSG.
10. SPONSOR a PRESERVATION SEMINAR here in the County. This is not another Joint Council Group meeting, but rather a hands-on workshop.



11/3/99 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

In trying to refocus our direction, we will examine the results of the **prioritization of the previously established goals**. If we need to refine this better, I suggest that we go back to our own ordinance for the specific functions and duties that are defined for the commission.

Thanks to all commission members who submitted letters and/or made phone calls on behalf of the low priority that was given to historic preservation for **community block grants**. Thanks to our efforts, I have been informed by Maryanne Taranowski that the percentage has been changed from 0% up to 2% which is a good start. If anyone of the commission members would like to participate on the block grant commission, please see me so we can pursue that avenue, also.

11/3/99 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

RURAL SURVEY:

The last major revision (the green marks) has been completed by myself with editing and by Nina with updating. However there still remains fine tuning prior to submission downstate. We hope to send the Algonquin township sties down this week.

PUBLICATIONS:

None this month.

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On hold.

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

Woodworking on the west side is completed with half of the west facade complete with final painting. We greatly appreciate the possibility of David Gervais' family letting us scavenge more clapboard from an old family house that is beyond repair.

Also, most efforts will be placed into preparation of the Powers-Walker house and site for the upcoming program, "**Harvest Gathering Celebration**", to be held at the house on Saturday, November 13th, form 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The volunteers will be in period attire. This program is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. We will also recognize volunteers for their over 1500 man-hours of effort during the past year. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon with hopefully good weather. (However, since we do have a functioning furnace at the house, the event will take place rain, cold or shine.)

Survey Committee Report

Called and spoke with David Harrison. He is the person desiring to plaque the Carr-Harrison cemetery on Barnard Mill road. He is working with the Carr side of the program as well and it should be complete shortly.

Gloria called and we are to meet with the Tribune people at 6:30 tonight to review the pictures for the contest.

Had a great time at the museum in Union for the Holloween program

- GLORIA + BRIGGS -

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Report
November 3, 1999 – Submitted by: Gloria Mack

Photo Contest:

Believe it or not! The photo contest judging is scheduled for November 3, 1999 at 6:30 PM. We will announce the winners at our regular meeting on November 3, 1999 at 7:00 PM.

Public Relations:

Upon review of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Plan and my recommendations that Public Awareness and Education be our priority for the year 2000. In addition, I suggested that a Seminar might be a possibility. In that respect I spoke to Molly Walsh at MCC. She informed me that the Conference Center is booked for this spring. If we decided to have a Seminar it might be scheduled for the fall of 2000 or the spring of 2001. Also, the cost for use of the Conference Center is \$100.00 for 4 hours. She suggested that a 10 AM to 2 PM time slot seems to work the best. They also will provide lunch or coffee and rolls.

Natural Features:

Marti Swanson of Ringwood contacted me. She believes that she has an "Indian Tree" on her 5 acres. I spoke to Ed Collins of MCCD and he said that would be hard to document. I will follow up on this and report on it next month.

Scenic Highways:

I have put together a draft letter for all the Villages and Townships as I was requested to do by the McHenry County Highway Department. I passed the letter on to Jim Keefe (tonight) for his input. After he returns it I will be passing it on to MaryAnne for her input. When we get a final draft I will set up a meeting with Jim S County Highway Commissioner and discuss the program further.

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Discount for historic organ.?	N	Y 5%	N	Y 10%	N	
Shipping charge	N	\$9-\$14	N	\$10-\$12	\$15	
Rectangular and oval avail.?	Y +\$60 for oval	Y N/C	Y +\$100 1-time S/U	Y N/C	Y N/C	
Fasteners/ rosettes incl.?	Y/Y	Y/\$4 pr. rosettes	Y/Y	Y/\$45/4 rosettes	Y/\$52a. rosettes	
Logos/graphics may be used?	Y +\$70 1-time S/U cust. prov. art	Y +\$20 and up	Y +\$50 1-time S/U cust. prov. art	Y N/C cust. prov. art	Y +\$20 cust. prov. art	
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Open account avail.?	Y immediately	Y after 1st order	Y after 1st order	Y immediately	Y after 1st order	
Refinishing avail.?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

November 3, 1999

Reports by: Communications Committee
 Scrapbook Committee
 Endangered Sites Committee

Submitted by Jennifer Iftner

Although I was unable to attend the Commission meeting in October, I am aware, after reading the minutes of the meeting, that prioritizing the goals of each committee are in discussion at this time. While each Committee chairperson was to prioritize established goals for their committees, I am not clear as to where these goals are defined. In the face of this ignorance, I have listed the goals, as I see them, for each committee in which I am involved.

