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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Illinois
COUNTY:	Bureau
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 24 1973

18th Congressional District - Congressman: Robert Michael

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Owen Lovejoy Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Underground station

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
RED #3 Penn Street (U.S. 6)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Princeton,

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Bureau CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural  
 Commercial  
 Educational  
 Entertainment  
 Government  
 Industrial  
 Military  
 Museum  
 Park  
 Private Residence  
 Religious  
 Scientific  
 Transportation  
 Other (Specify) Historic site  
 Comments  
 Underground slave station.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Princeton

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall - 2 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Princeton,

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Bureau County Courthouse - Recorder of Deeds.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Princeton,

STATE: Illinois CODE: 61356

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Plat of survey

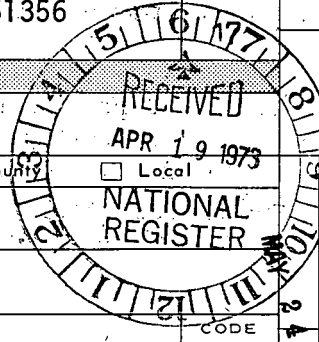
DATE OF SURVEY: October 20, 1972  
 Federal  
 State  
 County  
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Bureau County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Princeton,

STATE: Illinois CODE: 61356



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two story frame dwelling, with 15 rooms, 9 downstairs and 6 upstairs. The house has narrow halls and several closets. Construction is of pine and black walnut of native lumber framed with mortise and tenon all hand hewn. The main West section was constructed in 1838. The East wing is believed to have been added in the 1840's.

In 1972 the roof and foundation were repaired and the general condition of the property was restored to its original state.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

18th Congressional District - Congressman: Robert J. Mikolaj

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(Number all entries) #8, Statement of Significance

When Lovejoy came to Princeton, he boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Butler Denham, who lived 3/4 of a mile east of Princeton in a small black walnut frame house which they had built upon coming to Princeton earlier in 1838. Butler Denham died in 1841, and on January 18, 1843, his widow, Eunice Storrs Denham married Owen Lovejoy. Denham's house and 1280 acres of land thus became popularly known as the Lovejoy house and Lovejoy farm, although Lovejoy never legally owned either.

Lovejoy soon became active in the Underground Railroad. His home became the principal depot in Princeton, and through his activities as general agent of the line, Princeton became an important station in northern Illinois. Southern Congressmen later called that town the "nigger-stealing center of Illinois."

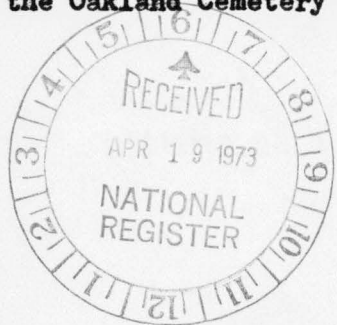
Lovejoy was also active in early efforts to organize an anti-slavery political party. He campaigned for election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1846 and 1848, and for the Illinois State Constitutional Convention in 1847, running each time on the Liberty Party ticket. Although he lost each of these elections, his support was growing.

In 1854 Lovejoy was elected to the state legislature as a Republican. In 1856, after a contest which almost split the party, he was nominated for the federal House of Representatives. Many of the more conservative Republicans refused to support the radical Lovejoy.

He won the election, however, and entered Congress in December 1857, representing what was then the largest Congressional district in the nation. He was re-elected to Congress 3 times: in 1858, 1860, and 1862. While in Congress, Lovejoy continued his attack on slavery.

On December 14, 1863, Lovejoy introduced a universal emancipation bill, which after much revision and amendment, provided the essence of the Thirteenth Amendment, which was not finally adopted until a year after Lovejoy died.