Goals for Communications Committee:

1. Notify newspapers of upcoming Commission events
 - joint council meetings
 - plaquings
 - awards ceremonies
2. Notify radio stations as public service announcement of the above events also
3. Publicize open commission positions
4. Work with Commission to create a general awareness of who we are, what we do, by generating brochures etc. on computer
5. Publicize with the desire to receive requests for nomination/designation information so that we have more properties to plaque

Goals for Scrapbook Committee:

1. Keep news releases which feature Commission work in an organized system, separated annually
2. Maintain miscellaneous photos given to committee
3. File publications and articles pertaining to historic preservation in McHenry County

Goals for Endangered Sites Committee:

1. Maintain up to date list of endangered sites in McHenry County
2. Research history of endangered sites to stimulate interest
3. Publicize endangered sites to promote public awareness
4. Photograph endangered sites - because many of these will be destroyed in the near future
5. Form an active committee of interested persons in McHenry County to help perform the above projects

Summary:

Communications --I completely agree with Jim Pearson when he states that the Commission has not received enough publicity in the past two years. I would be happy to relinquish or share the duties on this committee as I don't feel that I am the ideal person for this committee. If there is no interest in someone else taking over this position, I will continue to try to work on this committee. However, I am at a disadvantage in that I do not subscribe to or read any local papers, which makes it difficult to know if materials that I fax in make it to print. I encourage anyone interested (or with "connections") to take over this committee.

Scrapbook -- I am able to store and work on organizing print materials relating to the Commission. I can submit the scrapbook at year end for the Annual Report.

Endangered Sites -- again this is an area which has suffered woeful neglect. I would like to continue working in this area with help and will try to meet/fulfill the goals listed above in the next year. It is definitely an area which should not be ignored and I apologize for not devoting to it the time it deserves.

I also agree with Commission President Gail Drabant, that each member of this Commission should commit to a minimum number of hours per month to complete Commission work. I realize that all members have time constraints imposed by full time employment and family obligations. For my part, I will try to devote more time to my commission responsibilities and in the event that I feel I can not do this, I will submit my resignation.



12/8/99 - Chairman's Report - Gail Drabant

Carolyn Starks of the Chicago Tribune contacted me concerning the *HIBBARD House in Marengo*. After exchanging information, we her info, I was able to contact the owner in California. Carolyn's article detailed and summarized the events/circumstances concerning this house. As a commission we need to decide what else can be done to try to save this house from demolition by neglect. Thanks to Carolyn for giving this house a higher visibility for public awareness.

12/8/99 - Committee Report - Gail Drabant

RURAL SURVEY:

The binders for all four townships have now been sent downstate to Ann Swallow. Thus far, we have received encouraging feedback. I have certainly learned a lot about specifically as to what types of structures are out there in the rural areas. An element that I added to this process as part of the report is a spreadsheet comparison with graphs depicting the percentages of each functional type of structure and the sub-type forms within each functional area. Still to be done is the final combined statistical analysis and of course the final version of the report.

PUBLICATIONS:

None this month.

OLD HOUSE SUPPORT GROUP:

On hold.

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

We had over 200 people in attendance at the "Harvest Gathering Celebration" held in November. We also had about 50 people in attendance (in costume) last week for the Holiday Candlelight Tea. Both were very successful and enjoyable events.

Also, we have scavenged more materials from the 1840's Thompson house in Ostend thanks to Meyer Material. The McHenry Landmark Commission and the Historical Society offered to let us have materials that they would not be using. It is great to see different historical groups working together.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
December 8, 1999 Meeting
Report submitted by Gloria Mack

We discussed at the last meeting the potential of hosting a Preservation Conference. As suggested, I spoke to Nancy Fike about the possibility of the Society or the Joint Council cosponsoring it. Nancy said that they are really busy. She liked the idea, but didn't have the time until Spring of 2001. I would like to discuss this tonight. If you would like to take this on ourselves and we decide on the fall of 2000 we should begin planning tonight.

I telephoned Dave Adams, editor of the McHenry County section of the Tribune and asked him if the winners of the photo contest had been contacted or the pictures published. Nothing yet. Would it be appropriate for the Commission to notify the winners and tell them to call the Tribune for their prize or should I continue to be a thorn in the Tribunes side.

I telephoned Ed Collins about the potential of an Indian Tree being on Marti Swanson's property in Ringwood. Ed said he would get out there and take a look.

The scenic road program is on its way. The letter I composed for the Highway Department to send to the other government entities has been reviewed by Jim Keefe, our own Maryanne and the County Planning and Development Commission. I have attached a copy for your review. If you have any suggestions please let me know. If not we will be contacting the Highway Department and passing this letter on to them.

In anticipation of the upcoming millennium, the McHenry County Highway Department and the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission would like to initiate a special project to recognize scenic roads and streetscapes throughout the county.

Working together with municipal, township and county officials to designate picturesque roadways, this honorarium is intended to be a tribute without restrictions.

If you are interested in serving on a committee that would monitor this program, please contact me. The project will not require an endless commitment; only an organization meeting or two to set-down rules, create an application, design signage and research funding.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Awards Committee Minutes
November 3, 1999

Meeting was convened at 8:37 pm

Members present: Gail Drabant, Tony Howard, David Gervais, Jennifer Iftner, Denise, Gloria Mack

Guest present: Michael Walkup (also a member of the Commission)

Items discussed included re-doing the nomination form – Tony will work on this
It was decided that deadlines should be adhered to and that deadlines require follow-up.

Gail again emphasized that each Commission member should submit at least two nominations.

Tony stated that we need to get the information to the Joint Council of Historic Groups in a timely manner. He suggested that we divide the list amongst Commission members to call seeking nominations. He also was of the opinion that there is not much advantage in sending award information to the Townships and local governments. We could however advertise in the McHenry Township newsletters, and those of Crystal Lake and Richmond. We should fax a letter to all of these requesting that the information be included. Most of these are published quarterly.

Gloria will price out the Opera House as an alternate venue.

Denise will be looking into the possibility of a digital (or PowerPoint) slide show.

Deadlines were tentatively agreed upon:

- § December and January committee meetings will follow regular commission meetings
- § Applications need to be out by Feb 1 – at this time sent info to Joint Council.
- § April 1 will be the deadline for receiving nominations
- § April 12 will be the date for reviewing and qualifying nominations
- § April 26 is the date slides need to be ready and turned in
- § May 3, at the regular Commission meeting, the votes will be taken
- § May 21 is the scheduled date for the Awards Ceremony

Form letters will be sent to nominees asking for more info, photos, etc.

Form letters will be sent to nominations, which do not qualify

Denise suggested advertising this event with table towers.

Gloria will do advertising for the ceremony.

A list of past losers and winners will be compiled by Gail, as an aid in establishing eligibility.

It was also decided that nominations need to be time/date stamped. One Award Committee member will maintain copies of all original submissions and backup materials.

Before the ceremony, members will need to get a 4 x 6 index card to the emcee, please use this size so that we are consistent. Card will have all pertinent information to present.

Photos will not be a requirement this year, as they are rarely used. Slides are required of each property nominated. It was suggested that we use a 2-carousel system, with the second carousel containing slides of the winners only. This will enhance our presentation.

At 9:24 David made a motion to adjourn. Tony seconded and the meeting was adjourned.



McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development
2200 North Seminary - Woodstock, IL 60098
815 - 334 - 4560

December 1, 1999

DRAFT

Municipal, Township or County Official
Address
CSZ

Dear _____,

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We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

DRAFT

TBD
McHenry County Highway Department
(815) 338-3630

Gloria Mack, Special Projects Chair
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
(815) 334-4560

Monday, November 29, 1999

Neglect leaves its mark on historic house

Underground Railroad Marengo site crumbles

By Carolyn Starks
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

For 20 years, neighbors have taken turns mowing the grass at 413 W. Grant Highway in Marengo. But it has proved useless in halting the demise of the Charles H. Hibbard house.

Once a safe haven for runaway slaves before the Civil War, according to historians, the 19th Century house in far southwest McHenry County is being demolished not by the swift swing of a wrecking ball, but by neglect.

"The owner just walked away

and even left food in the cabinets," said Nancy Fike, executive director of the McHenry County Historical Society. "It's a classic case of demolition by neglect."

The Hibbard House rose to glory in 1979 when historians, noting its intricate architecture and historic past, placed it on the National Register of Historic Places. It began its untimely downfall one year later when the owner, a widow from Marengo, died.