Owen Lovejoy died on March 25, 1864, at Brooklyn, New York, after a prolonged illness caused by liver and kidney attacks (Bright's disease). His body was brought back to Princeton and buried in the Oakland Cemetery there.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

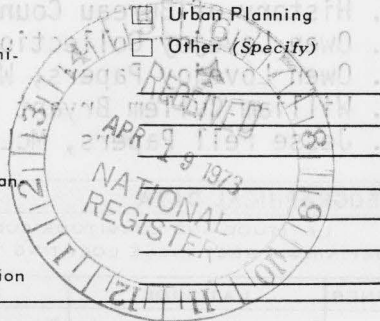
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian     16th Century     18th Century     20th Century  
 15th Century     17th Century     19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1856 - 1864.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property was the home of Owen Lovejoy, Minister, firey Orator, U. S. Representative, and Humanitarian who dedicated his life to the Abolition of slavery and thereby became the countries foremost Abolitionist.

This home was openly operated by Abolitionist Lovejoy as a station of the, so called, Underground Railway.

Of the many underground stations from the South to Canada this home site was referred to as divisional headquarters.

The following statement prepared by Susan Prendergast;Historic Landmarks Survey.

Born June 6, 1811, in Kennebec County, Maine, Owen was the fifth child in the family of seven born to Congregational minister and farmer Daniel B. Lovejoy and his wife. Owen taught school for several years to pay his expenses at Bowdoin College, which he entered in 1830. He did not graduate, but left college when his father died in 1833.

His actions during the next three years are not clearly known, but in 1836 he journeyed to Alton, Illinois, to join his older brother, Elijah P. Lovejoy. Elijah had come to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1833 to edit a Presbyterian newspaper, the St. Louis Observer. Elijah's anti-slavery stand earned him the ill-will of many townspeople, who demanded that he cease attacking slavery. He refused to relinquish his freedom of the press, and violence against him mounted. After a mob destroyed his press in 1836, Elijah Lovejoy moved across the Mississippi to Alton. However, the free state of Illinois proved but a poor haven: Elijah Lovejoy was killed on November 7, 1837, while defending his fourth press from mob violence which had already wrecked three of his presses that year.

Over the body of his dead brother, Owen Lovejoy swore that he would "never forsake the cause that has been sprinkled with my brother's blood". Aided by his brother Joseph, Owen Lovejoy wrote a Memoir of the Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy; Who Was Murdered in Defense of the Liberty of the Press at Alton, Illinois, November 7, 1837. This volume became an important piece of anti-slavery propaganda.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Owen Lovejoy: Abolitionist in Congress by Edward Magdol  
Rutgers University Press
2. Let My People Go - Henrietta Buckmaster  
Harper & Bros., New York
3. History of Bureau County - Bradsby
4. Owen Lovejoy Collection, Bureau County Historical Society, Prin., Ill.
5. Owen Lovejoy Papers, William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan.
6. William Cullem Bryant Papers, New York Public Library
7. Jesse Fell Papers, McLean Co., Historical Society, Bloomington, Ill.

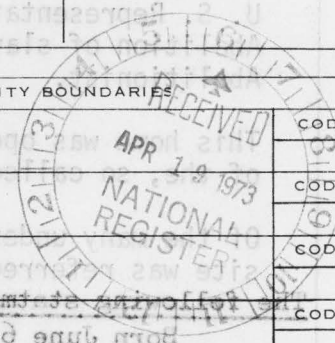
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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NE	41	22	32	89	27	7	41	22	18
SE	41	22	17	89	27	4.5	89	26	56
SW	41	22	17	89	27	5			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1.21 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Illinois		Bureau	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Robert I. Zearing, Trustee**

ORGANIZATION: **Owen Lovejoy Trust**

STREET AND NUMBER: **606 South Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Princeton, Illinois 61356**

STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **17**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: **Richard Dean**  
Title: **Director, Illinois Department of Conservation - State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation**

Date: **April 3, 1973**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

**Robert M. Utley**  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **5/24/73**

ATTEST: **Don Muntz**  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **5 23 73**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Lonejoy (Owen) Homestead STATE Ill.  
 WORKING NUMBER 4.18.73.2816  
 TECH REVIEW  
 Photos 1  
 Maps 1

Bureau, County  
 73000690

CONTROL REVIEW  
 OK  
 6-9-73

HISTORIAN property is probably ok - but farm is very poor - 1772 restoration not explained - little arch. descrip. - sign. should deal with property as well as man - idea of <sup>not a site, but bldg.</sup> underground railway not com. but station is  
 Return (?)  
 AML 5/9/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Looks like house generally intact although that enclosed porch is a joke.  
 Accept  
 KH 5/11/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF  
 Accept  
 Carb  
 5-15-73

BRANCH CHIEF  
 Very important archeological site.  
 OK  
 5/21/73

KEEPER  
 OK  
 5/23

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Register entry 8-7-73

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE HISTORIC  
**LOVEJOY  
HOMESTEAD**  
AN UNDERGROUND STATION - 1838

*Lovejoy*

NPS Number 5/24/73

Title: Lovejoy Owen Homestead

Loc. 1

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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PRO

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: <b>Owen Lovejoy Homestead</b>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <b>Station on the underground railway</b>			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>RFD # 3 U.S. (state) Route # 6</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Princeton</b>			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Bureau</b>	<b>011</b>
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: <b>William Lamb</b>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <b>October 27, 1972</b>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <b>Lovejoy Homestead files, City Hall, Princeton, Illinois</b>			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  <b>South Side</b>			



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JAN 3 1973

Board of Trustees

Cliff Leonard - Chmn

**SOUTH SIDE WITH DUO PUNCH**

Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

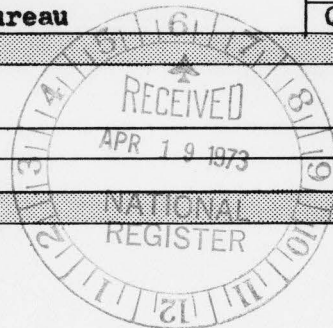
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