Mary Muzzy had bequeathed the family's beloved house to her oldest daughter, Mary S. Muzzy Neal, an attorney in California. Neal came to town to tend to matters of her mother's will in 1980 but soon returned to California.

When she left, the house re-

mained full of vintage photographs, antiques and memories. But it has sat abandoned ever since.

Hundreds of people—some strangers who were just driving by—have begged to buy and restore the house. Many have sent Neal photographs noting its condition.

"We get about 30 to 40 people every summer asking about it. We just send them downtown to City

SEE HOUSE, PAGE 14

14 Section 1 Chicago Tribune, Monday, November 29, 1999

House: Twenty years of owner neglect have taken their toll on Hibbard House in Marengo, to the dismay of many neighbors.

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Hall," said a neighbor who wanted to remain anonymous.

But Neal has refused to sell or do any maintenance work on the house, except for hiring a handyman to board up the windows after thieves broke in, city officials said.

Neal, 67, who was contacted at her North Hollywood home for this story, would not comment.

Today, the Hibbard House looks more haunted than historic. Situated in a tidy neighborhood, its formerly white paint is now a

dirty gray. Its spectacular pillars are crumbling and caving in. The windows, some still adorned with sheer curtains, are broken or boarded up.

Ann Swallow, a coordinator for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in Springfield, said she knows of only a handful of historic homes in Illinois that have been left abandoned for decades. But the homeowners were typically relieved when someone took an interest in buying and restoring them.

The current market value on the Hibbard House is \$123,300, accord-

ing to the McHenry County Assessor's office.

"So she's been paying taxes on this all these years but she's not willing to sell or fix it up?" asked Swallow, whose agency helped put the home on the national register. "I don't understand it."

City officials have no power to force Neal to repair the house unless it becomes a safety hazard. There is no city ordinance that prohibits someone from abandoning a house as long as the taxes are paid. And Neal has no obligation to maintain the house because of its historic designation, unless federal funds were being used on the house, Swallow said.

If city officials condemn the house, they could sell it or restore it. But Swallow said many municipalities won't go that far because it's a tedious and complex process.

"It's hard. It's extra work on

their part," Swallow said. "It's asking them to take on a responsibility that cities feel may not be appropriate for them to do."

Indeed, Marengo Mayor Rebecca Johnson said a lack of funding is one reason the city isn't taking a stronger role to save the house.

"We don't know what we would do with the property," she said. "The woman owns it and pays taxes on it. And it's not in a dangerous condition yet."

About 10 years ago, the Marengo Park District formed a committee and implored Neal to restore the home—it even discussed seeking condemnation—but that action fizzled.

"We tried back then but we didn't have any cooperation from the owner," said Bruce Swonger, who was a member of the committee. "We were thinking of a bed and breakfast, anything just so it wouldn't sit empty. She never answered letters, so we never got any headway with it."

Gail Drabant, chairwoman of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, spoke with Neal earlier this month.

"She said she has been bombarded with inquirers; a lot of them have not been very nice. She is aware of the condition of the home but has other things to take care of. She had hoped to get back to Marengo but is not able due to health reasons," Drabant said. "She is not interested in selling it to someone to restore it and she is tired of all the inquirers."

"She's been contacted so many times it got to the point where she wouldn't take any more phone calls," said Neal's sister, Jean Timm of Woodstock. "I wish to heaven she would because it makes me sick just to look at it."

Timm, who does not have a key to the house, said she can't fully explain why her sister won't sell the home or repair it because Neal won't talk about it. The sisters correspond through letters.

"It would take a huge amount of money and I don't think she has it, and her health isn't good. I think she is hoping a daughter will take it," Timm said.

"Every time I mention it, she gets enraged. It's her property. She can do with it what she wants," Timm said.

Behind the rotting wood pillars and layers of peeling paint, there are signs that the Hibbard House has a glorious story to tell.