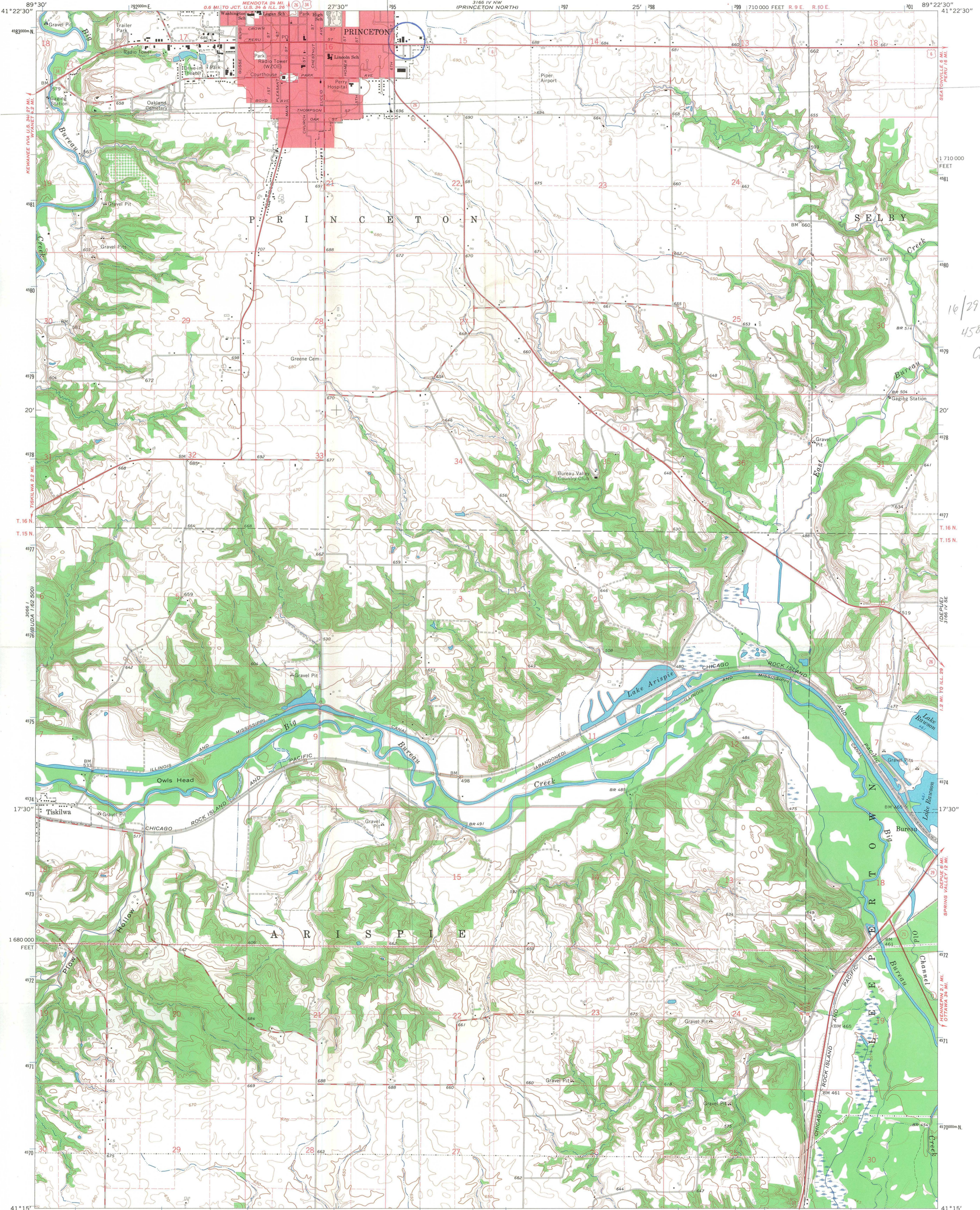
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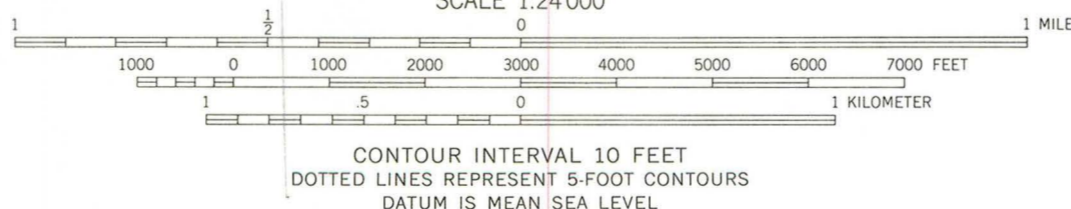
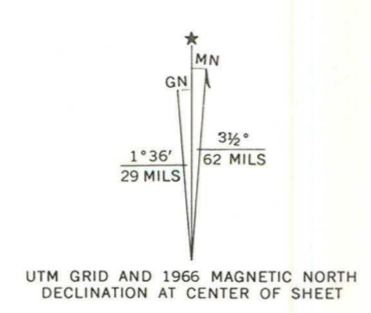
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Princeton			
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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
Princeton South Quad			
SCALE: 7.5 minutes 1:24,000			
DATE: 1966			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1965 and planetable surveys 1966  
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10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 16, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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PRINCETON SOUTH, ILL.  
SW/4 HENNEPIN 15' QUADRANGLE  
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1966  
AMS 3166 IV SW—SERIES V863