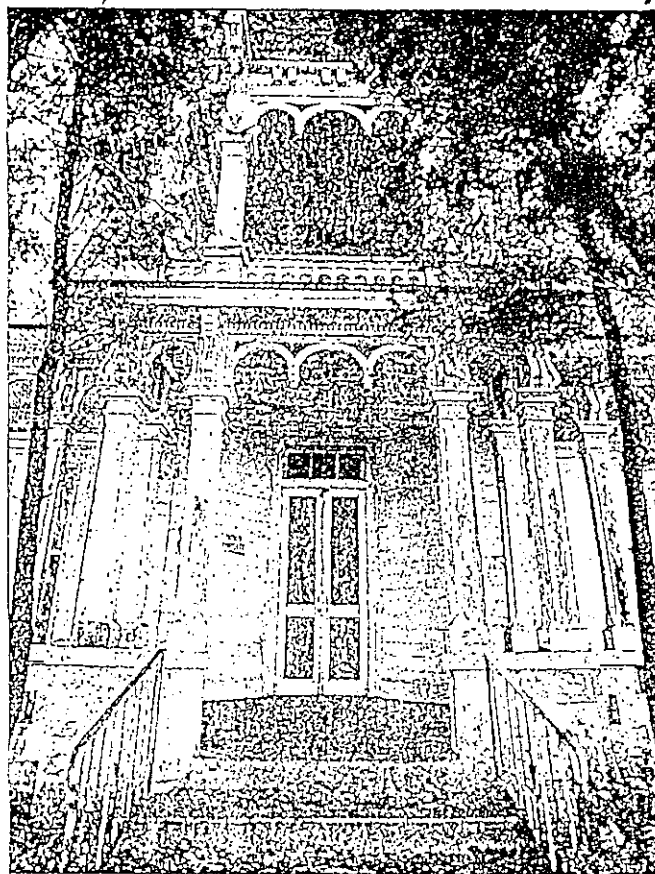
Seven years ago, Marengo Police Chief Joseph Hallman got a peek inside after responding to a break-in call. Antique brass beds were neatly made with quilts, clothes hung in the closets, chandeliers sparkled and a baby grand piano adorned the parlor, he said.

"It was like walking back in time, literally," Hallman said. "It's full of antiques, memories and photographs."

Hibbard, Marengo's first storekeeper and a nurseryman, built the two-story home in 1847, an exact replica of his boyhood home in Charleston, S.C.

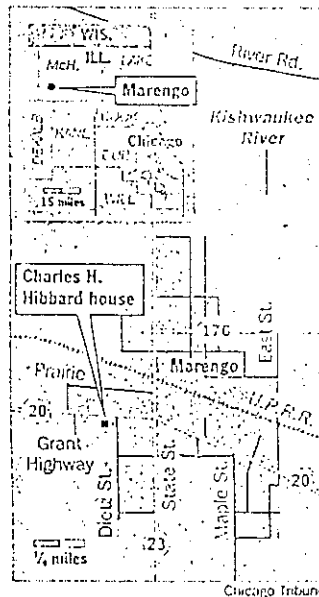
The 14-room house has a full front porch, as well as a second tier deck, both held by paired, square columns with decorative brackets. The architectural style was Italianate, a type of Victorian with heavy ornamentation. It was a rarity back then.

All millwork, windows and doors



Tribune photo by Jerry Tomaselli.

Peeling paint and rotting wood belie the rich history of the Hibbard House in Marengo. The house has been neglected for 20 years.



"He was an abolitionist and very verbal about his activities in the Underground Railroad when he moved to Marengo, much more verbal than people in Marengo wanted him to be," said Gloria Urch, a local historian who researched the home. "It saddens me what is happening. The man who built it did so with the idea that he would help people, so this house has good karma, good energy, and now it's not serving any useful purpose to anyone."

The house passed through four owners before Frank Muzzy, a McHenry County schoolteacher, bought the home from the estate of an aunt in 1955. Because of his small salary and the costs of maintaining such a huge home, the Muzzys opened it up as a boarding house.

Timm said that in 1968 her father was rolling the front lawn with a lawn roller when it fell through wooden planks that had served as the ceiling of the hidden room.

According to newspaper articles from the McHenry County Historical Society archives, Muzzy had found an underground tunnel from the front porch to the street. A doorway to the rectangular room was found in the basement.

Timm, inconsolable and frustrated over her childhood home's condition, glanced at a black-and-white photograph of her walking down the spiral staircase in a wedding dress made of slipper satin.

"I had always wanted it," said Timm, who does not know why Mary Muzzy wrote the will the way she did. "I loved that house."

were hauled from Chicago by horse-drawn buggy. And the black-walnut trim throughout the house and spiral staircase came from nearby woods.

It also is known as the Cupola House because of the octagonal cupola that sits atop the roof encased in glass windows.

Historians say Hibbard was an abolitionist who built an underground room, which had a secret entrance near the porch. A light in the cupola was a sign to runaway slaves that it was safe to stop for food and lodging.