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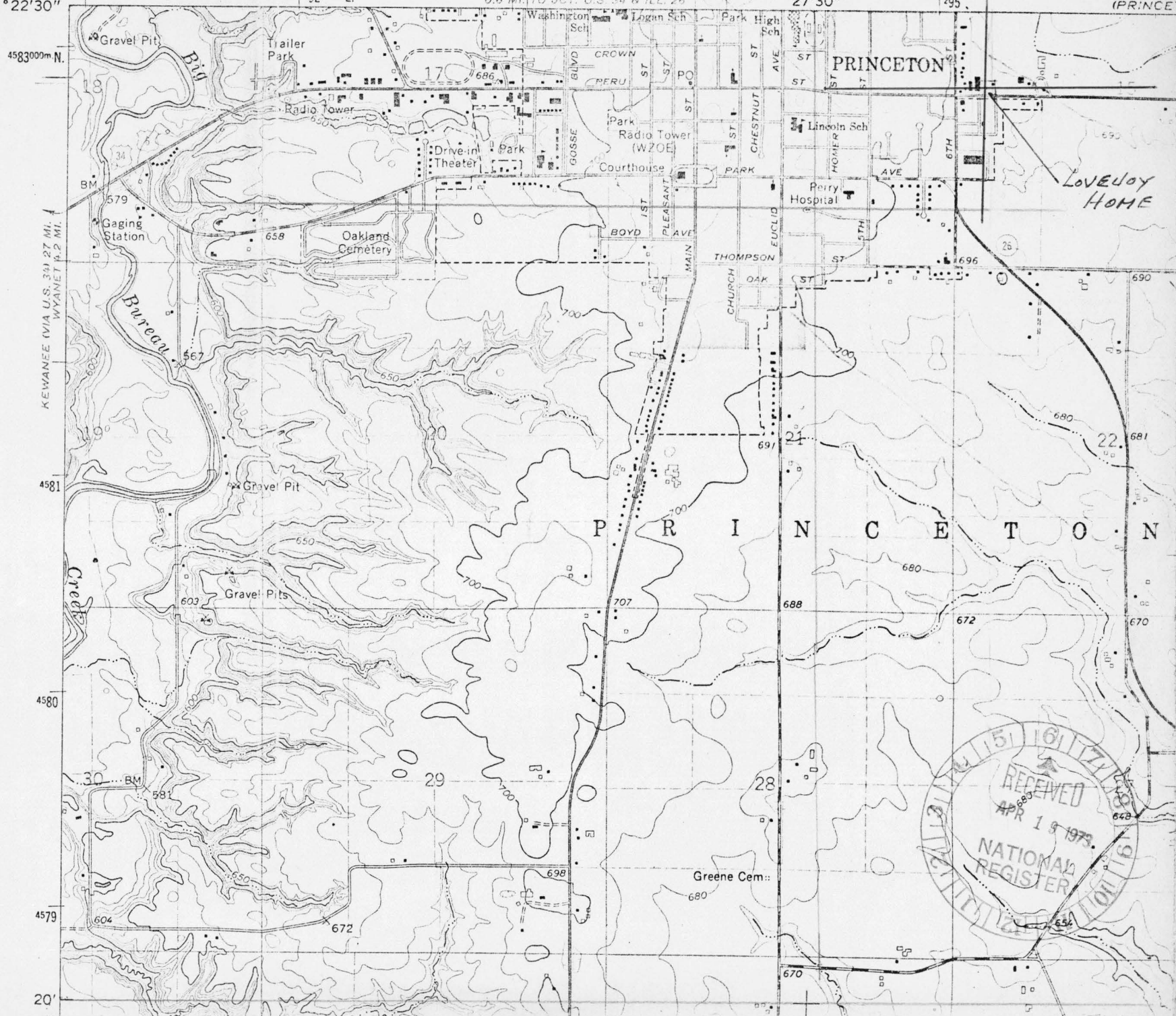
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STATE OF ILLINOIS

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

605 STATE OFFICE BUILDING

400 SOUTH SPRING ST.

SPRINGFIELD 62706

CHICAGO OFFICE—1227 S. MICHIGAN AVE. 60605

April 16, 1973

Mr. William Murtagh  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
18th and C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find a National Register nomination form for the Owen Lovejoy Home. You will also find enclosed the revised nomination form for the Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

*Bill Farrar*

William G. Farrar, Director  
Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey  
320 South Main Street  
Benton, Illinois 62812

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Enc.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MAY 24 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saline Springs	Equality vicinity Gallatin County
Lovejoy (Owen) Homestead	Princeton vicinity Bureau County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy  
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
Hon. Edward Madigan  
Hon. Robert H. Michel  
Mr. F. Leroy Bond, U.S. Forest Service

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Anthony T. Dean  
Director, Department of Conservation  
602 State Office Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Director, Northeast Region

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NRowland: pcl 6/7/73

**Lovejoy, Owen, House**

**73000690**

**10 / 16 / 2015**

(Resource Name)

(Reference Number[s])

(Date form completed)

**Bureau**

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**WACC-NR**

(County)

(State)

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- 2. REMOVED/  DEMOLISHED
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- 5. MRA
- 6. OVER-SIZED
- 7. NPS -  UNDOCUMENTED
- 8. DOE -  OWNER OBJECTION
- 9. RESTRICTED

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Available on: Microfiche ( ); Optical Disk ( )

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(Cause for removal) (Date Removed)

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